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## Council approves continuation of mask mandate

By Clara Osten  
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After more than an hour of debate and input from health professionals and residents of the community, the Wayne City Council voted to continue the mask mandate for the city.

The discussion began with information from Julie Rother with the Northeast Nebraska Department of Public Health.

Rother began by sharing with the council the status of cases of COVID-19 in the health district and said, "we are moving in a good direction. We are getting vaccines into the district and finishing up the Phase 1A vaccines and moving to 1B."

She said at the present time the district is receiving 400 doses of the vaccine each meet and is working with Providence Medical Center to get the doses administered.

"Face masks have been a good thing for

the area. The largest decrease in our numbers has been in Wayne County. They do make a difference," Rother said.

Council member Teri Buck asked Rother if the number of positive cases is down because people are not getting tested.

Rother said that while the number of tests is down, the health district looks at overall positivity rates when compiling data.

Dr. Melissa Dobbins, a member of the Health Board told the council that there has been a significant decrease in the number of patients at both the clinic and in the hospital since the mask mandate went into effect.

The medical staff is working with the health department to vaccinate those eligible. Currently, 150 doses of vaccine are being distributed to the clinics. However, she noted the clinics have approximately 1,200 patients over the age of 65 that will be able

to receive the vaccine if they desire.

"I feel it makes sense to wear a mask and keep doing what we are doing until we get this group vaccinated," Dobbins said.

Dobbins told the council that she is willing to provide education to the community on the safety of the vaccine.

Providence Medical Center CEO Jim Frank said the hospital is partnering with the health department to do mass vaccinations.

"The amount of vaccine we are receiving is not increasing as rapidly as we had hoped and that is frustrating," he said.

He noted that the number of hospitalizations is down and "we don't want to go backward."

Several community members voiced their opposition to the mandate for a variety of reasons.

Dr. Levi Kenny from Wayne Sport & Spine told the council that he did not want the mask mandate, stating "it is a lot harder healing kids with the masks. The are under more stress, which makes it harder to heal them. We need to stop running from something that is always going to be here." Bridget Korth with Main Street Garage

questioned how the city was going to enforce the mandate.

"You are putting this on the businesses to enforce. Businesses have gone above and beyond to keep the businesses safe. I feel that before the mandate people were kinder to each other. Also, as a parent, my children have to wear a mask all day and are not getting as much physical education time," Korth said.

She urged the council to come up with a plan for enforcement that does not put the pressure on the businesses.

Rick Gathje from Tacos & More echoed Korth's views, stating "the enforcement should not be on the business owner or employees, that is the city's job. Something needs to be done to temper where we are at."

Traci Bruckner spoke in favor of the mandate, saying she feels safer because of the mandate and does more of her shopping where the mandates are enforced.

Mark Putnam was the last community member to comment on the topic.

"The reason the number of positives is down is that people can't afford to be quarantined. We need to support each other.

The masks are hurting us. We can't see smiling faces," he said.

Council member Chris Woehler told the council that the city should not force citizens to wear the masks.

"If we recommend that people wear them, they are more likely to do so. Let people make the decision as a request," he said.

Council member Buck said the community is struggling to enforce the mandate and "people aren't wearing masks."

Council member Matt Eischied said he was not in favor of having the mandate be dependent on the health risk color the district is in because it could change from time to time, which would be confusing.

Following council debate in which council members talked about the number of residents who had contacted them for or against the mandate and the need to protect the health of the community, the council voted 5-3 to extend the mandate until April 6. The option exists to re-visit the issue before then and make adjustments.

## Water issues, trail naming on council agenda

In addition to a lengthy debate on the issue of wearing masks (see story in today's Herald), the Wayne City Council spent nearly two hours on several other topics during Tuesday's meeting.

Casey Junck, Water/Wastewater Superintendent, told the council that his department recently began "Round 4 of taking samples on the recently installed water transmission line. Some of these samples have come back good and others did not pass."

He talked about some of the options the city has, including hiring a firm from Texas to do a cleaning of the line or continuation of the chlorination of city water.

Richard Koenig, Water Supply Specialist with the Nebraska Health & Human Services, Department of Public Health Drinking Water Program, spoke to the council on the challenges of collecting samples and noted that winter "is not a good time to flush the lines."

Koenig praised the work of the JEO Consulting group in working to find a solution to the problem and said Wayne is not the first city to have problems with a new line. He noted several options and said that while some "are not cheap, the sampling process is not cheaper either."

Roger Protzman with JEO Consulting spoke to the council and talked about the

steps the city, the contractor and engineers have taken so far. He said he felt progress has been made and feels "air is leaking out somewhere. We are working on coming up with a solution."

The naming of the entire Wayne trail system was discussed during the meeting.

Barbara Engebretsen, representing the Voices for Vision Coalition, told the council the group was formed last summer and were working on ideas to bring the community together.

The naming of the entire trail was presented by the group and Engebretsen said calling the trail the Freedom Trail would be "inclusive and holistic for the community. She also said that she is a member of the Wayne Rotary Club and the group is looking at putting signage for the trail near the old swimming pool. The group is looking for grant money to pay for the signage.

Connie Hall, who lives near the start of the trail on the south end of Wayne, was opposed to the name Freedom Trail. Instead, she preferred the current name, Wayne Pedestrian Trail.

Council members voted to table taking any action on the agenda item until they have time to consider the issue further.

Following a public hearing, the council

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(Photo by Sarah Lentz)

Wayne Street and Planning Director, Joel Hanson (center) speaks to the commissioners about splitting the cost of design and engineering plans for a possible Centennial Road/21st Street project.

## Wayne County Commissioners accept bids, discuss projects at first February meeting

By Sarah Lentz  
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Wayne County's commissioners met for both a Board of Equalization meeting and Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday.

Prior to the Board of Commissioners meeting, the Board of Equalization convened. Praise Assembly of God Church received a 451 Tax Exemption.

During the Board of Commissioners meeting, Deb Finn, Wayne County Clerk discussed re-districting the county. Finn said once the state legislature has completed re-districting, the county will redraw county commissioners districts. She suggested entering into a contract with Gworks, the company that currently provides the county with GIS services.

"It is very difficult to do with a pencil and paper," Finn said. "Seriously consider, now that we are using Gworks and GIS."

Finn requested approval to allow the company to analyze a number of inputs including legislative lines, Natural Resources Districts, commissioner's addresses and more, and create a district map. With the

premium plan through Gworks, the commissioners would also be able to work one-on-one with the company if any re-drawing is necessary and the commissioners who receive all of the data Gworks came up with. The commissioners approved Finn's request for the cost of \$5,650. She said she expects to begin the re-districting process in June.

The commissioners approved an agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation on a project to replace a bridge on State Highway 57 and 857 Road.

Extension Educator, Amy Topp requested the purchase of a new computer for her office. She said every three years she tries to get her employees a new computer. The purchase was approved for \$1,686.59.

Wayne Street and Planning Director Joel Hanson and Wayne City Administrator Wes Blecke attended the meeting to discuss splitting design and engineering costs for a project to pave and extend gutter and sewer lines on Centennial Road/21st Street. Blecke said the project is expected to cost between 2.3 million and 2.7 million, but would be completed if federal funds were made available to do so, as they were during the Obama administration. The City is

expecting that if funding similar were to become available again, it would be for shovel-ready projects and the funding could be a 90 percent federal, 10 percent local split, as it was in the past. The commissioners agreed to a two-thirds, one-third split, with the county responsible for one-third of the engineering and design costs.

A bid of \$339,920 plus a \$13,000 parts credit was accepted for a motor grader from Nebraska Machinery. The motor grader is for District 3 commissioner Jim Rabe.

District 2 commissioner Dean Burbach gave an update about his equipment storage building project. He said the structure will be 60 x 129 feet with 18 foot sidewalls. The project could go to bid as early as April.

Highway Superintendent Mark Casey presented his One and Six Year Road Improvement Plan. There were 20 projects on the One Year Plan and 46 projects listed in total. Casey said nine projects from last year have been completed and several others are in the works.

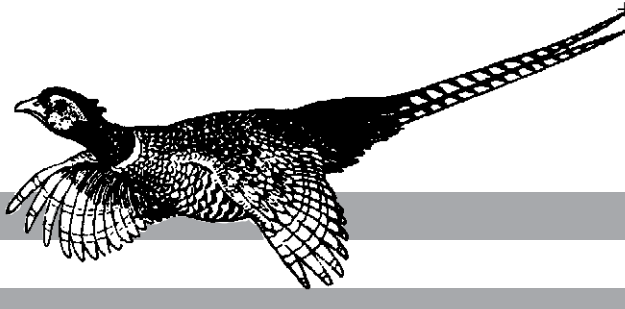
The next Wayne County Commissioners meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 9 a.m. in the district courtroom of the Wayne County Courthouse.



(Photo by Sarah Lentz)

## Frosty morning

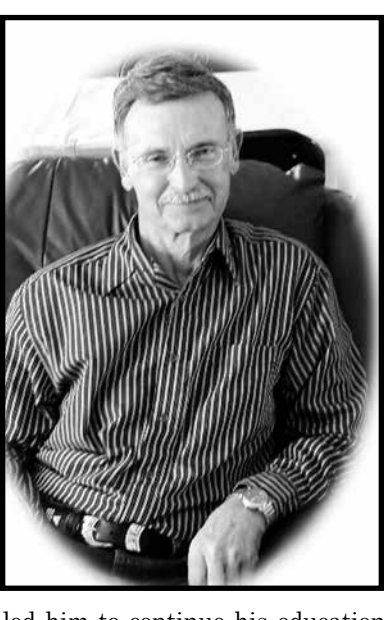
Northeast Nebraskans woke to a frosty morning Tuesday. A solid layer of frost from dense fog covered most surfaces, like the trees in front of the Wayne County Courthouse.



# Record

## Obituaries

Harry Leland Beckner passed away Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021 at Longview Nursing Home in Missouri Valley, Iowa.



Visitation was Saturday, Jan. 30 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Logan, Iowa.

Harry Leland Beckner was born June 1, 1937 to Harry B. and Marilla (Hale) Beckner in Wayne County.

## Gov. Ricketts announces appointments to Boards and Commissions

Governor Pete Ricketts announced recent appointments he has made to fill Nebraska's boards and commissions.

## Local Working Group meetings planned

# Local meetings open to individuals interested in setting natural resources goals for Nebraska

A Local Working Group that provides advice on the priorities for many U.S. Department of Agriculture conservation programs will meet Thursday, Feb. 11 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 853 9713 8634  
Passcode: 561184  
The public is encouraged to attend and express their natural resource concerns.

## Wayne Speech team travels to Hartington to compete

Members of the Wayne Junior Varsity and Varsity Speech teams too part in the Hartington/Hartington CC Invitational on Jan. 30.

## Looking Ahead in Wayne

By Wes Blecke, City Administrator

**City Council meetings**  
Regular Wayne City Council meetings are at 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the Community Activity Center.



## 2,100 pounds in 2021

The congregations of First United Methodist Church in Wayne and Carroll United Methodist Church in Carroll have been challenged to contribute 2,100 pounds of food for the Wayne Food Pantry during 2021.

## Supplemental SNAP Funds to be issued Feb. 9 with increase to the allotments

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will be issuing emergency supplemental allotments to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients who receive benefits for the month of January on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

request with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutritional Service (FNS) to provide emergency allotment funds for Nebraska households that are receiving SNAP benefits.

## A Quick Look

Table with columns: Date, High, Low, Precip, Snow. Rows for Jan 28, 29, 30, 31, Feb 1, 2, 3.

## Chamber Coffee

WAYNE — This week's #chamberpercs will be held Friday, Feb. 5 and feature St. Mary's Elementary School in observance of Catholic Schools Week.



## Benefit Burrito event

AREA — The Father Kearns Council 8579 of the Knights of Columbus in Wayne will be hosting a Breakfast Burrito drive-thru benefit for the Dan and Angela Miller family on Sunday, Feb. 14.

## 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.

## Courthouse News

**January Property Transfers**  
Jan. 4: Gerald Wittler Rested Revocable Trust, Donya Langenberg

**BOARD MEETING NOTICE**  
The Educational Service Unit #1 Board of Directors will convene in a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9th, 2021

\$2,198.25.  
Jan. 5: Vincent S. Kniessche and Victoria A. Kniessche. to Vincent S. Kniessche and Victoria A. Kniessche.

Jan. 6: Michael C. Gubbels and Natasha Gubbels to Dewey J. Gubbels and Stacy L. Gubbels. Part of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 28, Township 27, Range 1. \$112,500.  
Jan. 7: Charles L. Rutenbeck and Katherine A. Rutenbeck to Tyler

J. Poehlman. Part of Lot 1, Taylor & Wachobs Addition of Wayne. \$236.25.  
Jan. 8: Wayne County Treasurer to Red Tree LLC. Part of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 28, Township 27, Range 2. Exempt.

Jan. 11: Beverly A. Beeson Revocable Trust, Beverly A. Beeson Trustee to Beverly A. Beeson. The NE 1/4 of the NE of Section 19, Township 26, Range 2. Exempt.  
Jan. 11: Beverly A. Beeson to Jock D. Beeson. The NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 19, Township 26, Range 2. Exempt.

## City council



**Richard Koenig, Water Supply Specialist with the Nebraska Health & Human Services, Department of Public Health Drinking Water Program spoke about testing the community's water.**

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adopted Resolution 2021-8 which approves the city's one and six year street improvement program.

The only project scheduled to be completed in 2021 is the Pine Heights/East 10th Street Project.

Among the projects listed for the future include Fairgrounds Avenue from South Main Street to South Nebraska Street, West Third Street at the intersection with Oak Drive, East Fourth Street and Thorman Street and downtown alleys.

Council members approved an inter local agreement with Wayne

County for the purpose of sharing the engineering and design costs for portions of Centennial Road and 21st Street.

Wayne County commissioners had earlier agreed to pay one-third of the cost of this work.

The agreement does not obligate either the city or the county to move forward with the construction of the project

Park and Recreation Director Lowell Heggemeyer gave a report on the work of his department.

Heggemeyer said that in 2019 the Parks Department and Recreation Department were combined.

There are currently three full-time employees in the department and three- to four-part time employees.

He listed the duties of the department including the parks, the trail, the Community Activity Center, the City Auditorium and the swimming pool.

Heggemeyer discussed a number of projects completed in the last year, including several projects at Bressler Park and work on the swimming pool.

Approval was given for a sign permit from Kari Patefield, owner of IKT. Patefield plans to install a sign on the former Mineshaft Mall,

located at 112 East Second Street.

A public hearing was held and resolution passed approving the final plat for the Greenwood Addition. This will allow the west driveway of Greenwood Cemetery to become city property.

Ordinance 2021-3 received third reading approval and allows for parking changes in the northeast quadrant of the city.

The Wayne City Council will at next meet in regular session on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the Wayne Community Activity Center.

(Photo by Clara Osten)

## WSC choirs honor love, peace and unity with 'February Twilight' concert

February can be cold and dreary. February also heralds Valentine's Day and Black History Month. "February Twilight, An Evening of Choirs" concert by the Wayne State College Choirs, honors the latter with repertoire steeped in love, peace and unity.

Due to COVID-19 safety concerns, the 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22 performance will be livestreamed only via the Wayne State College Choirs Facebook page facebook.com/wscco-

ncertchoir. Dr. Matthew Armstrong, associate professor of music, conducts the WSC concert choir, women's choir, and chamber choir. Shelly Armstrong, staff accompanist, serves as collaborative pianist.

Capturing the concert's theme, the concert choir delivers a cappella "February Twilight" by Luke Lovegood. The text comes from a poem of the same name by Sara Teasdale. The concert choir sings of unity and healing in "Peace Prayer".

This selection is composed by Damon Brown and arranged by Steve Shanley.

The chamber choir presents The "Sunshine Song", a feel-good song also by Brown and Shanley as well as a cappella "I'll Be Seeing You" arranged by Phil Mattson. Recognizing Black History Month, the women's choir performs the uplifting gospel song "The Storm is Passing Over" by Charles Albert Tindley. Messages of peace are shared

by the women's choir with "Da pacem Domine" by Melchior Frank's and "Dona Nobis Pacem" by Teresa Jennings.

For more information, contact the WSC Department of Music at (402) 375-7359.

Wayne State College, a leading, public four-year college in northeast Nebraska, is a proud member of the Nebraska State College System.

## Ponca State Park snow-creation building contest underway

Ponca State Park is blanketed in snow and the annual Snow-Creation Building Contest is in full swing.

Guests can build a snow-person, snow-animal or a snow-sculpture at Ponca State Park and could win a free night stay in a four-bedroom

mini lodge.

Once participants have completed their creation, they are asked to take a photo and send it to lynn.mellick@nebraska.gov along with their name and mailing address.

Photos will be featured on the Pon-

ca State Park NE Facebook page. This fun and creative contest is going on now through March 19.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place.

First place is a free night stay in a Ponca State Park mini lodge.

Ken Kirkpatrick and clan from Omaha, entered the contest with a "Woodland Surprise" located along the Old Oak Trail.

Winners will be announced March 20 on our Facebook page. For additional details call (402) 755-2284.



(Contributed photo) "Woodland Surprise" was created by Ken Kirkpatrick located along the Old Oak Trail at Ponca State Park.

## Conley named 2020-21 ESU #1 Employee of the Year

On Jan. 22, 2021, Educational Service Unit #1 Administrator Bill Heimann and Special Education Director Stuart Clark presented Arianne Conley with the 2020-21 ESU #1 Employee of the Year award during a virtual all-staff meeting.

Conley, a resident of Sioux City, Iowa, has been employed at ESU #1 since 2008. She is a school nurse who has worked with schools throughout the six-county ESU #1 service area. She goes about her work like many of the past recipients, humbly and expertly without any need for recognition, just a deep desire to help others and make things better. Throughout the last 10 months of COVID-19, she has been consistent, essential, professional, passionate and understanding — qualities that exemplify what the Employee of the Year award is all about.

In a year that was completely insane, Conley stepped up and filled an indispensable role, according to the ESU #1. She worked tirelessly to learn, respond, support and care when the pandemic hit. Conley provided a calm and steady voice. There was so much new information and it seemed to change on a daily basis. Conley researched and reached out to sift through everything and distill it into guidance for our staff and schools. She continued to stay on top of the changes and effectively communicated those in a way that didn't add to people's frustration or confusion.

The public health department

was tested in a way it has never been before. Conley volunteered her time to collaborate with them. That selfless act strengthened relationships which continue to benefit ESU #1 staff and districts, as well as the entire region. COVID-19 questions came up at all times and were often repeated. Conley regularly took calls in the evenings and on weekends. She often shared information multiple times.

Despite the long hours or the need to say some of the same things over and over, she never came off as frustrated or annoyed. Instead she asked great questions and listened. Her approach put others at ease and helped them through difficult and stressful periods.

When someone tested positive for the coronavirus it was scary. Conley showed great compassion and concern when talking to staff. She would check in with people periodically and even offer to drop off groceries or supplies if someone was unable to get help another way.

In the ESU's time of greatest need, Conley proved to be an exceptional employee. ESU #1 feels she deserves to be honored for the incredible impact she has had because they stated they couldn't imagine how things would have gone without her. ESU #1 is happy to award this year's Employee of the Year to Arianne Conley.

The ESU #1 Employee of the Year award is in honor of Georgia McQuistan, a former ESU #1 employee who passed away in 1987.



Arianne Conley

## Central Community College releases honor roll

Central Community College has announced the names of full-time students who earned spots on the President's and Dean's honor lists for the 2020 fall semester.

Among those named to the President's Honor List is Maggie Fehringer of Wayne.

The students were enrolled at one or more CCC locations, which include the Columbus, Grand Island and Hastings campuses; Holdrege, Kearney and Lexington centers; and Ord Learning Center.

Students on the President's Honor List earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average while students on the Dean's Honor List earned a GPA between 3.5 and 3.99.

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# Nebraska National Guard troops part of inauguration

By Clara Osten  
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Nebraska National Guard were among those providing services around the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C. before, during and after

the presidential inauguration.

Among that group were a total of 36 troops from the 189th Transportation Unit from Wayne, Norfolk

and Columbus.

Those from the Wayne Unit who spent time in the nation's capitol were SFC Brian Fernau, SSG Chris

Woehler, SSG Josh Pieper, SSG Katie Kramer, SSG Brian Campbell, SGT Scott Chase, SGT Matt Poehlman, SGT Gary Redden, SPC Jacob

Zeiss, SPC Jorge Vergara Meza, SPC Blake Reppert, SPC Tyler Rasmussen, SPC Tyler Poehlman and SPC Colby Keiser.

Because the 189th Unit is a transportation unit, 10 of the members drove vehicles and gear from Nebraska to Washington D.C. The remainder flew in six "chalks" (flights) from Lincoln.

The soldiers volunteered to take part in the event and were given 48 hours to report for duty. They left Nebraska on Jan. 15 and were scheduled to return on the 25th. However, a snow storm in Nebraska on Jan. 25 and 26 delayed their return until Jan. 28.

The Nebraska soldiers slept in motels and were served catered meals from downtown Washington, D.C. restaurants.

"We were part of the Quick Reaction Force Team stationed at the White House," said Woehler. "We also were responsible for patrolling the capitol and Library of Congress before and after the inauguration."

Woehler said the soldiers from the Nebraska units did not sleep in parking garages, but while they were on duty, they did go into the parking garages to relax. He said the USO group also provided snacks to the soldiers. Shifts ranged from 12 to 36 hours.

After the group's official duties were completed, they had a day to tour sites in the nation's capitol, including Arlington National Cemetery, the Vietnam Wall and the Korean Monument.

Woehler said he was most impressed with Arlington National Cemetery and the precision of those on duty there.

Following a return to Lincoln, the soldiers got off active duty and returned to their civilian duties.



(Photos by Chris Woehler)

Left, members of the 189th Transportation Unit make their way toward the U.S. Capitol building. They were part of the Quick Reaction Force Team stationed at the White House. Above, the unit was able to take in sights, like the Capitol building at night, when not on duty.

## Providence Medical Center observing American Heart Month



February is designated as American Heart Month and the nation comes together, igniting a wave of red from coast to coast.

Cardiovascular disease is the number one killer of women, with one in three dying from it each year.

CPR training helps to recognize a heart attack, stroke or choking and provides training as to how to respond in an emergency. Calling 911 and immediately starting high quality CPR gives someone in cardiac arrest their best chance of survival.

PMC mandates that all employees maintain current certification in Basic Life Support (CPR) so that they are ready to provide potentially lifesaving resuscitation to family members and within their communities when an emergency occurs.

"We feel strongly that more lives can be saved by increasing the number of community members who have the ability to provide CPR. We want our employees to be role models for others to encourage this training to be more widespread," Jim Frank, PMC CEO

said. "We've all read about stories where one community member saved another in a grocery store or sporting event. It's very important."

PMC is one of three American Heart Association Training Centers in northeast Nebraska. Members of the public can receive high quality CPR training locally at PMC.

To celebrate American Heart Month:

National Wear Red Day: National Wear Red Day is the icon day of American Heart Month. On Feb. 5, wear red to help raise awareness of women's number one killer-cardiovascular disease.

Go Red All Month: This February, Go Red For Women has fun ways to join in and Go Red all month long. Follow @GoRedforWomen on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter to take part in exciting events, fun conversations and more.

Those interested in learning CPR or becoming a CPR instructor, contact Jodie Thompson, PMC's AHA Training Center Coordinator at (402) 375-3800.



(Contributed photo)

Wayne Elementary Blue Devil Branch student tellers include (left) Theo Claussen, Alexis Legler, Ben Haschke and Jenner Dorey.

## In-school bank re-opens at Wayne Elementary

State Nebraska Bank & Trust has re-opened its Blue Devil Branch at Wayne Elementary School on Feb. 4.

The in-school savings program allows students in kindergarten through sixth grade to open a sav-

ings account at school with parental permission. The goal is to teach local Wayne students how banks work and how to become life-long savers.

With safety protocols in place, the bank will re-open in the gym with a

central drop box for deposits every Thursday morning before school starts. Twenty-four student tellers from fifth and sixth grades have been hired and trained to accept deposits.

Money will be counted off-site by

bank employees, and earned incentives, along with account balances, will be distributed via classroom teacher.

Last year, close to 200 students saved nearly \$7,000 through the Blue Devil Branch. This unique program is part of a state-wide effort led by the Nebraska Council on Economic Education to teach financial literacy to youth. There are more than 30 in-school savings programs operating in Nebraska and Iowa. The SNB Blue Devil Branch was the first in-school bank in northeast Nebraska.

These special savings accounts are only active at the SNB Blue Devil Branch. In place of interest, students receive incentives from State Nebraska Bank & Trust based on frequency of deposits. On the student's first deposit, no matter when that occurs, State Nebraska Bank & Trust will deposit \$5 into the student's account as an incentive to participate in the program.

Student tellers are supervised by bank employees and Andi Diediker, fifth grade math teacher and the school contact for the in-school savings program. Wayne State College students also taught lessons on financial literacy by video to all elementary students.

For more details about the Blue Devil Branch, visit statenebank.com/about/blue-devil-branch.

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### Sharp Construction

Who they are:  
Nick Hochstein

What they offer:  
Residential construction, remodels and additions and light commercial construction.

Where they are located:  
208 S. Logan

Check out the full videos online  
wayneherald.org and our social media

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**COVID-19 Vaccine Sign-Up**

If you live in Cedar, Dixon, Thurston and Wayne Counties and have not yet signed up for the vaccine, please use one of the links below to put your name on the list:

- If you are 65 years or older, please use this website to get your name on the list for the COVID-19 Vaccine: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4ba9ab2da2fe3-vaccine>
- If you are NOT 65 years or older, please sign up using this website to get your name on the list for the COVID-19 Vaccine: <https://vaccinate.ne.gov/>

Once we have vaccine to offer to you, someone will contact you to schedule an appointment time.

Vaccine supply is coming in slowly, it is going to take some time to get people vaccinated.

**Your patience is appreciated!**

**Northeast Nebraska Public Health Dept.**  
215 Pearl Street, Wayne, NE 68787  
(402) 375-2200 (800) 375-2260 [www.nnpd.org](http://www.nnpd.org)

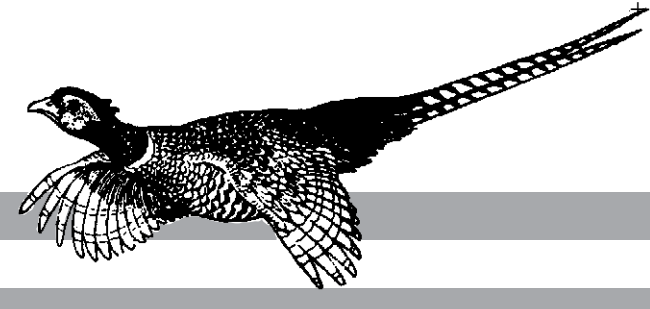












## Nebraska is 4-H strong

Nebraska will be celebrating a strong 4-H youth development program in February. 4-H offers many strengths for youth, volunteers, and communities such as building life skills through hands-on learning; growing confidence, resilience, and compassion while adults provide a positive strong environment.

The theme for this year's Nebraska 4-H celebration is I BELONG. There will be several opportunities for the 4-H members, volunteers, and supporters to celebrate across the state. The 4-H Pledge is the strong backbone of the 4-H program that has been around over 100 years. The

### 2021-2022 WINSIDE PUBLIC PRESCHOOL ROUNDUP

Come register your kiddo for the upcoming school year!  
February 10 • 6:00-7:30 PM • Ages 3-5

LEARN PLAY ENGAGE

The program includes:  
• Hot Lunches and Breakfast  
• Academic Enrichment  
• Large Gym  
• Outside Playground  
• And So Much More



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If you cannot make it this night, please contact Crystal at the elementary school!



### Dakota County

Angela Abts  
Extension Educator



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It's stand for head, heart, hands, and health. The pledge has been recited at 4-H meetings and events for almost 94 years. Let's explore what the pledge has to offer youth and adults.

**We pledge our heads to clearer thinking.**

Nebraska 4-H is committed to supporting the youth in our state with hands-on learning. Whether it be in a school classroom, a cafeteria, a gym, a living room, an outside space, or online, learning can happen anywhere.

Virtual learning experiences increased through Nebraska 4-H in 2020. New statewide programs,

including Living Room Learning, Boredom Busters, Virtual Field Trips, Virtual Summer Camps, and many more, have been created and continue to expand in 2021. State-wide and community-based online opportunities within 4-H continue to broaden this year for youth in classrooms, home school co-ops, remote learners, and after school groups. *(More information can be found at 4h.unl.edu/virtual-home-learning)*

**We pledge our hearts to greater loyalty.**

It is important for youth to know they are cared about by others and feel a sense of connection to others in a group. Feeling nurtured in a safe emotional and physical environment is essential to their development. It is also important for youth to see themselves as an active participant in the future.

Nebraska 4-H is committed to providing learning environments for youth that contain the elements which are essential to effective youth development programs. Belonging, Mastery, Independence, and Generosity, are integral to designing high-quality activities for hands-on learning. *(More information can be found at 4h.unl.edu/essential-elements)*

**We pledge our hands to larger service.**

4-H civic engagement programs empower young people to be well-informed citizens who are actively engaged in their communities and the world.

Youth learn about civic affairs, build decision-making skills, and develop a sense of understanding and confidence in relating and connecting to other people. Throughout 2020, youth across the state have found new and unique ways to give back to their local communities. From sending cards and messages to residents of community care centers, growing vegetable gardens and donating produce, designing painted kindness rocks with uplifting messages, or ensuring local health officials are well-supplied with personal protective equipment. This movement continues in 2021. *(More information can be found at 4h.unl.edu/civic-engagement)*

**We pledge our health to better living.**

4-H healthy living programs empower youth to be health - body and mind - with the skills to make healthy decisions and lead healthy lifestyles.

To assist caring adults who help young people cope, a series of articles focused upon "Supporting Young People Through Change" were written and made available in 2020. Topics focus upon contributing in a changing world; creating routine, coping, and connecting in changing times; finding comfort in a changing world; and identifying grief.

All who work with and/or care for youth can provide assistance in helping young people cope with the challenges and develop into caring, connected, and capable adults. *(More information can be found at 4h.unl.edu/supporting-young-people-through-change)*

How do you get involved with this strong program in Nebraska? Please contact a Nebraska Extension Office or visit the website at 4h.unl.edu.

## School Lunches

ALLEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
(Feb. 8 - 12)

**Monday:** Breakfast — French toast. Lunch — Fiestada pizza, vegetable, fruit.

**Tuesday:** Breakfast — Chocolate chip muffin. Lunch — Hamburger on a bun, spiral fries, vegetable, fruit.

**Wednesday:** Breakfast — Glazed donut. Lunch — Chicken strips, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetable, fruit, tea roll.

**Thursday:** Breakfast — Egg & biscuit. Lunch — Calzone, rosemary potatoes, vegetable, fruit.

**Friday:** No School.  
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  
(Feb. 8 - 12)

**Monday:** Breakfast — Waffle sticks. Lunch — Fiestada.

**Tuesday:** Breakfast — Breakfast sandwich. Lunch — Spaghetti.

**Wednesday:** Breakfast — Muffin. Lunch — Super nachos.

**Thursday:** Breakfast — Breakfast pizza. Lunch — Sub sandwich.

**Friday:** No School.  
Menu subject to change. Cereal offered for breakfast everyday.

WAKEFIELD SCHOOLS  
(Feb. 8 - 12)

**Monday:** Breakfast — Powered donuts, raisins. Lunch — Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, home-made bun, pears.

**Tuesday:** Breakfast — Pancakes & sausage, oranges. Lunch — Chicken casserole, peas, dinner roll, peaches.

**Wednesday:** Breakfast — Breakfast pizza, oranges. Lunch — Beef nachos, corn, apples.

**Thursday:** Breakfast — Cinnamon bun, pears. Lunch — Hot dogs, emoji fries, oranges.

**Friday:** No School.  
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  
(Feb. 8 - 12)

**Monday:** Breakfast — French toast stick. Lunch — Walking taco, Romaine lettuce, corn, pears.

**Tuesday:** Breakfast — Omelet. Lunch — Chicken patty, hamburger bun, broccoli, peas, peaches.

**Wednesday:** Breakfast — Waffles. Lunch — Chili, crackers, carrots, cinnamon roll, mixed berries.

**Thursday:** Breakfast — Mini pancakes. Lunch — Hot dog, bun, sweet potatoes, cauliflower, applesauce.

**Friday:** Breakfast — Breakfast pizza. Lunch — Sweet & sour chicken, brown rice, Oriental vegetables, celery, pineapple.

Chef salad is optional for K-12.  
Milk served with every meal.  
Menus subject to change.

WINSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
(Feb. 8 - 12)

**Monday:** Breakfast — French toast. Lunch — Chicken nuggets, baked beans, fruit, bread stick.

**Tuesday:** Breakfast — Cereal. Lunch — Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, fruit, roll.

**Wednesday:** Breakfast — Egg taco. Lunch — Calzone, vegetable, fruit.

**Thursday:** Breakfast — Cereal. Lunch — Tater tot nachos, refried beans, fruit, churro.

**Friday:** Breakfast — . Lunch — Hot dog, bun, smiley tots, fruit.

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

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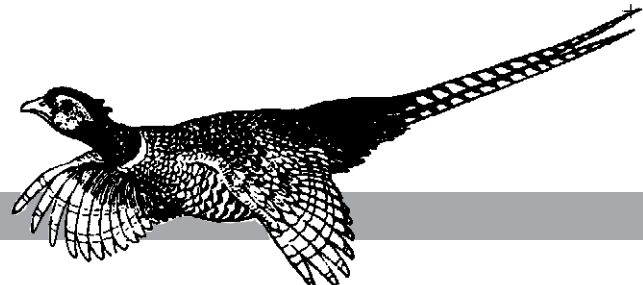
## January is National Mentoring Month

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**Thanks, 2020 - 2021 TeamMates Mentors:**

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For more information contact Shalee Hoffman at [shaleehoffman@yahoo.com](mailto:shaleehoffman@yahoo.com)



# Faith

## Church Services

Note: Please contact your church for the latest updates on service times, activities and other worship opportunities available. Also, anyone with updated information about services is asked to contact the Wayne Herald (402) 375-2600.

### Wayne

**BHA'I FAITH**  
1002 West 2nd Ave.  
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Contact: Chris Tee Weixelman or Gary Weddel  
Every Sunday: Devotions, 10:30

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email: [james@cbefc.org](mailto:james@cbefc.org)  
(James Seal, pastor)  
Sunday: Worship service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday morning services also available through the church's website. Wednesday: Fire Up! from

6:30 to 8 p.m.  
**FAITH BAPTIST Independent - Fundamental**  
208 E. Fourth St. - 375-3413  
(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.fpwayne.org](http://www.fpwayne.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). Wednesday: Presbyterian Women meeting, 2 p.m. (CDC guidelines will be followed, which includes masks, hand sanitizer and social distancing).

**FIRST TRINITY LUTHERAN**  
Altona, LC-MS  
57741 847th Road, Wayne  
(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: Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany. Virtual Worship, 9 a.m.; Service broadcast via YouTube, Facebook Live and American Broadband Channel 6; Adult Sunday School on Zoom, 10:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Drive Thru Communion, 2 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday: WACAM meeting, 10:30 a.m.; Lunch and Learn Bible Study on Facebook Live, noon; Trustees, 6:30 p.m.; Finance/Council, 7 p.m. Thursday: Online Bible Study with Communion, 9 a.m.

**GRACE LUTHERAN**  
Missouri Synod  
904 Logan  
[grace@gracewayne.com](mailto:grace@gracewayne.com)  
(402) 375-1905  
(Pastor Michael Buchhorn)  
(Pastor Erik Christensen, associate pastor)  
Sunday: Worship, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; New Member Class, 9:15 a.m.; Bible Class, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday Night Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Online worship opportunities also available. Monday: Choir, 6:15 p.m.; Mission Council, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday: Blood Bank, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday: Bible Study, 9 a.m.; Ladies Aid, 2 p.m.; Bell Choir, 5:30 p.m.; Midweek, 6:30 p.m. Thursday: College Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.; Sunday School meeting, 6:30 p.m. Saturday: Family Communion, 4 p.m. Sunday: Worship with Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; New Member Class, 9:15 a.m.; Bible Class, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Circuit Bible Institute, 2 p.m.; Sunday Night Dinner, 7:30 p.m.

**JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**  
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**JOURNEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

1110 East 7th St.  
[www.jccwayne.org](http://www.jccwayne.org)  
375-4743  
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. Children's Sunday School, 9 a.m.

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN**  
421 Pearl St. • 375-2899  
[osl@oslwayne.org](mailto:osl@oslwayne.org)  
Transitional Pastor Jim Splitt  
Associate Transitional Pastor, Debra Valentine  
Saturday: Worship services, 5:30 p.m. Sunday: In-person worship services, 10 a.m.; The service will also be broadcast on KTCH and TV and live video streamed on Facebook. Wednesday: Confirmation class for sixth and seventh grade students.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC**  
412 East 8th St.  
(Fr. Jerry Connealy, pastor)  
(Fr. Jeff Mollner, associate pastor)  
375-2000; fax: 375-5782;  
E-mail: [parish@stmaryswayne.com](mailto:parish@stmaryswayne.com).  
Thursday: SEEK Conference at Wayne State College (through Sunday). Mass, 8:15 a.m.; Mass, 5:15 p.m. Adoration, 7 p.m.; Wayne State college Community Night, 8:30 p.m. 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; Mass, 4 p.m. Monday: Bible Study Group, 1 p.m.; Adoration, 4:05 p.m.; Mass, 5:15 p.m.; Santa Maria Prayer Group, 6 p.m. Tuesday: Mass, 5:15 p.m.; Wednesday: Adoration, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5:15 p.m. Thursday: Men's Bible Study Group, 5:45 a.m.; Adoration, 7 p.m.; Mass, 8 p.m.; Wayne State College Community Night, 8:30 p.m. Friday: Mass, 8:15 a.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](http://www.firstlutheranallen.com)  
Sunday: Worship at First Lutheran Church, 8:30 a.m. Follow the service on Facebook. Wednesday: WELCA, 1:30 p.m.; GIGP Council meeting, 6 p.m.; Confirmation class at First Lutheran Church and via Zoom, 7 to 8 p.m.

**UNITED METHODIST**  
(Pastor Cathy Cole)  
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: Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany. Children's Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; The service will be broadcast on Zoom and Facebook Live, 11 a.m.; Drive Thru Communion, 12:30 to 1 p.m.

### Concord

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN**  
(Vicar Deb Hammer)  
(402) 584-2467  
616 Iowa Street, Concord  
[www.concordialutheranelca.com](http://www.concordialutheranelca.com)  
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:15 a.m. Monday: Concordia Lutheran Church Council meeting, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Confirmation class at First Lutheran Church and via Zoom, 7 to 8 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 also be streamed live on Facebook; Axiom (Youth Group) meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: Awana Clubs, 7 - 8 p.m.

### Dixon

**ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC**  
(Fr. Jerry Connealy, pastor)  
Sunday: Mass at St. Anne's in Dixon, 8 a.m.; Mass at St. Mary's in Laurel, 10 a.m. The 8 a.m. Mass will be livestreamed on Zoom. Wednesday: Mass at St. Mary's in Laurel, 8 a.m.; Religious Education Classes, 6:45 p.m. Thursday: Mass at St. Mary's in Laurel, 8 a.m. Friday: Mass at St. Mary's in Laurel, 8 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.

### Wakefield

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
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](mailto: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: Sunday School for preschool through sixth grade, 9 a.m.; Worship service in the sanctuary, 10:30 a.m. Service will continue to be available on Facebook; Council meeting, 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: Mask required Divine Service with no singing, 9:15 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.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN**  
(Parish Minister, Glenn Kietzmann)  
Sunday: Sunday School will not be held until further notice.; Service, of the Word, 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.

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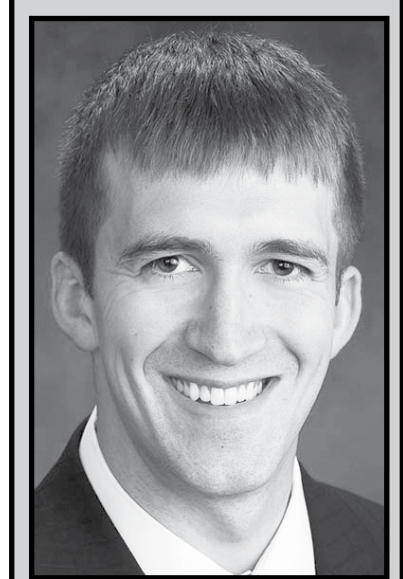
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## The Prairie Doc Just blow with the flow

The feeling of pressure and pain in the front of the face around the eyes is all too familiar for millions of Americans. Our sinuses include four pairs of air-filled cavities above and below the eyes and behind the nose. They are helpful for humidifying the air we breathe, resonating our voices, and lightening the weight of our heads. However, the sinuses can be prone to inflammation and infection. The mucous lining of the sinuses serves as an antimicrobial barrier to infection, and little hairs called cilia help to sweep out unwanted bacteria and viruses. Disruptions to this system commonly come from allergies and viruses. If the passageways get blocked, then bacteria can grow and flourish in the moist, warm, mucous. Sinusitis is inflammation of the sinuses which can cause the full feeling behind the eyes, pressure, and pain. If left untreated, it can cause fevers and a systemic response from the body. Chronic sinusitis, lasting more than three months, can be caused by allergies,



**The Prairie Doc**  
By Dr. Andrew Ellsworth, MD

nasal polyps, ongoing infection, a deviated nasal septum, pollutants, or other conditions. One of the keys to treatment and prevention of sinusitis is keeping

the sinuses open and draining. Nasal saline, a saltwater mixture, can be used to help rinse out and open the sinuses and can be just as effective as antibiotics. If allergies are a fault, a steroid nasal spray or steroid pills can be used to decrease inflammation and swelling. A nasal steroid spray can also help treat a nasal polyp, helping to shrink the polyp to aid in the circulation of air and mucus. For some people with chronic and recurring sinusitis, surgery is their best option and can provide welcome relief. Try this. Hold one nostril shut as you breathe in and out of the other. Now switch to the other nostril and breathe in and out. Chances are you can breathe more freely on one side compared to the other. Wait a few hours, try it again and chances are the opposite side is more open. Congestion in our nose naturally changes sides every four to six hours. If you find that one side is always blocked, then you may want to see your primary doctor or an ear,

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# Growers statewide to share On-Farm Research via in person and online events

The annual Nebraska On-Farm Research Network research results update meetings will be offered in-person and online in 2021. Farm operators and agronomists from across the state will obtain valuable crop production-related information from on-farm research projects conducted on Nebraska farms by Nebraska farmers in partnership with University of Nebraska faculty. These research projects cover products, practices, and new technologies that impact farm productivity and profitability.



The Nebraska On-Farm Research Network is a statewide, on-farm research program that addresses critical farmer production, profitability and natural resources questions. Growers take an active role in the on-farm research project sponsored by Nebraska Extension in partnership with the Nebraska Corn Growers Association, the Nebraska Corn Board, the Nebraska Soybean Checkoff, and the Nebraska Dry Bean Commission.

The February programs will provide an opportunity to hear growers who conducted on-farm research share their results from the 2020 growing season. Field length replicated treatment comparisons were completed in growers' fields, using their equipment.

- The following dates/locations are planned:
- Feb. 25: Auburn - 4-H Building Nemaha County Fairgrounds, 816 I St., Auburn, Neb.
- Beatrice - Gage County Extension Office, 1115 West Scott, Beatrice, Neb.
- Clay Center - Clay County fairgrounds, 701 N Martin Ave, Clay Center, Neb.
- David City - David City Library, 399 N 5th St, David City, Neb.
- Wahoo - Lake Wanhoo Education Building, 655 County Road 16,

- East side of Lake Wanhoo, Wahoo, Neb.
- York - Cornerstone Event Center, Fairgrounds York, 2400 N. Nebraska Ave., York, Neb.
- Online option also available Feb. 26: Alliance - Knight Museum, 908 Yellowstone, Alliance, Neb.
- Clay Center - Clay County fairgrounds 701 N Martin Ave, Clay Center, Neb.
- Kearney - Buffalo County Extension Office, 1400 E. 34th (Fairgrounds), Kearney, Neb.
- Nebraska City - Kimmel Orchard Education Building, 5995 G Rd. Nebraska City, Neb.
- Norfolk - Madison County Extension, 1305 S. 13th Street, Norfolk, Neb.
- North Platte - West Central Research, Extension, and Education

- Center (WCREEC), 402 W. State Farm Road, North Platte, Neb.
- Osceola - Polk County fairgrounds, Ag Hall, 12931 N Blvd, Osceola, Neb.
- Seward - Harvest Hall, Fairgrounds Seward, 1625 Fairgrounds Circle, Seward, Neb.
- West Point - Nielsen Center - West Point, 200 Anna Stalp Ave, West Point, Neb.
- Wilber - Saline County Extension Office, 306 W 3rd Street, Wilber, Neb.
- Online option also available Programs start 8:30 a.m. CST/7:30 a.m. MST and conclude at 12:30 p.m. CST/11:30 MST.
- Visit [go.unl.edu/2021onfarmresearch](http://go.unl.edu/2021onfarmresearch) for registration, details and program updates.
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# AG Peterson joins coalition taking action to ensure fight against robocalls

Attorney General Peterson took action on Feb. 2 to ensure state attorneys general can continue to fight against robocalls by joining a bipartisan coalition of 35 state attorneys general in filing an amicus brief. In their brief, the states argue that the Telephone Consumer Protection Act's (TCPA) robocall ban was enforceable from 2015 to 2020.

texts from collectors of debts owed or guaranteed to the federal government. In 2020, the U.S. Supreme Court invalidated that exception without invalidating the rest of the TCPA. However, a district court later ruled that because part of the was struck down, the TCPA was invalid and could not be used to hold robocallers accountable for their actions.

under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), and invalidating the law on a technicality would let robocallers off the hook. The brief, filed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, asks that court to reverse the lower court's ruling. The bipartisan coalition argues that aside from the government debt exception, the rest of the TCPA can and must be upheld so it can be enforced.

joined in filing this brief by the Attorneys General of North Carolina, Indiana, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington.

# Gov. Ricketts encourages Nebraskans to prioritize wellness

On Feb. 1, Governor Pete Ricketts hosted a morning press conference to highlight the importance of regular physical activity and a nutritious diet. In his remarks, Gov. Ricketts emphasized both the physical and mental health benefits of routine exercise.

all health. The free, web-based challenge starts today and runs through April 30, 2021. Nebraskans can sign up at [wellpowermovement.com](http://wellpowermovement.com). Participants can log their activity to earn virtual badges and qualify for prize drawings.

wellness. She noted that leading a healthy lifestyle can help a person to fend off disease. Dr. Pour also urged Nebraskans to set aside regular time to focus on their physical fitness.

Challenge. Following today's press conference, Lieutenant Governor Mike Foley, the State's Director of Public Health Dr. Gary Anthonie, and others participated in a wellness walk around the State Capitol.

# Google contributes \$26,500 to Nebraska Impact's COVID-19 Relief Fund

First Lady Susanne Shore, president of Nebraska Impact, on Jan. 28, announced that Google has donated \$26,500 to Nebraska Impact's COVID-19 Relief Fund. The funds will provide aid for food, utility, rent and mortgage assistance to communities and organizations working to directly mitigate the impact of the pandemic across the state.

particularly tough on our state's most vulnerable populations. Google's gift will help lessen their burden. It takes all of us working together to make Nebraska a place where all can thrive. Working with our partners across the state, we will continue our efforts to provide targeted relief so we can emerge from this time an even stronger Nebraska.

beke, Google's Regional Head of External Affairs. "Thousands of Nebraskans are struggling to support their families, and this is just one way we can help our neighbors get the help they need during this challenging time."

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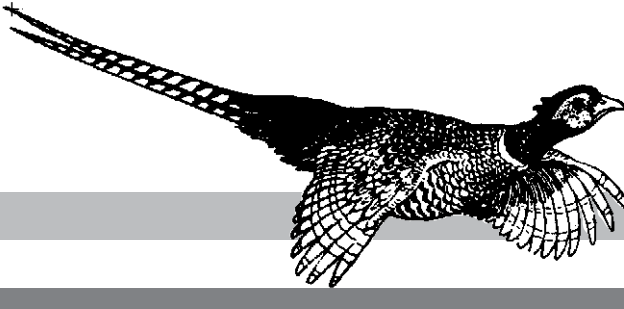
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## Sharing inspirational messages

In fairness in discussing the differences age brings, I had to have Kay explain the Redditt and Game-Stop maneuvers that messed up Wall Street (I secretly had to kind of chuckle, but of course, I don't do any trading) and when reading the list of birthdays each day, after those who are 80 or above, I don't recognize many names. Some days, I don't recognize any! It works both ways.



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

We had 14" and more of the wet, white stuff last week and we are still digging out. We have been spoiled the last few years, and it's been a bit hard on us all. Of course, when I see what has happened in the states east of us since, I just shudder and thank my lucky stars I live where I do.

I had to have one last visit with the surgeon last week, and I'm free to "resume activities as tolerated!" And believe me, I don't tolerate

much, yet! But his new assistant is from Pennsylvania, and she told me again, as every transplant does,

how much she likes Nebraska and how NICE they are.

"They even let you in when you are wanting to turn off a side street and the line is long!" she said. "In Pennsylvania, they lay on the horn if you just change lanes!" I just smile smugly.

And then the doctor tells me of their efforts to recruit a new orthopedic guy. "No one wants to come to Nebraska unless they are from Nebraska." Sad, but also true. They have to experience us first, and hope they don't arrive just before a foot high snow fall!

I have some inspirational things to share this week. Every day, I get a photo and an accompanying text from a pastor in Arizona. One day last week, it was a beautiful pine branch full of icicles with the Psalm from chapter 60, verse 2. You have shaken our land and split it open. Seal the cracks, for the land trem-

bles. Sometimes, the Bible is so current, it stops me in my tracks.

Plus, I read Andy Hoffman's book, "Yards After Contact", and there are many instances of when situations came together for the best for Jack. Andy's mantra is appropriate: when God opens a door, run through it! Someone countered that for me this evening, by saying that if the door is shut, you are not to go through it.

One more: attributed to a Holocaust survivor, as I grow older, I only keep those friends I know would hide me! Think of that, folks, and what she is saying. A lot of people did risk their own lives to hide people they knew had done nothing wrong and did not deserve a trip to a concentration camp. And a lot of them did die.

Who would you hide?

### Nebraska Extension Board - Wayne County meeting planned

The Nebraska Extension Board in Wayne County will meet via Zoom, pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order No. 20-36, on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021. Members of the public may attend this 6:15 p.m. meeting electronically. Please join this meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone by going to the Nebraska Extension in Wayne County website at [wayne.unl.edu](http://wayne.unl.edu). Connection information and the agenda will be available for public inspection.

## Central Valley Ag announces launch of CVA Elite Agronomy Products

Central Valley Ag Cooperative (CVA) is excited to announce CVA Elite, a proprietary line-up of Adjuvants, Stabilizers, Growth Promoters & Seed Treatments that will be offered for the 2021 growing season.

CVA believes that meaningful, productive change only comes by looking at challenges and opportunities from new angles and exercising curiosity. With the changing agronomy market, CVA feels there is an opportunity to deliver more value to the customers by launching a private label brand of agronomy products.

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## Calving season – Not the time to skimp on nutrition

By Karla H. Wilke  
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The 2020 drought across the Great Plains has made hay scarce for many producers. Additionally, the pandemic has affected oil prices which in turn has impacted ethanol production and subsequently reduced the supply of distillers grains, a supplementation staple for many beef producers in the region. This tight feed supply may have resulted in pregnant cows entering the calving season with little to no extra body condition reserves.

meet their nutrient demands with harvested forages and supplementation.

Sometimes producers make the mistake of assuming that increasing the protein supplementation previously fed during gestation will meet the needs of the now lactating cow.

If a 1,300 pound lactating cow is fed 30 pounds (as is basis) of medium quality hay (52 percent TDN) and provided a protein lick tub with limited consumption of 1 pound (as is) per day, then this cow will

fall short of both protein and energy required for lactation. Feeding 30 pounds (as is basis) of that same hay with 5 pounds (as is) of a 30 percent protein cube would meet the protein requirement, but fall just short of the energy requirement. This will likely result in some loss of body condition prior to turning out on green grass. For a cow in a body condition score (BCS) 6 (1-9 scale), this will likely not have a major impact on her ability to rebreed within 83 days of calving. It can be detrimental for a cow in a BCS 4.

Producers will want to keep an especially watchful eye on the BCS of first calf heifers as they have a smaller rumen than a mature cow, and therefore cannot eat as much and likely will need a more nutrient dense diet. Additionally, they have a requirement for growth on top of lactation, which can make rebreeding a challenge. Having heifers in a

BCS 6 at calving can help alleviate some of the challenges associated with lactation.

Because feed resources have likely been tight this winter, now is a good time to assess BCS of the cows and send feed samples to a commercial laboratory for nutrient analysis. This will help producers be better prepared to feed a diet during calving that will prevent BCS loss in cows that may not have excess BCS to give this year. Local University of Nebraska Extension Beef personnel are available to help producers develop calving rations to limit BCS loss prior to the 2021 breeding season.

For more information on the nutrient needs of gestating and lactating cows, see [extensionpublications.unl.edu/assets/pdf/g2268.pdf](http://extensionpublications.unl.edu/assets/pdf/g2268.pdf). For assistance with determining BCS of cows, see [extensionpublications.unl.edu/assets/pdf/ec281.pdf](http://extensionpublications.unl.edu/assets/pdf/ec281.pdf).

## USDA temporarily suspends some activities on farm loans for distressed borrowers due to coronavirus

Due to the national public health emergency caused by coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced the temporary suspension of past-due debt collections and foreclosures for distressed borrowers under the Farm Storage Facility Loan and the Direct Farm Loan programs administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Today's announcement by USDA expands previous actions undertaken by the Department to lessen financial hardship. According to USDA data, more than 12,000 borrowers—approximately 10 percent of all borrowers—are eligible for the relief announced today. Overall, FSA lends to more than 129,000 farmers, ranchers and producers.

"USDA and the Biden Administration are committed to bringing relief and support to farmers, ranchers and producers of all backgrounds and financial status, including by ensuring producers have access to temporary debt relief," said Robert Bonnie, Deputy Chief of

Staff, Office of the Secretary. "Not only is USDA suspending the pipeline of adverse actions that can lead to foreclosure and debt collection, we are also working with the Departments of Justice and Treasury to suspend any actions already referred to the applicable Agency. Additionally, we are evaluating ways to improve and address farm related debt with the intent to keep farmers on their farms earning living expenses, providing for emergency needs, and maintaining cash flow."

The temporary suspension is in place until further notice and is expected to continue while the national COVID-19 disaster declaration is in place.

USDA's Farm Service Agency provides several different loans for producers, which fall under two main categories:

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Direct loans are made and serviced by FSA using funds from the federal government.

The most common loan types are Farm Ownership, Farm Operating and Farm Storage Facility Loans,

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**Farm Ownership:** Helps producers purchase or enlarge a farm or ranch, construct a new or improve an existing farm or ranch building, pay closing costs and pay for soil and water conservation and protection.

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**Farm Storage Facility Loans** are made directly to producers for the construction of cold or dry storage and includes handling equipment and mobile storage such as refrigerated trucks.

**Microloans:** Direct Farm Ownership, Operating Loans and Farm Storage Facility Loans have a shortened application process and reduced paperwork designed to meet the needs of smaller, non-traditional and niche-type operations.

**Contact FSA**

FSA encourages producers to contact their county office to discuss these programs and temporary changes to farm loan deadlines and the loan servicing options available. For Service Center contact information, visit [farmers.gov/coronavirus](http://farmers.gov/coronavirus). For servicing information, access [farmers.gov](http://farmers.gov).

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place at each meeting, please contact the local site host. Contact information available on the website. For more information and gen-

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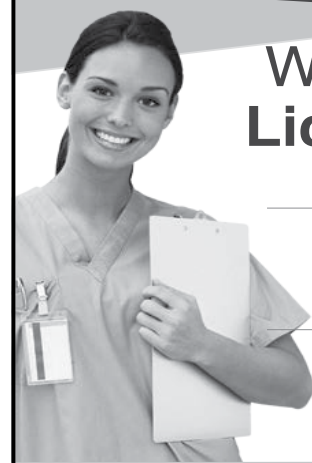
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