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(Photo by Michael Carnes)

## State bound

Pictured, front row, left to right: Tanner Walling, Treyton Blecke, Nolan Hunke, Colton Vovos, Jacob Kneiff and Brandon Bartos. Back row: assistant coach Dillan Wolfgram, assistant coach Wes Blecke, Toby Braun, Daniel Judd, Cameron Weaselhead, Sedjro Agoumba, Andrew Jones, Alex Phelps, Carter Junck, assistant coach Adam Hoffman and head coach Rob Sweetland. Wayne defeated Ogallala in the district championship in Minden last Saturday. They will play Kearney Catholic at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln.

## Energy costs, mask mandate debated during council meeting

By Clara Osten,  
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The cost of electricity during last month's cold weather and the issue of continuing the city's mask mandate (see separate story in today's paper) were among the items discussed during Tuesday's meeting of the Wayne City Council.

While the bills for the energy used by the city haven't been received yet, these numbers could be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Jeff Triggs, with the Electric Production Department, told the council that the city generated electricity for a total of 98 hours during the week of Feb. 15.

"It cost a lot to generate, but we saved the city a ton of money by not having to buy off the grid," Triggs said.

Discussion was held on how to recover the costs associated with the increases.

Possibilities included billing customers directly for the costs, allowing several months to pay these bills or using money from the Electric Fund reserves.

Additional information should be available to the council by the next meeting and more discussion will take place at that time.

During Tuesday's meeting, council members approved the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority Application for a Housing Grant Study.

The last housing study was completed in December of 2016. However, recent changes to Tax Increment Financing (TIF) laws

change what costs and uses are allowed with this type of financing. The changes also require that a housing study be no older than 24 months.

The agreement will allow the city to move forward with the grant application for 50 percent (\$8,000) of the costs of the study. City staff estimates that the study will take approximately four months to complete.

Resolutions accepting the water/sanitary / storm sewer and paving improvements in both the Angel Acres Addition and Southview II Addition were approved.

These utilities were installed by the developer and are maintained by the city. However, they were not formally accepted by the council.

In other action, the council approved a request for a fireworks display on Friday, July 9 in conjunction with Henoween activities. The fireworks will be lit on the rugby fields near the Summer Sports Complex.

The council took action to move forward with the advertising for bids for the dirt work for the "Old City of Wayne Lagoon Berm Project - Phase I."

Resolution 2021 was approved. It approves an agreement for professional services from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. for engineering services for the Centennial Road Improvements, 14th to 21st Street Project.

Jon Mooberry with JEO was at the meeting to explain the details of the project, including the width of streets included in the project, the costs for the different parts and

the time frame for the work to be completed.

Approval was given to submit the Wayne Senior Center's fiscal year 2021 detailed plan of operation and budget to the Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging.

Senior Center Coordinator Diane Bertrand was at the meeting and told the council that while the center is not open to the public for social activities, "we never stopped the food service and are currently serving approximately 70 people per day."

A resolution adopting the City of Wayne Employee Personnel Manual was approved after discussion on the employee retirement contribution portion of the manual.

Council members agreed to include information in the manual that allows an employee to contribute up to seven percent of their wages into a retirement account, with the city matching that amount.

Also approved during the meeting was Resolution 2021-17, which identifies the city goals for the current year and into the future.

Among the items on the list are researching options and timelines for additional sales tax, planning for upgrades at the Community Activity Center, discussion of additional renewable energy opportunities, helping businesses affected by COVID-19 and continue discussion on investing in downtown housing, town centers and meeting places.

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

## Mask mandate lifted

By Clara Osten,  
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Effective immediately, the city of Wayne no longer has a mask mandate.

The mandate was lifted after Mayor Cale Giese broke a tie vote during Tuesday's meeting of the Wayne City Council. Council members Yasuko Taoka, Nick Muir, Jill Brodersen and Jason Karsky voted against lifting the mandate, while council members Terri Buck, Dwaine Spieker, Matt Eischied and Chris Woehler voted to remove the requirement.

Discussion centered on the fact that even though the mandate was in effect, people were not wearing masks and it was difficult to enforce.

Wayne was only one of three cities in the state of Nebraska that still had a mandate — the other two being Omaha and Lincoln.

City Administrator Wes Blecke shared information on COVID-19 cases in Wayne County that was provided by the Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department. Included was information on variants of

the virus that have been found in Nebraska, the increase in the number of vaccines available and the recent increase in the number of cases in the county.

Council member Matt Eischied said that "this is something that is going to be around for a long time. The elderly are the most vulnerable and we need to protect them. Even if we lift the mandate, I am still going to wear a mask. However, we have to let people be in charge of their own health. I don't think we can continue to ask people to wear a mask."

Council member Nick Muir said he was "absolutely torn trying to make a decision. I can see both sides."

Council member Terri Buck said that she has noticed in recent weeks "that just because we have the mandate, it doesn't mean people are wearing masks. Even if the mandate goes away, we still need to educate the public."

The city of Wayne will still require masks in all public buildings, and businesses can require masks at their discretion.



(Photo by Clara Osten)

Nic Kemnitz (left) spoke to Wayne County Commissioners about the value of having a wildfire protection plan in place for Wayne County and the surrounding area.

## Commissioners get information on wildfire protection plan

By Clara Osten,  
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An update on creating a wildfire protection plan for this region of the state was among the items highlighting the Tuesday meeting of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

Wayne County Emergency Manager Nic Kemnitz spoke to the commissioners on getting a process in place known as LCES. This stands for Lookout, Communication(s), Escape Routes and Safety Zone(s).

He explained what each of these parts of the process involve and said training needs to take place for this safety system to be

effective. Wayne County is in the Middle Northeast Region, which includes Antelope, Pierce, Wayne, Madison, Boone, Platte and Colfax counties.

Kemnitz also shared information on the Missouri River Northeast Community Wildlife Protection Plan. While the actual area does not include Wayne County, the Wayne Volunteer Fire District does include land in Dixon County.

The goal of the plan is to help communities prepare by identifying where dead trees, and other items that could easily cause a fire to spread, are located.

See PLAN, Page 4A



(Photo by Tarrin Quinn)

Information on an upcoming bond issue will be provided to Winside voters in coming weeks.

## Winside voters to decide on bond initiative on May 11

A group of Winside community members called the Wildcat Community Task Force is working to put together detailed information about a bond issue to share with registered voters prior to a scheduled election on Tuesday, May 11, 2021.

The group is planning to provide accurate information regarding district needs, project design and the financial impact on district taxpayers.

The group hopes to begin sharing information through social media and go live with an informational website the end of March. They will also be scheduling small, informational meetings with as many groups in the communities as possible throughout the month of April.

Each registered voter household should expect to receive an informational brochure in the mail in mid-April and large, public informational meetings will be held the week before ballots are mailed out to registered voters.

The goal of this group is to provide as much accurate information and answer questions the public may have so that each patron has a good understanding of all components of the project before they vote.

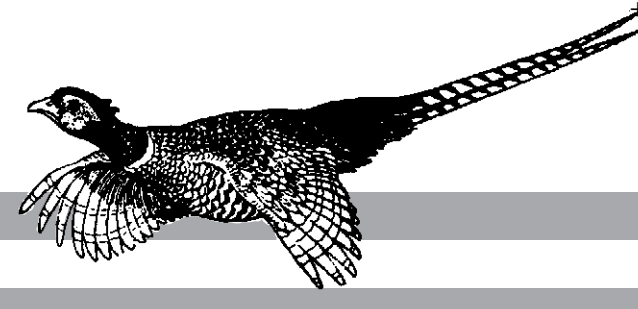
All patrons in the Winside Public School District are encouraged to "be watching for additional information and please participate in these opportunities to learn about our needs and the project.



(Photo by Clara Osten)

Jon Mooberry with JEO Consulting (right) explained to the Wayne City Council the plan for engineering services for the Centennial Road Improvements, 14th to 21st Street Project during Tuesday's meeting. The city hopes that having the project 'shovel ready' will allow for federal funding, should funds become available.





# Record

## Obituaries

### Phyllis Macke

Phyllis M. Macke, 92, of Wayne, died Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021 at Wayne Countryview Care and Rehabilitation.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, March 5 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne. Visitation will be held Thursday, March 4 from 4 to 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church with a vigil service 6 p.m. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in Wayne.



Memorials may be directed to Phyllis' family for later designation. Arrangements are with Hasemann Funeral Home of Wayne.

Phyllis Mae Elaine Macke was born October 23, 1928, on a farm near Bloomfield to August and Martha (Hill) Schuett. She attended rural school near Bloomfield and two years at Center, before graduating from Bloomfield High School in 1947. She was a domestic helper until her marriage. Phyllis married Bernard Macke Jr. on Sept. 9, 1950 in Baltimore, Maryland. Following Bernard's military service, they moved to Wayne in 1952. The couple

lived south of Wayne until they moved into Wayne in 1960. Phyllis was a very hard worker, having been employed at Dahl's Retirement Center, Jeff's Café and later Po Po's II in Wayne. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne.

Survivors include her children, Rick (Cathy) Macke of Norfolk and Sandy Grone of Killeen, Texas; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; brothers, Darrell Schuett of Bloomfield, Kenneth (Sheri) Schuett of Huntsville, Texas and Myron (Nancy) Schuett of Laurel; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bernard, in 1999; two sons, Terry in 1971 and Michael in 2017; a sister, Kathryn (Al) Macke; two brothers, one in infancy and Bob Schuett; and one sister-in-law, (Erma) Schuett.

### Obituary policy

The Wayne Herald welcomes the submission of obituaries for publication in our paper and inclusion on our website, www.mywaynews.com. Call (402) 375-2600 for details and submission information.

## Blood drive held in Wayne

For over 15 years, Wayne and surrounding communities have been supporting the local blood bank, LifeServe Blood Center, at the community blood drives organized by Dennis Lipp. The most recent blood drive was held Feb. 25 to help the blood center make its way into a new year and toward warmer weather with inventory levels high. LifeServe Blood Center was able to collect 46 units of blood that has the ability to save up to 138 local lives. The following donors hit mile-

stones with their most recent donation: Ashley Pick - one gallon; Todd Hoeman - five gallons; Robert Ensz - 16 gallons and David Woslager - 17 gallons.

The next drive will be Wednesday, March 31 from noon - 5:30 p.m. at the Wayne Fire Hall. "Thanks to everyone who came out to show their support, be sure to text 'LIFESERVE' to 999-777 to make your next appointment and we look forward to seeing you next time," said Allison Wegner, LifeServe Blood Center Territory Representative.



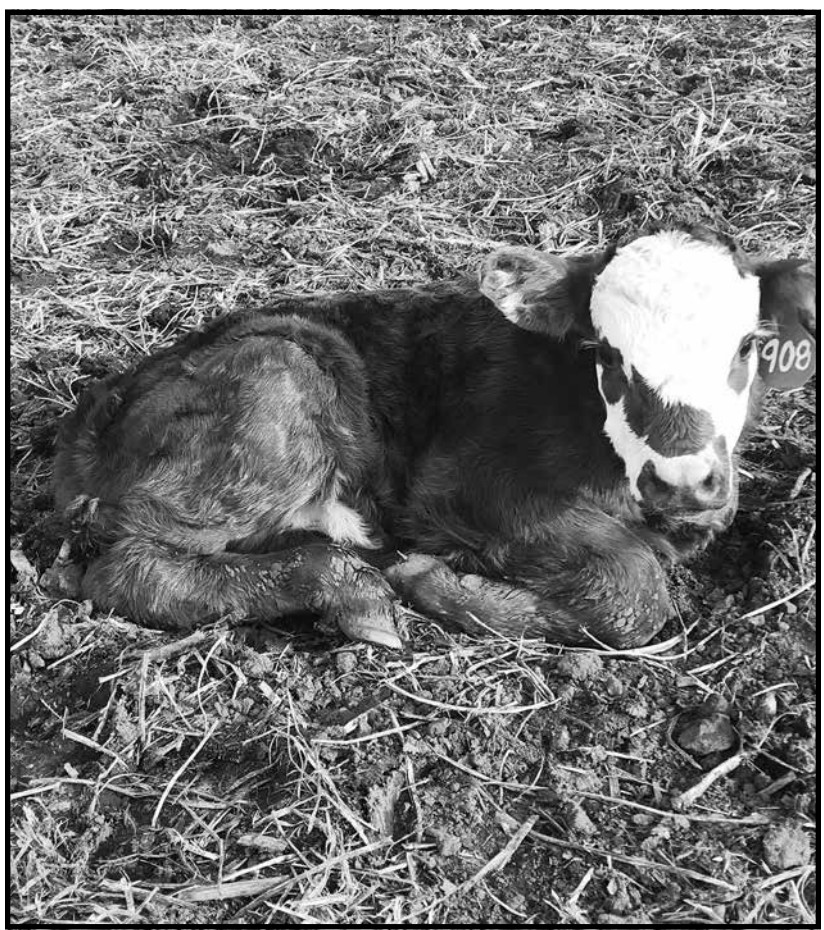
## Looking Ahead in Wayne

By Wes Blecke, City Administrator

### 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...until this COVID virus is behind us. Come on by virtually or in person and be an active citizen



### 'Tis the season

Calving season, that is. Area cattle producers have had less than ideal weather conditions as this year's calving season gets underway. Numerous snow storms and sub-zero temperatures have made the season difficult. However, as the calendar turns to March, temperatures have moderated and snow cover has disappeared.

### Electric bills and cold weather

Some of you saw a nominal increase in your electric bill this month (March) while some of you saw a hefty increase. No, rates did not go up. Your energy use did during that incredible cold spell.

Consumption really went up if you heat your residence with all electricity. The April billing will likely be higher in usage as well since the City reads meters around the middle of the month, potentially "splitting" your higher usage during the cold.

The cold weather also created somewhat of a nightmare throughout the Midwest during the middle of February. There was a perfect storm of cold and strong demand on the power grid of which I wrote about in my last article.

The bottom line is that the City will experience a possible 3.5 times larger energy bill for February as well as the costs of running our power plant for 98 hours and burning over 65,000 gallons of diesel fuel.

Where does the City make up that difference? Unfortunately, the loss must be made up from the customers (current, past, future, or a combination thereof). The City Council will likely decide at its next meeting how the loss will be financed. The options include a power cost adjustment (PCA) that would allocate those costs to the users during that event, dipping into reserves (almost guaranteeing a future rate increase to replenish that fund), or a combination of the two.

The City Council realizes that this might cause a hardship on customers, so there will likely be much

discussion on how the best way to allow customers to pay this loss over time.

### Lagoon progress - dirt movers wanted!

The City is looking for a contractor to move some dirt!

Part of the old lagoon berm needs to be lowered and moved to create a smaller berm around an area for future wastewater needs.

Hang with me here! After this newer, smaller berm is in place, the City will fence the area off and plant trees to skirt the area. Then, the old fencing can be removed, and you will start seeing some real progress. The City will then decide on a grading plan for the rest of the lagoon and most, if not all, of the remaining berm will be removed or at least lowered.

Stay tuned for the transformation...however, it could take a couple of years! If interested in moving this berm, contact the City for information or look on the City's website for details.

### Where do your sales tax dollars go?

Have you ever wondered where the sales tax goes when you make a purchase in Wayne? For example, when you pay for a \$100.00 taxable item, it costs you \$107.00. Where does that tax go (in this example \$7.00)? First off, \$5.50 goes directly to the State of Nebraska. That leaves \$1.50 for the City.

However, the Wayne voters have earmarked where that \$1.50 goes. That \$1.50 is split up into different parts/commitments. Swimming pool bond payments take \$0.50 (until it is paid off), with \$0.60 going to Capital Projects within the City (fire equipment, streets, park equipment, etc.) and the remaining \$0.40 pledged to LB 840 (economic development) until 2024. Out of the local \$1.50, the state also takes an administrative fee before they remit the balance back to the City each month. The City keeps well over a million dollars of sales tax generated in City limits each year.

Bottom line is thanks for shopping in Wayne...and encourage your out-of-town friends and family to do the same!

### Questions, comments, concerns?

Contact Wes Blecke, City Administrator at 375-1733 or wblecke@cityofwayne.org

## YOUTH BOWLING

<b>Wayne Youth League</b>	Scratch Game: Team 8, 818; Team 7, 730	Haschke, 165, 396; Blake Smith, 157, 407; Zane Sievers, 146; Aiden Petersen, 381.
<b>Week #1 of 8</b>	Scratch Series: Team 8, 2339; Team 7, 2180	Scratch Series: Girls - Graycen Trautman, 117, 320; Regan Fernau, 117, 303; McKaeya Becker, 93, 273.
<b>Team Name:</b>	<b>Division 1 - Top Scorers</b>	<b>Division 3 - Top Scorers</b>
Team 4 4 0	Scratch Game: Boys - Colston Starzl, 149, 404; Dreu Jensen, 112, 330; Colton Smith, 105; Trent Hays, 284.	Scratch Game: Boys - Colin Potts, 189, 503; Brogan Foote, 177, 440; Shayne Geidner, 160, 470.
Team 7 4 0	Scratch Series: Girls - Chloe Kai, 115, 305; Sophia Petersen, 95, 252; Stephanie Hasemann, 257, 89.	Scratch Series: Girls - Jersei Jensen, 152, 449; Rebekah Pinkelman, 142, 401; Riley Haschke, 135, 354.
Team 1 4 0	<b>Division 2 - Top Scorers</b>	
Team 5 3 1	Scratch Game: Boys - Benjamin	
Team 6 1 3		
Team 8 0 4		
Team 3 0 4		
Team 2 0 4		

## A Quick Look



Date	High	Low	Precip	Snow
Feb. 25	43	27	—	—
Feb. 26	46	27	—	—
Feb. 27	47	25	—	—
Feb. 28	46	30	—	—
Mar. 1	32	24	—	—
Mar. 2	38	29	—	—
Mar. 3	64	26	—	—

Recorded 7 a.m. for previous 24 hour period  
Precip./mo. - 0" / Monthly snow - 0"  
Yr./Date - 1.2" / Seasonal snow - 29"

## Chamber Coffee

WAYNE — This week's #chamberpercs will feature Kinship Pointe. Staff from the WAED office will also present announcements at that time. There are several open dates to host Chamber Coffee#chamberpercs and anyone wishing to host is asked to contact the Wayne Area Economic Development Office at (402) 375-2240.

## 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. Those wishing to make a donation are asked to contact the church via phone or email.

## Virtual Fashion Show

AREA — Service-learning students in the Business and Economics Department at Wayne State College will stage a virtual fashion show called the "Cat Show" to promote a new service-learning project that will launch a Career Clothing Closet. The Wildcat Career Closet will open this spring as a place at Wayne State College where students can access donated business professional clothes for an interview or career fair.

The Cat Show Virtual Fashion Show has been uploaded to the Wayne State College Department of Business and Economics Facebook and Twitter pages. The posts will also be shared on the Wildcat Career Closet's Instagram page.

Some of the clothing modeled will come from thrift stores to demonstrate to students that they can look sharp in career clothing that fits any budget. Students will be modeling with clothes from IKT, Micah's Closet, Swans Apparel, Thrift Warehouse, and Boutique Black Label. Students have many options to find career clothing in and around Wayne and just in time for the Virtual Career Fair that Career Services will host on Wednesday, March 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For any additional questions or information contact Laura Dendinger, Professor of Business and faculty sponsor of the Wayne State Green Team, at (402) 375-7020 or ladendi1@wsc.edu.

## Courthouse News

### January Property Transfers

Jan. 22: Hokamp Family Farms LLC to Derek Kuhl and Kalynnda Kuhl. The S 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 8, Township 26, Range 1, \$1,201.50.

Jan. 25: John L. Dunklau to Logene Strathman and Lynette Caldwell. Part of the N 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 1, Township 26, Range 3. \$36.00.

Jan. 25: Jewell Barroso to Logene Strathman and Lynette Caldwell. Part of the N 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 1, Township 26, Range 3. \$36.00.

Jan. 25: Tuffern Blue Ranch LLC to Lola Luedke. Lot 2, Outlot A, Tuffern Blue Estates Subdivision in the SW 1/4 of Section 1, Township 26, Range 3 of Wayne Area Subdivisions. \$213.75.

Jan. 26: Andy J. Kuchta to Mary J. Kuchta. Lot 22 Oak Ridge Addition of Wayne. Exempt.

Jan. 28: Ransen D. Broders and Josie M. Broders to Ransen D. Broders. Lot 5, Block 5, Vintage Hill Second Addition of Wayne. Exempt.

Jan. 28: Beth Bornhoft Miller Trust, Jeffrey D. Myer Trustee to Judy J. Peters, Michael A. Doeden and Lisa Doeden. The S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 6, Township 25, Range 4. \$697.50.

Jan. 28: Timothy Borhoft Trust, Ian T. Royce Trustee to Judy J. Peters, Michael A. Doeden and Lisa J. Doeden. The S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 6, Township 25, Range 4. \$697.50.

Feb. 1: Marilyn F. Hill to Peter B. Lux. Lot 1, Kollath Outlot Split in the NW 1/4 of Section 27, Township 25, Range 1 of Hoskins. \$306.00.

Feb. 1: Dean Mann and Cheryl Mann to C & D Mann Farms LLC. The NE 1/4 of Section 35, Township 26, Range 2 and the SW 1/4 of Section 6, Township 25, Range 3. Exempt.

Feb. 1: Mildred M. Knobbe Revocable Trust, Paul J. Knobbe Trustee and Patrick Knobbe Trustee to Glen Knobbe and Joan Marie Lieben. Part of the W 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 15, Township 25, Range 1; part of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 15, Township 25, Range 1; part of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 15, Township 25, Range 1 and part of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 15, Township 25, Range 1. Exempt.

Feb. 1: Myla J. Foote to Lee C. Wrede. Lot 1, Western Heights Second Subdivision of Wayne. \$279.00.

Feb. 1: Ronald Meyer and Kathlene Meyer to Meyer Family Trust, Ronald Meyer Co-Trustee and Kathlene Meyer Co-Trustee. Part of the NW 1/4 of Section 4, Township 27, Range 1; part of the NE 1/4 of Section 4, Township 27, Range 1; the SE 1/4 of Section 4, Township 27, Range 1; the N 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 9, Township 27, Range 1; the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 9, Township 27, Range 1; the E 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 16, Township 27, Range 1 and the SE 1/4 of Section 9, Township 27, Range 1. Exempt.

Feb. 2: The Estate of Daniel A. Marr, Douglas C. Marr Personal Representative to Rusty R. Dickens and Carla J. Dickens. Part of Lot

18, Taylor & Wachobs Addition of Wayne; Part of Lot 18, Taylor & Wachobs Addition of Wayne and part of Lot 18, Taylor & Wachobs Addition of Wayne. \$150.75.

Feb. 3: Scott E. Nelson and Mary L. Nelson to Scott E. Nelson and Mary L. Nelson. Part of the N 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 22, Township 26, Range 4. Exempt.

Feb. 3: Scott E. Nelson and Mary L. Nelson to Scott E. Nelson and Mary L. Nelson. Part of the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 14, Township 26, Range 4. Exempt.

Feb. 5: Jolly Cow Inc. to Daniel Bruns and Morgan Jean Marie Scheffler. Part of the E 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 16, Township 25, Range 5. \$427.50.

Feb. 5: Lucas Keith Woodward to Christopher Michael Amory and Dawn Renee Amory. Block 3 (part) of Original Town of Altona. \$213.75.

Feb. 5: Chris Mann and Brooke Mann to Jason M. Babutzke and Amanda J. Babutzke. Lot 11, Block 1, Bressler & Patterson's First Addition of Winside and Lot 12, Block 1, Bressler & Patterson's First Addition of Winside. \$67.50.

Feb. 5: Randall Guill to Landon Grothe and Malissa Grothe. The SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 20, Township 25, Range 1. \$416.25.

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## Speech team competes at Mid-State Conference Speech Meet

Members of the Wayne High School Speech team took part in the Mid-State Conference Speech Meet on Feb. 24.

The Duet Acting Team of Hannah Vick and Brooklyn Bierbower finished in fourth place; Liam Spieker was third in Entertainer; Isaac Davis earned third place in Extemporaneous; the Oral Interpretation of Drama team of Kaden Hopkins, Orion Spieker, Brooklyn Bierbower, Easton Blecke, and Christopher Rutenbeck, place third; Dylan Anderson was third in

Humorous Prose; and Hannah Vick was third in Poetry.

Wayne had two events win first place and a spot on the All-Conference Team — the Duet of Dylan Anderson and Christopher Woerdemann, and Christopher Woerdemann in Extemporaneous. As a team, Wayne placed third overall.

The Blue Devil "Spiekers" will host the District Speech meet on Saturday, March 6 at Wayne State College.





# Opinion

## Controlling spending for property tax relief

March 6th marks one year since the first positive case of coronavirus was confirmed in Nebraska. Over the past year, it's been an all-hands-on-deck effort to protect hospital capacity, support our healthcare workers, and help keep Nebraskans healthy. We continue to see encouraging trends in our fight against the coronavirus. During the past week, the number of coronavirus-related hospitalizations has been at its lowest point in over six months. And by the latest measures, over a quarter-million Nebraskans have now received their initial dose of vaccine.

Throughout the pandemic, Nebraska has struck a balance between slowing the spread of the virus, while helping people lead a more normal life. We kept businesses open instead of imposing a strict lockdown. We engaged faith communities to find ways for them to join together and worship. We worked hard to put protocols in place so that students could return to school. These efforts helped people stay connected, while minimizing disruptions to Nebraskans' livelihoods and educations.

Through it all, we've been working to grow opportunities and keep our state moving forward. We've created an environment where existing businesses like Scouler and Becton Dickinson have chosen to expand and where major companies like Amazon have made new investments. We've also made it possible for Main Street to thrive, ranking among the best states in America for small business performance during 2020. These successes have helped us achieve the nation's lowest unemployment rate for five months in a row.

According to the University of Nebraska Bureau of Business Research (NU-BBR), the future looks bright. On Feb. 24, NU-BBR reported that Nebraska's leading economic indicator—which predicts near-term trends—has risen for the fourth consecutive month.

"The rising indicator provides another signal that economic growth will be solid in Nebraska through mid-2021," said Dr. Eric Thompson, director of NU-BBR. Dr. Thompson relayed encouraging data from state businesses, noting that "respondents to the January Survey of Nebraska Business reported plans to expand sales and employment over the next six months."

Nebraska's economy continues to deliver great opportunities in the midst of the pandemic, resulting in strong tax revenues. Last Friday, the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board voted to increase the State's projected revenues by \$462 million. The increased forecast gives the State the opportunity to continue controlling spending, so we can deliver even more property tax relief for the people of Nebraska.

This session, the Legislature will debate and pass the next two-year budget for the State of Nebraska. My budget recommendation controls spending by limiting the average annual rate of growth to 1.5%.

My top priority continues to be property tax relief. Property taxes have been increasing faster than Nebraska's families can afford. By controlling spending in the context of strong revenue growth, the Legislature can deliver significant property tax relief to Nebraska families. In January, my budget proposed \$1.36 billion in relief over the next two years. With the new and improved forecast, the Legislature is now positioned to deliver even more property tax relief.

While we reduce the property tax burden, we will still achieve other key priorities, including expanding educational opportunities and protecting public safety. I'm proposing for the State to invest a record-high amount of aid—\$1.1 billion—in schools in each of the next two fiscal years. Every child is unique and deserves the best educational setting for his or her needs, whether that's a public school, private school, or homeschool. My budget includes \$4 million in K-12 Opportunity Scholarships to give more students from low-income families the opportunity to attend private schools. I'm also recommending a \$3 million investment in the textbook loan program for private school students. Empowering all Nebraska families with the freedom to choose the best educational options for their children is one of the best ways we can help the next generation achieve their dreams.

My budget includes \$12 million for Nebraska Career Scholarships over the next two years at our community colleges, state colleges, and public universities. I'm also recommending \$3 million to expand the Career Scholarship program to the private colleges in our state. This will bring the total number of career scholarships to at least 2,110 by 2023. These scholarships are equipping Nebraska's young adults to take great jobs in high-demand fields such as healthcare and manufacturing.

Our strong fiscal position also gives us the opportunity to make a critical investment in public safety. The Nebraska State Penitentiary (NSP), which opened in 1869, is a decaying structure nearing the end of its lifespan. My budget proposes building a replacement for the NSP in anticipation of the current facility aging out of service by the end of the decade. In the interest of protecting our communities and giving our corrections officers a safe work environment, we must ensure that we have sufficient operational capacity to adequately manage our inmate population in the years ahead. My plan would invest the initial funds needed to have the NSP's modernized replacement completed and operational by 2025.

Thanks to Nebraska's strong economy, the Legislature can deliver significant property tax relief, invest in our schools, train the next generation of leaders in key industries, and protect public safety. You can view my plan to accomplish these priorities at [budget.nebraska.gov/biennium-2021-2023.html](http://budget.nebraska.gov/biennium-2021-2023.html).

If you want additional property tax relief, call your State Senator to make your voice heard. You can find their information at [www.NebraskaLegislature.gov](http://www.NebraskaLegislature.gov). If you have questions about my budget proposal, email [pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov](mailto:pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov) or call 402-471-2244.



Gov. Pete Ricketts

## Capitol View

### Redistricting proposal on the table, lawmakers need to pay attention

By J.L. SCHMIDT  
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When my boys were younger and ready to quibble over the last piece of cake, I would advise them to share. I would ask one to cut and the other to choose first. It took a while, but the cuts grew ever closer to equal as the practice continued.

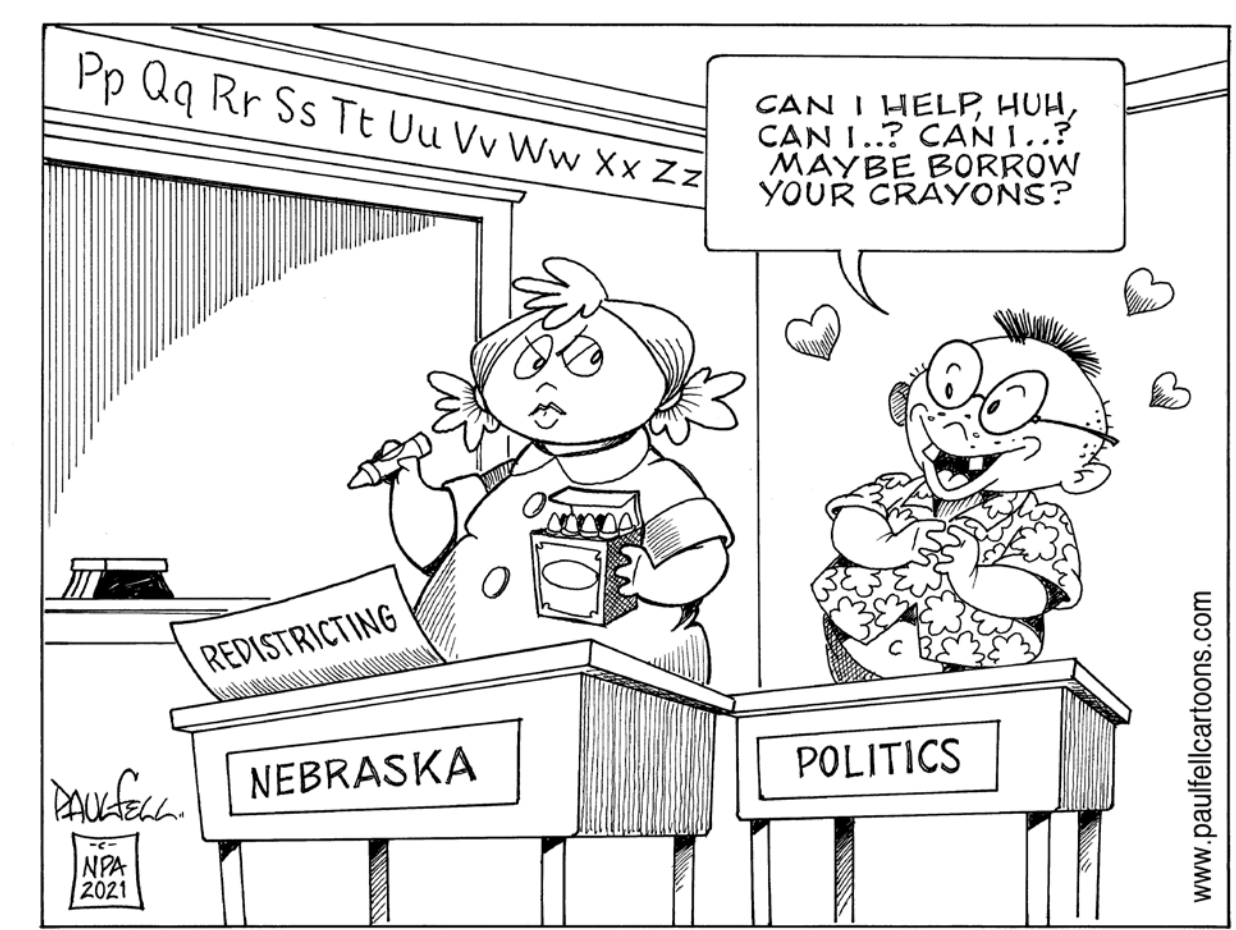
Creative parenting? I like to think of it as common sense. It was a lesson applied numerous times and still the subject of family discussion. Common sense, imagine that.

Trying to equalize the size of Nebraska's governmental boundaries every 10 years should be as simple. New figures from the U.S. Census require new district boundaries for the U.S. House of Representatives, Legislature, Public Service Commission, University of Nebraska Board of Regents and the state Board of Education. That task lies ahead this year.

To that end, Omaha Sen. John McCollister has offered a bill (LB107) called the Redistricting Act. He said it's a compilation of the best practices of several redistricting bills introduced by a variety of senators over the last several years. McCollister says it's essential that he and his colleagues get this right. He calls it one of the most consequential processes that senators undertake.

I agree. I've seen a few of these through the years, including one that caused the state Supreme Court to order a special session to concentrate on the single topic of redistricting and get it right. I'd rank redistricting right up there with the state budget and property tax relief. The budget because the state Constitution says that's what lawmakers have to do. Property tax relief because I'm tired of all the fiddling and faddling and so ready for the Legislature to bite the bullet and fix the entire tax system.

A tall order you say? Yes, it is, but if I ruled the Legislature that's the only three things we'd discuss. Insert appropriate whining and "what abouts?" here. Listen to me. The budget has to be done, the state tax system is a mess and redistricting faces on-going criticism for being po-



litically motivated. What's the problem with that? McCollister explains it best. The citizens may attempt to remove the process from the Legislature through the initiative process and place it in the hands of an independent commission.

He told the Legislature's Executive Board that a number of states have already adopted a commission model to remove partisanship from the process. And what could go wrong with an independent commission? Let me count the ways.

McCollister says his plan seeks to remove any consideration of political party affiliation, voter registration affiliation numbers and political history from decisions about congressional, legislative and other district boundaries. The goal is political neutrality and the process has to be credible and fair.

Gone would be the ability of the full Legislature to amend boundaries agreed to by the redistricting committee following public hearings in all three congressional dis-

tricts. The full Legislature would then have to adopt a final set of boundaries.

Sounds simple enough. Among other provisions, McCollister's bill would require that maps be drawn using politically neutral criteria and using only data and demographic information from the U.S. Census. The bill would prohibit consideration of residents' political affiliation or registration and previous voting data.

In case you weren't paying attention last year, amid the protests and the pandemic and the divisive national election, there's been a delay in the census. The Census Bureau has announced that it will not release the data states use to draw their legislative maps until the end of September — months later than the usual springtime release.

That gives states less time to draw maps, get feedback, resolve the ensuing lawsuits and enact their new plans before the next election.

The McCollister proposal calls

for data used in the redistricting process to be made available to the public and at least one public hearing held. Once a map is created, only amendments to correct technical errors would be allowed and the governor would be required to call a special session if the Legislature fails to adopt new maps.

If the data isn't transparent about what and why, there is a great risk of sowing distrust in the process, which could, once again look very partisan.

I like what Preston Love Jr. of Omaha had to say about the process. Redistricting lines should be drawn "not for party, but for people."

At this point, look for redistricting to come in a special session, perhaps in October, so the official 2020 Census figures can be used.

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## Legislative Update

# Busy week in the Nebraska Legislature

It has been an especially productive week at the Legislature this week.

We were able to go into Executive Sessions this week in Committees, which means the process is progressing and decisions are being made to see what LBs will be going to the Floor this Session. With just one week left to complete all Committee hearings, we will have our first Floor debate on Tuesday morning, March 2 I introduced five of my Bills to the perspective Committees this week:

**1. LB111- First Responders and Public Protection Bill-** Beginning in late May of 2020 and stretching throughout this past summer, I was disturbed by peaceful protests turned into violent riots, by vandalism and property damage, and by injuries sustained by men and women serving to protect our communities.

I started discussions toward this LB in South Sioux City last Fall with State Patrol, Police Departments, representatives from the County Attorney's office and a judge from District 17. There I met and visited with not only local law enforcement, but also with mem-

bers of law enforcement that were called in to help protect the good people of Lincoln on May 30, 2020.

I cannot state strongly enough the respect and admiration I hold for those who serve us in this capacity. I've felt heart sick, hearing stories about liquid gasoline and fireworks being thrown at first responders, blinding laser lights directed in their eyes and shots being fired at them and into public buildings they are called to protect.

Also disturbing are reports that people from other states have incited violence and riots in Nebraska and outside groups have offered to post bail for those put in jail for their actions against our cities and the police. This is simply not acceptable and we must make this type of behavior as unattractive as possible to people from other states. Under this LB111, rioting is defined.

Inciting, recruiting for, or participating in a riot is a punishable offense. Interrupting services, meetings, blocking public roads or destroying government property are likewise addressed. Graffiti of government buildings is discouraged through higher penalties than other graffiti crimes, and most importantly, assault on our first responders, whether with fists, with harmful liquids, or with laser pointers rightfully triggers stiffer penalties. Read the Lincoln Journal Star's article on LB111.

**2. LB281- Erin's Law-** I was asked by someone in District 17 to carry this Bill. It will require public schools to provide four hours of body awareness training to students in K-12, and teacher training as a preventative method for helping reduce incidents of child sexual abuse.

The State Department of Education will provide a framework for policies which will train teachers, inform and involve parents and teach children through age-appropriate, evidence based curriculum. The goal is that children who are being abused will find



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State Senator, District 17

a voice, a place where they could safely learn what to do if they need help. I greatly appreciated the participation of the testifiers, one driving seven hours and several taking personal time off of work to help protect our children in this way. Channel 7 in Omaha covered Erin's Law.

**3. LB282- Repeal Obscenity Exemption-** Currently it is against the law for anyone in Nebraska to present materials to children considered obscene or harmful ... except in schools or libraries. This bill simply continues to close the loophole prosecuting any adult in a K-12 or library setting who seeks to groom a child through the use of obscenity. LB 282 just says the same obscenity standard applies to everyone in Nebraska — no exceptions.

**4. LB523- School Bonding Authority-** We continue to be "inundated" as elected officials by citizens concerned over high property taxes. One way this body can assist taxpayers is to assure, when possible, they are directly included in decisions of major spending decisions when tax increases are neces-

sary.

Historically in Nebraska, when a necessity was deemed by a local school board to build new school structures or expand existing structures, we have held elections to fund those projects. When I voted for a local school board member, I have always believed I was giving that person the authority to make policy, hire staff, purchase supplies, pay utilities through the general fund, and maintain the existing school structure through use of depreciation funds included in their reserves. I have never believed that I was giving that individual the authority to build new school structures without my approval through an election.

The intent in bringing this LB523 was simple. I wanted to give the citizens a vote on major local tax decisions.

**5. LB595- Ethanol Sales and Uses Tax Exempt-** Because of the large numbers of people who are involved in the agriculture industry in our District, I make every effort to advance the causes that further agri-business in Nebraska.

LB595 provides a sales and use tax exemption for certain products used in the process of manufacturing ethanol, to harmonize provisions with other states and industries. As it is, ethanol producers are paying an input tax that is not consistent with other industries and state regulations.

### DISTRICT 17 COVID-19

The number of positive tests reported for the periods Feb. 19, 2021, and Feb. 26, 2021 in District 17 are as follows:

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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 at 402-471-2716 or [jalbrecht@leg.ne.gov](mailto:jalbrecht@leg.ne.gov).

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# Wayne rides out the storm to earn state trip

By MICHAEL CARNES  
For The Herald

MINDEN — It's an old saying about offense winning games and defense winning championships, and that classic phrase played out to perfection Saturday at Minden High School.

Wayne faced a high-powered offense in Ogallala in Saturday's C1-8 district final, but held the Indians to almost half their 70-point average in posting a 47-39 win to claim a spot in next week's Nebraska State

Coach Rob Sweetland said it came down to his team's being able to do the things they needed to do to keep themselves in the game early on.

"The kids knew the scouting report top to bottom, which isn't easy with the quick turnaround," he said. "We had just played Thursday night and didn't want to do anything with our legs in practice Friday, so to have all that and be able to come in and play their pick-and-rolls and get back and rebound the way we did, the kids just paid attention to detail and executed great."

the second half, and Wayne's offense struggled to generate anything offensively. And while the Indians were able to eventually turn that 11-point halftime deficit into a one-point lead early in the fourth quarter, Wayne never blinked.

"We knew they'd make a run. We missed some bunnies and missed a few free throws that allowed them to come back, and when you're not scoring, good teams are going to catch up to you," Sweetland said.

But big plays by seniors Colton Vovos and Jacob Kneifl, who hit a



They're jumping for joy as the Wayne High boys basketball team punched their ticket to state with a 47-39 district finals win over Ogallala

Boys Basketball Championships in Lincoln.

The Blue Devils did it with defense, limiting the high-octane Indian offense to just 13 first-half points while building an 11-point advantage at the intermission.

Wayne got out to an early 9-0 lead thanks to 3-pointers from Tanner Walling and Brandon Bartos and led 14-5 after one period, extending that lead to 24-13 at intermission.

Ogallala came out with some tough full-court pressure to start

pair of corner 3-pointers in the final stanza, helped Wayne rebound and reclaim the lead for good late in the fourth quarter.

"The seniors stepped up big," Sweetland said. "They really stepped up and we just needed to keep being aggressive and keep scoring and we did that with great movement and had some good looks and knocked some big shots down."

Daniel Judd scored 16 points to lead the Blue Devils in the win. Walling and Kneifl each had nine points, Bartos scored eight, Vovos had four and Alex Phelps hit a free throw.

Wayne struggled to get out of their subdistrict unscathed, coming back from a 14-point halftime deficit in the opening round to beat West Point-Beemer 48-44.

Wayne trailed 27-13 at the half, but came out strong in the third quarter to cut the lead to five and carried that momentum into the final period for the win.

Judd and Phelps shared scoring honors with 16 points apiece while Vovos added eight. Bartos put in four points and Walling and Sedro Agumba each had two points.

Wayne struggled offensively in the subdistrict finals, but caught fire in the final period to outlast Logan View/Scribner-Snyder 57-43 to advance to the district finals.

Three Blue Devils finished in



Colton Vovos drives around an Ogallala defender during Saturday's C1-8 district final in Minden.



Wayne's Brandon Bartos battles Ogallala's Corbin Murphy for a loose ball during district finals action Saturday in Minden. Wayne beat the Indians 47-39.

double figures, led by Walling's 20 points. Vovos added 12 points and Judd had 11, followed by Bartos with six and Phelps and Treyton Blecke with four each.

The 22-5 Blue Devils draw sec-

ond-seeded Kearney Catholic in the opening round next Wednesday, and Sweetland feels they have the team to make some noise in the C-1 bracket this year.

"You always have to believe you

can go all the way," he said. "Defensively, I think we have just as good a team as anybody and we match up well with anybody. If we can get off to a good start, that will be a key."

## Nebraska identifies B.1.429 variant of COVID-19 in the state

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Nebraska Public Health Lab (NPHL) have confirmed the first known cases of the California variant of COVID-19, known as B.1.429 in the state. Thirteen cases in four different health jurisdictions have been identified. Nine have been identified in Douglas, two in Public Health Solutions, one in Lancaster, and one in East Central. Investigations are underway and ongoing in each jurisdiction.

Less is known about B.1.429 than other variants. It was first identified in California, and was discovered more recently than other variant strains of COVID-19. Similar to other variants, it has been spreading throughout the United States and is likely more contagious. Testing platforms like Test Nebraska

and others will still produce a "positive" result for the B.1.429 variant (and other variants). It is expected that vaccinations will remain effective.

As researchers learn more about B.1.429, it remains as important as ever to continue masking, distancing, and avoiding the three C's. Get a test if you're exposed or if you develop symptoms. Register now at [vaccinate.ne.gov](https://vaccinate.ne.gov) and get the vaccine when it's offered to you.

DHHS and NPHL have been working to increase sequencing capabilities within the state. Higher volumes of in-state sequencing began in January and NPHL currently has capacity to sequence more than 100 specimens per week.

Nebraska's top goal remains protecting hospital capacity. The efforts undertaken by the state over

the course of the emergency have resulted in significantly lower hospitalizations as compared to the last several months.

As of Feb. 25 over 222,000 Nebraskans have registered to receive the vaccine on the State's portal at [vaccinate.ne.gov](https://vaccinate.ne.gov).

Those interested in registering will need to provide name and contact information, date of birth and answer health questions used to help determine priority group eligibility. Any information entered is strictly confidential and used solely for this purpose. Friends, family and caregivers are encouraged to assist others with vaccine sign-up if needed. The DHHS Information line can assist those with limited technology, language or Internet access, and is available by calling 531-249-1873 or 833-998-2275.

## WSC students pledge to use refillable bottles

Wayne State College students are pledging to Reduce\*Reuse\*Refill in an effort to expand the use of refillable water bottles to reduce the plastic waste that is harmful to the ecosystem.

WSC service-learning students in Business Ethics have joined forces to help increase the use of refillable water bottles on campus, in the Wayne, and surrounding communities. Wayne State College installed water refilling stations in various buildings on campus to encourage the use of refillable bottles. Gardner Hall, home of the Wayne State College Business and Economics Department, has the newest refilling station.

The students have worked diligently in their research and have found ways to spread the word on

using reusable bottles. The United States spends a lot of money for litter to be picked up in public places, with no incentives to recycle (like other beverages), and plastic is costly to produce.

According to the Water Project, the average American spends about \$5 per week on bottled water that amounts to about \$260 per year that can be saved by using a reusable water bottle. Prices for bottled water can be as much as 2,000 times more expensive than just simply drinking tap water.

By drinking tap water instead of bottled water, you are saving yourself from the harmful chemicals that come off the bottled water and can get into your bloodstream. Plastic bottles gradually leak a chemi-

cal called BPA and other harmful chemicals, and these chemicals can alter hormones as well as have other negative effects on our bodies.

According to Ecowatch as much as 64 percent of bottled water on the market is just tap water. A study from Boston University said that only one out of every three taste testers in a tap water taste test could correctly pick out the tap water compared to the bottled water.

Wayne State College and Wayne community members and businesses are encouraged to take the pledge online using the survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QR56N5N>. Community members who would like more information about the drive are encouraged to contact one of the groups involved.

## Plan

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Commissioners voted in favor of having Kemnitz be a part of the steering committee moving forward.

Kemnitz also spoke briefly on the plan to have the state emergency management conference in April and to make it as safe as possible.

Additionally, he provided information on his work with the May-Day STOL committee that is bringing this event to the Wayne Airport April 28 - May 1. Planning will continue on making sure the event is safe for everyone involved.

In other action, the commissioners heard an update on the calling of Highway Allocation Bonds, Series 2015 and the issuance of Highway Allocation Fund Pledge Refunding Bond, Series 2021.

Andy Forney with D.A. Davidson & Co. told the commissioners that there has been some fluctuation in interest rates in the last several weeks and gave a time line on the process of calling the current bonds and issuance of new bonds.

It is anticipated that doing so would save the county approximately \$55,000 over the course of bonds.

Following a brief executive session, the commissioners voted to make a recommendation to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission on the Manager Applicant for the

Wayne County Ag Society Liquor License.

The item had been tabled at the last meeting.

Highway Superintendent Mark Casey gave an update on road and bridge work in the county.

He plans to meet with representatives of Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc. to discuss items on the county's one- and six-year bridge and road improvement plan.

Casey said he has worked with County Attorney Amy Miller and the county is able to use Sourcewell, a co-op purchasing group, for the purchase of heavy equipment items for the county. He said he will

further research the company to determine whether or not the county would be able to provide their own specifications for equipment they wished to purchase.

The final item on the agenda was an update from Doug Elting with Berggren Architect on the courthouse renovation project.

Elting told the commissioners that the doors to the courthouse now have keys and are in working order. The wrong hardware for these doors had been sent twice and the issue has been ongoing for several months.

He also discussed the roof issue and said work will be done to find out where the leak is coming from and how to fix it, and the current issue with the gutters.

There are several items still on the 'punch list' before the paperwork can be signed for final completion on the project.

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners will next meet in regular session on Tuesday, March 16 at 9 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Conference Room on the third floor of the courthouse, to the southeast of the Court Room.

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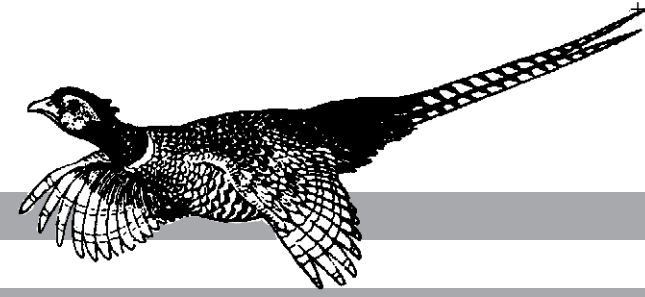
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# Sports

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## Trojan state hopes come up short

The Wakefield boys basketball team got a second chance after losing in the subdistrict finals, but their hopes for a trip to state fell short in a 56-45 loss Monday to Hartington Cedar Catholic.

The game played into Wakefield's hands for much of the first half, as they defended the Cedar Catholic offense well, limiting the hosts to just 15 first-half points.

Wakefield appeared to take control of the game midway through the third quarter when Blake Brown scored to make it a 25-21 game, but Cedar Catholic went on a 14-0 run to take the lead for good, taking a 35-27 lead into the fourth quarter.

Wakefield wouldn't go quietly, however. Consecutive steals and scores by Cade Johnson and brown quickly knocked a 10-point lead down to six, and the visiting Trojans got as close as four with 1:18 to play on a Justin Erb 3-pointer, making it 47-43.

Hartington Cedar Catholic wouldn't let them get any closer, though, hitting 5-of-7 free throws in the final 70 seconds to put the game away and earn the trip to state.

Brown scored a game-high 28 points in the losing effort, followed by Erb with 10 points. Johnson had four points, Nick Arenas scored two and Logan Bokemper had a three throw.

Wakefield opened subdistrict play with a 64-43 win over Ponca, building a 13-point halftime advantage on their way to the first-round win.

Erb led all scorers with 24 points while Brown added 22. Johnson scored eight points, Bokemper had six and Arenas and Couy Johnson each had two points.

Cade Johnson had seven rebounds for Wakefield as well as a team-high five assists. Brown recorded six steals.

In the subdistrict finals, Wakefield cut a 12-point lead to two in



(Photo by Mary Vanderbeek) Justin Erb fades away as he puts up a jump shot during Monday's C2-5 district final loss to Hartington Cedar Catholic.

the first half, but couldn't overcome top-seeded B-R/L-D as the Wolverines posted a 61-49 win.

Brown had 18 points, Erb added 15 and Cade Johnson scored seven

in the win. Arenas added six points and Bokemper had three.

Brown and Erb each had eight rebounds and Erb had four assists for the Trojans.

## Bears fall in subdistrict final

The Laurel-Concord-Coleridge Bears saw a double-digit lead slip away in the fourth quarter as Walthill posted a 65-61 subdistrict final win Thursday in Laurel.

The Bears got out to a 33-23 half-time advantage, but the Blujays roared back in the second half, outscoring LCC 42-28 to come away with the victory and end the Bears' hopes for a state finals repeat.

Cael Hartung and Evan Haisch both had 15 points to lead the Bears while Deagan Puppe added 12. Also scoring were Grant Erwin and Wilton Roberts with six each, Jake Rath had five and Austin Hall put in two.

Rath had a team-high 15 rebounds in the game, while Haisch dished out three assists.



Erin Norling

## Norling named NSIC Outstanding Senior

Wayne State's Erin Norling was voted by the league coaches as the inaugural winner of the NSIC Outstanding Senior of the Year.

A native of Loretto, Minn., Norling is a senior majoring in biology/pre-physician assistant and holds a 3.93 cumulative grade-point average.

The "NSIC Outstanding Senior of the Year Award" is presented to a NSIC women's basketball student-athlete who participates at her institution for four years and is academically superior while making a positive contribution to her team and the university. The NSIC Outstanding Senior of the Year award was initiated in 2020-21 to honor an outstanding senior that exemplifies the attributes of the model NSIC student-athlete.

Norling, a graduate of Delano High School in Minnesota, was named the NSIC South Division Player of the Year after she led the Wildcats in scoring and rebounding for a second straight season, ranking fourth in the NSIC with 16.3 points per game and eighth in the league at 6.8 rebounds a contest. She was named NSIC South Division Player of the Week three times this season and scored double figures in 12 of 16 games with six games of more than 20 points and three double-doubles. Norling scored a season-best 28 points at Northern State in an 81-73 win and scored 25 points in a 74-60 win over Southwest Minnesota State.

She closed her Wildcat career ranked fourth in scoring with 1,597 points and scored double figures in 84 career games. Norling earned All-NSIC honors every year at WSC, named to the All-Freshmen Team in 2018 followed by three straight First Team All-NSIC awards. She scored double figures in 49 straight games through her sophomore and junior seasons and had 10 or more points in 84 of her 104 games played in a Wildcat uniform.

Last season, Norling became Wayne State's first-ever Academic All-American in women's basketball earning Second Team honors and was D2CCA All-Central Region Second Team.

Off the court, Norling has represented Wildcat women's basketball on the Student Athlete Advisory Committee for three years and is a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She has also contributed countless hours of service to the community of Wayne that included assisting at the local food shelf and packing food for the Wayne Backpack Program.

"Erin has made a tremendous impact in her time at Wayne State College. She is an incredible teammate who always makes time to support her friends. Her work ethic, competitiveness and basketball I.Q. are unique and are what makes her special. She has grown her game every year she has been here and has done so while thriving in the classroom. Erin's impact on our program will be missed and I feel blessed to have coached her," said coach Brent Pollari.



(Photo by Mary Vanderbeek) LCC's Deagan Puppe floats in the lane for a shot during subdistrict action last week.

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# Softball opens season at Washburn Invite

The Wayne State softball team lost five of its first six games to open the season at the Washburn Invitational over the weekend.

The Wayne State College softball team pounded out 13 runs and 18 hits in the season opener Friday afternoon against Emporia State, but the Hornets shocked the Wildcats with a late rally scoring five runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to shock the Wildcats in a wild 14-13 contest.

WSC scored in every inning but the seventh and opened the game with three runs in the first thanks to run-scoring singles from Ashley Hernandez and freshman Jenna Etmans for a 3-0 lead.

The 'Cats scored two runs in the second for a 5-0 lead with Hernandez belting a two-run homer over the left field fence.

Emporia State tied the game with five runs in the bottom of the second, but WSC came back with four runs in the top of the third for a 9-5 lead. Hernandez had a two-run double, Kamryn Sparks added an RBI double while Kim Vidlak produced an RBI single.

Wayne State took a 11-5 lead in the fourth with Kortney Buresh contributing a two-run single.

The Hornets scored once in the bottom of the fourth, but WSC matched the run in the top of the fifth for a 12-6 lead on a Madison Gomez RBI single.

WSC scored their final run in the sixth on a run-scoring double from Vidlak to give the 'Cats a 13-6 advantage.

Emporia State started their rally with three runs in the sixth and came up with five runs in the bottom of the seventh inning, aided by three Wildcat errors, to complete the wild 14-13 comeback.

Wayne State had 18 hits in the game, led by Hernandez going 3 for 5 with a homer, double and five RBI. Sparks finished 3 for 4 with two doubles and two RBI while Vidlak was 3 for 5 with two doubles, two RBI and two runs scored. Buresh went 3 for 4 with four runs scored and two RBI while Paiton Tornberg and Madison Gomez each contributed two hits to the Wildcat attack.

Sophomore starter Hadley Chvatal worked 6 1/3 innings and was sufficed with the pitching loss while reliever Sloan Cooksey faced five batters and recorded one out.

Wayne State College was held to just three hits by Central Missouri Friday evening as the Jennies defeated the Wildcats 5-1.

Central Missouri scored single runs in the first and second innings for a 2-0 lead and added three more

runs in the fifth for a 5-0 advantage.

Wayne State got on the board in the top of the sixth inning when Ashley Hernandez walked with two outs and scored on a Kamryn Sparks double to left center field to close the scoring in the 5-1 Central Missouri win.

Central Missouri held a 7-3 edge in hits over the Wildcats. Besides a double from Sparks, Kortney Buresh and Kim Vidlak each singled.

Senior pitcher Maddie Moser was tagged with the pitching loss, allowing seven hits and five runs with five strikeouts and two walks.

Rockhurst edged Wayne State College 2-1 Saturday afternoon.

The game was scoreless until the top of the fourth when Rockhurst scored both of their runs on three doubles for a 2-0 lead.

Wayne State scored their lone run in the bottom of the fifth when freshman Katie Humburg walked to start the inning and later scored on an Ashley Hernandez RBI single.

The Wildcats could not produce another scoring threat in the final two innings and fell to the Hawks 2-1.

Rockhurst had one more hit than WSC 7-6. Hernandez finished 2 for 3 with a pair of singles and RBI. Kim Vidlak tripled while Kortney Buresh, Kamryn Sparks and Riley Holberg each singled.

Sophomore starter Hadley Chvatal (0-2) was tagged with the pitching loss, working the first four innings. She allowed five hits and two runs with three strikeouts and one walk. Sophomore reliever Sloan Cooksey pitched the final three innings and yielded two hits and no runs with two walks and one strikeout.

Truman State turned two Wayne State errors into eight unearned runs as the Wildcats suffered a 12-2 loss Saturday evening.

Wayne State struck first in the contest, scoring both runs in the bottom of the first inning. Kortney Buresh walked and later scored on a wild pitch while Kim Vidlak doubled and scored on a Kamryn Sparks fielders' choice for a 2-0 WSC lead.

Truman State posted three runs in the third inning and used a five-run fourth to take an 8-2 lead.

The Bulldogs culminated the scoring with four runs in the sixth to finish with the 12-2 win.

Truman State had eight hits in the contest to one for the Wildcats - Vidlak's double in the first inning.

Sophomore Hadley Chvatal (0-3) started the game and worked three innings in the loss, allowing four hits and four runs (all unearned) with three strikeouts. Sophomore

Sloan Cooksey pitched one inning of relief while senior Maddie Moser finished the game with the final two innings of work.

After Wayne State tied the score at 4-4 in the top of the seventh inning, Pittsburg State came back and handed the Wildcats a heart-breaking defeat by scoring in the bottom of the seventh without a hit as the Gorillas edged WSC 5-4.

Both teams scored three runs in the first inning. WSC started the scoring with five hits in the opening frame. Kortney Buresh led off with a single and scored on an Ashley Hernandez single up the middle.

Kamryn Sparks doubled to right field scoring Kim Vidlak (single) for a 2-0 Wildcat lead and Michaela Smith had an RBI double that brought home Sparks for the third run.

After the Gorillas tied the score with three runs in the bottom of the first, the score remained 3-3 until the bottom of the sixth inning when Pittsburg State plated one run for a 4-3 lead.

## COVID knocks men out of NSIC tourney

After winning in the opening round of the NSIC men's basketball tournament, the Wayne State men were knocked out when a player and two coaches tested positive for the COVID virus.

Wayne State used a 20-point, 14-rebound performance from junior forward Jordan Janssen to hold off St. Cloud State 73-70 Thursday evening in the NSIC Sanford Health Men's Basketball Tournament quarterfinals.

## WSC men finish sixth at NSIC Indoors

Wayne State College had three All-NSIC performers and placed sixth place with 35 points at the 2021 Northern Sun Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships held Thursday and Friday in Mankato, Minn.

Minnesota State edged Augustana by 1.5 points (201.5-200) for the men's team title with MSU Moorhead a distant third at 68 points. Northern State was fourth with 63.5 points followed by the University of Mary (49) and Wayne State sixth at 35 points. Rounding out the team scoring were Minot State (31.5), Concordia-St. Paul (30), Upper Iowa (28), Minnesota Duluth (17), Southwest Minnesota State (15.5) and Sioux Falls (2).

Noah Lilly, a junior from Creighton, placed in two events to lead the Wildcats with one All-NSIC finish. He placed third in the heptathlon with 4,621 points and added a sixth

place finish in the pole vault, clearing 14 feet, 0 1/4 inch. Senior thrower Cade Kalkowski earned All-NSIC honors for a third time in his Wildcat career in the weight throw, collecting a second place finish with a mark of 66-2 1/2.

The final All-NSIC finisher for the Wildcats was senior shot putter Ben Allen, who recorded a third-place finish with a mark of 52-3 3/4. Freshman Dylan Kneiff posted a fourth place finish in the high jump, clearing 6-6 3/4, while Cole Christoffersen added a fourth-place finish in the weight throw with a heave of 63-9 3/4, an NCAA provisional qualifying mark.

Rounding out scorers for the Wildcat men were senior Brock Hegarty taking eighth in the 1,000-meter run at 2:34.97 and Mikhail Sands scored an eighth-place finish in the long jump at 21-11 3/4.

Releiver Sloan Cooksey (0-1) suffered the hard luck loss for the Wildcats. Starter Maddie Moser

worked six innings and allowed six hits and four runs with two strikeouts and five walks.

Sophomore pitcher Hadley Chvatal fired a complete game and Wayne State scored the go-ahead run in the top of the seventh inning as the Wildcats salvaged the final game of a three-day tournament with a 3-2 win over Fort Hays State.

WSC opened the scoring in the top of the second inning with a two out rally as Jenna Etmans walked and later scored when Riley Holmberg reached base on a two out Fort Hays State error for a 1-0 lead.

Fort Hays State answered in the bottom of the second to knot the score at 1-1, but WSC regained the lead with a single run in the top of the fourth when Michaela Smith opened the frame with a single, the first of three straight Wildcat hits, and scored on a single by Madison Gomez for a 2-1 WSC advantage.

The Tigers knotted the score at 2-2 in the bottom of the fifth and Wayne State came up with the go-ahead run in the top of the seventh

for the eventual win.

Emily Hale singled and advanced to second on a Fort Hays State throwing error. With two outs, Hale scored when Kim Vidlak reached base on an infield single in front of home plate that gave the 'Cats a 3-2 lead.

Chvatal then retired the Tigers in order in the bottom of the seventh to cap the complete game win as Wayne State won the 3-2 contest.

WSC had one more hit than Fort Hays State 7-6. Gomez was 2 for 3 with an RBI to lead WSC. Kortney Buresh had the only extra base hit of the contest - a double. Vidlak, Smith, Etmans and Hale each singled.

Chvatal (1-3) earned the complete game win, giving up just two runs on six hits with four strikeouts and two walks.

Wayne State will compete again next weekend at the Emporia State Tournament in Kansas, playing six games in three days starting Friday at 3 p.m. against Illinois Spring-



(File Photo)

miss and a Nate Thayer 3-pointer to regain the lead at 19-16.

The Huskies stayed close throughout the half and was within one at 31-30 with two minutes to play, but WSC used a Jay Saunders trey followed by a pair of Ben Dentlinger free throws and a lay in by Millender to end the half giving the Wildcats a 38-32 lead at intermission.

The start of the second half saw St. Cloud State make seven of the their opening nine shots, using a 19-6 run to open the half, to take a 51-44 lead at the 13:29 mark.

WSC was still down 55-47 with 12:27 remaining when the 'Cats went on a 13-2 run, capped by 3-pointers from Millender and Zach LaFave, allowed the Wildcats to regain the lead at 60-57 with 7:55 to play.

SCSU battled back and forged ties at 60-60 and 62-62. After WSC took a pair of four-point leads, the Huskies made a 3-pointer to get within one at 68-67 with 2:46 left.

Freshman Jay Saunders drained a 3-pointer followed by a Millender basket to put the 'Cats back up six

at 73-67 with 1:23 to go.

The Huskies made 3 of 4 free throws to close within 73-70 with 36 seconds left.

Wayne State's Nate Mohr was fouled, but missed a pair of free throws with 26 seconds left to keep the score 73-70.

Following a Husky timeout with 19 seconds to play, WSC clamped down on SCSU defensively limiting the Huskies to a forced 3-point shot with one second left that fell short and the Wildcats held on for the 73-70 victory.

Janssen paced Wayne State with his 10th double-double of the season - 20 points and 14 rebounds. Millender also hit double figures for the 'Cats with 12 points and a season-high seven assists.

Wayne State held a 39-36 advantage in rebounding thanks to 14 boards from Janssen. The Wildcats had 21 assists on 28 baskets, led by Millender with seven assists and Nate Mohr five. Ben Dentlinger and Cody McCullough were each credited with three blocked shots.

## Norling named NSIC South Player of the Year

The Northern Sun Conference announced its postseason award winners and Wayne State was well-represented among the conference's best of the year.

In women's basketball, senior Erin Norling was voted South Division Player of the Year and was named First Team All-NSIC for a third straight season while fellow senior Halley Busse was a repeat Second Team selection.

Norling, a 5-foot-11 senior forward, led the Wildcats in scoring and rebounding for a second straight season, ranking fourth in the NSIC with 16.3 points per game and eighth in the league at 6.8 rebounds a contest. She was named NSIC South Division Player of the Week three times this season and scored double figures in 12 of 16 games with six games of more than 20 points and three double-doubles.

Norling scored a season-best 28 points at Northern State in an 81-73 win and scored 25 points in a 74-60 win over Southwest Minnesota State on February 12. She closed her Wildcat career ranked fourth in scoring with 1,597 points and scored double figures in 84 career games. Norling earned All-NSIC honors ev-

ery year at WSC, named to the All-Freshmen Team in 2018 followed by three straight First Team All-NSIC awards.

Last season, Norling became Wayne State's first-ever Academic All-American in women's basketball earning Second Team honors and was D2CCA All-Central Region Second Team.

Busse, a 5-foot-5 senior point guard, was a Second Team selection for a second straight year after averaging 14.2 points, 3.1 rebounds and 2.9 assists per game this season for the Wildcats. Busse ranked 11th in the NSIC in scoring and was fourth in free throw percentage at 89.6 percent going 69-77 at the charity stripe.

This season, Busse scored double figures in 11 of 16 games and recorded four games of 20 or more points. She scored a season-high 28 points in a 74-60 win over Southwest Minnesota State on February 12 and produced 23 points in a 84-79 win at Upper Iowa on January 22. Busse closed her Wildcat career ranked sixth in assists with 339 and is 21st in all-time scoring with 1,168 points.

## Four players, Kaminsky, earn NSIC honors

The Wayne State College men's basketball team saw four players and head coach Jeff Kaminsky receive post season honors as the Northern Sun Conference announced the 2020-21 NSIC Men's Basketball All-Conference Teams.

Junior forward Jordan Janssen was voted NSIC South Division Player of the Year and was a First Team South Division selection for a second straight season, freshman guard Justin Eagins was named South Division Freshman of the Year, junior guard Nate Mohr received Second Team accolades and freshman guard Alec Millender was voted South Division honorable mention while Jeff Kaminsky was announced as the NSIC South Division Coach of the Year.

Janssen, a 6-7 forward, led the Wildcats in scoring and rebounding this season producing 15.8 points (12th-NSIC) and 9.8 rebounds (2nd-NSIC) per contest. He scored double figures in 15 of 16 games and had nine double-doubles, which is tied for third in NCAA Division II this season. Janssen was named NSIC South Division Player of the Week three times this season for the Wildcats and also ranks tied for sixth in blocked shots per game (1.4), eighth in field goal percentage (.523) and tied for 11th in assists per game (3.3).

Eagins, a 6-3 redshirt freshman guard, was named South Division Freshman of the Year after averaging 9.4 points and 3.9 rebounds per game in 14 contests this season, re-recording seven games of 10 or more points. He was a steady scorer all season off the Wildcat bench, scoring a season-high 16 points in a 85-68 win over Minnesota State January 15th and had 13 points in back-to-back Wildcat wins at Southwest Minnesota State February 20-21. Eagins shot 43.9 percent (47-107) from the field, 38.8 percent from 3-point range (26-67) and 84.6 percent (11-13) at the free throw line.

Mohr, a 6-2 junior guard, earned Second Team South Division honors after recording 12.8 points and

2.3 assists per game. He led WSC in 3-point field goals this season with 36 and is tied for eighth in the NSIC averaging 2.3 per game. Mohr scored double figures in 13 of 16 games this season, highlighted by a career-best 22 points in an 85-68 win over Minnesota State January 15. He also produced 21 points in Sunday's NSIC South Division clinching 82-70 win at Augustana. For the season, Mohr shot 44.2 percent from the field (72-163), 45 percent from the 3-point line (36-80) and 92.6 percent (25-27) at the free throw line.

Millender, a 6-2 freshman, received South Division honorable mention averaging 10.5 points and 2.2 assists per game with nine games in double figures. He scored a season-best 21 points in a 84-78 win at Winona State January 30 and accounted for 19 points in a 60-57 loss at Augustana February 20. He handed out six assists each in wins at Southwest Minnesota State February 12 and at Augustana February 21. For the season, Millender shot 51.9 percent (56-108) from the floor, 47.6 percent (20-42) from the 3-point line and 90 percent (36-40) at the free throw line.

Kaminsky earned the NSIC South Division Coach of the Year honor after leading the team to a second NSIC South Division title in the last three years (shared in 2018-19 with Augustana and Minnesota State) after being picked to finish last in the South Division Preseason Coaches' poll entering this season. Under Kaminsky, the Wildcats improved on their win total in each of the first three seasons and led the NSIC this season in scoring defense (66.1) and field goal percentage defense (.404).

Wayne State is 10-6 overall and 10-4 in the NSIC South Division and will enter the NSIC Sanford Health Men's Basketball Tournament this week as the top seed from the South Division. The Wildcats meet St. Cloud State Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in the Sanford Pentagon.

## Wildcat women place 10th in meet

Junior Mckenzie Scheil posted a new school record and top throw in NCAA Div. II Saturday afternoon to win the weight throw at the NSIC Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships held in Mankato, Minn.

As a team, Wayne State finished 10th out of 15 teams with 22 points. Minnesota State captured the women's team title with 178 points followed by Augustana in second place at 155 points. University of Mary (105), Winona State (57) and Northern State (44) closed out the top five teams.

Bemidji State took sixth with 28 points followed closely by St. Cloud State (27), Concordia-St. Paul (26), Minnesota Duluth (25) and Wayne State 10th at 22 points. Rounding out the team scoring were MSU Moorhead (21), Sioux Falls (20), Minot State (14), Southwest Minnesota State (13) and Upper Iowa (6).

Scheil, a junior from Fairmont,

## Wolfpack season ends in subdistrict semis

The Tri County Northeast Wolfpack saw their season come to an end in the subdistrict semifinals, dropping a 68-40 decision to eventual state qualifier B-R/L-D.

Coach Christopher Blohm said the TCNE boys went down swinging against one of the best teams in the state.

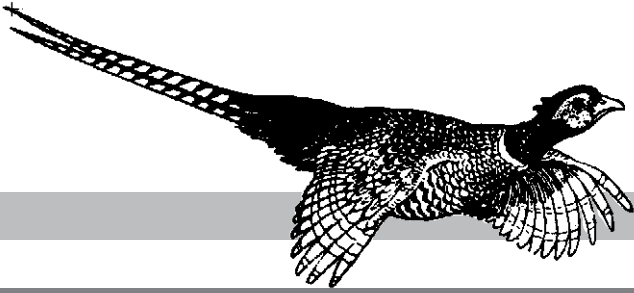
"We played one of the toughest teams in the state, but never gave up," he said. "They are a very good team with a lot of weapons. I couldn't be more proud of how we came together this year as a team. It is not easy being opponents playing each other the last game of the sea-

son in football, to being teammates two weeks later. This new family has created a lot of lifeline memories I hope they cherish for the rest of their lives. It was an opportunity I know I will never forget."

Nate Oswald paced the Wolfpack with 13 points, followed by Anthony Isom and Steven Sullivan with seven points each. Mason Hall scored four points while Brock Mackling, Kobe Kumm and Reed Hingst each had three points.

Oswald and Hall both had four rebounds in the loss. Kumm and Hingst each had two steals and Kumm had four assists.





## Remembering Andy Hoffman

I began by writing February in the heading for this; it's March! And the sun is shining, the forecast for today is for 50 degrees, and the snow is melting faster.

I received my second vaccination at PBA last week, and again, a bunch of volunteers, good organization, and the promise of the virus being curtailed, made it a good trip.

For some reason, I have never contributed to Team Jack, the foundation that raises money for pediatric brain cancer. I was certainly one of those thrilled with Jack's run at the Nebraska spring game, and I love Rex Burkhead, who became his friend and chief spokesman. I guess I figured it was raising enough money without me; indeed, I read today that sum is 8.5 million, which is a huge amount when you think it was started in Atkinson, Nebraska, with the sale of T shirts.



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

I finally read Andy's book a couple of weeks ago. As my son-in-law

says, I devour books. They are the one thing that has helped me stay sane in all the activities of the last six months. As I told him, I've never had completely uninterrupted time to read before. As a result, I've spent way too much time in my easy chair, and now, need to get my "sea legs" back. With this weather, I'll be able to walk outside.

Andy's book, *Yards After Contact*, tells the story of Jack's journey, beginning with a seizure at home, to the Atkinson hospital, where they struggled to intubate (get a breathing tube down the throat, very difficult on a child), and a foggy trip to Children's Hospital in Omaha. Here, they were just plain mistreated, and as a nurse and a mother and a Nebraskan who takes pride in the medical facilities we have, I was upset.

They finally found a place where

pediatric brain cancers can be sufficiently treated, and Jack has had two surgeries and taken a lot of chemo. He is in high school now, and played football.

As you know, his dad, Andy, who wrote the book and fought so hard, died yesterday of a brain tumor; the irony of that is disappointing, to say the least. There have been many kind words written about him, some in today's World Herald by Tom Shatel. He emphasized what Andy was all about: Love, Family, Faith, and Courage.

I receive a daily message accompanied by a photo from a pastor whom I think is in Arizona, I don't really know. Today's is from Galatians, "Let us not be weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap the harvest if we do not give up".

## Will record cold temperatures bring bigger calf birth weights?

By Aaron Berger,  
Nebraska Extension Beef Educator

The relationship between average daily air temperatures during the last trimester a cow is pregnant and calf birthweights has been documented in research done by the University of Nebraska from 1992-1998 (*Climate Affects Calf Birth Weights and Calving Difficulty* found at [go.unl.edu/climate\\_calf\\_birth\\_weights](http://go.unl.edu/climate_calf_birth_weights)).

Over six years, 285 two-year-old cows and their subsequent calf birth weights and calving difficulty were recorded. This data was then compared with year-to-year variation in average temperatures in the months leading up to calving. The heifers were genetically similar and artificially inseminated to the same Angus sire each year. The bred heifers were managed nutritionally the same each year being grazed on native range pasture in the fall and fed brome grass hay free choice with alfalfa hay being provided at



3-4 pounds per head per day as a protein supplement leading up to calving.

Pre-calving cow weights and body condition scores were similar across the six years. The calving season began in mid-February and ended at the first of April. Calving data collected included calf birth weight, birth date, calf sex and a calving difficulty score of 1 to 5 with 1 = no assistance, 3 = mechanical pull and 5 = caesarean.

Weather data was collected and analyzed for December, January and February which were the months right prior to and at the

start of the calving season. This time period is when the bred heifers were in their last trimester of pregnancy and also when the majority of fetal calf growth occurs. The winter of 1992-93 was the coldest for this six-year period with an average daily temperature for December-January of 20°F, which was 11°F colder than the warmest winter of 1994-1995 at 31°F.

Average calf birthweight after the 1992-93 time periods was 77.6 lbs. with 58% of the heifers requiring assistance. The average calf birthweight after the 1994-95 time period was 66.4 lbs. with 29% of the heifers requiring assistance. Interestingly, across all six years when averaging temperatures and birthweights, for each 1 degree it was colder in average temperatures for the three-month period leading up to calving, there was a 1 lb. increase in average calf birth weight.

For producers, there are many factors that impact calf birth weight including cow age, weight,

body condition, nutrition, genetics, gestation length and calf sex. Environmental factors such as average daily temperature, is just one factor that contributes to calf birth weight.

As we look back at the months of December and January in Nebraska, according to the Nebraska State Climate Office for the state as a whole, December was 5.3°F warmer than the long-term average and January was 4.2°F warmer. The month of February had periods of record low temperatures for much of Nebraska. How this period of cold weather, which followed two months of above normal temperatures, may impact birthweights of calves as we move on into March and April, remains to be seen.

For more information on the research project cited in this article, please see the 1999 Nebraska Beef Report article (link above), "Climate Affects Calf Birth Weights and Calving Difficulty".

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## Private pesticide applicator training scheduled

Private pesticide applicators whose licenses expired in 2020 and will expire in 2021 and those seeking first-time certification can find information on Pesticide Safety Education Programs at their local University of Nebraska Extension offices.

Licensing as a private applicator allows farmers to purchase and apply pesticides classified as restricted use by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in their own or employer's farming operations.

Extension provides the educational program, while Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) is responsible for administering, inspecting and licensing. An applicator may certify by completing an on-line training or a live zoom training for a fee of \$50. A hard copy home self-study for a fee of \$75 and testing only are the other options. The testing only option requires that the applicator make arrangement with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture and travel to Lincoln for a proctored test.

In 2001, the Nebraska Legislature created a state pesticide license fee of \$25.00 for private applicators. The license is valid for a period of three years.

To meet state and local guidelines regarding COVID-19, pre-registration for meetings will be required this year. Space is limited to assure that we are able to maintain 6 feet of social distancing during the training. Facial coverings will be required for you to attend. To pre-register for a training, please visit <https://go.unl.edu/inpesticidetraining> to register yourself or contact your local extension office.

For additional sites contact the Nebraska Extension Office in Wayne County at (402) 375-3310 or check online at <http://pested.unl.edu> where you will find the Private Training Schedule.



(Contributed Photo) Officers for 2021 include, (seated) Chairman Mark Hall of Norfolk, and Vice-Chairman Roger Gustafson of Emerson. (back) Treasurer Dennis Schultz of Wisner, NARD Delegate Joel Hansen of Wayne, NARD Alternate - Scott McHenry or Norfolk. Not pictured, Secretary Jerry Allemann of Wayne.

## Managing groundwater with local control and local solutions is key

There is a serious issue plaguing northeast Nebraska. The problem is nitrates in our groundwater. What can we do to rectify it?

The Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District (LENRD) works with the citizens across their 15-county district to effectively conserve, develop, and manage natural resources with local control and local solutions. One of their 12 responsibilities is the development, management, utilization, and conservation of groundwater.

The locally-led board of directors work continually to address the public's concerns about the contamination of our groundwater. The NRDs were created along watershed boundaries to allow the public to work with the local boards to better address these issues. How much do we value our local control? Are we willing to work together to provide solutions to this problem? These are questions we must ask ourselves as we meet these challenges head on.

With 70% of Nebraskans relying on groundwater for their drinking water, sharing and sustaining the resource for future generations is paramount. The elevated levels of nitrates in our groundwater are spurring increased awareness and concern for the health of our citizens.

According to a recent study, birth defects, on a national scale, occur in 3.3 percent of all live births. Nebraska exceeds the national average with 5.8 percent. In Dodge and Pierce Counties, however, the rate of birth defects is reaching as high as 14 percent. The counties with higher birth defects also have a greater prevalence of agricultural chemicals in the water, according to the study.

Health researchers are also gaining additional insight on the potential link between nitrate contamination in drinking water and

Nebraska's high rate of pediatric cancer. The high concentration of agricultural chemicals in drinking water have also been linked to additional adverse health risks, such as: colorectal cancer, thyroid cancer, stomach and kidney cancer, ovarian cancer, Alzheimer's, Diabetes, and Parkinson's Disease.

During their February meeting, the LENRD board continued to discuss the proposed Phase 2 Groundwater Management Area in Cumming, Colfax, and Dodge Counties, due to the rising levels of nitrates.

Nitrate is found naturally in the environment; however, evidence shows that excess nitrate comes primarily from the use of commercial fertilizers (both organic and manufactured). Nitrate dissolves readily in water and can easily transport beyond the root zone if unused by a growing crop to contaminate groundwater.

LENRD General Manager Mike Sousek said, "If you have ideas to help us slow down this train, please give us a call. This is about protecting our health and the health of our children and grandchildren. This is your water. The water that you drink. We are here to help you protect it."

He added, "By working together at the local level, we can make changes today to protect the resources for tomorrow. It's a matter of keeping our local control and moving in a direction that benefits everyone involved. No one wants the state or federal government to start making these local decisions for us."

An Open House Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, March 25 in West Point at the Nielsen Center. This hearing will give the public a chance to stop by from 5 - 7 p.m. to learn more about the rising nitrate levels in the tri-county area. Groundwater users are en-

couraged to attend this public hearing to share their ideas about the proposed regulations for the Phase 2 Area and get their questions answered by the LENRD board and staff.

In other action the board instructed staff to advertise the construction bid documents for the Phase 1 - Willow Creek Dam Pore Pressure Mitigation Project, and to hold the bid opening on March 22.

The board also made a motion to advertise the request for proposals to develop a Floodplain Management Plan for the Willow Creek Dam, which is a requirement of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's grant process.

The board authorized the general manager to sign a Cooperative Agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to renew the long-standing commitment between the LENRD and NRCS to protect and conserve our natural resources.

The board ended their February meeting with the election of officers. The officers for 2021 are: Chairman - Mark Hall, Norfolk; Vice-Chairman - Roger Gustafson, Emerson; Secretary - Jerry Allemann, Wayne; Treasurer - Dennis Schultz, Wisner; Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) Delegate - Joel Hansen, Wayne; and NARD Alternate - Scott McHenry, Norfolk.

Their next board meeting will be held Thursday, March 25 in West Point at the Nielsen Center. The meeting will be held immediately following the Open House Public Hearing on the proposed groundwater regulations.

More information and maps of the Phase 2 Area can be found on the LENRD's website or by contacting the LENRD office in Norfolk - <http://www.lenrd.org/groundwater-management>

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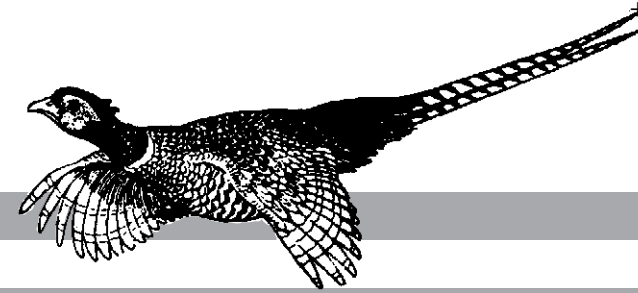
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# Lifestyle

The Wayne Herald



## The 5 C's of Positive Youth Development explained

Positive youth development is a purposeful, pro-social approach to youth development that focuses on engaging youth in their communities, schools, organizations, peer groups and families by recognizing and utilizing youths' strengths.

It supports positive outcomes for young people by offering opportunities, encouraging positive relationships with peers and adults and providing the supports needed to build on their strengths. Youth who are engaged in positive youth de-

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velopment programs like 4-H will develop confidence, competence, compassion/caring, connection, and character, also known as the 5 C's of positive youth development.

As an adult with a young person in your life you play an important role in helping them develop the 5 C's. Here are some ways you can encourage positive youth development:

- Encourage youth input - When youth feel they are being heard and taken seriously they are more likely to engage in programs and reap the benefits of that program. You can encourage youth to have a voice by listening, responding positively.
- Provide guidelines and structure - Structure and guidelines allow youth the freedom to complete

tasks in their own way while still allowing for adult guidance. As you monitor activities and provide help when needed ask purposeful questions to encourage youth to think about practical issues and to think critically about the projects they are working on.

• Empower youth - To empower youth provide an inviting environment where youth are encouraged to take on new leadership roles, express their ideas, and feel support through success and failures. Give youth a chance to share their skills and recognize and praise their work. These environments will inspire youth to reach their full potential.

• Be intentional - To promote and support positive youth development, you must be intentional in your work with youth. Encourage a mutually caring and respectful relationship with youth. Empowering youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

The 5 C's of positive youth development are very easy to incorporate into your daily interactions with youth. For more information about the 5 c's of positive youth development contact your local Nebraska Extension Office.

## Briefly Speaking

### Winside Legion auxiliary to meet

AREA — Roy Reed Unit 252, American Legion Auxiliary of Winside will meet on Saturday, March 6 at 10:15 a.m. at the Winside Legion Hall.

Topics to be covered include Cornhusker Girls State, scholarships, District Convention, District fundraiser, Memorial Day dinner, Poppy Poster contest, poppy wreaths and more.

Anyone with questions is asked to contact Laura at (402) 369-0019 or Beverly at (402) 369-0152.

## School Lunches

### ALLEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (March 8 — 12)

**Monday:** Breakfast — Apple turnover. Lunch — Crispito, cheese sauce, vegetable, fruit, tea roll.

**Tuesday:** Breakfast — French toast. Lunch — Hot ham & cheese,



co, Romaine lettuce, refried beans, 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 potato, cauliflower, apple-sauce.

**Friday:** No School. Chef salad is optional for K-12. Milk served with every meal. Menus subject to change.

### WINSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS (March 8 — 12)

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

**Tuesday:** Breakfast — Muffin. Lunch — Meatballs, cheesy bread, vegetable, fruit.

**Wednesday:** Breakfast — Omelet. Lunch — Sub sandwich, carrots, fruit.

**Thursday:** Breakfast — Cereal. Lunch — Spaghetti, vegetable, fruit, garlic bread.

**Friday:** Breakfast — French toast. Lunch — Fish sandwich, vegetable, fruit.

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

carrots, vegetables, fruit.

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

**Thursday:** Breakfast — French toast. Lunch — Pork patty, chips, 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 (March 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 (March 8 — 12)

**Monday:** Breakfast — Pretzels, cheese sauce, applesauce. Lunch — Pizza, mixed vegetables, peaches

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

**Wednesday:** Breakfast — Breakfast tornadoes, oranges. Lunch — KFC casserole, dinner roll, strawberries.

**Thursday:** Breakfast — Cinnamon buns, pears. Lunch — Oriental chicken, egg roll, pineapple.

**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 (March 8 — 12)

**Monday:** Breakfast — French toast sticks. Lunch — Walking ta-

## Influenza rare this season

By Andrew Ellsworth, M.D.

Do you know anyone who had influenza this past year? Chances are you do not. Sure, plenty of people had the "stomach flu" with vomiting and diarrhea, otherwise known as gastroenteritis. Some people had colds and others had COVID-19. But cases of influenza this season have been exceptionally low.

Starting a year ago, when someone came to my clinic with symptoms of influenza, including fevers, chills, muscle aches, or respiratory symptoms, we tested for both COVID-19 and for influenza. At first, every COVID-19 test was negative while many influenza tests were positive. However, with social distancing, mask wearing, washing hands, and people staying home when they were sick, influenza cases plummeted faster than I have ever seen. And this phenomenon was not isolated to my clinic.

According to the CDC, data shows influenza virus circulation in the United States declined sharply within two weeks of the COVID-19 emergency declaration and widespread implementation of community mitigation measures, including school closures, social distancing, and mask wearing, although the exact timing varied by location.

Final totals for the current 2020-2021 season will not be available for a few months. However, we know that influenza virus activity throughout the United States has largely remained rare or sporadic for this entire influenza season, despite even more testing than previous years. For example, by early February, the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, had run ten times more influenza tests this season than last season, and they were all negative.

Over the last decade, influenza claimed tens of thousands of deaths annually in the United States. The worst season was 2017-2018 when 61,000 people died, and the fewest deaths occurred in 2011-2012 when 12,000 people died. During this past



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By Andrew Ellsworth, MD

year, COVID-19 claimed the lives of more than 500,000 people in our country. COVID-19 still managed to thrive even while influenza withered. The biggest reason is because COVID-19 is more contagious than influenza. Vaccinations and past immunity to influenza also help reduce its occurrence.

We cannot stress how important and helpful everyone's efforts over this last year have been toward keeping the numbers of COVID-19 down as much as we could to "flatten the curve" and trying to avoid a catastrophe with everyone getting sick at once. We are not out of the woods yet, but we are getting closer. As far as influenza goes, washing our hands, staying home when sick, social distancing, and wearing masks have drastically helped minimize the spread.

Andrew Ellsworth, M.D. is part of The Prairie Doc® team of physicians and currently practices family medicine in Brookings, South Dakota. For free and easy access to the entire Prairie Doc® library, visit [www.prairiedoc.org](http://www.prairiedoc.org) and follow Prairie Doc® on Facebook featuring On Call with the Prairie Doc® a medical Q&A show streamed most Thursdays at 7 p.m. central.

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## Parent Information Night for the 2021-2022 Kindergarten Monday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kindergarten classroom.

This meeting is for parents only. Parents will be going over paperwork, medical information, Kindergarten curriculum, classroom management, and other information to help children transition successfully into Kindergarten.

## Winside Public School Kindergarten Roundup

Friday, April 30 from 8:30-11:45 in the Kindergarten classroom for the boys and girls.

This is the time the children will spend with the Kindergarten teacher getting familiar with the teacher and their environment.

Please contact Crystal Magwire at the school office, 402-2868-4465 if your child is not currently attending our preschool program and you plan to enroll your child in Kindergarten at Winside next August so your child can be placed on the list.



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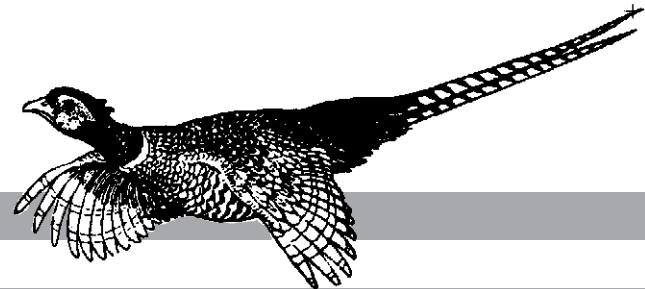
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(402) 375-4946  
website: www.cbefc.org  
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(James Seal, pastor)

**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.fpcwayne.org

(Rev. Teresa Bartlett, pastor)  
**Sunday:** Worship 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:** Lent Service via Zoom only (please email fpcwayne@gmail.com for a Zoom link invite).

**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. **Wednesday:** Lenten Worship at First Trinity of Altona, 7:30 p.m.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST**  
6th & Main St.  
Pastor Nick Baker,  
(402) 375-2231  
**Sunday:** Third Sunday of Lent. Worship with Communion, 9 a.m.; Service broadcast via YouTube, Facebook Live and American Broadband Channel 6; Children's Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Adult Sunday School on Zoom, 10:15 a.m.; Drive Thru Communion in American parking lot, 2 to 2:30 p.m. **Monday:** Lenten Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. **Tuesday:** Lenten Bible Study, 7 p.m. **Wednesday:** WACAM meeting, 10:30 a.m.; Lunch and Learn Bible Study on Facebook Live, noon;

Girl Scouts Meeting, 3:30 p.m.; 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  
(402) 375-1905  
(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. Online worship opportunities also available. **Monday:** Choir, 6:15 p.m.; Mission Council, 7:30 p.m. **Wednesday:** Bible Study, 9 a.m.; Ladies Aid, 2 p.m.; Bell Choir, 5 p.m.; Lenten Worship, 6:15 p.m.; Midweek, 7 p.m. **Thursday:** Sunday School meeting, 6:30 p.m. **Saturday:** L.I.F.T., 8:30 a.m.; 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.; Sunday Night Dinner, 7:30 p.m.

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**JOURNEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
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**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.

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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  
**Thursday:** Mass, 8 p.m.; Newman Council meeting, 6 p.m.; Adoration, 7 p.m.; Wayne State college Community Night, 8:30 p.m. **Friday:** Mass, 8:15 a.m.; Stations of the Cross, 5:30 p.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; First Reconciliation, 1 p.m. **Monday:** Mass, 5:15 p.m.; Santa Maria Prayer Group, 6 p.m.; RCIA, Holy Family Hall, 6:45 p.m. **Tuesday:** Mass, 5:15 p.m.; St. Mary's Board of Education, 6 p.m. **Wednesday:** WACAM meeting, 10:30 a.m.; Mass, 5:15 p.m. **Thursday:** Men's Bible Study Group, 5:45 a.m.; Mass, 8 a.m.; No Adoration; No Mass at 8 p.m. **Friday:** Mass, 8:15 a.m.; Stations of the Cross, 5:30 p.m. **Saturday:** Confession, 5 p.m.; Mass, 6 p.m.

### Allen

**FIRST LUTHERAN**  
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502 S. Highway 9, Allen  
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**Sunday:** Worship at First Lutheran Church, 8:30 a.m. Follow the service on Facebook; **Wednesday:** Lenten Service at First Lutheran Church, 7 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. **Wednesday:** Lenten Service at St. Paul's in Winside, 7:30 p.m.

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
202 Ericson Street, Carroll  
(Pastor Nick Baker)  
**Friday:** Drive through Fish Fry at the church from 5 to 7:30 p.m. **Sunday:** Third Sunday of Lent. Children's Sunday School, 10 a.m.; In-person Worship with Communion, 11 a.m.; The service will be broadcast on Zoom and Facebook Live, 11 a.m.; Drive Thru Communion in the church parking lot, 12:30 to 1 p.m. **Friday:** Drive through Fish Fry at the church from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

### Concord

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN**  
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616 Iowa Street, Concord  
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**Sunday:** Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:15 a.m. **Wednesday:** Lenten Service at First Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN**  
East of town  
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**Sunday:** Worship service, 8 a.m.

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### 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. **Thursday:** Mass at St. Mary's in Laurel, 8 a.m. **Friday:** Mass at St. Mary's in Laurel, 8 a.m.; Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's in Laurel, 6:30 p.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

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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  
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**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, following worship. **Wednesday:** Lenten meal, 5:30 p.m.; Lenten Service, 6:15 p.m. **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. **Wednesday:** Lenten Service, 7:30 p.m.

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

**UNITED METHODIST**  
207 Jones Street  
(Neil and Bridget Gately, Pastors)  
**Sunday:** Worship service on-site, 9 a.m.; Live Stream of Worship on Facebook, 10:55 a.m. **Thursday:** Bible Study, 10 a.m.

## Wanted ... Church news

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In addition, we have seen one natural disaster after another: earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, landslides, drought, and a derecho.

Sadly, in addition to foreign terrorists, we now need to be concerned about domestic terrorism. We face dangers from without and dangers from within. In what then, shall we base our security? Peace? Our nation's laws? Our justice system? Our ability to own guns? The military might of our U.S. Government? For many Americans, the answers will be quite different.

In times of trial, I have learned to place my trust in God. When I have been too weak to endure all that was happening to me, God strengthened me. When I have been saddened beyond measure, God has comforted me. When I have been filled with fears, God has calmed my fears, and granted me courage and peace.

Psalm 118 reads:  
"O Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

His steadfast love endures forever!...

Out of my distress I called on the Lord;

the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.

*A Word In Faith*



**By Deb Valentine**  
Associate Pastor, Our Savior Lutheran Church  
PMA, St. Peter's Lutheran Church Pilger

With the Lord on my side I do not fear.

What can mortals do to me?  
The Lord is on my side to help me; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in mortals.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes...

The Lord is my strength and my might, he has become my salvation.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it." (vss. 1, 5-9, 14, 21-24)

The Psalms are a wonderful source of comfort and strength. Whatever our difficulties, we can find comfort in the Psalms as we

read about how God helped the Psalmist through a similar difficulty. The book of Psalms contains many psalms of praise and thanksgiving. But nearly one third are psalms of lament – which express anger, sadness, hatred, and fear. Most of them end with an expression of thanksgiving and trust that God will answer the psalmist's petition.

The Psalms provide, I believe, a wonderful model for us to follow. First, they show us that it is okay to express the fullness of our emotions. We are able to offer our deepest, heartfelt emotions to God, whether anger, grief, loneliness, or despair. Secondly, we are able then, to let go, to place the situation in God's hands, and to trust that God will act. Thirdly, we are called to offer thanks to God, as if the petition has already been answered. This reveals our trust that God will hear and answer our prayers.

In 2006, nearly a year after Hurricane Katrina, I went on a mission trip to New Orleans, with members of the church I was serving.

We had the opportunity to tour the damage. Some of us went to Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, on the Gulf Coast where the water rose 30-40 feet during the hurricane. We saw a glimpse of the devastation that existed all across the Mississippi Gulf. The Interstate 90 Bridge across Bay St. Louis was wiped out by the storm. We saw many cement slabs and pilings, the remnants of where homes had been.

One of the most touching things that I experienced was there at Bay Saint Louis. I walked up a hill by myself to take pictures of a home that had been heavily damaged by the hurricane, yet the only one that was still standing. Across the road there was another empty cement slab and pilings. On one of the pilings were written the words, "All is well...Thank God and State Farm." Sitting on the cement, next to the piling, was a small iron cross. It spoke to me of the power of faith to transform our lives, even in the midst of devastation, pain, and loss.

God is our sure foundation. To place our security in any other institution is to put ourselves at risk. As Christians, we know that this life is not all there is. In times of struggle, difficulty and pain, we know that God is able to bring good out of evil, joy out of sorrow, hope out of despair, and life out of death. May we all be able to place our security, our trust in God, the sure foundation.

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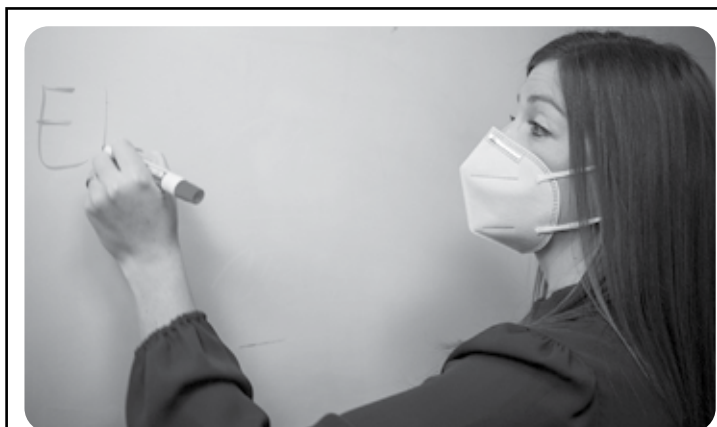
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## She Devils take runner-up at state competition

The Wayne She Devils Dance Team finished as State Runner Up in the Class C1 High Kick Category during NCA 2021 Nebraska State Dance Competition. The event was held Feb. 17 in Grand Island.

Team members include Rochelle Ping, Paige Milliken, Kiara Doring, Candace Heggemeyer, Kiara Haase, Leah Perry, Sydney Redden, Jaydyn Jorgensen, Reagan Backer, Taytum Sweetland and Hope

O'Reilly.

The team is coached by Halley Carroll and Courtney Marksmeier.

The She Devils are affiliated with the high school but completely self-funded. The parents pay for the coaches' stipends and the rest of the money needed to support the group is earned through fundraising.

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**THANK YOU**  
 The family of Vona Sharer would like to thank all those who helped with Mom's visitation, prayer vigil and funeral and for the many cards, phone calls, memorial gifts and kindnesses shown to our family.  
 We would like to especially thank the staff at Wayne Countryview Estates, Dr. Melissa Dobbins and the staff of Providence Medical Center Hospice and especially Terri Munter who cared for Mom so lovingly.  
 We are most grateful for the participation of Father Jeff Mollner, Father Mark Beran and Deacon Gary French, pallbearers Pat and Bill Melena, Don Hypse, Nic Sieler, Ken Kwapnioski, Leo Ahmann, lector Victoria French and musicians Terri Hypse, Karen Kwapnioski and Joan Smith for their contributions to Mom's services. A special thank you to Scott and the staff of Hasemann Funeral Home for their very caring and thoughtful work on behalf of our family.  
 We are so blessed to be her family and we continue to be blessed by your presence in our lives. God bless you all.  
*Tim & BethAnn Sharer, Jane & Gary Karns, Mike Sharer, Deena & Mark Creamer*

Celebrating my 80th birthday has been terrific! I received more than 100 cards. Thank you to all who remembered me.  
 Pat Gross

The FAMILY OF EVA GLASS would like to thank everyone for all the lovely cards, flowers, and acts of kindness shown her on her 95th birthday. You truly helped to brighten her day and put a big smile on her face.

Thank you for the cards, memorials, text messages, phone calls and expressions of sympathy after the loss of our sister and aunt, Norma Janssen. Thanks for the memories shared.  
 God's Blessings,  
 LeRoy & Marilyn Heier & family  
 Lorraine & Russ Prince & family

A heartfelt thank you to Meals on Wheels, Home Health, front door delivery for the newspapers and mail, Caring Cooks, and my neighbors and friends for the many kindnesses extended to me. It was all helpful and greatly appreciated.  
 Nancy Jo Powers

**THANK YOU LAUREL!!**  
 Thank you to everyone that welcomed me to Laurel and made me feel like a part of the community. Thank you for your kindness and support during my time as Hillcrest Care Center & Assisted Living Administrator. I appreciate the last 32 months working for you. Even though I resigned my position as administrator, I will never forget what we accomplished and all the people who helped along the way. I am grateful for your trust in me and your kindness.  
 God Bless You,  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the Courtroom of the Wayne County Courthouse in Wayne, Nebraska. Agenda for such meeting is kept continuously current and is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk in the Wayne County Courthouse.  
**Debra Finn, County Clerk**  
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**NOTICE OF MEETING CITY OF WAYNE, NEBRASKA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the City Council of the City of Wayne, Nebraska, will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, in the Community Room of the Wayne Community Activity Center, 901 W. 7th Street, Wayne, Nebraska, which meeting will be open to the public.  
 The Mayor and City Council reserve the right to adjourn into closed session as per Section 84-1410 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.  
 An agenda for such meeting, kept continually current, is available at the office of the City Clerk, 306 Pearl Street, Wayne, Nebraska, during normal business hours.  
 Pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-36, this meeting will also be available to members of the public via teleconference. Information to participate in the meeting via teleconference can be found on the meeting agenda, which can be accessed at: <https://cityofwayne.org/archive.aspx> after 4:30 p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding the City Council Meeting.  
 Individuals requiring physical or sensory accommodations, who desire to attend or participate, please contact the City Clerk's office at (402) 375-1733 no later than 4:30 p.m. on the Friday preceding the meeting.  
**Betty McGuire, City Clerk**  
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**NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of the Winside School District, a/k/a School District 95R, in the county of Wayne, in the State of Nebraska, be held at 5:30PM or as soon thereafter as the same may be held on Monday, March 8, 2021 in the multi-purpose room. An agenda for such meeting, kept continually current, is available for public inspection at the office of the superintendent.  
**BY: THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WINSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT, a/k/a SCHOOL DISTRICT 95R, IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA**  
 (Publ. March 4, 2021) ZNEZ

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Wayne Community Schools Board of Education will meet in Regular Session at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 8, 2021, at the Wayne Jr/Sr High School Room 202, located at 611 West 7th Street, Wayne, Nebraska. An Agenda of said meeting, kept continually current, may be inspected at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools. The Agenda for the Monday, March 8, 2021 meeting will be published on Friday, March 5, 2021. The Agenda can be found at: [www.wayneschools.org](http://www.wayneschools.org).  
 For information on communications from the public, see the Wayne Community Schools Board of Education Policy 8346, posted on the school website [www.wayneschools.org](http://www.wayneschools.org).  
**Deb Daum, Board Secretary**  
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**Legal Notices**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Wayne County Clerk until March 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., for the purchase of (1) portable communications tower on trailer, with no trade-in.  
 Copies of the Bid Document and Specifications are open to public inspection at the office of the Wayne County Clerk, County Courthouse, 510 Pearl St., Suite 5, Wayne, Nebraska 68787.  
 The sealed bids may be mailed or delivered to the County Clerk of Wayne County, 510 Pearl St., Suite 5, Wayne, Nebraska 68787 and should be plainly marked as, "Portable Communications Tower on Trailer Sealed Bid".  
 Each bidder is to include an estimated delivery date with its Sealed Bid. Delivery and Invoice for this purchase must occur prior to June 9, 2021.  
 The Wayne County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any irregularities in bids received. Award of the bid will be in accordance with the County Purchasing Act's competitive bidding considerations as set forth in Neb.Rev.Stat. §§ 23-3110 to 23-3114. Wayne County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.  
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**NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF ARNESON FARMS, LLC**

Notice is hereby given that a Nebraska limited liability company has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, as follows:  
 1. The name of the limited liability company is Arneson Farms, LLC (the "Company").  
 2. The street and mailing address of the initial designated office of the Company is 518 Lincoln St., Wayne, NE 68787.  
 3. The street and mailing address of the Company's registered office in Nebraska is 1419 Dakota Ave., P.O. Box 215, South Sioux City, Nebraska 68776, and the name of the Company's registered agent at that office is John C. Ehrich.  
 4. The company was organized and commenced on February 17, 2021, and its duration is perpetual.  
**Arneson Farms, LLC**  
**By: /s/ Marion A. Arneson, Organizer**  
**John C. Ehrich (Bar # 24140)**  
**Ehrich Law Office**  
**1419 Dakota Ave.**  
**South Sioux City, NE 68776**  
**Phone: (402) 412-2080**  
**jehrich@ehrichlawoffice.com**  
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**NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION**

1. The Name of the limited liability company is C & D Mann Farms, LLC  
 2. The address of the designated office of the company is 603 Patterson Circle, Winside, NE 68790  
 3. The name and address of the designated Registered Agent is: Ryan D. Cwach, Attorney, Birmingham & Cwach Law Offices, PLLC, 101 N. Washington St., PO Box 10, Bloomfield, NE 68718  
 4. The purpose for which the company is organized is to engage in any lawful act or activities for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.  
 5. The company commenced its existence on February 5, 2021 and the period of duration is perpetual.  
**Ryan D. Cwach**  
**Attorney at Law**  
**101 N. Washington St.**  
**PO Box 10**  
**Bloomfield NE 68718-0010**  
**Phone: 402-373-4747**  
**Fax: 402-373-4405**

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**NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF JMS CONSTRUCTION, LLC**

**A Nebraska Limited Liability Company**  
 Notice is hereby given that, JMS Construction, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its designated office address at 58434 850th Road, Wakefield, NE 68784, and registered agent address located at 58434 850th Road, Wakefield, NE 68784. The designated agent is Jason Stewart. The general nature of its business is to conduct any and all lawful business for which a company may be organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska. The company was organized and commenced on February 16, 2021. The affairs of the company are to be conducted by its manager/member, until such time as his successor or successors are selected pursuant to the Operating Agreement.  
**Amy K. Miller, Organizer**  
**Miller Law**  
**208 Main Street**  
**P.O. Box 33**  
**Wayne, NE 68787**  
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**NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF WAYNE COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

**ESTATE OF EARLYNE R. MURRAY, Deceased.**  
 Estate No. PR 20-40  
 Notice is hereby given that a final account and report of administration and a Petition for Complete settlement, Probate of Will, Determination of Heirs, and Determination of Inheritance Tax have been filed and are set for hearing in the County Court of Wayne County, Nebraska, located at 510 N Pearl Street, Wayne, Nebraska, on March 15, 2021, at or after 11:30 am.  
**Tamie Thomas**  
**Personal Representative/Petitioner**  
**PO Box 343**  
**Marathon, IA 50565**  
**Phone # 712-358-3367**  
**Michael E. Pieper, No. 18147**  
**Attorney at Law**  
**218 Main Street, P.O. Box 427**  
**Wayne, NE 68787**  
**(402) 375-3585**  
**waynelaw@abbnebraska.com**  
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**WAYNE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PROCEEDINGS**

**January 26, 2021**  
 The Wayne Community Redevelopment Authority was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on January 26, 2021. In attendance: Chair Brodersen; Members Meyer, Lenihan, Giese, Sievers and Powicki; City Administrator Blecke; City Attorney Miller; and City Clerk McGuire. Absent: Member Placek.  
 The CRA reviewed the tax increment financing application of Wayne Rentals, LLC (Tom Jacobsen) for completeness and to make a determination as to whether or not the project is not financially feasible without tax increment financing.  
 Administrator Blecke updated the CRA on the property located at 2nd and Logan/ Nebraska Streets.  
 Discussion took place on other potential properties of interest. Discussion also took place in regard to requesting a line of credit for property purchases/opportunities from the City. This would be brought forward at a future meeting for formal action.  
**APPROVED:**  
 Minutes of the December 15, 2020, meeting.  
 The following claims:  
 City of Wayne  
 Attorney Fees \$800.00  
 Ads & Notices 73.30  
 Filing Fees 20.00  
 Kepeco, LLC (Nameplates) \$26.80  
 Wayne County Treasurer  
 Property Taxes (Industrial Park/Armory/ Fairground Ave) \$653.54  
 Property Taxes (Western Ridge) \$1,617.70  
 Request of Matthew and Jenna Samuelson for the Wayne Community Redevelopment Authority to subordinate its lien on their down payment assistance loan - 805 Neihardt Ave.  
 CRA Res. 2021-1 approving an amendment to a redevelopment plan; an amendment to a redevelopment contract; and an amendment to a resolution providing for the issuance of a tax increment development revenue bond.  
 To forward the Tax Increment Financing Application of Wayne Rentals, LLC (Tom Jacobsen) to the City's tax increment financing attorney for preparation of a redevelopment plan, cost benefit analysis and redevelopment contract.  
 Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.  
**The Wayne Community Redevelopment Authority**  
**By: Chair**

**ATTEST:**

**City Clerk**  
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**Deadline for all legal notices to be published by The Wayne Herald is Mondays at 5 pm**

**BOARD MEETING NOTICE**  
 The Educational Service Unit #1 Board of Directors will convene in a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9th, 2021.  
 The link to attend this public meeting is: <https://zoom.us/j/9403556471>, or the public may attend in person at ESU #1. The agenda for this meeting, which shall be kept continually 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](http://www.esu1.org)).