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## COVID-19 U.K. variant present in Health District

Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department (NNPHD) was notified by the Nebraska Department of Health that the U.K. B.1.1.7. COVID-19 Variant has been identified as having infected someone living in the NNPHD Health District.

The U.K. Variant has proven to be more infectious (spreads faster) and research has just identified that it also causes more severe illness than the original COVID-19 virus. The U.K. and 27 other countries in Europe are currently experiencing a surge in cases due to the B.1.1.7. variant and as more people become ill with this new variant, there will likely be more severe cases and subsequently more hospitalizations and deaths.

The presence of a viral variant in the local population provides a strong reminder of the importance for each of us to use every possible intervention we have available to slow the spread of the virus.

These interventions include wearing a face mask, keeping a 6-foot distance, washing your hands well and often, and getting vaccinated when the vaccine is offered to you. It is also extremely important that people continue to stay home and away from others if they have any of the COVID-19 symptoms and get tested.

It is typical for viruses to mutate. It happens each year with the flu virus; however, because the virus that causes COVID-19 is still rather new, there is much we still do not know about this virus and how dangerous any mutations will be.

Julie Rother, Health Director for Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department cautions, "We have learned a lot about the COVID-19 virus over this past year but there is still more that we don't know. For instance, a recent study showed that some people who had asymptomatic or mild COVID-19 illnesses are now experiencing ongoing health problems, known as Long COVID. The pandemic is not over. We are in a quiet period right now and it is tempting to let our guard down. However, there are many reasons, specifically new variants, that warn us that we need to continue to do what we know works to slow the spread and protect our communities and our loved ones."

For more information on COVID-19 visit [www.nnphd.org](http://www.nnphd.org), [www.dhhs.ne.gov](http://www.dhhs.ne.gov) or [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). To register for a COVID-19 vaccination enter [vaccinate.ne.gov](http://vaccinate.ne.gov) in your Internet browser.

To contact NNPHD, email [PublicHealth@nnphd.org](mailto:PublicHealth@nnphd.org) or call 800-375-2260 or 402-375-2200.



(Photo by Mary Vanderbeek)

## 1st Round victory

Jacob Kneifl is greeted by teammates in the closing second of Wayne's 69-62 upset of Kearney Catholic in the opening round of the Class C-1 state basketball tournament. Greeting him are (from left) Alex Phelps, Andrew Jones, Nolan Hunke, Carter Junck and Toby Braun.



(Photo by Clara Osten)

Travis Meyer (right) and Scott Hammer (center) spoke to the Wayne City Council about the upcoming May-Day STOL event planned to take place at the Wayne Municipal Airport.

## Council learns about upcoming event at Wayne Municipal Airport

By Clara Osten,  
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Information was shared on an upcoming event at the Wayne Municipal Airport during Tuesday's meeting of the Wayne City Council.

Travis Meyer and Scott Hammer, two of those helping organize the MayDay STOL Event, were at the meeting and gave an in-depth description of what will be happening at the Wayne Municipal Airport April 28 through May 1.

STOL stands for Short Take Off and Landing and involves races between pilots. A video of an event was shown during the meeting to allow council members the opportunity to see how the event works.

Meyer said he has been working with an "awesome Team Wayne" group to make the event a reality."

In addition to the competitions that will take place during the four days, Meyer said he has reached out to local schools and at least one of these will be bringing students to the airport to learn about career opportunities in the aviation field.

Hammer talked about the number of people who might be attending the event. These include those from throughout the area who are interested in seeing what the event entails, pilot/aviation enthusiasts and those who will be involved in the competition.

Organizers anticipate competitors from at least 34 states will be in Wayne for the event.

It was noted that the Wayne County Fairgrounds will be used for camping and a shuttle service will be offered to those individuals, with stops in downtown Wayne.

Among the highlights will be an awards ceremony and band on Saturday night.

Both Meyer and Hammer thanked the city and all those involved in helping organize the event and said the group is work-

ing to make sure "this isn't 'a one and done' event. We want to make it a multiple year event for Wayne."

In conjunction with the event, council members approved a special designated liquor permit for The Jug Store LLC for the four days of the event.

Ken Jorgensen and Andrea Zara spoke to the council on plans for serving canned beer only during the event. They explained how they will monitor the area and what areas are included in the liquor permit.

It is anticipated that there will be one main bar area and several satellite areas. The airport grounds will be monitored by a number of people, including members of the organizing committee.

Rusty Parker, President of the Wayne Country Club Board, was present at Tuesday's meeting and gave an update on the Wayne Country Club Clubhouse Addition and Remodel Project.

Parker said discussion of the need for the project began in January of 2014 and a capital campaign to raise funds began in the fall of 2017. That campaign resulted in 118 pledges - 115 of those as cash and three as in-kind. In addition, the Country Club received \$210,000 in an LB 840 loan, which has since been repaid.

This is the final year of the five-year commitment for the pledges and over \$358,000 has been received from those pledges.

The total cost of the project was \$567,316.49.

"I would like to thank Beth Porter (City Finance Director) for all her work, the city administrators and staff, as well as the council, for their support. We have a really good facility and had an incredible year last year and are looking forward to this year," Parker said.

Resolution 2021-22 was approved. It accepts the bid and awards a contract to Milo Meyer Construction for work on the Old City of Wayne Lagoon Berm - Phase I proj-

ect. Work on this project is scheduled to begin June 1.

A bid from T. R. Harris Construction, Inc. was approved for work to be done on

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## Commissioners get updates on several on-going projects

By Clara Osten,  
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The installation of fiber optic cable along county roads and updates on wind energy projects were among the items discussed during the March 16 meeting of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

Mike Stansburry with Bauer Underground was present at the meeting to answer questions from the commissioners and Highway Superintendent Mark Casey on work being done to install cable along county roads south of Wayne. The installation is part of the work being done by ALLO Communications to bring fiber optic cable to Wayne.

Commissioner Terry Sievers said he wanted the cable to be "put in the gravel part of the road rather than along the side."

The cable will be installed from 846th Road to 855th Road, along 577th Avenue and then one mile west along 877th Road.

Commissioners questioned why the firm was using this route and were told that this plan would tie the cable into existing cable in Cuming County.

It was also noted that ALLO Communications will have two feeds into the city of Wayne to ensure continuous service.

Commissioners asked Superintendent Casey to adjust the contract for the project to include requiring a bond from Bauer

Underground to protect the county against damages to the roads. Also discussed was the need to require the firm to provide 30 tons of gravel per mile to be installed after the work is done.

The contract will be brought back to the commissioners at the next meeting.

Updates from Haystack Wind Energy were given during the meeting.

Representatives from the firm presented information on changes that have taken place since the last report to the commissioners as well as the general timeline for work to be completed. They indicated that they "hope to get cooperation from the weather" as the project moves forward.

Several changes noted include alternate routes for getting the turbines to the necessary locations. Temporary bridges may need to be built to allow for the movement of the materials and equipment.

A bid from Integrated Tower Systems in Tulsa, Oklahoma was accepted for \$67,803 for a portable communications tower on the emergency management trailer.

Four bids had been received by the county for the equipment and while two were lower than the bid that was accepted, they did not meet the bid specifications.

The equipment is to be delivered within 35 days.

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(Photo by Clara Osten)

Prom candidates at Wayne High School include (front) Corey Rogers, Liam Spieker, Jacob Kneifl, Edwin Espino and Victor Kniesche. (back) Karlee Janke, Lauren Pick, Emily Longe and Paige Milliken. Not present was Nikki Fertig.

## Wayne High to celebrate Prom

Wayne High School will celebrate Prom on Saturday, March 20. The event will look different this year as activities will take place at the Wayne City Auditorium.

The Grand March will not be open to the public this year. Instead, in-house family members of those taking part in the event will be allowed to attend.

Chosen as this year's prom queen candidates are: Nikki Fertig, daughter of Tim Fertig and Carrie Fertig; Karlee Janke, daughter of Chad and Pam Janke; Emily Longe, daughter of Russ and Becky Longe; Paige Milliken, daughter of Jim Milliken and Ann Milliken; and Lauren Pick, daughter of Brent and Karla Pick.

Chosen as this year's prom king candidates are: Edwin Espino, son of Cornelio Espino and Sandra Velazquez; Jacob Kneifl, son of Scott and Jenny Kneifl; Victor Kniesche, son of Vicki and Vince Kniesche; Corey Rogers, son of Chris and Becky Rogers; and Liam Spieker, son of Dwaine Spieker and Molly Young.



### First Place-Sarah Kuchta



## Severe Weather Awareness Week Poster Contest winners announced

Gov. Pete Ricketts signed a proclamation declaring March 21-27 as Nebraska Severe Weather Awareness Week, a time to remind Nebraskans that community preparedness can minimize the dangers of the annual severe weather season to the lives and property of Nebraskans.

In addition, NEMA Assistant Director Bryan Tuma has announced

the winners of the annual Severe Weather Awareness Contest. The winning and honorable mention posters will be featured in NEMA's 2022 Severe Weather Awareness Calendar.

The first place poster, titled "The BASEMENT is the place to go when the wind is swirling out of Control!" was drawn by Sarah Kuchta, 9, a student at Wayne Elementary

School in Wayne.

The second place poster, "When my winds blow you better go!!!" was drawn by Julia McNamara, 8, a student at Bellevue Elementary School in Bellevue.

The third place poster "If there is HAIL You better HAIL" was drawn by Ryker Hasenbover, 9, of Jefferson Elementary School in North Platte and the fourth place poster, "Tornado Preparedness: Go to basement away from windows. Get the Emergency Tornado Box" was drawn by Gabrealla Diane Grone-wold, 9, home school of Gothenburg.

Honorable Mention awards also went to 10 students from across the state.

"We want all Nebraskans to take some time during Severe Weather Awareness Week to prepare for spring and summer severe weather," Tuma said. "The devastating impacts of extreme events can be reduced through improved readiness. Make a safety plan, create a preparedness kit and review proper safety precautions. It's just a good practice for those of us who live in areas affected by tornadoes, floods and severe thunderstorms."

For more information on severe weather awareness, or preparing for severe weather, visit: <https://nema.nebraska.gov/>



(Contributed Photo)

Jars and jars of coins, mostly pennies, were collected during the recent National Honor Society Penny War at Wayne High School. Proceeds will benefit the Wayne Food Pantry.

## National Honor Society sponsors Penny Wars

The Wayne High School National Honor Society (NHS) conducted a Penny War at the school from March 1 - 5 for junior/senior high students during first period classes.

Pennies were positive points; silver coins negative point values. Sabotage was encouraged. No dollar bills were accepted.

According to NHS Advisor Pam Vander Veen, "Monday was a SLOW day — only about \$10 collected from all the classes. By Friday, we had five gallon buckets, pickle jars, and more filled with coins."

Each class was given a quart sized canning jar to collect change that was picked up and counted every night by NHS members.

Christopher Woerdemann was the chairperson for the war. He also made daily announcements with change totals and points for classes.

"On Friday we saw our largest donations of the week. We raised nearly \$700 that day with nearly half of the total coming from pennies," Mrs. Vander Veen said.

In total, the coin war raised over \$1,115.45 for the Food Pantry.

During the week, the NHS members counted almost 40,000 pennies (\$376.40) alone. All change was hand counted by NHS members.

Final results from the competition are as follows:

Mr. Dorcey finished DEAD last with a total of negative 18,261 points. Mr. Dorcey collected almost \$200 in silver coins during the week.

In fifth place, with 690 points, was Mr. Johnson's class;

In fourth place, with 919 points, was Ms. Rasmussen's class;

In third place, with 1,399 points, was Mr. Wieland's class;

The runner-up, with 1,771 points, was Mrs. Davis' class and the 2021 NHS Coin War Champion with a staggering 2,874 points was Mrs. Osnes' class.

Mrs. Osnes' class won breakfast pizza, which was served on March 11.

## Prescribed burns planned for area

Prescribed burns are planned this spring on many Nebraska Game and Parks Commission wildlife management areas, state parks and state recreation areas where weather allows.

Among the locations where a burn will take place is the Thompson-Barnes Wildlife Management Area northwest of Wayne.

Historically, wildlife habitats were shaped by wildfires that occurred throughout the year. Burns can help set back undesirable plants that invade native woodlands and prairies, as well as other grass and wooded areas.

Prescribed burning, if used with grazing, can set back smooth brome and Kentucky bluegrass, increase diversity in grasslands and improve habitat for wildlife. Burned acres often become more attractive to wildlife. Acres managed by prescribed burning has better long-term effects on wildlife habitat compared to acres not burned.



(Contributed Photo)

Shown with the ultrasound machine are FFA members (left) Kiara Krusemark, Rubie Klausen, Emily Longe, Mady Sievers and Andi Belt.

## Wayne FFA receives \$2,000 grant for ultrasound machine

Wayne FFA received a \$2,000 grant for a new ultrasound machine. The grant is provided through Farm Credit Services of America's (FCS America) Working Here Fund.

Wayne FFA will be purchasing an ultrasound machine to be used in animal science classes. The ultrasound machine will offer students an opportunity to gain hands-on learning experiences in the classroom. The students will learn how to determine the length of pregnancy, birthing date, and even how to estimate the back fat on an animal to determine the value of the market animal.

"Students gain experience with technology to help assist them in their future careers," said Toni Rasmussen, agricultural educator. "Overall, having an ultrasound machine in the agriculture education program has the possibility to provide students with numerous experiences in agriculture, production and technology."

The ultrasound machine will be introduced into the classroom in the spring of 2021.

"At FCSAmerica, we appreciate the opportunity to support the future generations of ag producers," said Zach Ganseboom, regional vice president of retail operations at FCS America's Norfolk office.

Wayne FFA is one of 23 organizations to receive a Working Here Fund grant in the fourth quarter of 2020. FCSAmerica awarded \$46,000 during the latest grant cycle ending Dec. 31, 2020.

The Wayne FFA is an agricultural science program located in Wayne. The chapter has 64 members and focuses on developing students for their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

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erative proud to finance the growth of rural America, including the special needs of young and beginning producers. With nearly \$32 billion in assets and \$6.3 billion in members' equity, FCSAmerica is one of the region's leading providers of credit and insurance services to farmers, ranchers, agribusiness and rural residents in Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. Learn more at [fcsamerica.com](http://fcsamerica.com).



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## Looking back...



### 10 Years Ago (2011)

For most soldiers, the choice on when to take leave from the military is not an option.

However, for Dan Reinhardt, an active member of the U.S. Army currently serving in Afghanistan, his 15 days of leave was scheduled so he could be in Nebraska for the birth of his son.

Things did not work out completely as planned, as Carter Daniel Reinhardt made his appearance on February 23, before his father's leave was scheduled to begin on March 3.

"I was flying a mission when I got a text message that my wife Lisa had a C-Section and that Carter was born and was healthy," he said.

Reinhardt is now in Nebraska spending time with his wife and

new son until his return on March 19. This will be the only time Reinhardt will be home until his one-year tour of duty is completed in November.

The son of Bob and Deb Reinhardt, he is a 2004 graduate of Wayne High School. Following graduation, he attended Wayne State College and Northeast Community College before enlisting in the Army in 2006.

"I attended Warrant Officer School at Ft. Rucker, Alabama and am part of the 10th Mountain Light Infantry Division. I am a licensed pilot, with both military certification and as a commercial helicopter pilot," Reinhardt said.

In October of 2008, just after his marriage to Lisa Oberle of Winnsboro, Reinhardt was deployed to Iraq and spent a year there.

### 20 Years Ago (2001)

A number of parents and doctors have opened their eyes to a problem affecting children across the country: Computer Vision Syndrome (CVS).

CVS is a condition that can result from excessive exposure to a

computer monitor. Symptoms include headaches, blurry vision, or continually sore, tired, itchy eyes.

Because children are especially prone to suffer from CVS, Vision Council of America recommends parents take steps to help prevent the condition.

- Make sure children have yearly eye exams and that the doctor checks for CVS related problems. If children wear glasses, inquire about eyewear designed specifically for computer work.

- Advise children to blink frequently to keep their eye moist and help avert eye strain.

- Have children sit at least a foot and a half away from the computer screen and adjust the monitor so that it is comfortable for their eyes.

- Make sure children use the computer in a well-lit room.

- Encourage kids to take vision break every fifteen minutes. Have them focus into the distance or close their eyes every few seconds.

- Consider what children eat. Natural oils found in fish and potassium rich foods can prevent

eyes from becoming more irritated.

For more information visit the Better Vision Institute Web Site at [www.visionsite.org](http://www.visionsite.org). Computer Vision Syndrome is a common condition in children who use computers frequently.

### 50 Years Ago (1971)

Town Twirlers hosted a hard times costume dance last Sunday at the Laurel City Auditorium. Forty-seven couples were present from ten square dance clubs.

Norman Hermanek, Gidees S.D., was caller. First place prize costume winners were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kramer, Yankton club, and second place prize winners were Mr. and Mrs. Don Arens, Hartington Club.

Clubs were present from Allen, Concord, Carroll, Emerson, Pender, Wausa, Osmond, Hartington, Yankton, and Laurel.

A cooperative lunch was served. The next gathering will be Sunday, March 21, at the Allen school auditorium with Larry Edwards, Yankton, caller.



(Photo by Clara Osten)

Wayne County Commissioners listen to information from Mike Stansburry of Bauer Underground (far right) during Tuesday's meeting of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners. Stansburry explained the plan for burying fiber optic cable in county roadways for ALLO Communications.



(Contributed Photo)

Following renovations in the past several months, Floral Footprints in Laurel is ready to celebrate a grand opening next week.

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In other action, the commissioners approved an \$8,836 change order for the installation of additional gutters on the Wayne County Courthouse.

Doug Elting with Berggren Architects, presented information to the commissioners on what these gutters would look like and where they would be installed.

He also shared information on water that got into the attic of the courthouse on March 14 and set off a fire alarm in the building. Because of wind-driven water that got into the building, a portion of the sheet rock on the upper level got wet and will require the opening of the ceiling to determine what needs to be done to remedy the situation.

Commissioners also approved

the annual Memorandum of Understanding with Madison County to participate in the 2021-2025 Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Justice Partnership Comprehensive Community Plan.

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners will next meet in regular session on Tuesday, April 6 at 9 a.m. in the Wayne County Courthouse.

## Laurel flower shop set for grand opening March 26-27

By Clara Osten, clara@wayneherald.com

Roger Meyers did not want to see an empty storefront in Laurel, so he purchased the former Plantation Flower Shop.

This took place in October of last year and since that time, he has hit the ground running.

Meyers named the new business Floral Footprints.

"I found someone who had experience in floral design to run the store and one of the first things we did

was take part in Caring Rose Week in November. That week we ordered 60 dozen roses and sold them all," Meyers said.

He said he has been overwhelmed with the community support the business has received since opening.

Floral Footprints offers fresh cut flowers, silk flower arrangements, fresh green house plants, gifts and has approximately 18 northeast Nebraska artisans consigning their art at the store.

In addition, toward the end of April the greenhouse attached to

the floral shop will open and have available bedding plants, vegetables and hanging plants.

"We will also offer the customers the opportunity to special order Timberlodge Furniture. This is patio furniture made from recycled materials and is purchased through a company in Beemer," Meyers said.

Floral Footprints will hold an open house on Friday, March 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, March 27 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The shop is located at 107 1/2 East Second Street in Laurel.

## Airport

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the Greenwood Cemetery - West Driveway Project. Work is scheduled to begin after Memorial Day

activities at the cemetery. Ordinance 2021-6 received final approval. It will amend the language in the city code in regard to

administrative subdivisions within the city.

Council members set the date of Tuesday, March 30 for the next council "Mini Retreat."

The retreat will be held at the Wayne Fire Hall and will begin at 5:30 p.m. Among the items to be included on the agenda are pavement and rest room improvements at Henry Victor Park, determining the next steps in dealing with the lagoon, the old pool house, a community-run daycare and housing.

The Wayne City Council will next meet in regular session on Tuesday, April 6 at 5:30 p.m. at the Wayne Community Activity Center.

## Pender Community Hospital honored as Top 100 Critical Access Hospital for third consecutive year

Pender Community Hospital received the 2021 Top 100 Critical Access Hospital honor, making this the third year in a row that the

healthcare system has been recognized with the distinction.

Compiled by The Chartis Center for Rural Health, this 11th annual

recognition program honors outstanding performance among the nation's rural hospitals based on the results of the Hospital Strength INDEX®.

Dr. Cole Reha, medical director for Pender Community Hospital, shared his thoughts on the recognition. "I'm so proud of our team's hard work and dedication," he said. "This distinction is a true reflection of the strong commitment of everyone who works at Pender Community Hospital and Medical Clinics, as well as a reflection of our supportive community," he continued. "We pride ourselves on providing the highest quality care and serving as a resource our community knows they can trust. We're very honored to be among this elite group of healthcare providers."

"The Top 100 program continues to illuminate strategies and innovation for delivering higher quality care and better outcomes within rural communities," said Michael Topchik, national leader of The Chartis Center for Rural Health. "We are delighted to be able to spotlight the efforts of these facilities through the INDEX framework."

Over the course of the last 11 years, the INDEX has grown to become the industry's most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance. Based entirely on public data and utilizing 36 independent indicators, the INDEX assesses rural hospitals across eight pillars of performance, including market share, quality, outcomes, patient perspective, cost, charge, and financial efficiency.

The INDEX framework is widely used across the nation by independent rural hospitals, health systems with rural footprints and state offices of rural health, which provide access to INDEX analytics through grant-funded initiatives.

## Plains Writers Series to be held at Wayne State

Nebraska native Samuel Stenger Renken is the featured author at the Plains Writers Series on Wednesday, March 31 at Wayne State College.

Readings begin at 4 p.m. via Zoom. The Zoom link can be found at wscpress.com.

Renken's latest collection of poetry, *First Pony Out*, relates the myth, history, and reality of the West.

Renken graduated from high school in Norfolk and has advanced degrees from Nebraska Wesleyan University, Clemson University, and the University of Wyoming.

For more information about the event, contact Chad Christensen at (402) 375-7118.

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## Supporting the program

Proceeds from a recent chili feed at Kinship Pointe in Wayne have been donated to the Rock Steady Boxing program at Providence Wellness Center. Joel Dickinson, Marketing Director at Kinship Pointe said that over 60 meals were served during the drive-thru event which featured chili and cinnamon rolls. More than \$300 was collected at the free-will event. Gathering for the picture were members of the boxing program and (center) Dickinson and Heidi Keller, ACE Certified Personal Trainer for the program.

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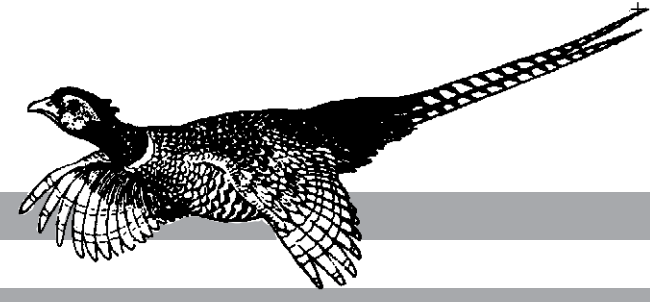
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# Sports



## Blue Devil hoopsters settle for fourth in C-1

By MICHAEL CARNES  
For The Herald

LINCOLN — Not many experts had Wayne picked to go very far in the state basketball tournament.

The Blue Devils had other plans. Wayne came out against a taller Kearney Catholic squad and played hard-nosed defense from start to finish, capping the effort with an 18-for-21 mark at the free throw line in the final period to post a 59-52 win over the Stars in Wednesday's opening-round matchup.

The Blue Devils jumped out to an early 14-9 lead after one quarter on the strength of 3-pointers by Colton Vovos and Tanner Walling. The duo hit back-to-back treys again in the second to give Wayne its biggest lead of the half at 24-13 and Wayne led 29-22 at the half.

Wayne got into some foul trouble in the third period when Vovos and Alex Phelps both picked up their fourth fouls late in the period, but Rob Sweetland said the team was able to weather the storm.

"It was a total team effort," he

said. "We got into some foul trouble and had some kids rotate in and do a great job, and that's something we talk about — when you get in the game, try to leave a positive footprint with help on defense or getting a rebound or assist."

Before the state tournament, Sweetland said the team worked to shore up its free throw shooting, and that pre-tournament work paid off in the fourth quarter.

Kearney Catholic amped up its defense and forced Wayne to the free throw line, and Wayne made the most of the opportunity by scoring 18 of its 24 fourth-quarter points at the charity stripe.

"When you look at our team percentage going in its like 54 percent, so I'm sure they wanted to prolong the game and put us on the line and the kids responded," Sweetland said. "We spent a lot of time the last few days to prepare and we narrowed the focus and ran some drills and that's what it takes to win those games."

Kearney Catholic took its last lead at 42-39 midway through the final period, but a driving layup by Brandon Bartos put Wayne within one and Vovos hit both ends of a 1-and-1 to make it 43-42 and Wayne never trailed after that, hitting 14 of its final 16 free throws in the final 2:09 of the contest.

Bartos led the way with 18 points while Walling added 15 and Vovos hit for 12. Daniel Judd scored six points, Alex Phelps had four and Jacob Kneif and Sedjro Agoumba each had two points.

Slow start in semis

In Friday morning's semifinal game, the Blue Devils got off to a slow start and never recovered, falling to eventual runner-up Adams Central in a 52-40 decision at Pineapple Bank Arena.

Adams Central's length on the perimeter made it tough for Wayne to get into an offensive rhythm in the early going. A Daniel Judd layup and a 3-pointer by Phelps were all the offense Wayne could muster in the opening period, and it took a late 3-pointer by Bartos to get Wayne into double digits in the final minute of the first half as they trailed 26-12 at intermission.

"Their 1-3-1 bothered us and they're a little bit longer and gave us some trouble penetrating and getting the ball to the middle of the floor and we missed some shots

early that would have kept it to a 2-3 possession game and it's hard to battle back when you get down at state," Sweetland said.

Wayne got as close as 13 points in the second half on a 3-pointer by Walling and a basket by Judd made it 32-19 midway through the third period. After Adams Central rebuilt the lead to 17, Bartos hit a 3-pointer and made an old-fashioned three-point play to get it back to 38-25.

In the fourth quarter, Wayne got within 12 when Vovos hit a 3-pointer from the left wing with 2:02 to go, but Wayne would never get closer than that as Adams Central matched every score.

"They're a good offensive team with good weapons," Sweetland added. "We made enough plays defensively and got enough stops, but we gave them some easy looks and I don't think we got one offensive rebound the first half."

Bartos led the Blue Devils with 11 points while Judd added eight. Walling and Vovos each had seven points, Phelps added three and Agoumba and Treyton Blecke each had two.

Fast start proves too much

In Saturday's consolation game, Omaha Concordia hit five 3-pointers to start the game and never let Wayne get back in the game as the Mustangs claimed a 60-46 win in the game for third place.

"I knew they were good shooters but, man, I didn't know they were that good," Sweetland said after the game. "We watched them from middle of the season on and they've grown with confidence and it's hard to guard that, and then they'd get second shots and I felt like we got a lot of stops and just couldn't get the rebound."

Wayne actually drew first blood when Bartos rained a long trey down from the right wing, but consecutive treys by Zach Kulus gave Concordia the lead for good as they built a 17-10 first quarter lead that grew to 30-15 at the half.

Wayne did make a run in the third quarter, scoring seven straight points to get to within 11 at 34-23 after a Bartos trey and baskets by Walling and Judd, and the deficit got into single digits in the final minute on a Walling bomb from the right side.

"Our goal was to get it to single digits going to the fourth and we got it to eight, but then they got that



(Photo by Mary Vanderbeek)

Colton Vovos tries to drive to the basket during Wayne's first-round upset of Kearney Catholic in the Class C-1 state basketball tournament.

late putback to put it back to 10 and we couldn't get it back," Sweetland said.

Bartos, who led all scorers in Class C-1 with 42 points in three games, had 13 to lead the Blue Devils. Also scoring were Walling with eight, Judd with seven, Blecke with four, Phelps, Kneif, Vovos and Carter Junkc with three each, and

Nolan Hunke with two.

The loss ended Wayne's 23-7, a year that saw the team win a lot of games with defense and mature into a solid lineup that leaves a lot of hope for next year, with four of five starters coming back.

Sweetland credited a lot of the success to the team's four seniors — Colton Vovos, Jacob Kneif, Trey-

ton Blecke and Nolan Hunke — who provided outstanding leadership this season.

"They're the backbone of this team," Sweetland said. "When you work with lot of younger kids, you have some immaturity at times and they did great job keeping every-

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## Wayne High School seeking Hall of Fame nominations

To recognize exceptional achievements of Wayne High School athletes, coaches and teams who have made worthy contributions to the athletic program, the Hall of Fame Board is accepting nominations for the "Athletic Hall of Fame".

To be considered for the Hall of Fame, a period of five years must have passed since graduation for an athlete, a period of five years since leaving Wayne High School must have passed for coaches and a period of five years since a team was a champion at state to be eligible.

Nomination forms for former athletes/coaches/teams may be obtained at the Wayne Jr/Sr High School office or by visiting the Wayne Schools web page.

Deadline for nominations is: Friday, March 19, 2021. Nominations must be submitted to: Dave Wragge, Athletic Director, Wayne Jr/Sr High School, 611 W. 7th St., Wayne, Neb. 68787 or e-mail to: dawragg1@waynebluedevils.org or lodicke1@waynebluedevils.org.

## YOUTH BOWLING

**Wayne Youth League**  
Week #4 of 8

Team Name:	Hits	Misses
Team 7	14	2
Team 8	11	5
Team t	10	6
Team 2	9	7
Team 6	8	8
Team 4	8	8
Team 1	7	9
Team 9	6	10
Pumpkins	2	14

Scratch Game: Team 8, 863; Team 6, 691  
Scratch Series: Team 5, 2009; Team 6, 1963

**Division 1 - Top Scorers**  
BOYS - Scratch Game: Colston Starzl, 155; Colton Smith, 151. Scratch Series: Colston Starzl, 389; Colton Smith, 292.

GIRLS - Scratch Game: Ashlyn Trautman, 101; Stephanie Hasemann, 96. Scratch Series: Stephanie Hasemann, 263; Ashlyn Trautman, 262.

**Division 2 - Top Scorers**  
BOYS - Scratch Game: Konnor Kai, 162;

Blake Smith, 156. Scratch Series: Aiden Petersen, 421; Konnor Kai, 4146.  
GIRLS - Scratch Game: Graycen Trautman, 104; Regan Fernau, 99. Scratch Series: Graycen Trautman, 290; Regan Fernau, 273.

**Division 3 - Top Scorers**  
BOYS - Scratch Game: Brogan Foote, 181; Colin Potts, 167. Scratch Series: Colin Potts, 491; Shayne Geidner.  
GIRLS - Scratch Game: Jamie Janke, 193; Rebekah Pinkelman, 182. Scratch Series: Jamie Janke, 548; Rebekah Pinkelman, 526.

## BOWLING RESULTS

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**Tuesday City League**  
Week #27 of 32

One Office	27.5	16.5
Grossenburg Impl.	25.5	18.5
Wildcat Lanes	24.5	19.5
Klein Electric	24	20
Half-Ton Club	24	20
Pin Pals	23	21
The Odd Balls	22.5	21.5
Wayne Country Club	22	22
Wildcat Cubs	21	23
Harder & Ankeny	21	23
The White Dog is back	18	26
BYE	11	33

**High Games and Series:** Half-Ton Club, 929, 2,553; Kent Roberts, 263; Michael Denklau, 696.  
**High Scores:** Michael Denklau, 246, 226, 224; Kyle Kempf, 242, 236, 201; Harrison Lane, 238, 204; Rich Rethwisch, 234, 216; Sam Wesely, 231, 222; Zane Shearman, 229, 219; Ronnie Forney, 228, 225, 223; Bryan Denklau, 223; Mike Grosz, 221; Brad Jones, 220; Darin Bargholz, 219, 214, 211; Keith Roberts, 218; Doug Rose, 214, 203; Dustin Bargholz, 204, 200; Kelly Hansen, 203, 201; Kent Roberts, 202; Brady Ping, 202; David Mellick, 200.

**High Series:** Kyle Kempf, 679; Ronnie Forney, 676; Sam Wesely, 645; Darin Bargholz, 644; Zane Shearman, 628; Kent Roberts, 617; Rich Rethwisch, 612; Doug Rose, 607; Harrison Lane, 601.  
**Splits:** Brad Wieland, 4-5-7.

**Hits N Misses**  
Week #26 of 31

Wildcat Lanes	33	11
Cruise & Assoc.	32	12
Ruwe Farms	29	15
Sterling Computers	25	19
White Dog Pub	23	21
State Nebr. Bank	20	24
Gary's Food Town	0	44
Ghose Town	0	44

**High Games and Series:** Sara Beth Ruwe, 210; Elizabeth Haschke, 190; Stefanie McLagan, 187; Nikki McLagan, 186; Stefanie McLagan, 539; Lynda Belt, 497; Elizabeth Haschke, 493.  
**High Scores:** Sara Beth Ruwe, 210; Elizabeth Haschke, 190; Stefanie McLagan, 187; Nikki McLagan, 186; Lynda Belt, 184; Kathy Bird, 176; Kim Nelson, 173; Lisa Lindsay, 166; Candy Guill, 166; Angie Rath, 161.

## Insurers move from 'Sick Care' toward 'Well Care'

A major insurer has decided to waive the cost-sharing requirement of up to three visits to a physical therapist for low back pain. They've said that the goal is to encourage more use of "high-value" treatments for low back pain.

The insurer tells us in their summary of this demonstration what they mean by high vs low-value care: "Increasing the value of health care refers to improving patients' quality of care and outcomes, improving patients' access to care, and reducing overall costs of care. In contrast, low-value care refers to interventions that: are not proven to benefit patients; may harm patients; result in unnecessary costs; or waste health care resources."

### Well Care

High-value care leads to better outcomes, is easy to access and is cheaper for both patients and insurers. Physical therapy fits into this category, but looking at other high-value treatments helps us start to see a theme.

In 2017 the American College of Physicians released widely endorsed guidelines for treating low back pain. Initial treatment recommendations include exercise, stretching, tai chi, yoga, progressive relaxation, heat or ice, cognitive behavioral therapy, and motor control exercise. These are all active treatments, where the practitioner and the patient are working together to improve. This is "well care".

### Sick Care

In contrast, low-value care tends to be "sick care" where the patient is a passive participant. The insurer puts imaging before six weeks in the absence of red flag symptoms, surgery for non-specific low back pain, opioids as the first or second-line treatment, and bedrest in the low-value category. Spinal injections also fall in this category for most people.

This isn't to say that imaging, surgery, or injections are always bad. For a small percentage of people with back pain, they're the right

treatment. But most people should start with treatments that have the best outcomes for the lowest cost. If those treatments tend to focus on putting the person in pain in power to actively participate in their care rather than making them dependent on someone to "heal" them, that's even better.

Physical therapists know this and have been providing care that fits this model for years. Some insurers are starting to recognize the value of this type of care and that they are actively moving in this direction.

Karen Longe, Doctor of Physical Therapy, is the founder of KEL Physical Therapy & Wellness in Wayne. She enjoys helping people get back to activities that they love to do NATURALLY using her manual therapy skills, dry needling, powerful education and instruction in corrective exercises. She is passionate about educating and provides monthly workshops open to all.

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### State qualifiers

The group of youth wrestlers pictured above have qualified to take part in the in the state wrestling tournament. A total of 23 wrestlers in the Wayne Youth Wrestling Club took part in district action. Of those, 13 qualified for the state meet to be held in Grand Island March 20 and 21. They include (front) Mason Nelson, Ryan Magnuson, Isiah Zarate and Cooper Dorcey. (middle) Lily Stange, Grant Maas, Merick Miller and Noah Magnuson. (back) James Birkel, Colten Shepperd, Ty Zach, Will Leseberg, and Lankin Stange.

### Hoopsters

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body focused. Some of the seniors didn't play a lot, but they were important in keeping us on track. We needed some mature leaders and they gave it to us and hopefully the young guys realize we need to replace that."

Sweetland said those kids who are returning got a great taste of what it's like to compete at the state level, and he hopes they work hard in the off-season to better themselves and set up another state tournament run next winter.

"We've got some young guys who got a taste of it and that will go a long ways for next year," he said. "The starters and guys who came off the bench have realized that there

are people out there as good or better, and if we want to get back and go a little further we need to get better. The kids understand we have to

get in the weight room and work on shots and tweak a few things. If this isn't motivation, then I don't know what is."

### Volleyball match is cancelled

Due to COVID-19 protocols, the Briar Cliff vs. Wayne State volleyball scrimmage scheduled for Thursday evening at 6 p.m. in Rice Auditorium has been canceled.

The next scheduled indoor volleyball action for the Wildcats will be Friday, March 26 when the Wildcats visit Iowa State for an exhibition contest at 4 p.m. followed by two more exhibition contests on Saturday and Sunday, March 27-28 at Kansas State in Manhattan, Kan.



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Brandon Bartos, showed making a pass during Wayne's loss to Adams Central, was the leading scorer among all players in Class C-1.

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### Runs aplenty as WSC, Newman split

The wind was blowing out to left field at McCarthy Field in Wichita, Kansas Tuesday afternoon and the final stats proved it as Wayne State split a non-conference college baseball doubleheader at Newman University. The Wildcats bashed six homers and 22 hits in the opener for a 22-10 win while the host Jets turned the tables in the second game with five home runs and a 15-2 win to salvage a split. WSC is now 1-2 while Newman is 1-4.

Peyton Barnes had a two-run double with Noah Roberts adding an RBI double in the seventh while the eighth inning saw Eric Standish connect for a two-run homer while Hanson added a solo blast for his second homer of the game.

Wayne State had 22 hits in the win. Bisenius was 3 for 5 with two homers, three RBI and three runs scored. Logelin ended 3 for 6 with a homer, double and three RBI while Neumann finished 3 for 6 with three doubles and three RBI.

Hanson was 2 for 5 with two homers and three runs scored while Connor Fiene and Madsen each added two hits.

Reliever Trenton Frerichs, one of four Wildcat pitchers, earned the win in relief. He worked 2 2/3 innings and allowed four hits and two runs with three strikeouts and two walks. Sophomore Ryan Obrecht started the game while Aaron Ras and Kean Allen saw action in relief.

The second game saw Newman third baseman Mitchell Austin turn into a one-man wrecking crew with two homers and seven RBI in the first two innings, leading the Jets to the one-sided win to earn a split.

Newman held a 3-0 lead over the second that saw Connor Fiene deliver a two-run single that scored Neumann (single) and Barnes (error) to make the score 3-2.

The host Jets scored six runs in the second on three homers, including a grand slam from Austin, to take an 9-2 lead and scored four more runs in the fourth for a commanding 13-2 Newman advantage.

Newman closed out the scoring with two runs in the fifth for the 15-2 win in seven innings.

Wayne State was limited to just five hits in the second contest by five different Wildcats. Bisenius had the only extra base hit with a double while Fiene had a two-run single. Roberts, Hanson and Neumann each had singles.

Senior starter Hunter Wienhoff (0-1) suffered the pitching loss. Brody Sintek, Josh Yelick and Andrew Staebell each worked in relief for the Wildcats.

The next action for the Wildcats will be Saturday, when Wayne State opens Northern Sun Conference play hosting Northern State in a doubleheader at the Pete Chapman Baseball Complex in Wayne starting at 1:30 p.m.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Tanner Walling tries to dribble past an Omaha Concordia defender during Saturday's consolation game.

### WSC golfers debut at Arizona meet

The Wayne State College women's golf team set a single day school record with a team score of 339 and moved up one spot to finish sixth at the season opening SMSU Spring Invite at Wigwam Golf Course in Litchfield Park, Ariz.

Competing for the first time in eight years, the youthful Wildcat squad — four freshmen and one sophomore — shot a new school record 339 in just its second day of competition to edge the previous school mark of 340 set in 2010 at Prairie Green Golf Course in Sioux Falls and in 2007 at Pioneers Golf Course in Lincoln.

Westminster of Utah won the two-day tournament with a 612 (308-304), 18 shots ahead of second place Colorado Mesa at 630 (324-306). Western New Mexico was third at 642 followed by Chadron State (654) and Nebraska-Kearney

(657) in the top five. Wayne State was sixth with round of 344 and 339 for a two-day total of 683, one shot better than Fort Lewis College at 684 (343-341), while South Dakota School of Mines finished eighth at 702.

The top finisher for the Wildcats was Sophie Jansa, who tied for 14th overall out of 53 players with a 163 shooting rounds of 83 and 80. Abby Kurlmel was next at 171 (84-87) to tie for 30th overall.

Three other Wildcat players each tied for 37th overall with two day totals of 177. Tricia Hemann shot 93-84, Paige Peters posted scores of 89-88 while Jazmine Taylor produced rounds of 89-88.

Wayne State's next meet is Monday and Tuesday, March 22-23 at the Midwest Intercollegiate Invitational in Warrensburg, Mo.



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# Guys Can Shine on Prom Night, Too



During prom season, the pages of fashion magazines are typically full of the latest dresses for female promgoers who are excited about looking their best on their big night. However, not as much attention is devoted to the gentlemen who also may want to shine on prom night. Guys may wonder how they can stand out among a sea of black tuxedos. It's actually easier than you would think.

Although many eyes will be on the show-stopping gowns being worn, there will be plenty of people sizing up the dapper gentlemen as well. These young men can employ a host of strategies to ensure they stand out among fellow students and friends.

Be classic. Sometimes guys think they need to stand out by doing something like wearing a flashy color to ensure all eyes are on them. But a great way to get noticed is to choose a well-fitted classic tuxedo.

Try blue. English formal wear purists have long thought going with a midnight blue tuxedo is a classy decision. That's because this color is said to look its best under evening light.

Choose single breasted styles. A single-breasted style with a low front button can help elongate the figure, which is an asset to gentlemen who are full around the middle.

Select a slim cut. Tuxedos

tend to look more elegant the slimmer they're cut. Therefore, choose a slim cut tuxedo that best fits your body type. A tuxedo should be a man's slimmest, most sharply tailored garment, so be sure to have it altered to fit this way. For bigger men, visit a store that specializes in big and tall sizes so you'll get the attention you need.

Be pressed and impress. No matter the color or cut, a wrinkled tuxedo is not a good idea. Prevent wrinkling by hanging the tux in a garment bag after it has been professionally pressed.

Don't overdo the bling. Keep jewelry to a minimum, and wear simple, elegant cufflinks.

Pay mind to hosiery. White athletic socks or thick boot socks will not work well with a formal look. Choose thin socks that are tight and one shade darker than your trousers.

Keep the jacket fastened. You'll look classy with the jacket buttoned in photos and upon entry to the event. As the evening progresses, you may want to take off the jacket to dance and mingle.

Prom night often creates memories that last a lifetime. Gentleman can ensure they shine as much as their dance partners by selecting classic clothing that makes a statement.

**Wayne - March 20**

**Allen - April 10**

**Laurel-Concord-Coleridge - April 24**

**Wakefield - March 27**

**Winside - March 27**

**We want to wish all of our High Schools a safe and fun filled prom. Be sure to be safe when you are out and about. Thank you to everyone who is contributing or has contributed to make these nights a great event. The Post Prom parties are a wonderful way to keep our kids safe and still have a great time.**

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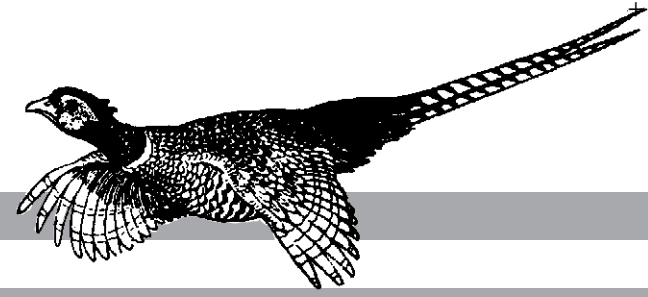






# Lifestyle

The Wayne Herald




## Volunteers: A gift to the community

The American volunteer rates are amongst the highest in the world. It's true that fire departments, libraries, museums, schools, and many other organizations could not function without volunteer support. But no volunteer role has more impact on the future than educating and mentoring youth. Young people in 4-H, the youth development program of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, are two times more likely

to get better grades in school, nearly five times more likely to graduate from college, and four times more likely to positively contribute to their families and communities compared to non-4-H youth. Many adults often assume they have little to offer the 4-H program as a volunteer. While agricultural programs are a 4-H tradition, 4-H youth also perform better in science, engineering, technology, and

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Extension Educator



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applied math subjects and are more interested in pursuing science careers than non-4-H youth. In fact, 4-H offers over 150 projects ranging from photography to rocketry and from foods and nutrition to robotics. Outdoor related projects include camping, hiking, sport fishing, shooting sports, and wildlife conservation.

When it comes to volunteerism, the 4-H program has the flexibility to adapt to your schedule. Project volunteers can lead an activity from once a week for a series of weeks to once a month for a year and everything in between. Club leaders usually hold meetings once per month and assist youth with organizational, communication, service, and team building skills. All it takes is the willingness of an adult to share their time and talents with young people as a mentor and positive influence. A relationship with a caring adult is one of the essential elements of the 4-H program and the rewards are endless.

Nebraska 4-H is currently taking nominations to recognize the achievements of 4-H volunteers

(youth, adults, and multi-generational family awards) to be recognized at the 2021 State Fair. The nominating process will be open from March 1st through April 1st. For more information about nominating a 4-H volunteer, please visit this website at <https://4h.unl.edu/volunteer-recognition>.

Are you interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer? To become a 4-H volunteer, contact your local Nebraska Extension Office. Upon successfully completing an application and background check, we offer volunteer orientation sessions to familiarize you with the 4-H program and will continue to assist you every step of the way.

National Volunteer Week will be held on April 18-24, 2021, to recognize and thank volunteers who lend their time, talent, voice, and support for programs across the world. Here is your chance to get involved and make a lifelong difference in the life of a young person. In fact, 4-H alumni tell us that 4-H has a lasting impact on their lives providing them with many of the skills needed to be successful. These skills include public speaking, service to others and how to work as a member of a team.

For more information about becoming a 4-H volunteer, interested persons are encouraged to contact their local Nebraska Extension Office or visit the website at [www.extension.unl.edu](http://www.extension.unl.edu).

## School Lunches

**ALLEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (March 22 - 26)**

**Monday:** Breakfast — Chocolate chip muffin. Lunch — Ham & scalloped potatoes, vegetable, fruit.  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast — Omelet. Lunch — Chicken patty on a bun, spiral fries, vegetable, fruit.  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast — Sausage & biscuit. Lunch — Country fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetable, fruit, tea roll.  
**Thursday:** Breakfast — Pancakes. Lunch — Sloppy Joe, chips, vegetable, fruit.  
**Friday:** Breakfast — French toast. Lunch — Italian dunkers, marinara sauce, vegetable, fruit.  
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 22 - 26)**

**Monday:** Breakfast — Dutch waffle. Lunch — Tavern.  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast — Omelet, toast. Lunch — Salisbury steak.  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast — Long John. Lunch — Easter Meal (ham).  
**Thursday:** No School.  
**Friday:** No School.  
Menu subject to change. Cereal offered for breakfast everyday.

**WAKEFIELD SCHOOLS (March 22 - 26)**

**Monday:** Breakfast — Mini waffles, sausage links, peaches. Lunch — Hamburger, fries, grapes, cookie.  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast — Cinnamon bun, oranges. Lunch — Beef nachos, corn, apples.  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast — Scones, apricots. Lunch — Pork chop patty, baked beans, dinner roll, pears.  
**Thursday:** Breakfast — Pop tarts. Lunch — Spaghetti, broccoli, bread stick, oranges.  
**Friday:** Breakfast — Biscuits & gravy, oranges. Lunch — Fish sandwich, green beans, juice.  
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 22 - 26)**

**Monday:** Breakfast — Mini pancake. Lunch — Breadcrumbs on a bun, carrots, corn, mixed fruit.  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast — Biscuits & gravy. Lunch — Taco, Romaine lettuce, refried beans, pears.  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast — Donuts. Lunch — Popcorn chicken,

dinner roll, potatoes, cherry tomato, apricots.  
**Thursday:** Breakfast — Pancake on a stick. Lunch — Spaghetti, meat sauce, French bread, broccoli, strawberries.  
**Friday:** Breakfast — Breakfast pizza. Lunch — Cheese boat, carrots, corn, peaches.  
Chef salad is optional for K-12. Milk served with every meal. Menu subject to change.

**WINSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS (March 22 - 26)**

**Monday:** Breakfast — Pancake. Lunch — Chicken tenders, vegetable, fruit, bread stick.  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast — Egg taco. Lunch — Meatloaf, au gratin potatoes, fruit, roll.  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast — Waffle. Lunch — Cook's choice, vegetable, fruit.  
**Thursday:** Breakfast — Cereal. Lunch — Hamburger, bun, fries, fruit.  
**Friday:** No School.  
Milk served with all meals. Menu subject to change. Late starts - no breakfast or K-2 salad plates.

## Senior Center Congregate Meal Menu

**(Week of March 22 - 26)**  
The Wayne Senior Center is closed to the public for all in-house dining and social activities. Senior Center staff will still be providing Meals on Wheels and curbside pickup meal service for noon meals. Please call the Senior Center staff at (402) 375-1460 for details or email them at [dbtrand@cityofwayne.org](mailto:dbtrand@cityofwayne.org) for information. Staff will be available between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.  
**Monday:** Barbecue chicken breast, baked potato, dilled carrots, sweet Hawaiian dinner roll, fruit salad.  
**Tuesday:** Tate tot casserole, seven layer salad, mandarin oranges and orange gelatin salad, banana muffin.  
**Wednesday:** Sliced ham with pineapple glaze, mashed sweet potatoes, green beans with almonds, applesauce bars, whole wheat dinner roll, cranberry juice.  
**Thursday:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, assorted vegetables, garlic bread stick, peaches.  
**Friday:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, creamed corn, dinner roll, cherry gelatin with mixed fruit.

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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, 402-286-4466 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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The VFW Auxiliary to Post #5291 met March 9 at Tacos' & More in Wayne.

President Glennadine Bark presided. Opening prayer was read by Chaplain Janet Fuoss. The minutes of the last meeting was approved. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Excerpts from "Family Matters" were presented. Program reports should be submitted and community outreach was discussed.

Thank you notes were received from Judy Korth, Fisher House and Haven House. Information was received for Youth Activities Contests.

Committee reports for each committee have been completed and submitted.

Election of officers is scheduled for April.

The closing prayer was read by Chaplain Fuoss.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13.

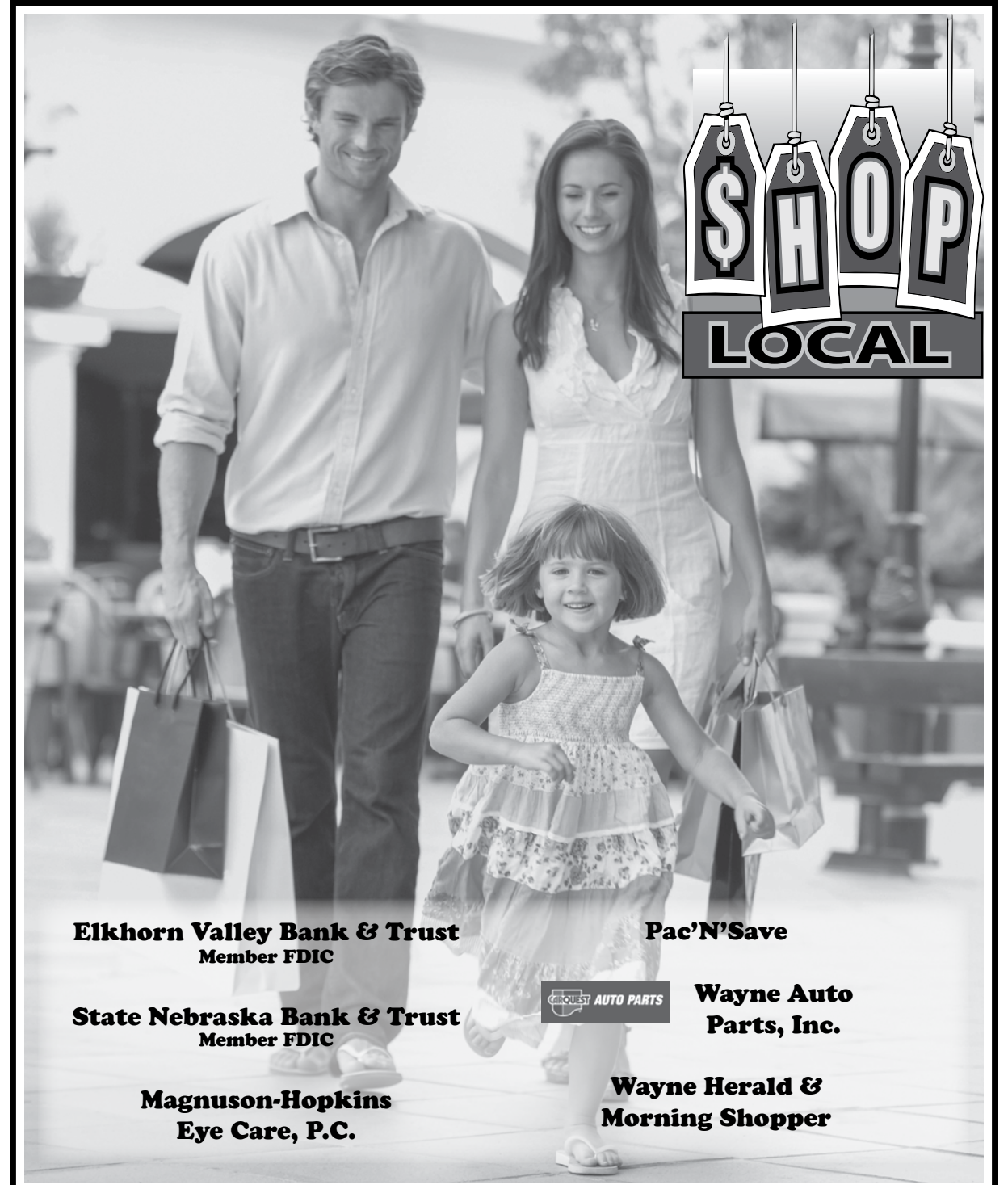


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# God is tough enough to handle our problems

Thursday, March 11th marked the one-year anniversary of COVID-19 being declared a worldwide pandemic.

The past year has been unlike anything most of us have ever experienced. New words and practices such as "masking up" and "social distancing" have been woven into our daily lives.

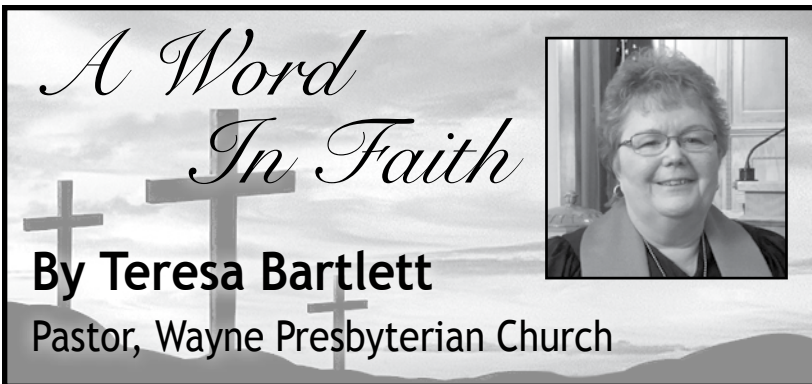
The CDC along with state and local health departments have been at the forefront communicating how to keep our communities and ourselves safe. Some of us have worked from home, others such as essential workers, have faithfully done their jobs at hospitals and clinics, grocery, gas and convenience stores, as well as other retail settings. Our first responders and civil servants such as paramedics, police and fire departments have continued to do their jobs for all of us.

Scientists and researchers have worked tirelessly to develop a safe and effective vaccine for COVID-19. Many people have given faithfully and generously of their time and energy, some have even given their lives in the fight against the pandemic. Thank-you seems inadequate to express gratitude to so many who have worked so hard on our behalf over this last year.

For many people in our country and around the world the last year has been dark and difficult, a wilderness year. We grieve with and for the families of the more than 525,000 who lost their lives to COVID-19.

We have lamented other losses and changes which came into our lives as a result of COVID-19. We have mourned the loss of familiar celebrations and traditions, such as proms, graduations, birthday parties and holiday gatherings.

We have worried about ourselves and our families as well as the pan-



demie's ripples into our churches, schools, communities. Churches, schools, sporting events and workplaces have adapted new practices to increase safety for their employees and clients. Familiar routines and rituals for things like funerals and weddings have been adjusted.

Our interactions with one another moved from in person to Zoom, Facebook, Facetime, or other digital media platforms. In addition to change and disruption in our lives, many have experienced a range of emotions such as anxiety, fear, grief, and anger. Yes, there has also been strife, disbelief, and division among us.

Our God is big enough to handle our anger, fear, disbelief, our grief in losing loved ones, our frustration at missing special and family events and changes in rituals like weddings and funerals.

God has not abandoned us in this time but has been working in our midst in different ways to open our eyes, help us refocus, to slow us down. While the past year has not been one any of us would want to repeat, we have learned to adapt and become increasingly resilient, we have found ways to grieve together, to support each other. Schools have found ways to educate students during the pandemic and I hope we will continue to be supportive

of teachers and community leaders post pandemic. Our faith communities have learned new ways to worship and reach out to their members and beyond using a variety of methods including social media. None of these are perfect solutions or without their own set of problems but are adaptations to a most unusual circumstance.

After a year of limited or non-existent face-to-face contact with family and friends I hope we will place new importance on our relationships with one another. We have had to find creative ways to show love and encouragement to each other and help one another through this past year.

The distribution and administration of the vaccine is increasing, and we eagerly await the day when restrictions will be relaxed and we can resume gathering, eating, and worshipping together. I hope we will move forward post pandemic with a new appreciation for our families, communities, eating out, gathering in groups, and singing our favorite hymns.

We must be patient and vigilant a while longer.

While we wait, we may feel like the Hebrews on the edge of the promised land, excited, anxious, even a little apprehensive. The book of Deuteronomy contains Moses'

speech to the people as they prepare to enter the land God had promised them. In chapter 8 Moses reminded the people of all they had been through as they fled slavery, the forty years they spent in the wilderness, the days when they were hungry and thirsty, and called them to never forget God was with them in their darkest days.

People of faith when faced with challenge and uncertainty turn to the scriptures to be reminded of God's promises and presence. The words of Isaiah 41:10 offer assurance: "So, do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Just as God was present with the Hebrews those forty years in the desert, God has been present with us during the days of this pandemic. We are not yet out of the wilderness, but we are moving toward better days.

Moses reminded the people as things got easier, as they settled into new routines to not forget to keep God's commands and remain obedient and reverent to God. Moses didn't want the people to forget that God was with them when times were hard and would be with them in the good times as well. A lesson we must not forget either.

We can thank God for walking beside, before and behind us at all times and whispering in our ears "...do not fear, for I am with you ..."

We can be thankful that our Triune God is a promise giver and a promise keeper.

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## Mystery picture

A second picture in as many weeks has been found needing identification. Staff at Wayne Community Schools said the wedding picture above was found when renovation was taking place. Information on the picture indicates it was taken by a photography studio in Wayne, but the time frame or the location is not known. Anyone with information about this picture is asked to contact the Wayne Herald at (402) 375-2600 or by email to clara@wayneherald.com

# Grace Lutheran Ladies Aid meets

Grace Ladies Aid met March 10 with 12 members answering roll call and reciting the LWML Pledge. Ellen Heinemann presented the Christian Growth devotion, "Jesus' Servants", based on Galatians 5:13 where we are encouraged through love to serve one another.

President Rhonda Sebade presented information on the Mite Mission Grant, Ysleta Lutheran Mission Care, El Paso, Texas. This music ministry has proven to be a success in reaching out to the un-churched and being a witness to the mercy and grace of Christ building

relationships with music students and training leaders.

The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given and filed for audit. Correspondence was shared. Committee reports were given. The sewing group tied four quilts and a memorial donation will be used for supplies. The greeting card ministry continues to reach out to congregational members.

This month the confirmands were given glow sticks as a reminder to glow with God's word. Best Choice labels were sent in and 400 more

labels have been given toward the next goal of 1000. An Easter lily will be purchase for the altar display in memory of Ladies Aid members who have passed away.

The remainder of the meeting time was used to plan for the LWML Spring Workshop on Tuesday, April 13, which the Wayne group will host for other LWML groups in our zone. A noon meal will be served as

well as morning coffee and goodies.

Items will be collected from these groups as well as the congregational members for making hygiene and school kits which will be given to Orphan Grain Train.

Kathryn Buchhorn's birthday was acknowledged and the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 14.

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# CHS Foundation grant allows Northeast to continue to take agriculture education on the road

Northeast Community College's work of taking one of its agriculture programs on the road has received a financial boost that will allow for continued partnerships with a number of entities, including area high schools.

One aspect of the College's Precision Agriculture program features a mobile learning simulator that is equipped with multiple hands-on mobile training modules to train current and future producers. The Precision Agriculture Learning (PAL) simulator is housed in a customized trailer that is taken to educational trainings and events across the College's 20-county service area.

Dr. Tracy Kruse, vice presi-

dent of development and external affairs and executive director of the Northeast Foundation, said the CHS Foundation, funded by charitable gifts from CHS, Inc., the nation's leading farmer-owned cooperative, has awarded the College a three-year, \$250,000 grant that will allow the purchase of additional curriculum and equipment that will provide more hands-on learning opportunities for producers and high school students across Northeast's 20-county service area.

"The CHS Foundation understands the need for more highly trained members of the workforce in regard to precision agriculture," Kruse said. "The foundation sees targeting students at the high

school level as a critical way to build interest in a vocation that will address a huge demand in our region that can lead to well-paying careers in the industry."

Students in Northeast's Precision Agriculture program develop technical skills and learn to interpret, analyze, and utilize data gathered from precision agriculture technologies to improve production. Graduates are skilled to work as technicians and producers in a rapidly changing industry that is focused on maximizing yield potential through resource efficient practices.

Northeast began utilizing the PAL simulator program in 2017 after receiving a \$785,000 grant from

trained to develop that curriculum."

Kylie Penke, agriculture and FFA instructor at Oakland-Craig High School, called the PAL simulator "icing on the cake" in enabling easy access to precision agriculture concepts, examples and experiences for her students. She said seeing sensors, meters and monitors at work in real time is invaluable to her students.

"All of the information shared in class starts to fall into place when the students see the monitor simultaneously keeping track of seed spacing, skips and doubles, and how those factors can dramatically affect gross income," Penke said. "One quickly understands how granular data and applying inputs accordingly is much more profitable and more environmentally friendly than whole-farm management practices."

She said the PAL simulator experience, especially over the past year, has been invaluable to her pupils.

"In a time where students are constantly missing activities throughout the year, I really appreciate when I can offer something as unique as the Precision Ag trailer-experience to all of my students, within the confines of one class period, without ever leaving school property!"

This is not the first time Northeast and the CHS Foundation have collaborated. The CHS Foundation contributed \$50,000 to the Nexus campaign for construction of new agriculture facilities on the Acklie Family College Farm in Norfolk. In 2019, the College was named one of the foundation's University Partners and now receives eight, \$1,000 scholarships and a \$2,000 mini-grant each year to support professional development opportunities provided through college clubs or organizations focused on agriculture.

In addition, the CHS Foundation provided \$5,000 in student emergency funds to Northeast when the COVID-19 pandemic forced the College to close its campuses and hold all classes remotely. The funding supported students studying agriculture, providing them with essential resources to continue their education and assist with loss of income, financial support or stability, or lack of resources to effectively engage in studies remotely.

"The CHS Foundation is proud to build on our relationship with Northeast Community College," said Nanci Lilja, president, CHS Foundation. "We're excited to support the PAL simulator, so that more high school students can experience hands-on learning in precision agriculture."

Mitchell said with the NSF grant concluding in mid-2021, the College is grateful to the CHS Foundation for seeing the value of its work with area high schools in precision agriculture.

"Because we were able to be in on the ground floor of partnering with our high school educators, this work has become known in states as far away as Indiana, Wisconsin, and Michigan. Educators from these states have made requests for information about the work we do and how to duplicate these efforts. It demonstrates how innovative and dynamic this program really is."

To learn more about the CHS Foundation, visit chsfoundation.org.



(Contributed Photo) Doug Olson with Grosseburg Implement in Wayne was among those recognized with a Gold Pride Award.

## Reinke recognizes Grosseburg Implement with Gold Pride Award

Reinke Manufacturing, a global leader in irrigation systems and technology, has recognized Grosseburg Implement in Wayne with a Gold Pride award in recognition of their success last year.

"We are proud to honor the team at Grosseburg Implement with this award," said Chris Roth, Reinke president. "They've shown a great deal of dedication, working hard to support their growers. We appreciate those efforts as Reinke continues to develop and implement irrigation equipment and technology designed to increase agriculture production."

Reinke dealerships from across the United States and Canada come together annually for the company's sales convention. This year, they gathered virtually to recognize select Reinke dealers for their hard work and commitment to the higher standards of being 100% Reinke Certified.

Dealers and Reinke leaders discussed the new products and initiatives from the past year, including the introduction of ESAC, SAC VRI and the Maintenance-Free Bearing as well as the partnership with CropX to empower growers with the world's finest irrigation scheduling tools.

The Reinke Pride awards are determined as part of an incentive program that distinguishes superior achievement levels according to an evaluation based on a dealership's exterior and interior house-keeping and maintenance, indoor and outdoor displays, safety, retail environment, merchandising, professionalism, promotions, event participation and market share.

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the National Science Foundation (NSF) that led to the development of first-level materials for use in high schools to provide hands-on learning experiences within the simulator.

Currently, the simulator includes a two-row precision planter that can change between hybrids or varieties with ease, a sprayer that can apply variable rate applications, and a meter test stand to show the importance of equipment calibration and maintenance. There are also soil moisture probes, which can help determine the amount of water required and the timing of its application for irrigators. The probes allow for financial and resources savings while reducing leaching of chemicals due to over-application.

College instructors also provide real-world examples using data archives gathered from Northeast Community College farm operations to show the relationships between annual environmental impacts, field characteristics and the results from the management decisions that are made based on those pieces of data. Students can see data in action similar to what they may experience in their own operations.

Northeast Precision Agriculture Trainer Lonny Mitchell said the CHS Foundation grant will assist in preparing a future Precision Agriculture workforce through additional training tools, such as allowing students to practice installing equipment without the need of a full-scale combine.

"The primary thing this grant supports is building curriculum and providing training for high school ag teachers to bring precision ag education into their classrooms," Mitchell said. "Until four years ago, this was extremely difficult, because there were no materials for teachers to use and they were not

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is why the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) encourages growers and pesticide applicators to work together to protect sensitive commercial specialty crops and pollinators from pesticides. Pesticides include all categories of pest control

products such as herbicides, insecticides and fungicides.

"Nebraska farm and ranch families do what they can to diversify and grow their agriculture businesses," said NDA Director Steve Wellman. "At NDA we're working to support traditional and specialty crop producers in Nebraska, encouraging growers and pesticide applicators to communicate with one another throughout the planting and growing season to raise awareness of local specialty crops and beehives."

DriftWatch™ and BeeCheck™ are online mapping services from FieldWatch™ designed for reporting field locations of commercial specialty crops, organic crops and beehives. Farmers and other pesticide applicators can review the map to see where specialty crops are located. Included in the FieldWatch™ registry are commercial apiary sites, vineyards, orchards, fruit and vegetable grow sites, nursery and Christmas tree production sites and certified organic and transitional organic crops.

Online mapping services help satisfy requirements concerning restricted use pesticide (RUP) dicamba products. Pesticide applicators planning to use RUP dicamba

products are required to complete online training and locate specialty crops in the area before using RUP dicamba products.

In Nebraska, over 1,000 growers have registered a total of 2,170 specialty crop and apiary sites on FieldWatch™. Those sites are currently found in 80 of Nebraska's 93 counties and contain more than 113,000 acres of specialty crops.

NDA monitors the FieldWatch™ registries for the state. Registration is voluntary, free, easy to use and secure. Pesticide applicators can view maps, sign up for free email alerts and get the free FieldCheck™ app, or receive direct data feeds or downloads. In addition, applicators registered in FieldCheck™ can take advantage of another new feature this year – SeedFieldCheck. SeedFieldCheck allows seed companies, in near real-time, the ability to show locations of detasseling operations which helps ag applicators stay in compliance with label directions for worker safety.

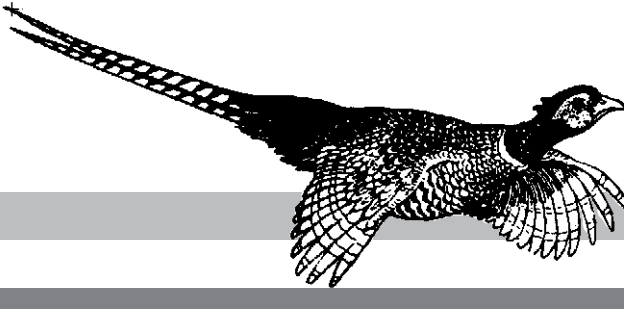
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# Advertisement makes for good chuckle

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But when your name is Pat and you are married to a Mike, you have to observe St. Pat's. We are feasting on corned beef and cabbage and Guinness cheese cake; I've never had the latter before, I'll have to let you know how it tastes.

In Lincoln, there is a Neighbor site on the internet on which folks advertise lost pets, mention when they spot coyotes and foxes, (and post photos of all), and ask things like who works on flat roofs and where can you buy crown picture molding for an old house. I know the answer to the latter: Conner's Antiques on So. 17th. I was in that store once when it was still in the Creamery building in the Haymarket; it is amazing!



**The Farmer's Wife**  
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The first did not have any type of crown molding or actually, anything that made it interesting. But

the second one had lots!! Including wainscoting. I would trade the kitchen in the first for the one in the second; isn't that always the way? Some features you would take with you if you could; others you were happy to leave behind.

Anyway, you can advertise on this site, too; people have made masks, of course, and some have Barbie doll clothes and some have baked goods. Tonight, in a small picture that said \$100 I could not tell what the item was. I thought, for that kind of money, I'd better check it out. Well, it's a youth bed, new, used once, slept with Grandma instead!

Doesn't that make you chuckle? Can't you just see the situation? Grandma is excited the little guy is coming to visit and since he's in a "big boy" bed at home, she buys a really nice, new youth bed. The "big boy" tries for one night, but

doesn't like it, and crawls in bed with Gram for the duration of the visit.

So, in addition to giving me hints about good roofers and neat antique treasures, who will shovel snow and who will mow and who will trim trees, sometimes, we get a good laugh! And who doesn't need a good laugh these days? And what grandparent cannot relate? Actually, we had a child who would have been happy to leave her bed untouched if someone, anyone, not just mom and dad, would let her sleep with them! And, most of the time, we didn't mind.

There are all kinds of different philosophies on the pros and cons of "conjugal sleeping" for kids, and as I've got older and wiser, I realize it's whatever works for the kid, and for their family, and who am I tell them how it should be? As long as everyone sleeps!!

### Nebraska Agriculture Fact Card

February 2021

- 1 in 4 jobs in Nebraska are related to agriculture.
- The average age of a Nebraska principal operator was 56.4 according to the 2017 Census of Agriculture.
- From east to west, Nebraska experiences a 4,584-foot elevation difference, and the average annual precipitation decreases by one inch every 25 miles, allowing Nebraska to have a diverse agricultural industry from one side of the state to the other.

Nebraska's Natural Resources

- Nebraska's farms and ranches utilize 44.9 million acres (18,170,385 ha), 92% of the state's total land area.
- Nebraska is fortunate to have aquifers below it. If poured over the surface of the state, the water in those aquifers would have a depth of 37.9 feet (11.6 meters).
- There are 22 million acres (8,915,803 ha) of rangeland and pastureland in Nebraska, half of which are in the Sandhills.

**Sources:** USDA NASS, USDA ERS, USDA FAS, Global Ag Trade System Information gathered by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, (402) 471-2341.

# Water Law 101: Part 1, the Basics

By Gary Stone,  
Extension Educator

This is the first in a six-part series of articles covering basic water law in the United States, predominately in the western part of the country, and how it affects this finite resource.

Water law has a long history. It can be traced back to Roman times and also has roots in English common law. Across the United States, it varies from state to state, and from East to West.

When conflicts arise, the courts usually determine the outcome, unless there are state or federal laws or previous case studies to resolve the issue. Exceptions to the law can arise from differences in each state's water laws.

Most of the information for this series comes from Water Law, a class taught at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln by Professor David Aiken. Water law is full to the brim of terminology and definitions — but they all intertwine with each other to make up water law as we know it today.

## What is Water?

Water can be defined as the liquid that descends from the clouds as rain or other precipitation. It forms streams, lakes, seas and is a major constituent of all living matter. Water is measured in various ways, including gallons per minute (gpm), and cubic feet per second (cfs, or second feet, which is approximately 449 gallons water per minute). Water is also measured as acre-feet, the volume required to cover one acre one foot deep, or approximately 325,829 gallons.

Another measure of water is consumptive use, a use that renders it no longer available because it has been evaporated, transpired by plants, incorporated into products or crops, consumed by people or livestock, or otherwise removed from water supplies. Related to consumptive use is return flow, the part of a diverted flow that is not consumptively used and returns to its original source or another body of water.

## Two Sources of Water — Surface and Ground Water

Surface water can be an open body of water such as stream, lake or reservoir. Surface water in Nebraska is managed by the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR), with an exception. NDNR grants and manages surface-water rights, EXCEPT those managed by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation on Bureau projects.

Groundwater is water that flows or seeps downward and saturates soil or rock, supplying springs and wells. The upper limit of the saturated zone is called the water table. Nebraska's 23 natural resources



districts (NRDs) manage groundwater and may limit the amount of water that can be pumped.

## Two Basic Doctrines That Determine Water Rights or Use

Riparian Doctrine is the system for allocating water used in England and the eastern United States, in which owners of lands along the banks of a stream or water body have the right to reasonable use of the waters and a correlative right protecting against unreasonable use by others that diminishes the quantity or quality of water.

Riparian rights are lost by severance. If land is part of a larger tract bordering a stream but a part not bordering the stream, say the back 40 acres, is sold, those 40 acres no longer are considered riparian and can never regain their legal riparian status by being reassembled into a "riparian" tract of land.

Prior Appropriation Doctrine ("first in time, first in right") is a concept under which a right to use a quantity of water is based on the earliest priority date. This system is used in most of the western United States.

Under prior-appropriation systems, priority of use refers to the date a water right is acquired, with senior rights prevailing over junior rights. All water rights are defined in relation to other users, and a water rights holder only acquires the right to use a specific quantity of water under specified conditions. Thus, when limited

water is available, senior rights are satisfied first in the order of their priority date.

Priority of use is distinguished from statutory preferences (designations), which refer to statutory statements of preference among different types of beneficial use and would come into play — for example, in deciding which of two concurrent water rights should be satisfied first during a shortage of water or which of two competing applications for a water right should be granted.

Appropriative rights can be lost through nonuse; they can also be sold or transferred apart from the land.

Preferred use is a use given some sort of preference not given other uses. Preference can take many forms, depending on state law. One type of use, such as domestic use, may be preferred over others when there are competing applications to appropriate the same water. Persons having water rights for preferred use may be entitled to take water before those having rights for other uses, regardless of their relative priorities. A person needing water for a preferred use may be authorized to condemn (to buy in a forced judicial sale) water being used for non-preferred purposes.

Beneficial use, the cardinal principle of the prior appropriation doctrine, is a use of water that generally produces public benefit and promotes the peace, health, safety and welfare of the people of the state. Putting water to a beneficial use is a condition of receiving a certificated water right. The right may be lost if beneficial use is discontinued.

Most states recognize certain uses as beneficial: domestic and municipal uses, industrial uses, irrigation, mining, hydroelectric power, navigation, recreation, stock raising, public parks, wildlife and game preserves, and other uses.

These terms make up some of the basics concerning water law, but

not all. This series will cover other water rights, some case studies and their affects, which will demonstrate the complexity of water rights and water law.

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# Nebraska Agriculture Fact Card

February 2021  
Nebraska's Top National Rankings

**First**  
Commercial cattle slaughter, 2020 – 6,982,000 head  
Great Northern bean production, 2020 – 1,332,000 cwt. (67,668,724 kg)  
Popcorn production, 2017 – 368,620,976 lbs. (165,879,439 kg)

**Second**  
Beef and veal exports, 2020 – \$1,296,170,000  
All cattle and calves, Jan. 1, 2021 – 6,850,000 head

All cattle on feed, Jan. 1, 2021 – 2,720,000 head  
Commercial red meat production, 2020 – 7,910,900,000 lbs. (3,588,323,879 kg)  
Ethanol production, 2020 – 2,176,000,000 gallons  
Pinto bean production, 2020 – 1,779,000 cwt. (90,377,372 kg)  
Proso millet production, 2020 – 3,000,000 bushels (68,040,000 kg)  
Light red kidney bean production, 2020 – 212,000 cwt. (10,770,097 kg)  
Bison, 2017 – 28,047 head

**Third**  
Corn for grain production, 2020 – 1,790,090,000 bushels (45,468,286,000 kg)  
Corn exports, 2019 – \$958,700,000  
Cash receipts from all farm commodities, 2019 – \$21,436,242,000  
Grain sorghum production, 2020 – 13,650,000 bushels (346,710,000 kg)  
All hay production, 2020 – 6,370,000 tons (5,778,766,794 kg)

**Fourth**  
Beef cows, Jan. 1, 2021 – 1,900,000 head  
Total animal products exports, 2018 – \$1,848,400,000  
Cash receipts from all crops, 2019 – \$9,537,120,000  
Cash receipts from all livestock and products, 2019 – \$11,899,121,000

All dry edible bean production, 2020 – 3,607,000 cwt. (183,244,060 kg)  
Alfalfa hay production, 2020 – 3,268,000 tons (2,964,679,730kg)  
Land in farms and ranches, 2019 – 44,900,000 acres (18,170,385 ha)

**Fifth**  
Soybean exports, 2019 – \$1,357,300,000  
Soybean production, 2020 – 294,120,000 bushels (8,004,622,860 kg)  
Sugar beet production, 2020 – 1,417,000 tons (1,285,480,777 kg)  
Harvested acres of principal crops, 2020 – 19,471,000 acres (7,879,634 ha)

**Sixth**  
Agricultural exports, 2019 – \$6,293,900,000.  
Commercial hog slaughter, 2020 – 7,963,800 head.

**Seventh**  
Sunflower production, 2020 – 46,110,000 lbs. (20,915,144 kg)  
All hogs and pigs on farms, Dec. 1, 2020 – 3,650,000 head  
Pork exports, 2020 – \$426,036,000

**Eighth**  
Organic cropland acres, 2019 – 146,803 acres (362,758 hectares)

**Twelfth**  
Winter wheat production, 2020 – 34,030,000 bushels (926,143,465 kg)

**Nebraska Ag Facts**  
• Cash receipts from farm marketings contributed more than \$21.4 billion to Nebraska's economy in 2019

and 5.8% of the U.S. total.  
• Nebraska's 10 leading commodities (in order of value) for 2019 cash receipts are cattle and calves, corn, soybeans, hogs, dairy products (milk), misc. crops, hay, wheat, chicken eggs, and potatoes.  
• Every dollar in agricultural exports generates \$1.28 in economic activities such as transportation, financing, warehousing and production. Nebraska's \$5.8 billion in agricultural exports in 2019 translate into \$7.4 billion in additional economic activity.  
• Nebraska's top five agricultural exports in 2019 were soybeans and soybean products, beef, corn, pork, and ethanol.  
• Nebraska had 45,700 farms and ranches during 2019; the average operation consisted of 982 acres (397 ha).  
• In 2020, Nebraska ranked second in ethanol production capacity, with 25 operating plants having production capacity of more than 2.2 billion gallons. Approximately 35% of Nebraska's 2019 corn crop was utilized in ethanol production.  
• Livestock or poultry operations were found on 48% of Nebraska farms.  
• 1 in 4 jobs in Nebraska are related to agriculture.  
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# CELEBRATING NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK





## Young people working to 'come back to the farm'

A growing number of young people are doing creative things to help make their dreams of returning to their farming roots a reality. Several are featured in this article, but there are many more in the area who are working to keep the farming heritage alive in their families.

**Isaac Hanson** of rural Concord is one of those who got an early start in farming. He recently earned a Bachelor's degree in Mechanized Systems Management with a minor in agronomy at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. His full-time job is in sales at Grossenburg Implement in Wayne.

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(right) Issac Hanson poses with his 4-H bucket calf, Bullet. This became the first cow in his herd and he still owns it. (left) Issac poses with his sisters, Nicole, and Olivia.

# Young

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He is involved in raising corn, soybeans, alfalfa, and cattle on his family's farming operation.

"I help out everywhere on the farm but I myself only have a cow-calf herd," Issac said. "I've had a couple cows ever since I can remember, old 4-H bucket calves that I kept around, but two years ago during my junior year of college, was when I started working to build my own cow/calf herd.

He said he is "somewhere between the third or fourth generation farmer in my family, depending on how you look at it."

When asked why he decided to become involved in farming, his reply was "I tell people all the time, it's a disease. In all honesty, it's for the lifestyle it provides. The memories made and lessons learned will last a lifetime."

His plan/goal for the future is to "get my operation built in a way that



**Evan Rose and his grandfather, Jim Stout, pose for a picture during last fall's harvest.**

allows me to successfully work full-time while still owning a cow herd." he said.

**Evan and Meg Rose** live in rural Wakefield. However, Evan's farming story is slightly different because he did not grow up on the farm.

"I attended Wayne State College and obtained a Bachelor's in Agribusiness and Bachelor's Business Management. I elected to attend WSC primarily because of its proximity to the family farm. For most of my memorable life we lived three to four hours away in Broken Bow; It wasn't ever just a quick trip down gravel the road to be on the farm for a Saturday afternoon. Going to Wayne State was my chance to submerge myself in the lifestyle and see what it was really like day in and day out, to see if being a farmer really was what I had thought it was since the days of shuffling around on my knees on the carpet with toy tractors," Evan said.

He is currently employed as an Ag, Commercial, and Mortgage Lender at Security Bank primarily working out of the Laurel and Allen branches.

"On the weekends and evenings you

will typically find me out in the shop or working somewhere on the farm," he said.

This will be his third year farming, where he will be growing corn and soybeans on several hundred acres this year.

However, this family operation has been in existence since 1898. Evan will be the sixth generation to live on the home place and farm the ground around it and some of the surrounding acres.

"Every farm has their fair share of trials and tribulations. They started fairly early on this farm, as it was bought in 1898 by Caroline and Charles Bard, and in 1899 Caroline was widowed with three kids and farming the home place and another quarter section nearby. I'll say, when I am just getting home from a long day at the bank and work is just starting on the farm, all I have to do is think about Caroline raising three kids and farming 270 acres in 1899, I perk right up. Good to know there is an ounce of

See YOUNG, page 3A

# CASNR Global Learning Hub increases international experiences for students

By **Cara Pesek**, IANR Media

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has launched the new CASNR Global Learning Hub.

The goal of the hub is to give a greater number of student opportunities to have international experiences during their time at UNL, said Jon Kerrigan, Global Programs Manager for UNL's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. In addition, Kerrigan hopes the new hub can help students think about how they can apply those experiences to the real world.

Many students may equate having an international experience with education abroad, Kerrigan said. While those experiences are valuable, they're not feasible for every student. A goal of the Global Learning Hub is to connect students to an array of opportunities that allow them to connect with people, culture and ideas from around the world. This might include attending a global seminar series; participating in an informal coffee talk on a global issue; or exploring internship opportunities related to international trade offered through UNL's Yeutter Institute.

Beyond that, Kerrigan said, the Global Learning Hub will work with students to help them understand how the international experiences they have at UNL could be relevant to their lives and careers after college. In our increasingly connected world, that's important.

"The reality is that you go to any community across Nebraska, no matter how big or small, and you'll find some companies with a presence overseas," Kerrigan said.

Kerrigan's career in international engagement began with his own education abroad experience to China. His experience was cut short by the SARS epidemic, but he enjoyed his

time there so much that after college he returned to China after college and lived there for four years.

He hopes the hub can help other students imagine how they might continue to have international experiences after college, too.

Opportunities will be offered in both virtual and in-person formats, Kerrigan said, though for now, most events are virtual. During the summer 2021 term, for example, CASNR faculty will offer several online and in-person for-credit courses that explore a number of global issues. Course topics include the historical, cultural and economic dimensions of cocoa growing and chocolate production; conservation and ecotourism guiding in southern Africa; and the rise of China and its global impact. Students interested in learning more about these courses or registering can do so online.

In addition, the hub offers numerous events. An April 7 event will provide tips for students on health and wellbeing. More details on these and other events and Zoom links are available online.

The Global Learning Hub will be located in Agricultural Hall and will be open in the coming weeks. The Hub will be a welcoming space for small events, informal discussions and collaboration.

Ultimately, the Global Learning Hub will help students think about how they look for solutions in their own careers, said Brianne Wolf, IANR Global Program Manager.

"It is absolutely critical that we get people with diverse backgrounds and viewpoints into the same room when we try to address complicated worldwide problems, a concept which some universities consider as the very definition of global learning," Wolf said.

In addition, Kerrigan hopes that the hub will help connect domestic and international students at UNL to each other, as well as to peers, experiences

and opportunities around the world. "We want to use it as a recruiting tool for students, faculty and staff," he said. "This is one way we're working to increase our students' global compe-

tency." Learn more about the CASNR Global Learning Hub and view upcoming events at <https://casnr.unl.edu/global-learning-hub>.

## Theme for 2021 National Ag Day announced

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) will host National Agriculture Day on Tuesday, March 23, 2021. This will mark the 48th anniversary of National Ag Day which is celebrated in classrooms and communities across the country. The theme for National Ag Day 2021 is "Food Brings Everyone to the Table."

On March 23, 2021, the ACA will host a virtual Ag Day event. Additionally, the ACA will bring approximately 100 college students to Washington "virtually" to deliver the message of Ag Day to the Hill.

These events honor National Agriculture Day and mark a nationwide effort to tell the true story of American agriculture and remind citizens that agriculture is a part of all of us. Many agricultural associations, corporations, students and government organizations involved in agriculture are expected to participate.

National Ag Day is organized by the Agriculture Council of America. The

ACA is a nonprofit organization composed of leaders in the agricultural, food and fiber community, dedicating its efforts to increasing the public's awareness of agriculture's role in modern society.

The National Ag Day program encourages every American to:

- Understand how food and fiber products are produced
- Appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products
- Value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy
- Acknowledge and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food and fiber industry

In addition to the events on March 23, the ACA will once again feature the Ag Day Essay Contest. The winning essay will be presented on National Ag Day.

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# Data collection project to help farmers address greenhouse gas emissions

By Leslie Reed,  
University Communication  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
researchers affiliated with the  
Daugherty Water for Food Global  
Institute have received a \$3 million  
grant from the U.S. Department of  
Energy to better quantify carbon  
sequestration and greenhouse gas  
emissions connected with corn produc-  
tion fields in the Midwest.  
The high-tech effort is included in  
the first phase of the Smart Farms  
program launched by the Energy

Department's Advanced Research  
Projects Agency-Energy. The data  
gathered during the three-year project  
will help inform American farmers to  
improve their operations and partici-  
pate in bioenergy and carbon markets  
expected to develop in coming years.  
The Nebraska-led group is one of  
six tapped by the agency to do care-  
ful greenhouse gas measurements in  
production fields for grain crops that  
supply the ethanol industry. Corn  
and soybeans will be the focus of the  
Nebraska-led project. Other partners



**Christopher Neale (right), director of the Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute, stands with team members who tested an eddy covariance flux tower to measure cropland greenhouse gas emissions.**

with Nebraska are the University  
of Wisconsin-Platteville; South  
Dakota State University; the USDA  
Agricultural Research Services labo-  
ratories based in Ames, Iowa, Morris,  
Minnesota, and Lincoln; the Alliance of  
Crop, Soil and Environmental Science  
Societies; and AgriThORITY, an agricul-  
tural science consulting firm based in  
Kansas City, Missouri.

"Our objective is to measure all  
greenhouse gases being emitted and  
also being sequestered at fields in  
Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota," said  
Christopher Neale, director of research  
at the Daugherty Water for Food Global  
Institute and biological systems engi-  
neering professor at Nebraska. "Once  
we establish these careful measure-  
ments, we can use these data sets to  
inform and fine-tune models for differ-  
ent production systems. Our ultimate  
goal is to establish how much carbon  
credit a typical farmer creates, based  
on soil types, production systems, crops  
and so forth."

The information would enable farm-  
ers to adjust their operations to reduce  
net greenhouse gas emissions and to  
generate additional revenue by trading  
the resulting carbon credits on bioen-  
ergy markets.

The team will use soil chambers to  
measure gases emitted at the soil level,  
install flumes that will measure fer-  
tilizer runoff and add new high-tech

instruments to existing eddy covariance  
towers located in Nebraska, Iowa and  
Minnesota. Existing towers detect the  
vertical flux of water vapor and carbon  
dioxide, among other factors. The new  
sensors will add nitrous oxide and meth-  
ane to the mix. A scientist at Wisconsin,  
Platteville, will install flumes to mea-  
sure water quality from the run-off from  
fields and drain systems.

These towers will be part of a net-  
work being deployed through the  
Smart Farms project in Oklahoma,  
Kansas, Illinois and other locations  
across the grain belt.

"What makes this new is the scale,"  
Neale said. "When you add all this up,  
there will be 15 towers in fields produc-  
ing high-quality data that will inform  
models in different production systems  
in different parts of the country and  
microclimates."

Other Husker scientists involved in  
the effort are Timothy Arkebauer, pro-  
fessor of agronomy and horticulture,  
and Andy Suyker, associate professor  
with the School of Natural Resources,  
as well as Virginia Jin, USDA-ARS sci-  
entist in Lincoln, associated with the  
university.

The Alliance of Crop, Soil and  
Environmental Science Societies will  
provide industry relations to the proj-  
ect and will keep the farming com-  
munity informed about the project via  
field days and similar activities.

# Young

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that bloodline in me," Evan said.  
When asked why he decided to  
become involved in farming, Evan's  
response was "There are two reasons  
I wanted to farm — Grandma and  
Grandpa (Jim and Barb Stout). Not  
enough can be said for the role models

Farming can be as community focused  
and driven as you want it to be," Evan  
said.

His plan/hope for the future includes  
"staying flexible and make adjust-  
ments with whatever comes my way.  
Of course, I intend to hone my skills  
of being a lender to better help those



**Daniel Muller feeds some of the cattle in his family's cow-calf operation. He says he has always loved being on the farm.**

they have been. They made it fun being  
on the farm. I came onto the scene  
pretty late in their career, but at the  
time it was so much more than making  
a dollar for themselves. Farming gave  
them the flexibility to be involved in  
the community, the church, and vol-  
unteer just about anywhere they felt  
they could help someone. I know they  
didn't always have that flexibility and  
worked extreme hours for many years  
(they milked cows for nearly a decade)  
but when I was growing up, looking up  
to them, that's what I admired about  
them."

"You don't make it long on the farm  
if you don't enjoy turning a wrench  
once in a while, getting dirt on your  
jeans, or breaking a sweat in the sun.  
But seeing what they were able to  
do for those around them while also  
farming is what drew me to farming.

that I work with in the area. Also,  
I hope to bring some updates to the  
farm that improve efficiencies and  
profitability as bottom line is it is a  
business. But if we talk big picture, I  
hope for the future of this operation to  
be very similar to the past, that I grew  
up adoring. My plan is to take a piece  
of each of the previous five generations  
that got this operation to where it is  
today, and hopefully help pass it on to  
a seventh."

**Daniel Muller of Wakefield**  
graduated from South Dakota State  
University in the fall of 2017 with a  
major in Ag Science and minor in Ag  
business and Animal science.

He returned home to help be a part  
of the family operation where he (his  
father, Mark Muller, and his uncle,  
Mike Muller) grow corn, soybeans and  
a little alfalfa as well as have a cow-

calf operation.  
"One of the big things that drove me  
to come home was the heritage that  
has been set in front of me. I'm assum-  
ing my grandfathers and great grand-  
fathers kept thinking that one day all  
their hard work will pay off as they are  
able to pass it on," Daniel said.

"I have always loved being on the  
farm. From day one, it didn't matter  
if I was in school or anywhere else,  
my heart and mind was always on  
the farm and I wanted to always be

my dad's right-hand man. I am the  
fourth generation in agriculture in  
Dixon County Nebraska and the sixth  
in eastern Nebraska as my great-  
grandfather moved from the Scribner  
and settled north of Wakefield in the  
fall of 1910," Daniel said.

In addition to row crop farming and  
his cow calf operation, Daniel also runs  
a custom baling operation on the side  
as well. He served on the NAJRAE  
Junior board association for the Red  
Angus breed from 2012 – 2016.



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# Young producer values diversification, flexibility

Hannah Borg knows the joys and trials of the agriculture industry.

The Wakefield native has a family history in agriculture that goes back six generations and she hopes to carry that forward.

She said her father's family settled in the Wakefield area after emigrating from Sweden and her mother's family was involved in farming in Colorado.

Borg is very quick to downplay her ag story, noting "there are lots of young people who are working a full-

time job and involved in agriculture also. They work a lot harder than I do to make this work," she said.

"I love the flexibility of being on the farm and appreciate my parents' decision to move forward (with the poultry operation) so I would have the opportunity to come back to the farm."

The Borg farming operation is diversified and includes row crops, cattle and the recently added poultry farm.

Hannah said her decision to try to come back to the family farm came



**Hannah Borg loves the farm life and loves telling people about the value of agriculture.**

about after getting homesick while in college and reading of her family's history in farming provided by her grandmother, Lois Borg.

"I feel family history is very important and when I had the opportunity

to come back to the farm, I was happy to do so, Hannah said.

The family has worked with Lincoln Premium Poultry to build chicken barns on the farm and raises broilers for the company. These birds are then moved to a facility near Pilger where they lay eggs for the chickens that will then be sold throughout the country.

Hannah and her mother, Debbie, who is a member of the Nebraska Corn Board, use any opportunity to advocate for agriculture and educate those around them on what those in agriculture do.

The two women are primarily responsible for the poultry operation. Hannah also helps out where ever her father and uncles need her in the rest of the farming operation.

"What we do works for us, although the first year and a half after I returned to the farm was a major transition," Hannah said.

In summing up her days on the farm, Hannah says some days her work is "a job" but mostly it is "a joy."

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# Celebrate Nebraska Agriculture in National Ag Week

By Steve Wellman,  
Director of Nebraska  
Department of Agriculture

Agriculture is more than Nebraska's number one industry. It's the heart and soul of Nebraska and cause for celebration! Every year during National Ag Week, we celebrate agriculture and thank the people behind the food, feed and fuel we depend on every day. This year, National Ag Week is March 21-27.

If we've learned anything in the ag industry these past two years, we've learned that life certainly has a way of handing us many unexpected challenges and opportunities. Even with our best efforts of planning, we sometimes deal with unexpected events and even unprecedented ones. Who would have predicted historic flooding, an irrigation tunnel collapse and a world health pandemic all within a two-year span?

One thing we know for certain. Nebraska agriculture has always responded positively when needed most. The state's farmers, ranchers, agri-businesses and ag organizations have risen to the task time and time again. Such was the case with Nebraska's historic flooding in 2019 and has been the case since the onset of COVID-19.

Farmers and ranchers across the state felt the rippling effects of COVID-19 from the start as the food industry was one of the hardest hit. The constant positive for Nebraska, is the persistent response and productivity driven by our farmers and ranchers. Once again, Nebraska agriculture delivered an abundant, safe, healthy and sustainable supply of food, feed and fuel for us and for consumers around the world. Productivity and persistence show in everything that we do and in every top national ranking we achieve.

Nebraska ranks first in the nation and second in the nation for just about every other aspect of cattle and beef production: beef and veal exports



(2020); all cattle and calves (Jan. 1, 2021); all cattle on feed (Jan. 1, 2021); and commercial red meat production (2020).

The top national rankings start with beef but go much further. Nebraska is ranked first in Great Northern bean production (2020) and first in popcorn production, too (2017, Census of Agriculture). Nebraska also has a reliable supply of corn (third in the nation—2020) and soybeans (fifth in the nation—2020) for livestock feed and renewable fuels, like ethanol where Nebraska ranks second in the nation for production (2020). Our grain and livestock production places us number three in total ag production value in the U.S. These rankings and more make Nebraska agriculture worth celebrating.

Agriculture continues to be Nebraska's largest economic driver and job creator by supporting one out of four jobs plus contributing more than \$21.4 billion a year to the state's economy in 2019. Ag exports, \$5.8 billion of that number, are only part of the story. Every dollar in ag exports generates \$1.28 in economic activities such as transportation, finance, ware-

housing and production.

Agriculture touches everyone's lives and connects all of us somehow. While we cannot predict the details of what is in store for the industry in the future, we can set our priorities and expectations to move forward. Nebraska agriculture will continue to grow and add value by expanding livestock production, attracting investments and business expansions, and growing international trade.

Since Nebraska farmers and ranchers produce more food than we use, we

need to continue to help expand our domestic and international markets for their products. Their safe, high quality food products fill our plates and fuel tanks here and around the world.

Thank you for letting me use National Ag Week as an opportunity to shine a spotlight on Nebraska agriculture. During this week and always, remember to thank the farmers, ranchers and ag industry for providing us with the food, feed and fuel that we use every day.

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# USDA extends application deadline for the program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has extended the deadline from March 5 to April 9 for agricultural producers to apply for the Quality Loss Adjustment (QLA) Program because of recent winter storms and some clarifications to program rules.

This program assists producers who suffered crop quality losses due to qualifying 2018 and 2019 natural disasters.

“Because of recent winter storms and some program updates, we want to provide five additional weeks for producers to apply for the program,”

said Zach Ducheneaux, Administrator of the Farm Service Agency (FSA). “I want to make sure eligible producers have the opportunity to apply and to work with our team members to help with any questions. We recently clarified policy to ensure producers who sold grain to the feed market due to quality issues are adequately compensated.”

### About the Program

The QLA program assists producers whose eligible crops suffered quality losses due to qualifying drought, exces-

sive moisture, flooding, hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, typhoons, volcanic activity, or wildfires.

Eligible crops include those for which federal crop insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage is available, except for grazed crops and value loss crops, such as honey, maple sap, aquaculture, floriculture, mushrooms, ginseng root, ornamental nursery, Christmas trees, and turfgrass sod. Additionally, crops that were sold or fed to livestock or that are in storage may be eligible.

Assistance is available in counties that received a Presidential Emergency Disaster Declaration or Secretarial Disaster Designation, or for drought, a county rated by the U.S. Drought monitor as having a D3 (extreme drought) or higher. Producers in counties that did not receive a qualifying declaration or designation may still apply but must also provide supporting documentation.

FSA will issue payments once the application period ends. If the total amount of calculated QLA payments exceeds available program funding, payments will be prorated.

FSA began accepting applications on Jan. 6 and has received more than 8,100 applications so far.

To apply, contact your local USDA

Service Center. Additional information is also available at [farmers.gov/quality-loss](https://farmers.gov/quality-loss). Producers can also obtain one-on-one support with applications by calling 877-508-8364.

While USDA offices are currently closed to visitors because of the pandemic, Service Center staff continue to work with agricultural producers via phone, email, and other digital tools. To conduct business, please contact your local USDA Service Center. Additionally, more information related to USDA’s response and relief for producers can be found at [farmers.gov/coronavirus](https://farmers.gov/coronavirus).

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## Awards

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able online at: <https://4h.unl.edu/volunteers/recognition>.

Winners will be announced virtually the week of April 19, in which Nebraska 4-H will be celebrating the Week of the Volunteer. A special awards presentation will take place at the 2021 Nebraska State Fair.

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## Ibach joins UNL as IANR undersecretary-in-residence

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real-time experiences to our students,” said Mike Boehm, Harlan Vice Chancellor for IANR and NU vice president for agriculture and natural resources. “He brings to this role an incredible wealth of knowledge of all aspects of ag policy, and I’m excited for the tremendous learning opportunity his new position presents for our faculty, staff and students.”

A farmer and rancher from Sumner, Ibach spent the past three years at the undersecretary of marketing and regulatory programs for the USDA.

In this role, he was responsible for facilitating marketing of U.S. agricultural products and ensuring the health and care of animals and plants. He oversaw the Agricultural Marketing Service Agency, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Division, and several programs that were part of the Farm Service Agency.

Ibach is a former director of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, a role he held for 12 years, making him the longest-serving director in the organization’s history. He is a graduate of UNL’s College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

“I’m looking forward to working with the university to help promote programs that will benefit not only Nebraska’s farmers and ranchers, but all of Nebraska,” Ibach said. “The benefit our land-grant university brings to Nebraska’s agricultural economy is tremendous, and I look forward working with UNL to help grow Nebraska.”

will help advance the institute in areas including agricultural biotechnology policy, agricultural-biosecurity, workforce training and the partnership between the National Institute of Antimicrobial Resistance Research Education (NIAMRRE) and APHIS, among other areas. He may also engage UNL learners interested in public service, the importance of public and private partnerships, and science-informed policy.

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# LEAD set to resume this fall, Fellowship applications available now

The Nebraska Leadership Education Action Development Program (LEAD), a two-year development program for leaders in the state's agricultural sector, will resume programming in 2021, following a year-long pause as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nebraska LEAD is accepting applications for its 40th cohort until June 15. In addition, the program's 39th cohort will resume its monthly seminars and other scheduled activities this fall.

"We are anxiously anticipating the resumption of LEAD programming this coming fall. We have spent our pause year reassessing the entire program," said Ed Woeppel, Chairman of the Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Council, which sponsors the program. "We are confident that the Nebraska LEAD Program is positioned to continue to be a leader in agricultural leadership development. We look forward to continuing the experiences for LEAD 39 after a one-year pause as well as to welcome in a new group in LEAD 40."

Applications for Group 40 are now available for men and women involved in production agriculture or agribusiness.

"Up to 30 motivated men and women with demonstrated leadership potential will be selected from five geographic districts across our state," said Terry Hejny, Nebraska LEAD Program director.

Applications are due no later than June 15 and may be requested via e-mail by contacting the Nebraska LEAD Program office at leadprogram@unl.edu. Those interested in the program may also request an application by writing to Nebraska LEAD Program, 104 ACB, Lincoln, Neb., 68583-0940 or by calling (402) 472-6810. Information about the selection process is available at www.lead.unl.edu.

LEAD fellows attend monthly three-day seminars throughout Nebraska from mid-September through early April each year. Fellows also have the opportunity to participate in a 10-day national study/travel seminar, as well as a two-week International study/travel seminar.

Seminar themes include leadership assessment and potential, natural resources and energy, agricultural policy and finance, leadership through communication, Nebraska's political process, global perspectives, nuclear energy, social issues, understanding and developing leadership skills, information technology, advances in health care, and the resources and people of Nebraska's Panhandle, Hejny said.

The Nebraska LEAD Program prepares the spokespersons, problem-solvers, and decision-makers for Nebraska and its agricultural industry. The program is operated by the Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Council, a nonprofit organization, in collaboration with the UNL's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources and in cooperation with Nebraska colleges and universities, business and industry, and individuals throughout the state.

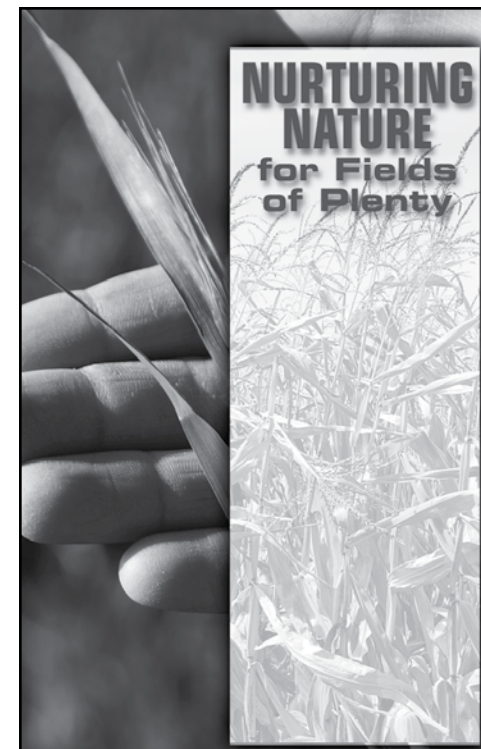


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# Nomination period open for inaugural Nebraska 4-H Volunteer Recognition Awards

Nebraska 4-H is now accepting nominations for a new awards program to recognize the outstanding contributions of 4-H volunteers across the state.

The new Nebraska 4-H Volunteer Recognition Awards honors adult and youth volunteers, as well as and

multi-generational families, who have provided meaningful contributions to Nebraska 4-H. One Outstanding Adult Volunteer Award winner will be chosen for each of the state's 11 Nebraska Extension Engagement zones. One statewide winner will be named in the each of the youth volunteer and multi-generational family categories. "Our 4-H volunteers go above and beyond to serve Nebraska's youth every year," said Jill Goedecken, 4-H Youth Development Extension educator. "This was especially evident in 2020 as we worked hard to make 4-H events safe and accessible for Nebraska youth. We absolutely could not have done this without the amazing network of dedicated 4-H volunteers all across our state."

The nomination period runs through April 1. Nominations can be submitted by any 4-H member, family, supporter, or Extension staff member. Nominees must fit the award categories and can be a volunteer for any Nebraska 4-H experience. Some examples may include 4-H club leader, project leader, junior leader, county or State Fair volunteer, special interest volunteer, such as robotics or shooting sports, afterschool club volunteer or 4-H camp volunteer. More information, along with the nomination form, is available

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