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Debate continues on sale of city property

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Lengthy debate on the sale and development of a parcel of city-owned property took place during Tuesday's meeting of the Wayne City Council.

At its last meeting, the council gave first reading approval to an ordinance that would direct the sale of the land and allow for an apartment complex to be built in an area near the Summer Sports Complex.

Several members of the public were on hand to voice their opinion in regard to the sale of Lot 3 in the Southeast Addition of the City of Wayne to R. Perry Construction, Inc.

B.J. Woehler, representing the Landlord Association, told the council that "this isn't the solution. It is an unprecedented project in Wayne and not in a good way. The city is selling land for \$1 with no plans to replace it. This will put pressure on the school system and is disrespectful to landlords."

Lee Brogie told the council she had attended the recent housing summit and noted that 'affordable housing' was listed as a need in the community.

"This project does not meet that need. This should be a phase-in project, similar to the one being done in Wakefield. Also, this project would create daycare issues," Brogie said.

City Planner Joel Hansen told those in attendance that "it is tough to project growth. This project would bring people in or people would transition out of their current homes. This would create housing stock."

Tom Jacobsen told the council "I think this a poor project. It is building too many apartments too fast. It would be better to build 20-25 units per year. Also, the city shouldn't be giving away land. I am worried about the subsidies."

Council member Matt Eischied said that while the plan was not ideal, "our housing study says there is a need for housing at all income levels."

Council member Chris Woehler said the city shouldn't sell the land for \$1, as one-



(Photo by Clara Osten)

Doug Temme with the Wayne County Agriculture Society asked the Wayne City Council to forgive at least a portion of the sewer bill following a water leak at the fairgrounds.

third of the land could have been sold several years ago for \$55,000.

Mayor Cale Giese said that at that time there was no actual offer on the property and the city did not have any definite plans on what was going to be done with the 26 acre lagoon.

City Administrator Wes Blecke said "this has been a long process. Last year we sent out a Request for Proposals (RFP) to see what we would get. The other proposal we received was more expensive to the city and had lots more stipulations."

Council member Brent Pick said "this is not ideal, but I am tired of apartments next to houses. I would like to see them all in one spot. Also when the TIF is paid off, the money comes back to the city."

Following the discussion, council mem-

bers voted 6-1 to move the ordinance to the third reading. The resolution approving the purchase agreement on the property also received approval on a 6-1 vote, but is contingent on the ordinance being approved at its next reading. Council member Woehler voted against both the ordinance and resolution.

Before moving into the various ordinances and resolutions on the agenda, council members approved a request from the Wayne County Agricultural Society to forgive the sewer bill received recently.

Doug Temme, representing the Ag Society, told the council that there was a water leak at the fairgrounds but the water did not go through the city's sewer system.

After discussion, council members voted to forgive \$2,061 of the bill. This represents the difference between what the bill was at the same time in the previous year and this year's bill.

Ordinance 2022-2 received second reading approval. It will amend the future land use map for the city of Wayne.

Ordinance 2022-3, amending the zoning map in regard to Sanctuary Apartments LLC, received second reading approval. It will change zoning on a 1 1/2 block area along Main Street north of Fourth Street.

Also on the agenda was Ordinance 2022-4 annexing a parcel of land into the city of Wayne. It involves property along east

Highway 35 and Centennial Road. Second reading approval was unanimously given for the ordinance.

During Tuesday's meeting, council members received an update from Library Director Heather Headley on activity at the Wayne Public Library in the last year.

Headley told the council some of the work that has been done at the library, including increasing the use of social media and the awarding of three grants for use at the library.

She also shared concerns, namely the lack of space, increasing costs and the backlog in receiving materials.

Information was also shared with the council from the Wayne Senior Center.

Director Diane Bertrand said the number of meals being served and social activities are increasing.

"As our numbers go up, the funding we receive increases. We have provided meals even if the center was closed. We have Meals on Wheels, drive thru and congregate meals. As the fear (of COVID-19) is going away, we are gaining people," Bertrand said.

As part of Tuesday's meeting, council members approved the annual detailed plan of operation for the Senior Center.

This includes the budget to be submitted to the Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging and the acceptance of the fiscal year

service awards from the Area Agency. The social reimbursement portion is \$40,663; the meal reimbursement is \$36,276 and the care-givers portion is \$3,500.

A bid of \$389,720 for the 2022 Aquarius Tank Diffuser Replacement Project was approved. The bid from Phillip Carkoski Construction and Trenching of Loup City was the only bid received for the project.

Council member Chris Woehler questioned the cost in the bid to remove the sludge. This item was the most expensive portion of the bid and Woehler said that Roger Protzman, engineer on the project, had not indicated earlier that this would be a major cost.

Council members discussed a request from the Wayne Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) to purchase one or more lots from the city.

Following the discussion, the council approved Resolution 2022-20 and Ordinance 2022-6 which authorizes the sale of property and directs the sale of the property to the CRA.

A resolution approving the Northeast Nebraska 9-1-1 Regional Interlocal Agreement between the city of Wayne, city of Norfolk, city of South Sioux City, Cedar County, Dakota County, Dixon County and Knox County to share emergency 9-1-1 call handling computer hardware was approved.

Wayne Police Chief Marlen Chinn explained the steps that had taken place and noted that the change links all the entities together, which would be beneficial in case of an emergency.

In connection with that resolution, a resolution appointing the Wayne Chief of Police to represent and make decisions on the Northeast Nebraska Regional E 9-1-1 Committee was approved.

Following discussion, a resolution and ordinance approved involving the sale of a piece of city-owned property to the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA).

The CRA asked the city to purchase Lot 23 in the Southview Addition of Wayne and be allowed to move a house from 711 Main Street to that lot. The house could then be sold and potentially the other lots in the area also developed.

The sale of the lot for \$2 was approved and the three readings of the ordinance waived.

The final resolution of the evening approved the Wayne, Nebraska Community Housing Study with Strategies for Affordable Housing. This study was required before the city could use TIF funds for future projects.

The Wayne City Council will next meet in regular session on Tuesday, March 15 at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers.

Commissioners receive more information about the CO2 pipeline

By Morgan Cardenas
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At Tuesday's meeting, the Wayne County Commissioners were given updates and talked about the CO2 pipeline.

First at the Wayne County Board of Equalization meeting, County Assessor Dawn Duffy discussed the Wayne Area Economic Development's request on real property tax exemption. This also led to a public hearing about this request and, once concluded, approved the request.

During the Wayne County Board of Commissioner's meeting, the Commissioners discussed a Commissioner Workshop that Terry Sievers had attended in Kearney on Feb. 4. He mainly talked about the Open Meeting Act. Sievers wants to allow time on the agenda for Wayne County offices to provide an update to the board more than just when a request is made.

Then, Highway Superintendent, Mark Casey, talked about how he was waiting on an email from Thurston County but following a conversation with their County Clerk, the low bid was accepted for the County Bridge Match Program (CBMP) #5 to B's Enterprises, Inc.

Finally, Kylee Kretz, Summit Carbon Solutions, gave more details on the multi-state CO2 capture pipeline. Members of

the community were in attendance to voice their concerns and questions, such as road modifications, amount of CO2 captured, plans and more.

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners will next meet in regular session on Tuesday, March 15 at 9 a.m. in the Wayne County Courthouse.

Candidates file for city, county offices

Wayne County Clerk Debra Finn has announced the following filings for various offices in the last week:

For Wayne Board of Education - Michael J. Carnes, New filer.

For Wayne Board of Education - Jaret D. Harmer, New filer.

For Wayne City Council, First Ward - Chad Sebade, New filer.

For Mayor, City of Wayne - B.J. Woehler, New filer.

For Wayne County Treasurer - Lisa Lindsay, Republican, New filer.

The filing deadline for both incumbents and new filers has passed.

The primary election will be held Tuesday, May 10.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Reservations for Lincoln

The Wayne High boys basketball team marked their third straight trip to the state basketball tournament with a 54-38 win over O'Neill in the C1-6 district final Saturday at Wayne High School. Members of the district champs are (front) Sedjro Agoumba, Tanner Walling, Brandon Bartos, Yair Alcantara, Camron Weaselhead, Daniel Judd, (back) coach Matt Ley, coach Wes Blecke, Alex Phelps, Braydn McCorkindale, Colson Nelsen, Devin Anderson, Kaleb Moormeier, Carter Junck, coach Adam Hoffman and head coach Rob Sweetland.



(Photo by Clara Osten)

Service recognized

At the annual Appreciation Supper last week, several members of the Carroll Fire Department were recognized for their years of service. They included (left) Dalton Dunklau, 10 years, Kelyn Roberts, 10 years; Jeff Davis, 30 years; Cody Henderson, five years and Bob McElroy, 10 years. Not present were David Loberg, 10 years; Collin Prince, 15 years; Jesse Frank, 15 years and Heather Claussen, 15 years. Both 2021 and 2022 honorees were recognized.

Nebraska Wesleyan announces fall academic honors list

Nebraska Wesleyan University announces its 2021 fall semester academic honors list for students enrolled in traditional and adult undergraduate programs.

Among those named to the list were Jamie Dolph of Wakefield and Maura Loberg of Wayne.

Traditional undergraduates
Students earning at least a 3.75 grade point average (on a 4.00 scale) while completing a full-time course load of at least 12 credit hours of

graded work (pass/fail courses are not included) are eligible.

Adult undergraduates
Undergraduate students earning at least a 3.75 grade point average while completing 6 or more hours of graded work (pass/fail courses are not included) are eligible.

Nebraska Wesleyan University is an independent Methodist liberal arts university of approximately 2,000 undergraduate and graduate

students in Lincoln. Founded in 1887, Nebraska Wesleyan is committed to transforming each student to lead a life of learning, service, leadership and success in a diverse world. Nebraska Wesleyan offers a wide variety of study programs that combine personal attention to students with a focus on experiential and service learning. For more information, visit nbw.wesleyan.edu.

An energetic response to Russia

Russia's attack on Ukraine is an assault on freedom everywhere.

As leader of the free world, the United States must issue a strong response that will isolate Russia – and the world must follow suit. Direct oil and gas sanctions make it clear that the world will not tolerate global aggressors. The Biden Administration can strengthen energy sanctions against Russia by revitalizing our domestic energy production to supply America and our allies.

Oil and gas exports are a key driver of Russia's economy. The country produces one in ten barrels of oil used worldwide. It is also the world's second-largest producer of natural gas, supplying 40% of the natural gas used in the European Union. Putin has used Russia's market dominance to threaten other nations to bend to his will. And now, every dollar from these exports is fueling Putin's deadly invasion of Ukraine. Sanctions specifically targeting Russian oil and gas will cut off this vital flow of funding.

The President must re-evaluate green policies that have made the U.S. more dependent on foreign oil and weakened our foothold as a global supplier. During his first day in office, Biden canceled the presidential permit for the Keystone XL pipeline. Keystone XL was a critical part of a diversified energy portfolio to ensure North American energy independence. Failure to construct the pipeline has led to greater reliance on overseas energy sources.

A week into his presidency, Biden also halted oil and gas leases on public lands. Nebraska joined a coalition of more than a dozen states in a lawsuit that successfully blocked the President's ban. While this legal victory protects U.S. energy production, the President has doubled down by delaying decisions on new oil and gas leases and permits.

Even before Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Biden's weakened energy policies had caused gas prices to skyrocket. Drivers are feeling the pain at the pump. Americans are paying almost 50% more for gas now than they were in January 2021—with prices almost certain to continue rising.

With record inflation and higher gas prices, President Biden could have resumed policies that produce a rounded-out energy portfolio. Instead, President Biden unsuccessfully begged Russia and Iran to produce more oil earlier this year. That was the President's attempted solution...to ask our adversaries for more oil.

President Biden has also issued an executive order calling for "50 percent of all new passenger cars and light trucks" to be Electric Vehicles (EVs) by 2030. The People's Republic of China produces the vast



majority of the rare earth minerals needed to manufacture EVs. The President's EV goal would make America more reliant on our nation's biggest global competitor. It would also be economically devastating to ethanol and oil-producing states, driving away investment in innovative technology such as carbon sequestration. Liquid fuels—not EVs—remain the best way to keep U.S. energy secure.

Promoting biofuels should be a centerpiece of President Biden's strategy to grow U.S. energy production. Ethanol saves drivers money at the pump, reduces toxic emissions, and creates opportunities for farm families right here in Nebraska. Advances in scientific research and technology are making biofuels more attractive than ever. For example, the State of Nebraska has demonstrated that E30 fuel can be used in regular vehicles without reducing performance or requiring extra maintenance. Technologies like carbon sequestration

will allow ethanol-powered vehicles to achieve wheel-to-wheel emissions that are competitive with electric vehicles. President Biden could direct his Environmental Protection Agency to allow the year-round use of higher ethanol blends to provide relief at the pump for Nebraska families and increase our supply of domestic fuels.

As a matter of national security, it's important for President Biden to stand up to radical environmentalists and support energy production in America. Instead, he's caved to the extremist demands of environmentalists. As Governor, I've been especially alarmed by Biden's 30 x 30 plan. A week after taking office, President Biden signed Executive Order 14008. It set a goal "of conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030." This would put vast stretches of America off limits to productive use—and would further undermine domestic energy production.

The Biden-Harris Administration must not let environmental extremism get in the way of our ability to produce oil and gas at a rate that meets demand—in America and abroad. The President can start by reinstating the permit for the Keystone XL pipeline. He can commit to policies that support cleaner burning, renewable fuels produced in America's Heartland. He can stop delaying oil and gas lease sales on federal land and stop the federal land grab undermining domestic energy production.

If you have questions about U.S. energy independence, or any other matter, you're welcome to email me at pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov or call 402-471-2244.

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Speech team competes twice in a week

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Members of the Wayne High Speech Team took part in the Mid-State Conference Meet on Feb. 23 and also traveled to the Battle Creek Invitational on Feb. 26.

The following individuals and groups were recognized for their efforts:

The Duet Acting team of Ashton Brandow and Easton Blecke, sixth; Maiah Davis, fifth in Extemp and third in Persuasive; the Oral Interpretation of Drama team of Orion Spieker, Ashton Brandow, Easton Blecke, Kaden Hopkins, and Ethan Wibben, fourth; and the Duet Acting team of Kaden Hopkins and Brooklyn Bierbower, second.

Orion Spieker was named to the All-Conference Speech Team by winning first place in Humorous

Prose.

The Wayne Speakers finished their regular season at Battle Creek and will compete in district competition at Columbus Scotus on Saturday, March 5.

The following members of the JV Speech Team placed at the Battle Creek Invitational:

Abi Hawthorne, sixth in Entertainment; Evan Allemann, fifth in Informative; Olivia Hanson, third in Informative; Yama Kantai, fourth in Serious Prose; Alondra Vega, third in Serious Prose; and Norah Armstrong, second in Poetry.

Wayne brought home individual JV championships in the following events: Coby Dickes in Persuasive; Brayden Woehler in Entertainment; Alec Schaffer in Humorous; Maddie Franta in Serious Prose; Ceilus Ibarra in Poetry; Aiden Cliff

and Maddie Franta in Duet, and Alec Schaffer, Norah Armstrong, Yama Kantai, Ceilus Ibarra, and Olivia Hanson in OID.

In the JV individual sweepstakes, Wayne nailed down four of the top six slots: Norah Armstrong sixth; Alec Schaffer third; Ceilus Ibarra second; and Maddie Franta first.

In the team competition, Wayne finished a close second, two points behind champion West Holt.

In Varsity action, Maiah Davis finished tenth overall in Persuasive; Orion Spieker ninth in Humorous Prose; the Oral Interpretation of Drama team of Kaden Hopkins, Orion Spieker, Ashton Brandow, Easton Blecke, and Ethan Wibben fourth; Parker Kesling second in Extemp.; and Kaden Hopkins and Brooklyn Bierbower second in Duet.



(Photo by Clara Osten)

Celebrating

Last week's Chamber Coffee was the kick-off for the year-long celebration of the Wayne Kiwanis Club being a part of the community for 100 years. President Levi Kenny (left) and committee chair Melissa Nelsen (center) highlighted the service club's activities through its history.



(Photo by Clara Osten)

Pancake Tuesday

After a year off, the Wayne Kiwanis Club was again able to host a Pancake Feed. More than 300 people took advantage of Tuesday's above average temperatures to enjoy pancakes, special music and fellowship. Funds from the event help support a variety of youth-related projects in the community.



Logan Creek Chapter

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Logan Creek Pheasants Forever #303

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Wayne business owner enters race for Nebraska unicameral

Mark Patefield, owner of U-Save Pharmacy in Wayne, has announced his intent to run for District 40 of the Nebraska unicameral. The seat is currently being held by Senator Tim Gragert, who has announced that he will not be seeking another term. Patefield grew up on a family farm near Laurel and graduated from Laurel-Concord High School. He attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and pharmacy school at Creighton University. He and his wife, Cristina, also own the Main Street

Apothecary in Laurel. They are the parents of four children, Holly, Weston, Lauren and Graham. Patefield has previous experience serving in public office. He was the mayor of Laurel from 2012-2020 and served on the Laurel-Concord School Board from 2008-2012. Also vying for the unicameral seat are Keith Kube of Crofton and Barry DeKay of Niobrara. District 40 covers Holt, Knox, Antelope, Cedar counties and parts of Pierce and Dixon counties.



(Contributed Photo) Little Red Hen Theatre cast members rehearse for the upcoming production of "For Peter Pan on her 70th Birthday."

The Little Red Hen Theatre presents 'For Peter Pan on her 70th Birthday'

What happens when Peter Pan grows old? Does she still fly? These are just a few questions that The Little Red Hen Theatre of Wakefield is tackling with its upcoming production of For Peter Pan on her 70th Birthday, by American playwright Sarah Ruhl. The production is slated to perform Friday through Sunday, March 11 – 13. The play is a loving look at a family's view of death, life, and the allure of never growing up, as seen through the eyes of five siblings in their father's hospital room during his final moments. His death sparks a conversational wake that includes everything from arguments over politics to when each sibling realized that they grew up, and a magical trip to Neverland. "It is a beautiful piece of theater", says Managing Director T. Adam Goos, "that will make you make you laugh, possibly make you cry, but will definitely move you." The play was originally planned

for the spring of 2021, but Goos felt that audiences weren't ready to experience its themes and messages at that time. "I think that now, even though the pandemic is lingering, we're in a space where we can appreciate the experience of this play. A chance to examine how loss makes us question our own lives, and how losing a parent, at any age, forces us to think about what it means to be a 'grown-up' and move through the world on our own". The production begins with the main character, Ann, reminiscing about how she had played Peter Pan in her local Iowa community theater as a girl. Her father who was the town doctor had to miss a lot of his children's activities since he was always on call. From this point the play divides into three sections. In the first, we're in the hospital with Ann and her four siblings, all named after the Darling children from J.M. Barrie's play, as their father dies. We are then transported to their childhood home

where the siblings hold a wake and discuss their faith in an afterlife. Then, Ann finds and dons her old Peter Pan costume, and brings us to Neverland, or least a version of it. Peter Pan's classic refrain, "I won't grow up!" takes on a slightly different meaning in Sarah Ruhl's play, which weaves such topics as fear of death, family relations, losing loved ones, and aging, with elements of whimsy to touching effect. For Peter Pan on her 70th Birthday features Carolyn Wentworth Harder, Elizabeth Carlson, Buffany DeBoer, Donna Johnson, Dawn Reimers, Jason Thiel, and Champ – the dog. Direction and Production Design is by T. Adam Goos, with assistance from Audrey Loggins. The performance is sponsored in part by the Dixon County Convention and Visitors Bureau, The Nebraska Arts Council, and the Wayne County Convention and Visitors Bureau, as well as the Gardner Foundation and Patrons of the Little Red Hen Theatre. Performances are set for Friday and Saturday, March 11 and 12 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 13 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at www.littleredhentheatre.com, or by calling (402) 287-2818. The Little Red Hen Theatre provides quality arts experiences for Northeast Nebraska through participation in live theatrical productions, educational opportunities, and other cultural and community offerings. For information about upcoming events call (402) 287.2818 or visit www.littleredhentheatre.com



Wayne Public Library debuts second annual Mini Art Exhibition

The Wayne Public Library opened its Mini Art Exhibition work on March 1 in the entryway display cabinet. The library placed a call for artists at the beginning of February, asking for artwork from all ages of community members. The exhibits are no larger than 3 x 3 inches. Free artist's kits were available for pick up to create artworks with, which included a tiny canvas, paints, and air dry clay. Patrons were also welcome to create art with their own mediums if they preferred. The Friends of the Wayne Public Library generously funded the artist kits distributed. Adult Services Librarian Sharon Carr coordinates this program. "As someone who has an art background and regu-

larly creates art, this is one of my favorite programs to make happen for our community. I love seeing what people decide to do with a limited amount of space to work with. The creativity and talent in Wayne is impressive and inspiring," she said. The exhibit is in its second year of existence. Although artworks were due back to the library by March 1, late work will still be accepted until mid-March. Anyone who has a tiny piece of art to display is encouraged to drop it off at the library with a name and a contact number to become one of the featured artists. Artworks will also be featured online via the library's social media sites. Find the artwork online at the library's Flowcode page: www.flowcode.com/page/waynenelibrary.



(File Photo) The annual Youth-Mentor Hunt is one of the activities funded by the local chapter of Pheasants Forever. Youth receive vests and are able to take part in a number of events at the Wayne Izaak Walton League area northeast of Wayne.

Pheasants Forever banquet March 18

After a two-year hiatus, the Logan Creek Chapter of Pheasants Forever will hold its 30th annual banquet on Friday March 18. The actual 30th annual banquet was set to take place on March 20, 2020, but that banquet was canceled due to COVID-19 concerns. This year's event will be held at the Beaumont Event Center on North Highway 15. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for social time and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The event will include a variety of games and raffles, along with a silent and live auction.

Tickets for the banquet may be purchased from any Pheasants Forever member or at CopyWrite in Wayne. For ticket information contact Pheasants Forever members Jim Modrell at (402) 369-0084, Scott Brummond (402) 375-0747 or Scott Barg at (402) 369-1061. Throughout its history, the Logan Creek Chapter of Pheasants Forever (PF) has been involved in many habitat projects, including tree planting at the Thompson Barnes Wildlife Management Area northwest of Wayne. One of the projects the group has

regularly sponsored is a pollinator project to increase the number of bees and monarch butterflies in this area. The project takes place at the Thompson Barnes Wildlife Management Area. Students in Wayne Community Schools are part of the project and planted seeds to attract and support butterflies and bees, which are losing populations rapidly. Pheasants Forever member Jim Modrell stressed that Pheasants Forever is not a hunting organization. Instead, the group works to provide habitat and habitat information for wildlife of all types. "We are always looking for volunteers to work with habitat and youth and those who want to make a difference. You don't have to be a hunter to be a part of our organization," Modrell said. For approximately 20 years, the local Pheasants Forever chapter has sponsored a Youth-Mentor Hunter in early October at the Ike's Lake northwest of Wayne. Those youth who took part in the last hunt will be on hand at this year's banquet and one of them will be awarded a gun during the event. Dues collected by Pheasants Forever go toward improving habitat and protecting wildlife on the national level. Dues are \$35 per person and the cost for attending this year's banquet is \$20 per meal. A spouse or youth dinner is also \$20 for this year's banquet. "Money collected for dues goes to the national organization, but all money raised during our banquet stays with our chapter and will be used locally for projects in this area," Modrell said. For more information on Pheasants Forever or to volunteer to become involved with the group in some way, contact Modrell at (402) 369-0084. Modrell also encourages everyone to follow the chapter's activities on facebook at Logan Creek Pheasants Forever Chapter #303.

Fire chiefs issue burn ban

Local fire chiefs have issued a warning to all area residents that open burning in any form is not allowed. This ban will continue until the area receives measurable precipitation. Local departments have responded to a number of calls of trash fires that have gotten out of control.



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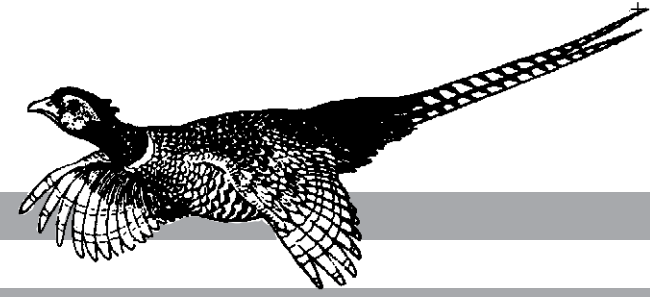
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Sports

THREE OF A KIND

Wayne boys win third straight district title

By MICHAEL CARNES
For The Herald

The number 3 has to be Rob Sweetland's lucky number. The Wayne High boys basketball coach was happy to see his team

step up after a lackluster first half, as the Blue Devils came back to beat O'Neill for the third time this season, a 54-38 decision that sends Sweetland's team to the Class C-1 Boys State Basketball Champion-

ships for the third year in a row.

The sixth-seeded Wayne boys stumbled at the start in front of a near-capacity crowd at Wayne High School, but Wayne was able to stay with the program and didn't panic when the upset-minded Eagles got off to a fast start.

"We always start off rough and it's something we're trying to get better at," senior Brandon Bartos said after the win. "With subdistricts on the road, we wanted to have one more game here at home and we knew our fan base would come in and help us."

"(O'Neill) came out and played their hearts out, and it's something we've kind of gotten in a habit of doing," Sweetland said of the slow start. "But we wear teams out in the second half and we sub enough that we stay fresher."

The Eagles took advantage of Wayne's early-game struggles in the first 17 seconds when Landon Classen picked Alex Phelps' pocket and drove in for a layup to open the scoring.

It would take more than two minutes before Wayne would get on the board on a short jumper by Daniel Judd, and Wayne got within one at 9-8 when Sedjro Agoumba stole a pass and found Tanner Walling for a layup.

O'Neill countered with a 3-pointer by Classen and led 12-10 at the period, then scored on a Drew Morrow basket to take their last four-point lead at 14-10.

Wayne finally woke up after that, and shots by Judd and Agoumba tied the game at 14-14 with 76:07 to go. The Blue Devils capped a seven-point run on a 3-pointer in the corner from Carter Junck and never trailed after that. Walling hit another 3-pointer to make it 20-16 with 2:22 left in the half and Wayne held O'Neill to one basket over the final two minutes to take a 20-18 lead at the half.

At intermission, Sweetland told his team to stay focused and keep



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Sedjro Agoumba grimaces as he is fouled by O'Neill's Brady Sidak during Wayne's 54-38 win in the C1-6 district finals Saturday. The win marked the Blue Devils third straight trip to the state tournament.

playing hard. "We just needed to remind ourselves of the other players' strengths and not lose sight of your man," he said. "I think we got glued to the ball with our eyes and they beat us with some back cuts. We did a good job of cutting that out defensively, got on their strong hand and kept our head on a swivel so we knew where our guy and the ball were."

Walling opened the second half with his second trey of the game to help Wayne get off to a fast start in the third, building the lead to as many as 12 points after Camron Weaselhead put back a miss and was fouled, converting a three-point play to make it 36-24.

"We just wear teams out and just keep playing," Walling said. "We have some great guys coming in off

the bench who help keep us fresh. Our defense is something we pride ourselves on."

Wayne wore out the Eagles in the fourth quarter. O'Neill got as close as 41-31 with 3:29 to go, but Wayne was solid at the free throw line, hitting 11-of-13 from the charity stripe as O'Neill was forced to foul down the stretch.

Walling led three Blue Devils in double figures with 13 points, followed by Judd with 11 and Brandon Bartos with 10. Junck finished with seven points, Agoumba has six, Alex Phelps scored four and Weaselhead had three.

After cutting down the nets, Walling said winning district titles gets better with each passing year.

"This feels amazing," he said. "It's even better than the first two. Each one just gets better."

And Sweetland is thankful he doesn't have to see O'Neill again at state.

"I remember one year when we had the wild card and I was helping Rocky (Ruhl), we saw Pierce four times including at state, and beating a team that many times isn't easy to do," he said.

WAYNE REACHED THE FINAL by claiming a 53-32 win over West Point-Beemer in the C1-7 subdistrict final Thursday at West Point.

The Blue Devils struggled to get anything going offensively in the first half and trailed 21-17 at intermission, but came out a different

team in the first few minutes of the third quarter.

Wayne went on a 14-3 run to start the second half, thanks to two Alex Phelps free throws, back-to-back 3-pointers by Walling, and triples from Bartos and Junck, to turn that halftime deficit into a 34-24 advantage and never looked back.

West Point-Beemer got the lead down to nine going to the final period, but Wayne used a 7-2 run, capped by an old-fashioned three-point play by Judd, to make it 42-28 and Wayne (22-3) cruised to the victory.

Judd and Walling both had 16 points to lead the Blue Devils in the win. Phelps put in seven points, Bartos had six, Junck and Weaselhead each had three and Agoumba scored two.

The Blue Devils (24-3) will play Kearney Catholic in the first round of the state tournament Tuesday at 3:15 p.m. at the Devaney Sports Center.

Wayne 54, O'Neill 38
Wayne 10 10 16 18 — 54
O'Neill 12 6 9 11 — 38

WAYNE — Phelps 4, Junck 7, Bartos 10, Walling 13, Agoumba 6, Judd 11, Weaselhead 3.

O'NEILL — Dean 4, Classen 21, Morrow 2, Pokorny 2, Wattier 7, Sidlak 2.
Wayne 53, West Point-Beemer 32
Wayne 8 9 18 18 — 53
WP-Beemer 10 11 5 6 — 32

WAYNE — Phelps 7, Junck 3, Bartos 6, Walling 16, Agoumba 2, Judd 16, Weaselhead 3.

WP-BEEMER — Scoring not available.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Daniel Judd and Tanner Walling (24) team up to block a shot by O'Neill's Landon Classen during first-half action in the C1-6 district championship game Saturday at Wayne High School. The Blue Devils beat O'Neill 54-38.

Trojans fall in subdistrict final

Wakefield's boys basketball season came to an end, but not without a little excitement.

The Trojans got a buzzer-beater from Eliseo Sarmiento to steal a 57-55 win over Wisner-Pilger in C2-4 subdistrict action last Tuesday, but couldn't keep up with Howells-Dodge two nights later as the Jaguars eliminated the Trojans with a 68-51 outcome Thursday at Wisner-Pilger High School.

In Tuesday's win over the host Gators, it looked like Wakefield was going to get the win when Sarmiento drilled a long triple from the corner with 2.4 seconds left, but the basket was waved off because Wakefield coach Joe Wendte had signaled for a time out before the shot.

Undeterred, the Trojans worked the ball around to Sarmiento for a

second try from long range, and he once again connected, this time as the buzzer sounded, to give the Trojans a come-from-behind win.

Cade Johnson led the Trojans with 19 points while Sarmiento added 18. Armando Villa scored seven, Johnathan Berkley had eight and Ryan Anderson scored three.

Johnson led the team with nine rebounds and four assists while villa had seven boards and three dishes. Anderson recorded three assists as well.

The Trojans couldn't keep pace with the top-seeded Jaguars in Thursday's subdistrict finale, as Howells-Dodge raced to a 21-13 lead after one and extended to 20 points by halftime.

Johnson led three Trojans in double figures with 17 points and

also had a team-high 13 rebounds. Sarmiento added 13 points and Schultz scored 11, with Villa adding six and Anderson and Matt Ladley putting in two points apiece.

The Trojans ended the season with an 18-7 record.

Wakefield 57, Wisner-Pilger 55
Wakefield

12 20 11 14 — 57
Wis.-Pil.

15 13 10 17 — 55
WAKEFIELD — Birkley 8, Villa 9,

Sarmiento 18, Johnson 19, Anderson 3.

WIS.-PIL. — Knust 14, Ruskamp 7,

Palmer 5, Batenhorst 21, Palmer 2,

Scholding 6.

Howells-Dodge 68, Wakefield 51
Wakefield

13 9 16 13 — 51
How.-Dodge

21 21 11 15 — 68
WAKEFIELD — Schultz 11, Villa 6,

Sarmiento 13, Johnson 17, Anderson 2,

Ladely 2.
HOW.-DODGE — Brester 3, Nelson 19,

Bayer 20, Singular 24, Dominguez 2.



(Photo by Mary Vanderbeek)

Eliseo Sarmiento puts up a free throw during C2-4 subdistrict action at Wisner-Pilger last week.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Carter Junck fires up a 3-pointer during Wayne's first-half surge that propelled them to a 54-38 win over O'Neill in the C1-6 district finals at Wayne High School.



(Photo by Mary Vanderbeek)

It's a moment of celebration as the Wakefield boys basketball team surrounds Eliseo Sarmiento following his game-winning 3-pointer that helped the Trojans beat Wisner-Pilger 57-55.

Wrestlers earn medals at area meets

The Wayne Wrestling Club competed in a number of area meets over the weekend.

Results are as follows:
 Osmond WWO Invitational
 1st-2nd
 Ryker Jensen, 4th
 Pierce Warbirds Tournament
 Pre-K
 Knock Koch, 2nd
 Benjamin Vrbecky, 3rd
 Austin Heithold, 2nd
 Tanner Heithold, 3rd
 Jairkk Webb, 2nd
 Kaiser Wohler, 1st
 Kamdyn Rager, 4th
 Bentley Nelson, 1st
 Owen Wragge, 3rd
 Eli Biggerstaff, 4th
 Trexton Ocampo, 2nd
 Beckett Miller, 2nd
 Lydia Stange, 3rd
 Elaine Hunter, 2nd
 Izzy McIntosh, 3rd

1st-2nd
 Eli Foote, 4th
 Adrian Zarate, 1st
 Bryson Varley, 2nd
 Cooper Gamble, 3rd
 Wyatt Holz, 23rd
 Weston Nelson, 2nd
 Cohen Woehler, 1st
 Easton Juhl, 3rd
 Lincoln Nelson, 2nd
 Dayton Hunter, 4th
 Ayden Luschen, 3rd
 Aden Greve, 2nd
 Ryan Magnuson, 3rd
 Travis Heithold, 3rd
 Thomas Plager, 1st
 Brooks Vinchattle, 2nd
 Marcus Hadcock, 4th
 Barnett Hanson, 2nd
 Kirby Gubbels, 1st
 Kimbree Rees, 3rd
 3rd-4th
 Adrian Zarate, 2nd
 Mason Nelson, 2nd

Cayden Gamble, 2nd
 Dexter McIntosh, 3rd
 Treyvan Rager, 4th
 Tyler Daniels, 4th
 Calla Sims, 4th
 Blake Heithold, 3rd
 Josepha Armendariz, 4th
 Ryan Loberg, 4th
 Braden McManigal, 4th
 Lucilee Ocampo, 3rd
 5th-6th
 Callen Gamble, 4th
 Noah Magnuson, 2nd
 Trecyn Ocampo, 3rd
 Samuel Leseberg, 3rd
 Josh Miller, 1st
 Reagan McManigal, 2nd
 Lillian Stange, 1st
 7th-85h
 Ethan Gregory, 2nd
 Grant Maas, 2nd
 Taven Ocampo, 3rd
 Cole Zach, 3rd
 Lakin Stange, 1st

Lance Stange, 1st
 Riley Wachter, 4th
 Winside Junior Wrestling
 Pre-K
 Knox Koch, 1st
 Benjamin Vrbecky, 4th
 Tanner Heithold, 1st
 Jairikk Webb, 3rd
 Kaiser Woehler, 1st
 Bentley Nelson, 3rd
 Max McQuistan, 2nd
 Ryker Doud, 3rd
 Eli Biggerstaff, 4th
 Trexton Ocampo, 3rd
 Beckett Miller, 1st
 Elaine Hunter, 1st
 1st-2nd
 Maggie Sorenson, 3rd
 Kimbree Rees, 2nd
 Wyatt Dunklau, 1st
 Kirby Gubbels, 2nd
 Barrett Hanson, 1st
 Isaac McPhillips, 4th
 Aden Greve, 1st

Ryan Magnuson, 2nd
 Cohen Woehler, 3rd
 Ryker Jensen, 1st
 Easton Juhl, 2nd
 Ayden Luschen, 1st
 Colton Onderstal, 4th
 Dayton Hunter, 2nd
 Bryson Varley, 1st
 Cooper Gamble, 3rd
 Adrian Zarate, 1st
 3rd-4th
 Ryan Loberg, 3rd
 Tyler Daniels, 3rd
 Cayden Gamble, 2nd
 Adrian Zarate, 2nd
 5th-6th
 Reagan McManigal, 1st
 Lucille Ocampo, 2nd
 Josh Miller, 2nd
 Samuel Leseberg, 2nd
 Trecyn Ocampo, 4th
 Isaiah Zarate, 4th
 Noah Magnuson, 3rd
 Callen Gamble, 4th

7th-8th
 Taven Ocampo, 3rd
 Grant Maas, 1st
 Ethan Gregory, 2nd

Olesen tabbed for all-star football game

Josh Olesen, son of Jason and Katie Olesen of Allen, has been selected to play in the Sertoma 8-man all-star game at Hastings College on Saturday, June 18.

The East and West teams are comprised based on geography, of 24 players each from Classes D1 and D2 statewide.

This will be the fourth consecutive year that Allen High School will be represented in the showcase game.



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March 1, 1962 Final showing of play tonight

One of the top-ranking plays currently on the American stage will have its third and last showing tonight (Thursday) at Wayne State's auditorium. Curtain time is 8 p.m.
 The play, "J. B.," recalls the Biblical story of Job's afflictions in terms of a modern business man and his family. The family is pictured in an unusual setting, which includes a platform in front of the stage. Phil Hauser plays the title role; Elaine Lamphear, his wife. There are two other main characters, Mr. Nickles, played by John Soulliere, and Mr. Zuzz, played by Bill Mongan.

March 2, 1972 Moller Files for State Board of Education Post

Walter L. Moller, Wayne realtor and abstractor, filed Wednesday with the secretary of state as a candidate for the State Board of Education in District 3.
 Moller is seeking a four-year term on the eight-man board which had been filled by Allen Burkhardt of Norfolk, who is not seeking reelection. District 3 is comprised of 12 eastern Nebraska counties and parts of two others.
 The Wayne businessman, 61, is a native of Ft. Calhoun and was graduated from Perkins County High and from the University of Nebraska with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture.
 Moller served as Wayne County agent for four years and was field man for Federal Land Bank for two years.
 An Air Force veteran, he attained the rank of major before being discharged from service after World War II.
 Active in civic affairs, Moller is a past director of the State School Boards Association, served two terms on the Wakefield Board of Education, is a past master of the Masonic Lodge, member of Kiwanis, an elder in the Presbyterian Church, a member of the American Legion and one of the chairmen in the Medical Center campaign.

March 4, 1982 Swine Days program draws 100

Of the 10 Swine Days programs held in Nebraska, Wayne's drew the largest crowd. Nearly 100 persons attended the Swine Days program Thursday at the Wayne city auditorium.
 The crowd heard five specialists talk on swine health, copper in swine diets, crossbreeding systems for better sows, energy efficient swine housing and starter diets for pigs.
 Mike Brumm, a Northeast Station agent and local representative of the Swine Days program, said the Wayne program drew the largest turnout in the state.
 Persons from Wayne, Dixon, Cedar, Thurston, Pierce, Cuming, Dakota and Dodge Counties were in attendance. The program was sponsored by the Wayne County Pork Producers and Wayne County Extension Service.
 The State National Bank of Wayne paid for the dinner and the Wayne Chamber of Commerce furnished coffee and donuts. Galen Wiser, agriculture representative at State National Bank, was emcee for the program.
 Speakers were Dr. Alex Hogg, extension veterinarian at the UNL Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources; Dr. Ernest R. Peo Jr., professor of animal science at the UNL Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources; Dr. Rodger K. Johnson, professor of animal science at UNL Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources; David Shelton, research associate in the UNL agricultural engineering

department and Austin Lewis Shelton, associate professor of animal science at UNL.
 The Wayne County Pork Producers organization was formed in January 1981. Pork Producers President Gene Lutt, Wayne County Extension Agent Don Spitze and Northeast State Agent Stan Starling all agreed that the swine program was successful.
 The purpose of the program was to provide farmers with information about swine production and new innovations.
 Questions were directed at the five specialists during a noon break and following the program which ended at about 2:30 Thursday afternoon.
 Among the topics discussed was the use of solar collectors on farrowing facilities. Supplemental heating or cooling for a swine building depends upon air temperature inside the building, the outside building temperature, the amount and placement of insulation, the quantity of air moved through the building, orientation and location of the building and heat production of the pigs.

February 28, 2002 Touch of Brass to perform

A Touch of Brass will be performing a free public concert at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12 at the Ley Theatre on the Wayne State campus.
 The program will consist of works by Gershwin, Vivaldi, Ewald, Ginastera and Borodin. Featured at the concert will be Dr. James O'Donnell, Dean of Arts and Humanities at Wayne State College. He will be performing trumpet works by George F. Handel and Hoagy Carmichael.
 Members of A Touch of Brass include: Jay Martin, high brass, assistant band director and professor of music at Wayne State College; Denise Bender, professor of music at Northeast Community College; Keith Kopperud, band director at Wayne Middle School; Randy Neuharth, newly appointed professor of music and band director at Northeast Community College and Keith D. Krueger, founder of A Touch of Brass.

March 3, 2012 Wakefield artist's work on display in Big Apple

Wakefield High School senior art student Fatima Avila was selected by the online student art gallery Artsonia.com to have her artwork displayed in Big Screen Plaza in New York City this weekend.
 Fatima's artwork, titled "Graffiti," was chosen along with 500 other pieces from across the United States. The slide show will be displayed on a 30-by-16 foot LED screen located on New York City's Sixth Ave between 29th and 30th streets. This is being done in correspondence with this year's National Art Education Association's Convention which will be held only a few blocks away.
 This slide show will be shown in its entirety on March 2 from 4-7 p.m., and again on March 3 from 4-7 p.m. Fatima's artwork will be the 423rd piece in the sequence of 500 artworks, and will approximately be displayed at 6:29 p.m. on both days. When displayed, the artwork will list Wakefield Community Schools, Wakefield, Neb., along with Fatima's name and art teacher Michael Hasler's name.
 Fatima's artwork can be seen by going to www.artsonia.com and typing in "Wakefield" in the search schools icon.
 The Wakefield Art Program has been a part of the online children's Gallery Artsonia.com since 2006. The website allows you to publish your students artwork for family and friends across the United States and all around the world to view.
 Fatima is the daughter of Maria Reyes and Juan Avila. She is considering a career as a tattoo artist.

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Opinion



Diapers and bottles and...

By MIKE RENNING
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I know I have chronicled in these brief chats the fact I have not been a big advocate of babysitting newborns.

If I haven't, I don't.
The Darling Wife can spend countless hours with the newborn Grandkids and loved every minute of it.

I love to see them, and when it's nap time I'll certainly take my turn - but until the little Fella or Gal can hold up their own head they are just a nap-partner I love dearly.

Evidently, our Children have figured this out as Nana a.k.a the Darling Wife has traveled from Emerson to Auburn, from Emerson to Omaha and from Emerson to Valentine several times over the past year and I haven't been asked.

To be fair, when our oldest Grandchildren, Lily and Sophia were babies, I was their daycare for a time.

I was doing sporting events at night and I was Mr. Mom during the days.

Lily and Sophia are now eight and six (I think).

Another problem with having seven Grandkids and getting "up there" is the fact it becomes very difficult to remember exactly how old everyone is and none of them are on Facebook yet.

The Darling Wife is in charge of that end of my world.

At any rate, when I was their daycare I obviously did the things I have indicated I do not do before they lift their own heads...because I had to.

Good heavens I even put braids and ponytails in their hair and assisted with potty training. Wasn't very good at it but I wasn't getting paid - it was all out of love and getting to hang around with the little princesses.

I'm finally going to get to the point - oh wait a minute, I have changed a few diapers lately, but usually only to the Grandkids that could hold their own heads up.

When the Grandkids range from eight, seven, or six, three, two and now one and one, there's a lot of diapers out there to change.

Which is the point.

Little Brooks and Bria were born two days apart.

Brooks lives in Auburn and Bria lives in Valentine.

Auburn is straight south of Omaha on Highway 75 about 40 miles from Kansas and Valentine is about half- inch on a map straight



south of South Dakota in the middle of the state.

Recently, they had birthday parties for a year and while the Mothers of these two were decorating for the parties, which were held on consecutive weekends in Auburn and Valentine, I did some babysitting.

By the way, who ever came up with the idea of a smash-cake?

Why would you turn a one-year-old little person loose on a perfectly good cake.

Moxley, one of the two-year-olds had his second a few months back as did Boe a few months back.

Hogan, the three-year-old, he had a couple.

A nicely decorated, wonderful tasting cake is smashed all around a high-chair and the floor surrounding the high-chair and the little one or two-year-old is in need of a bath and no one gets to eat the cake.

Hey, just figured it out, the dogs; Peter, Jake, Stella and Hank probably invented a smash-cake.

I'm sure you're not surprised here, but I digressed.

I may need to rethink my position on the whole diaper-thing and lifting-up-their head-thing.

When a one-year-old fills a diaper, it's full...and sometimes all over...and sometimes they need a bath.

When a child who can't lift his or her head up fills a diaper it ain't full - smells a little but ain't full.

I'll let you know what I decide.

It's important to learn from your mistakes or just plain learn - even at my age.

Brooks and Bria can both hold up their heads and both are mobile... and both can fill a diaper.

Capitol View

Legislative committee closes executive session to the media

Commentary by J.L. Schmidt
Statehouse Correspondent
Nebraska Press Association

The Legislature's Natural Resources Committee held a rare closed-door executive session that was, according to two members, unnecessary.

In an age of clamoring for accountability and transparency, the committee's move to discuss behind closed doors the legal issues related to Gov. Pete Ricketts' proposal to build a canal and reservoir system to divert water from the South Platte River in Colorado was unwise.

For years, legislative committees have opened such sessions to the media, usually with the caveat that the committee chair or any member can ask that specific details, if sensitive, not be reported. I've been there and done that and the media has had few, if any, problems because of it.

The committee considered (LB1015) giving the state's Department of Natural Resources the authority to build and maintain such a system, which is allowed under a nearly 100-year-old compact. The committee didn't vote on advancing the measure and it is unclear if the discussion needed to take place behind closed doors.

Committee Chairman Sen. Bruce Bostelman of Brainard moved to close the session citing "rare and extraordinary circumstances" to "discuss potential litigation issues." The Attorney General's office had asked for the privacy and even cancelled a similar session with the Appropriations Committee when it refused to close its executive session.

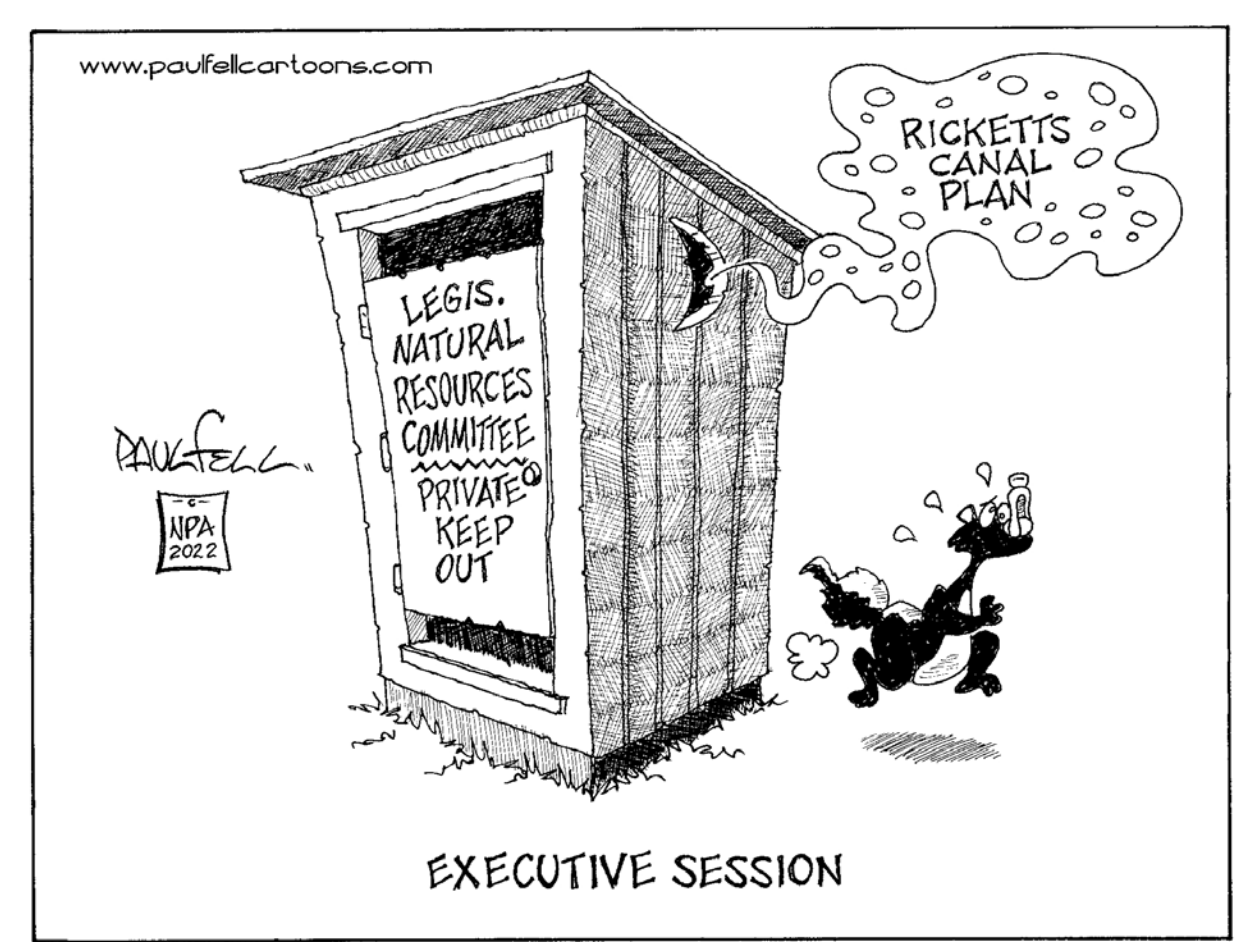
So, what's the big deal? For starters, Ricketts' proposed budget includes a \$400 million transfer from the state's Cash Reserve Fund, along with \$100 million in COVID-19 relief funds from the American Recovery Plan Act, to pay for the project. That deserves transparency and a public right to know what's behind such a big cash grab.

Appropriations Committee Chairman Sen. John Stinner of Gering said the committee has decided not to include any funding for the canal project in the preliminary budget package it's working on. He said he supports studying the idea, but not tying up \$500 million in state money during a lengthy permitting process. He said he could support putting \$2 million or \$3 million toward costs such as a feasibility study and design.

The "rare and extraordinary circumstances" become clear when one studies the legal history of such statewide compacts. The compacts with Colorado and Wyoming are essential for Nebraska, which sits downstream on both the North and South Platte rivers. The 1949 compact on the North Platte has been in and out of court for years. Dumping this amount of money in the South Platte project, which may not be built for another decade, if ever, makes no sense.

"The idea of taking half a billion dollars off the table — that's where I draw the line," Stinner said. Good for him.

All six committee members present — Bostelman, Ray Aguilar of Grand Island, John Cavanaugh of Omaha, Dan Hughes of Venango,



Mike Moser of Columbus and Justin Wayne of Omaha — voted in favor of closing the session. Sens. Tim Gragert of Creighton and Mike Groene of North Platte were absent.

After the session, Wayne told the Omaha World-Herald he'd never vote to close an executive session again, in Natural Resources or otherwise. Good for him.

Cavanaugh said he didn't think closing the meeting was necessary. He didn't think anything shared "required a lack of candor" in public or private. While there's a broad recognition that protecting the state's interests in water is important, "the question is whether taking this action would achieve the stated objective," he said. "And I am still skeptical on that."

Several days later Groene announced he was resigning from the Legislature after a complaint was lodged by a former staff member that he had taken photos of her without permission. The Legislature's formal reporting process was followed and both Hughes and the Nebraska State Patrol

have confirmed there is an on-going investigation to determine if any state laws were broken, such as the use of a state computer in the process.

Remember, that's what got former Sen. William Kintner and Lieutenant Gov. Rick Sheehy (state phone) in trouble in unrelated incidents several years ago.

Here's to transparency and the public right to know!

Groene, who would be term-limited at the end of the year, resigned effective February 21, just short of halfway through the 60-day session. Good.

Ricketts will appoint the new senator from District 42 who will presumably gain a leg-up in the November race to fill the seat for the next four years.

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

Legislative Update

Senator explains current priority bills

Breaking the halfway point in the Unicameral this Session is a welcome, yet surprising reality. Next week will be our last week of committee hearings and we will go into full swing of floor debate. Short sessions create a very intense dynamic for the Legislature, demanding focus on Priority Bills, which means the most important legislation rises to the forefront.

Pro-Life

Three major pro-life bills were heard by the Legislative Judiciary Committee. I introduced LB 933 - the Human Life Protection Act which provides that if or when Roe v. Wade is overturned, the performance of an abortion in Nebraska will be an illegal act. There is an exception for a medical emergency to preserve the life of the mother. No woman who obtains or seeks an abortion may be prosecuted. Senator Julie Slama introduced LB 781 the Heartbeat Act which prohibits an abortion once a fetal heartbeat can be detected. Senator Suzanne Geist introduced LB 1086 - Chemical Abortion Safety Protocol Act which improves safety and reporting requirements for chemical abortion and prohibits chemical abortion after 7 weeks gestation.

Tax Reform Bill

Senator Lou Ann Linehan's LB939 advanced to Select this week. A Revenue Committee Bill, LB939 is an income and corporate tax reduction plan that would attract businesses and talent to Nebraska, helping meet the challenge posed by our current workforce shortage and opening the door to growth in the state. The bill will reduce the top individual income tax rate from 6.84% to 5.58% as follows:

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Legislative Update
By Joni Albrecht
State Senator, District 17

TY 2023 6.34% TY 2024 6.14% TY 2025 5.84% bringing consistency between the top rate for both individual and corporate income taxes. This bill could be historical in the efforts to bring tax reform to help grow and keep people in our great state. I foresee amendments coming and will keep you posted to what happens with LB939.

Ethanol

The state's ethanol stakeholders asked me to carry LB596, which became a Speaker Priority Bill. The bill creates the Nebraska Higher Blend Tax Credit Act for Nebraska retail dealers that sell and dispense E-15 or higher blends. The Act would become effective January 1, 2022. The ethanol industry in our state supports jobs for more than 1,400 Nebraskans and directly

impacts our state's economy by \$5 billion. There are 25 ethanol plants who have the capacity to produce more than 2.5 billion gallons of ethanol— making Nebraska the No. 2 ethanol-producing state in the country. Ethanol production increases demand for field corn, which helps Nebraska's agriculture thrive.

Elective Soil Education

Senator Tim Gragert's LB925 also advanced to Select this week. The bill would require the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to provide technical and legal assistance to a producer learning community — a nonprofit, voluntary membership organization led by agricultural producers — to foster skills and share knowledge related to healthy soils management. The proposal also would require the DNR to divide the state into different regions representative of each area's diversity of soils, topography, rainfall, cropping systems and other factors. I voted in favor of the bill because it does not require producers to take part, but rather simply encourages produc-

ers to weigh in on best practices. It is my perspective that, if passed, I would like to see the DNR cover the cost. I foresee some amendments coming on this bill. Stay tuned.

Future Farmers of America Week

Governor Ricketts has proclaimed February 19-26 as FFA Week in Nebraska. Designated as a national week in 1947, selected to celebrate the impact George Washington had on agriculture, FFA chapters across the country are using this week to help others in their school and community learn about FFA and agriculture education. In 2020-2021 there were 200 FFA Chapters in Nebraska, involving 229 FFA teachers and advisors and over 10,000 members strong.

I always appreciate each of you who intentionally stays informed and engaged in the Legislative process. If you have taken the time to reach out to my office, please understand that with over 1200 bills being heard over the next 60 days, I am not able to personally respond to all of the emails and calls I receive. Have a great week!

Letters

There are other candidates

Dear Editor,

J. L. Schmidt's Capitol View column generally contains information helpful to those interested in state government. That said, his column of February 24, 2022 was quite misleading to readers who may now mistakenly believe that our choices for governor representing the Republican ticket are limited only to Nebraska millionaires. The article's title and contents lack full disclosure of the options Republicans and other voters have regarding the current governor's race.

While I admire all who seek to serve us as elected representatives, it is a proven fact that the wealthiest among us are least likely to empathize with the living and livelihood conditions of most Nebraska residents. For this and several other reasons, I am supporting Brett Lindstrom for governor.

Mr. Lindstrom has actually been elected to and served in the Nebraska unicameral; therefore, he understands firsthand the processes and issues facing our state currently and in the future.

As a state senator, he has worked to cut taxes, spur economic growth, and worked to repeal state social security tax. He is a committed fiscal conservative. He is pro-family and defends the rights of the unborn, believes in and has

worked toward more affordable college costs for Nebraska's next generation, and has been a leader in the fight against the opioid epidemic in our state. He understands how growing government spending threatens the prosperity of everyday Nebraskans. He is supportive of our 2nd Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.

Having had the opportunity to spend time discussing issues and problems concerning to Nebraska's citizens, I find him to be an excellent listener, discerning thinker and one who will act according to both his conscience and toward facilitating governmental decisions that will have positive results for Nebraskans one and all.

I'm sorry for the readers of Schmidt's most recent column that he believes the race of governor is a "two-man race." Nothing could be further from the truth. If you as a taxpayer and voter have not examined Brett Lindstrom's platform for leadership if elected as our next governor, you owe it to yourself to do so. Brett Lindstrom is a man of integrity, family values conversant with Nebraska and Nebraskans, a man of faith: honest and morally sound.

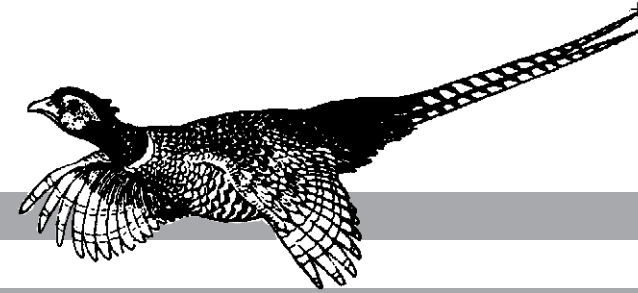
Thank you for the opportunity to correct the record on behalf of Nebraska voters.

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Lifestyle

The importance of career exploration

College and career readiness have definitely become a trending focus in many school systems, often starting exposure to college and career options in elementary school.

Waiting to have conversations about higher education and career options in high school is now considered to be an old adage. While school systems are beginning

this focus earlier and more often through their formal and informal opportunities with students, it's also imperative for parents to understand the importance of introducing college and career readiness options to their youth.

Basic conversations about the importance of going to college and the reason of going is linked to learning skills and knowledge to prepare them for a future career. College may be daunting or intimidating, particularly if no one else in the family is attending.

It is important to explain that college can mean different things for different people. Consider using the word "college" to be an easy way to explain that some people can go to college for a short term to do a certification program, a two year college

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or a four year college and beyond. Explaining the general options is a good way to make college seem more achievable to youth unsure if they have what it takes to be successful in higher education.

Many times budding athletes have the desire to play their favor-

ite sport professionally. While there is a balance of encouraging your youth to work diligently to pursue their dreams, it is also important to have realistic conversations about goals of this nature.

An additional misconception is that college athletes are actually studying the sport they are playing. Explaining that college athletes are studying a certain subject or area is an important step for youth to realize that academics are important and career options must be considered.

Here are some ways to introduce potential career paths to youth:

- Enroll your youth in out of school time organizations such as 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts or a similar organization. They typically incorporate career exposure through skill development or activity base learning.

- Knowing a youth's interest areas early can enable parents to encourage students to focus on doing

well and understanding concepts learned in school. For example, if a youth is interested in becoming a doctor, encourage them to take and challenge themselves in courses such as biology and math.

- Intentionally attempt to match youth interest to a specific career field, if possible and opportunities are available in your community.

- If age appropriate and accessible, arrange for a tour of a local business that focuses on the career field your youth is interested in.

- Download the Nebraska 4-H Career Explorer website or app. This can be downloaded onto a mobile device or viewed online at careerexplorer.unl.edu. This is a good resource for basic career exploration.

Career exploration can become a purposeful conversation with your youth as early as elementary school. Encouraging youth to think about future career paths and what challenges they want to solve in their future will be time well spent!

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ACME Club celebrates with the history of Valentine's Day

Following the Feb. 7 ACME Club meeting, Virginia Backstrom gave the members some of the history of the origins of Valentine's Day, also called St. Valentine's Day.

The Feast of Saint Valentine was established by Pope Gelasius in AD 496 to be celebrated on Feb. 14 in honor of Saint Valentine of Rome, who was beheaded on that date in AD 269.

Numerous early Christian martyrs were named Valentine or Valentinus. Valentine of Rome was a priest in Rome who was martyred in AD 269 and was added to the calendar of saints by the Pope. The remains of saints' remains were revered and their relics were kept and exhibited. Pilgrimages were made during the Middle Ages to the places where these bones/ relics were kept, one in Rome, one in Terni in Central Italy, and another in Dublin, Ireland, as well as in Malta. Feb. 14 is celebrated as St. Valentine's Day in various Christian denominations, including Anglican, Roman Catholic, and the Lutheran Church.

One recorded story states that Saint Valentine was a priest in Rome who was imprisoned for assisting and comforting persecuted Christians. He was interrogated by the Roman Emperor Claudius II, who was impressed by his faith. The emperor tried to convert Valentine to Roman paganism in order to save his life; but Valentine refused and instead tried to convert Claudius to Christianity.

Before Valentine was executed, he was reported to have performed a miracle by healing Julie, the blind daughter of his jailer Asterius. The jailer's daughter, along with his 46-member household of family and servants, came to believe in Jesus and were baptized. History tells that on the evening before Valentine was executed, he wrote the first "valentine" card to the daughter of his jailer, who was no longer blind and signed the card from "your Valentine."

Another story says that Valentine performed Christian weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry because the emperor believed that married men did not make good soldiers. He supposedly wore a purple amethyst ring, customarily like the one worn on the

hands of Christian bishops with an image of Cupid engraved on it. Roman soldiers would recognize the ring and ask Valentine to perform a marriage for them. Amethyst has become the birthstone for February which is thought to attract love, as the Cupid symbol does.

Some symbols connecting the saint with the advent of spring include the sending of flowers and gifts. A character called "Jack Valentine" was said to knock at the rear door of houses in the spring in England, leaving sweets and presents for the children. Gifts included sweets, chocolates, and other gifts. In Slovenia, Saint Valentine was one of the saints of spring, the saint of good health and the patron of pilgrims and beekeepers. Plants and flowers start to grow on this day and birds return to mate, symbolizing spring and love.

The modern Valentine's Day poem was first found in a book in 1784, with a collection of English nursery rhymes published in London by Joseph Johnson:

"The rose is red, the violet's blue,
The honey's sweet, and so are you.

Thou art my love and I am thine;
I drew thee to be my Valentine:
The lot was cast and then I drew,
And Fortune said it should be you."

One of the earliest cards was sent in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans to his wife. He was imprisoned in the Tower of London following his capture in a battle. The card is now preserved in the British Museum.

In the United States the first mass-produced Valentines of paper and lace were produced and sold in 1847. In 1868, the British chocolate company Cadbury created Fancy Boxes, a decorated box of chocolates, in the shape of a heart for Valentine's Day. This day is celebrated in many countries and forbidden in some countries, and has never been a legal holiday in any of them.

Feb. 14 is a time to show appreciation for friends, families, significant others, and anyone else you might love. Valentine's Day is recognized as a cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romantic love, as well as love and affection for others.

School Lunches

ALLEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
(March 7 — 11)

Monday: Breakfast — Pancakes. Lunch — Pork patty on a bun, tater tots, broccoli with cheese sauce, vegetable, fruit.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Long John. Lunch — Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, tea roll, vegetable, fruit.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Blueberry loaf. Lunch — Hot ham & cheese, baked beans, Oreo fluff, chips, vegetable, fruit.

Thursday: Breakfast — Glazed donut. Lunch — Pepperoni pizza, corn, cookie, vegetable, fruit.

Friday: No School.

All 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 include the following options: prepackaged vegetable variety and prepackaged fruit variety.

LAUREL-CONCORD-COLERIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
(March 7 — 11)

Monday: Breakfast — Scone. Lunch — Hamburger.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Biscuits & gravy. Lunch — Chicken fajitas.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Mini waffles. Lunch — Goulash.

Thursday: Breakfast — Pancake sandwich. Lunch — Pork patty sandwich.

Friday: Breakfast — Coffeecake. Lunch — Cheese quesadilla.

WAKEFIELD SCHOOLS
(March 7 — 11)

Monday: Breakfast — Breakfast bites, pineapple. Lunch — Italian Dinkers, green beans, apples.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Loaded biscuits, fresh fruit. Lunch — Hot dogs, emoji fries, peaches.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Breakfast pizza, strawberries. Lunch — Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, grapes, roll.

Thursday: Breakfast — Banana bread, scrambled eggs, berry medley. Lunch — Pulled pork sandwich, carrots, strawberries.

Friday: No School — Spring break.

Cereal, milk and juice served every day with breakfast. Milk served with every lunch. Menus are subject to change.



WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS and ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY
(March 7 — 11)

Monday: Breakfast — Pancakes. Lunch — Chicken patty, hamburger bun, green beans, lettuce, peas.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Omelet. Lunch — Mini corn dogs, bread sticks, tomato sauce, cauliflower, peas, applesauce.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Breakfast burrito. Lunch — Hot ham & cheese, bun, baked beans, carrots, strawberries.

Thursday: Breakfast — Pancake on a stick. Lunch — Sloppy Joe on a bun sweet potato fries, broccoli, peaches.

Friday: No School.

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

WINSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
(March 7 — 11)

Monday: Breakfast — Cook's choice. Lunch — Chicken tenders, baked beans, fruit, bread stick.

Tuesday: Breakfast — Breakfast bar. Lunch — Pork nachos, lettuce, fruit, churro.

Wednesday: Breakfast — Muffin. Lunch — Creamed turkey on mashed potatoes, fruit, roll.

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

Friday: Breakfast — French toast. Lunch — Fish treasures, vegetable, fruit, roll.

Chef salad, fruit and vegetable bar served daily. Milk served with all meals. Menu subject to change.

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Lent is more than giving up chocolate

Have you ever wondered what people are talking about when they say they're giving something up for Lent? Do you want to understand what Lent is and how it relates to Easter? Lent is the 40 days (not including Sundays) that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday/Maundy Thursday.

Lent is often described as a time of preparation and an opportunity to go deeper with God. This means that it's a time for personal reflection that prepares people's hearts

Giving money or doing something good for others is a way to respond to God's grace, generosity and love. For example, some people spend time volunteering or donate money they would normally use to buy something, like their morning coffee.

Spending time during Lent praying, fasting and giving can make Jesus' sacrifice on Good Friday and His resurrection on Easter even more meaningful. Lent is a good time not only for giving up but for taking up. It is a time to rearrange

conversations with God during this time set aside for prayer. The more deeply rooted we become in this daily habit of prayer, the more those conversations with God will spill

over into the moments of our daily lives.

Our world needs our prayers right now. I do pray that a few of you will read this and think "I can do that!"

It really only takes a few minutes to follow this prayer process. Nothing will change your life more than developing a vibrant and sustainable prayer life.


Word in Faith is a collaboration of Wayne Association of Congregations and Ministers (WACAM), an organization partially funded by the Wayne Community Chest.

Congratulations on your performance at state

The LCC Bear Squad received a 4th Place in Pom Pom and a 6th Place in Hip Hop at the State Competition



A Word In Faith



By Amy Woerdemann
St. Mary's Catholic Church

and minds for Good Friday and Easter.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. You may have noticed people with a smudged, black cross on their foreheads. Those are ashes from the Ash Wednesday service. The ashes symbolize our grief for the things we've done wrong and the resulting division of imperfect people from a perfect God.

The three main things people focus on during Lent are prayer, fasting (abstaining from something to reduce distractions and focus more on God) and giving, or charity.

Prayer during Lent focuses on our need for God's forgiveness. It's also about repenting (turning away from our sins) and receiving God's mercy and love.

Fasting, or giving something up, is a very common practice during Lent. The idea is that giving up something that's a regular part of life, like eating dessert or scrolling through Facebook, can be a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice. That time can also be replaced with more time connecting with God.

Eagles Auxiliary plans events

The Wayne Eagles Aux met Feb. 21 with President DeeAnn Behlers presiding.

Initiated into membership was Sherri Kelly. The group hosted a fund raising 5 Point Pitch Tournament on Feb. 26.

There will be a Steak Fry on Saturday, March 5, starting at 6:30 p.m.. Members are encouraged to bring salads or desserts. In April there will be a price increase due to all supplies raising costs.

Entries for the Eagles Coloring Contest were judged and four were sent to the Grand Aerie for their judging. Winners were from Pender and Howells-Dodge schools. These four were awarded \$10 food certificates.

Upcoming events will include a Bar Olympics, with details provided at a later date.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 7.

our priorities and contemplate why we give our best to those things that in the end matter least.

This year I want to try and do a better job of praying during Lent. I challenged our youth group students this week to try and pray every night for five minutes. I introduced them to a seven step prayer process. I created a bookmark that listed the process in hopes that it would help them. I do struggle with prayer at times I get distracted and my mind wanders. I was amazed at how having this prayer process in front of me kept me focused for those five minutes.

It has been said that it takes 30 days to make something a habit. What better time than Lent to try and make prayer a daily habit?

The seven steps of The Prayer Process are as follows:

1. Gratitude: Begin by thanking God in a personal dialogue for whatever you are most grateful for today.

2. Awareness: Revisit the times of the past twenty-four hours when you were and were not the-best-version-of-yourself. Talk to God about these situations and what you learned from them.

3. Significant Moments: Identify something you experienced today and explore what God might be trying to say to you through that event (or person).

4. Peace: Ask God to forgive you for any wrong you have committed (against yourself, another person, or Him) and to fill you with a deep and abiding peace.

5. Freedom: Speak with God about how he is inviting you to change your life, so that you can experience the freedom to be the-best-version-of-yourself.

6. Others: Lift up to God anyone you feel called to pray for today, asking God to bless and guide them.

7. Finish by praying the Our Father/The Lord's Prayer. Each of the first six steps in the process should stimulate a conversation with God. It is easy to fall into the trap of merely thinking about these things. When you find yourself doing that, return to actually speaking with God about whatever it is you are thinking. The goal is to develop the ability to have intimate

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(Week of March 7 - 11)
The Wayne Senior Center will be open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Meals are being served at the Senior Center at 11:45 a.m. Staff will still be providing Meals on Wheels and curbside pickup meal service for noon meals. Please call the Senior Center staff at (402) 375-1460 for details or email them at dbertrand@cityofwayne.org for information. Staff will be available between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Monday: Morning Walking; Quilting & FROGS; Hand & Foot; Pitch; Pool.

Tuesday: Morning Walking; Quilting; Health Clinic, 9:45 to 11:45 a.m.; Afternoon Bridge Club; Pitch.
Wednesday: Morning Walking; Quilting & FROGS; Hand & Foot; Pitch; Pool.
Thursday: Morning Walking; Quilting; Afternoon Bridge Club; Pitch; Skip-Bo.
Friday: Century Club Movie Drawing. Morning Walking; Quilting; FROGS; Hand & Foot; Pitch; Pool; Bingo; Music by Dan Hansen. Coffee time each day from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Snack and coffee time at 2:30 p.m.

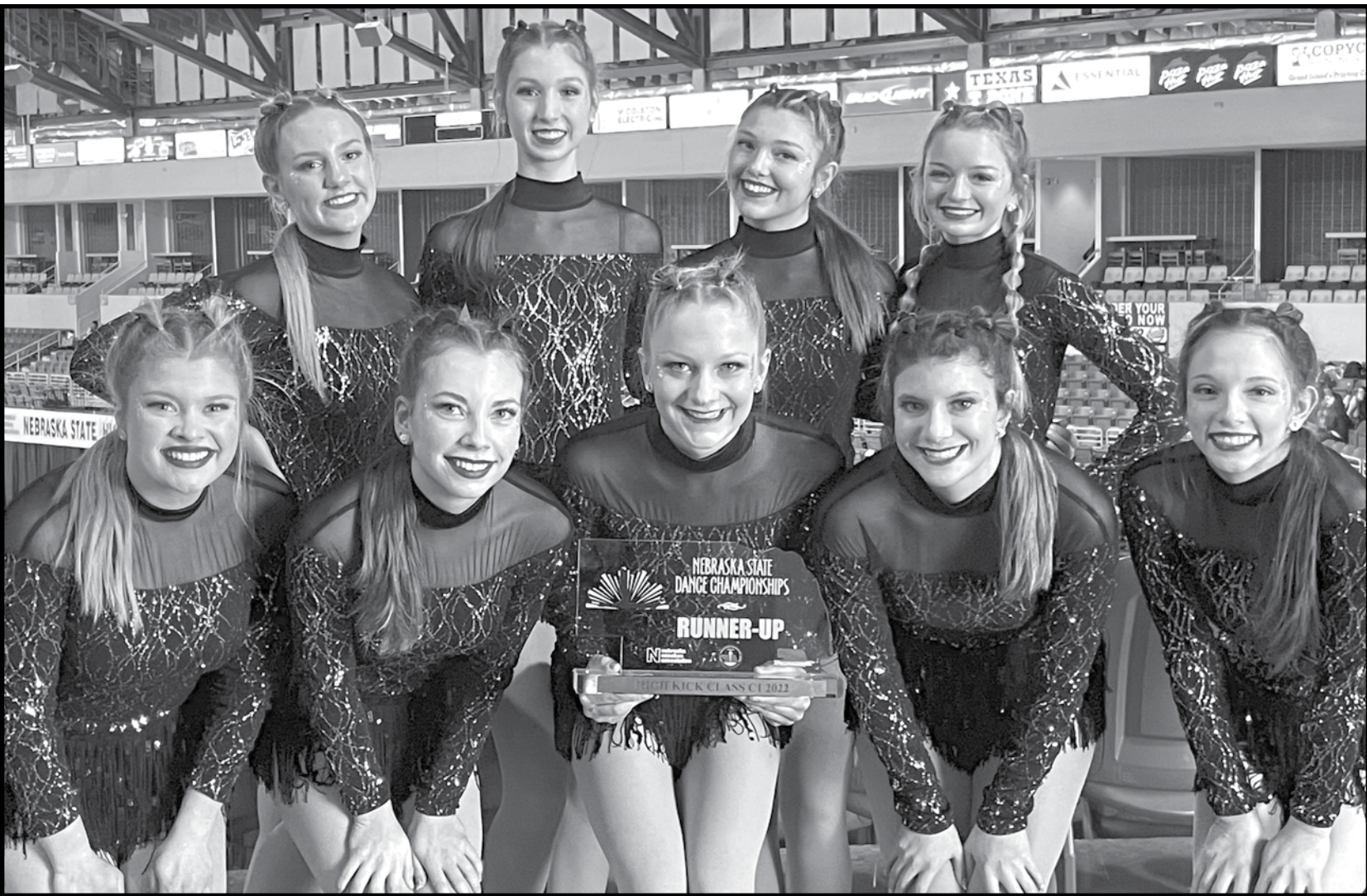
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Congregate Meal Menu

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Monday: Lasagna, Caesar lettuce salad, garlic bread stick,

mixed fruit.
Tuesday: Potato soup with ham, homemade rye bread, peach cobbler, celery stick with peanut butter.
Wednesday: Goulash, lettuce salad with assorted vegetables, sliced bread, shortcake with strawberries.
Thursday: Oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes, creamed corn, dinner roll, mandarin oranges.
Friday: Century Club movie. Special drawing with Kinship Pointe. Tuna & noodles, Italian peas, biscuit, tomato juice, cherry pie (sponsored by Donna Lundin). Fine Dining with Kinship Pointe.

Congratulations on your performance at state



Members of the Wayne She Devils include (front) Front: Sydney Redden, Taytum Sweetland, Jaydyn Jorgensen, Hope O'Reilly, Reagan Backer (all Seniors). Back: Candance Heggemeyer, Leah Perry, Sierra Mutchler, Kierah Haase

She Devils take runner-up in High Kick at state competition

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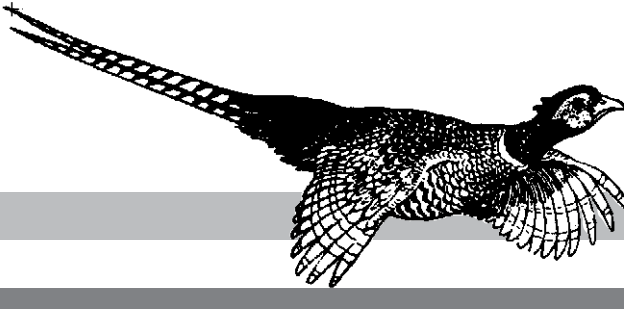
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Discussing the process of buying a car

Well, folks, I did something today I never thought I would do: I bought a car! I was hanging onto my 2008 Escape because it was relatively low mileage and I did not want the responsibility of learning all those "bells and whistles". I would just drive it until I wanted to quit driving, and frankly, I am not all that crazy about driving now! I don't understand the friends who won't give up their keys. It's a lot of responsibility.



The Farmer's Wife
By: Pat Meierhenry

When we moved to Lincoln, we were driving a Chrysler Town and Country we bought from cousin Paul for five thousand dollars. We really liked it, it was comfortable, and we could haul stuff in it. It even held all the grandkids in those days. Then, Mike got the idea we needed a Ford Escape and he had sold his pickup and thought he could possibly drive the Ford. We found a good used one, but he never did drive it. When it had accumulated X

number of miles, we traded up, and then, we added a carrier for the Pride scooter he was now riding (and driving. I never ceased to

be amazed at the way he could maneuver that thing; he said it was easier than backing a wagon load of oats into the shed when it started to rain.) That involved a trip to a blacksmith shop by the Havelock shops for the Burlington in northeast Lincoln, but I got 'er done.

After he died, I gave the scooter and the carrier to some friends and I admit, it almost felt bare without it; I was so used to being careful where I parked, or backed up. And good old Farm Bureau Insurance adjusted my rates because I was putting on so few miles. I have a radius of about five miles around my house, for groceries, prescriptions, the doctor, the hair cutter, and even a hospital, if necessary. Oh, and church.

But I spent a lot on this thing a year ago, and last week, when I took it in for a review, they came up with ways for me to spend more, and I revolted. I told Jared, the head guy

there, I was not going to spend another dime on it, not even for an oil change!

I drove to Louisville to Pankonin's IH to get a new red toy tractor for Mac for his birthday, and came home by way of Ashland and stopped at Lee Sapp, where I used to go for service. They had a 2018 Escape with 68,000 miles on it. I gulped at the price, told him I'd talk it over with Monte, and headed home.

Monte basically said, "if you like it, (I do) and you trust the dealer, (I do), then buy it. (I did!) I made up my mind if it was still there this morning, Monday, I would buy it; I told the guy I have never spent this much money on a vehicle that was not a tractor, and I feel like I'm in a cockpit while driving the thing, but I got it home safely and it's in the garage.

Now, all I have to do is learn to operate the thing. Pray for me!!

Nebraska Extension Board - Wayne County meeting planned

The Nebraska Extension Board in Wayne County will meet on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at the Wayne County Courthouse. The 6:15 p.m. meeting is open to the public. An agenda is available at the Extension Office, 510 N. Pearl Street, Suite C in Wayne for public inspection during normal business hours.

Dixon County 4-Hers celebrate

The 4-H Achievement Celebration for the 2021 program year for Dixon County 4-Hers was held at the Norm Waitt, Sr. YMCA in South Sioux City recently. Those attending enjoyed swimming, pizza, and snacks, while the awards were announced via a slide show during the evening. This event was a shared with the Dakota County 4-Hers.

Junior 4-H project area awards were given to:
Ashlyn Boeckenhauer (Animal Science - Beef);
Addy Stanwick (Animal Science - Goat, Rabbit, Sheep, and Veterinary Science);
Kora Schaapveld (Leadership & Entrepreneurship - Home Environment; and STEM - Wood Science);
Senior 4-H project area awards were given to:

Trinity Back (Animal Science - Beef and Veterinary Science);
Diamond Clover Awards were also given to Rachel Ebmeier (Level 1 - Amethyst; Level 2 - Aquamarine; and Level 3 - Ruby).

Clover Kid Recognition certificates were awarded to Avery Schaapveld and Jackson Roerber. They were also given a 4-H drinking glass, pencil, and candy.
Yvonne Hansen of Laurel was recognized for 30 years of service and dedication to the Dixon County 4-H program.

Those interested in joining 4-H are reminded that it is not too late to enroll for the 2022 4-H program year in Dixon County 4-H. Go to <https://v2.4honline.com>. Once enrolled, you can stay up to date with what is going on in 4-H.

Advice offered on alfalfa

Spring Planting Alfalfa

By Todd Whitney, Extension Educator

Alfalfa can be successfully seeded in the spring or fall depending on field weed pressure; moisture conditions; and timing.

Once established, perennial alfalfa plants can complete well with weeds. However, first year stand establishment can be a challenge when moisture is limited; and weed pressure is high.

If herbicide-resistant weeds are currently growing in fields, then light tillage may be needed to control these weeds while creating a firm seedbed for alfalfa drilling. Also, combining light tillage plus herbicide may be a best management seedbed preparation practice.

Since new alfalfa seedlings are susceptible to injury from many herbicides, it is critical to follow all chemical label instructions. Usually, the alfalfa will need at least two to four trifoliate leaves before herbicides are applied; and 2,4-D usage is not recommended.
Glyphosate-tolerant or Round-up



Ready alfalfa varieties provide more flexibility for controlling weeds currently growing in fields. Initial glyphosate application should occur between alfalfa emergence and fourth trifoliate leaf alfalfa growth stages to remove non-glyphosate tolerant alfalfa seedlings and control weeds that are present.

Our UNL "Seeding Alfalfa" NebGuide G2247 lists other steps for successfully establishing new alfalfa stands. For example, alfalfa grows best at 6.8 soil pH with a pH range from 6.5 to 7.5. Seed alfalfa between April 1 and May 15 in eastern and southern Nebraska; and sow seed between April 15 and May 15 in western and northern regions.

Target seeding depth is 1/4 to 1/2 inch in the fine-textured soils and 3/4 inch depth in sandy soils. Seed-

lings placed too shallow will dry out rapidly and die due to poor roots. While seeds planted more than 1 inch deep may be unable to emerge after germinating.

Winter Survival In Alfalfa

By Ben Beckman, Extension Educator

The time for spring planting alfalfa is just around the corner, and selecting the right seed is crucial.

Two traits we should take extra time to consider are fall dormancy and winter survival. These traits are often treated the same, but are different. Today let's look at winter survival.
Winter survival or winter hardiness is the ability for an alfalfa plant to make it through winter without injury, once the plant goes dormant. This is different than the fall dormancy rating that measures the alfalfa's ability to prepare for and recover from dormancy. Winter survival is measured on a 1 to 6 scale with 1 being extremely hardy and 6 not hardy. For Nebraska, a winter survival rating of 3 is about as high as we want to go.
As temperatures drop and days

shorten, alfalfa plants change their physiology to survive freezing temperatures and make it through winter. While increased hardiness can result in reduced yield potential, for a high dollar perennial forage, having a full stand year after year is better in the long run.

In the past, winter survival traits were linked with fall dormancy. With new varieties, this isn't always the case, so winter survival needs to be evaluated on its own.

We want to pick a winter survival ranking that will get us through winter without compromising yield. Where you are in the state plays a big role in what to pick. Winter temperatures affect the choice, but maintained snow cover is also important. As snow can help insulate the ground, parts of the state that regularly have open winters may need as high or higher survival rating than colder locations with winter-long snow cover.

Bottom line for Nebraska, a winter survival rating of 3 is about as high as we want to go and areas with open winters or regularly colder temperatures should be even lower.

2022 Nebraska Fish Art Contest open for entries

Students in kindergarten through 12th grade can discover the outdoors by participating in the third annual Nebraska Fish Art Contest.

This international art and writing competition gives young people the opportunity to highlight their artistic talents while learning about



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The free contest, sponsored by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Wildlife Forever and Bass Pro Shops, is accepting entries

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Artists create an original illustration of any fish species and submit a one-page creative writing detailing their species' habitat and efforts to conserve it. Entries are categorized in four grade levels: K-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. Educators nationwide use Fish On!, the State-Fish Art Lesson Plan, to utilize the competition as a learning tool in the classroom. Judging will be in April and winners announced in May.

Changes to the contest this year allow any fish species to be depicted, digital contest registration and submissions to be accepted, and printable contest entry forms made available. Additionally, many specialty awards are available.

"The Nebraska Fish Art Contest was especially popular last year, with students submitting very cre-

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Thanks to everyone!
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 - Have BMI between 18-30
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Insurance available for all types of motorized vehicles

Traffic laws are designed to keep everyone on the road as safe as possible. That motivation also is behind laws governing the need to purchase insurance, which is required in the vast majority of American states.

At Northeast Nebraska Insurance Agency in Wayne, insurance coverage is available for a variety of vehicles and other types of pieces of property that may be found on the roads.

"We insure, cars, pickups, farm trucks, semi trucks and trailers, ATV's, UTV's, golf carts, motor homes, boats, farm tractors, combines, any self propelled farm implements," said David Woslager, an agent at Northeast Nebraska Insurance Agency.

Woslager provided sample quotes for insurance for a pickup truck and a golf cart. He noted that many variables go into the actual cost of the insurance, including the age of the vehicle being insured and the age of the person purchasing the insurance.

According to Insure.com, insurance is an agreement between the policy holder and an insurance company which protects the individual against financial loss if the vehicle is stolen or involved in an accident. The Insurance Information Institute (III) says auto insurance provides property, liability and medical coverage. Property coverage covers damage or replacement of the vehicle. Liability coverage is for the policy holder's legal responsibility to others for bodily injury or property damage. Medical coverage pays for the cost of treating injuries, rehabilitation and sometimes even funeral expenses or lost wages.

Compulsory vs. mandatory

coverage
Depending on where a policy holder lives, there are certain coverages that are compulsory, or mandatory coverages that are the minimum amounts required by

law. Optional coverages also can be purchased to suit one's needs. Compulsory coverage may vary based on location, driver's age, type of vehicle, and type of financing on that vehicle. It is best to dis-

cuss coverages with an automotive insurance agent to figure out which types of coverage will be needed and to get a price quote. The six basic kinds of coverage include:

- bodily injury liability

- personal injury protection
- property damage liability
- collision
- comprehensive
- uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage

Insurance typically is sold with deductibles, according to the III. Policy holders may opt for higher deductibles so they can lower their premium costs. Additional factors that will affect the cost of coverage include driver's age, driving record and location where the vehicle is housed or used. Credit score and gender also may affect premiums. Defensive driving courses and protecting the vehicle with anti-theft devices may help lower premiums. Insurance costs vary by a significant amount, so it is a good idea to shop around and compare quotes. Bundling of auto insurance with other policies, such as homeowners insurance or umbrella policies, may help reduce rates.

To obtain an insurance policy, the agent will need the year, make and model of the vehicle being insured. For the most accurate price quote, the VIN number will be needed.

To buy auto insurance, one needs to be the registered owner of the car. Some states allow dependent and independent drivers to own a car in their own names at age 16 or 17. Some parents opt to combine insurance coverage for their teenagers because the premiums may be cheaper. Teenagers tend to be riskier in the eyes of insurance companies due to their lack of experience and perceived recklessness. Those factors are reflected in premium costs.

Insurance is something every driver should have. Motorists can explore their options to find policies that fit their needs and budgets.

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Veh 001 - 2017 FORD F-150	Bodily Injury (BI)	100/300	32.00
Driver: 001 Joe,Client	Property Damage (PD)	100,000	45.00
VIN:	Medical Payments (MED)	5,000	4.00
Classification: Primary vehicle for driver	Comprehensive (COMP)	250 Ded	255.00
	Collision (COLL)	500 Ded	134.00
	Uninsured Motorist (UM)	100/300	5.00
	Underinsured Motorist (UIM)	100/300	9.00
Multi-Policy Discount: YES	Emergency Road Service (ERS)	300	5.00
Multi-Car Discount: NO	Rental Car (RENT)	40	11.00
Passive Restraint Discount: YES	Media Equipment	0	.00
Territory: 001	Non-owned Vehicle	0	.00
Used for rating only	Custom Parts	0	.00
	Loan/Lease Gap		.00
	New Car Replacement		.00
	TNC Driver Coverage		.00
Symbol: HE RM GH M1 MR			
Usage: Town			
	Veh 001 Total:		\$500.00

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Veh 001 - 2015 EZ GO Golfcart	Bodily Injury (BI)	100/300	12.00
Driver: 001 Joe,Client	Property Damage (PD)	100,000	4.00
VIN:	Medical Payments (MED)	5,000	12.00
Classification: Electric Golfmobile	Physical Damage (PhyD)	250 Ded	16.00
Multi-Vehicle Discount: NO	Uninsured Motorist (UM)	100/300	8.00
	Custom Parts	0	.00
Used for rating only			
Territory: 001			
Usage:			
Cost Price New: 6500			
Motor Size: 48 volts			
Group: Electric Golfmobile			
	Veh 001 Total:		\$52.00

How drivers can handle suddenly unsafe driving conditions

The chance to take in idyllic landscapes and sun-soaked views is a big part of what makes road trips so appealing. When traveling during certain times of year, such as spring and fall, seasonal landscapes dotted with vivid colors can be especially stunning.

Prior to embarking on a road

drivers may encounter on the road, and what they can do to make it through such situations safe and sound.

• **Aggressive drivers:** Aggressive driving or road rage is a significant issue, more so than some drivers may recognize. A survey from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety

even exiting the highway. Geico® advises against stopping, as that can lead to potentially dangerous confrontations.

• **Bad weather:** Bad weather can include anything from snowfall to driving rain to thick fog. Though it's wise for drivers to consult the weather forecast prior to hitting the road, no forecast is 100 percent accurate, which underscores the importance of knowing what to do when conditions suddenly take a turn for the worse. If inclement weather appears unexpectedly, slow down and be sure to leave extra room between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you.

The automotive analytics firm J.D. Power notes that many experts recommend drivers double the cushion between their vehicles and the ones in front of them when driving in rain, snow, sleet, and other adverse weather conditions. Doing so can help to offset the slower brake time that occurs when driving in bad weather.

• **Debris:** Road debris can include anything from materials that get blown away from roadside work sites to falling rock to tire tread to items that fall off of other vehicles. The suddenness of and the potentially serious consequences of being hit by or hitting debris is

why a proactive approach is ideal. Avoid tailgating so you have ample room to maneuver should anything fall into the road. It's also important to leave room on the side of your vehicle so you can swerve out of the way. On especially long road trips, share driving duties so whoever is behind the wheel is fresh and alert. Alertness improves reaction time, making it much more likely drivers can avoid debris.

The open road has its hazards. But drivers who plan ahead and know what to do when encountering adverse conditions can ensure road trips are memorable for all the right reasons.

Road trip safety tips shared

Road trips are great ways to get away from home and see the country. Such excursions enable travelers to get up close and personal with various attractions and afford them a chance to travel at their own pace.

No matter where the road may take you, safety should always be a priority. The home and travel safety resource Safewise reports that car accidents are the No. 1 cause of death in America among people between the ages of one and 54. The Canadian Transportation Safety Board estimates that there are 160,000 car accidents each year in Canada.

When planning your next road trip, these tips can ensure everyone stays safe.

Plan where to get gas

Even the most fuel-efficient vehicle will need to be filled up during long road trips. To ensure you're not running on "E" with no fuel station on the horizon, plan in advance where you will take breaks to get gas. Try not to run under one-quarter tank of gas, and coordinate gas stops with opportunities to recharge and visit restrooms.

Stock the car



Breakdowns happen, even with well-maintained vehicles. Stock an emergency roadside kit and keep it in the car at all times. Kits should include:

- mobile phone and charger
- flashlight
- first aid kit
- jumper cables
- jack and tire-changing tools
- flares
- water and nonperishable foods
- paper maps
- emergency blankets, towels and changes of clothes

Keep the number of a roadside service, and phone numbers for

Take frequent breaks

Driving while tired is just as dangerous as driving while intoxicated.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, after being awake for 18 hours, the human body functions like someone with a blood alcohol content of 0.05 percent. After being awake for 24 hours, it's equal to 0.10 percent, or the equivalent of a 160 pound man drinking five beers in an hour.

Don't wait to feel tired to pull over. Make frequent stops or switch drivers to give everyone breaks.

Keep weather in mind

Let the season and the forecast dictate your route. Ensure windshield wipers are working and blades are effective. Consult weather forecasts to determine if thunderstorms will be in the area or if it will be especially windy. Never drive through flooded roadways.

• **Don't forget masks and sanitizer**
Traveling during the era of COVID-19 requires taking extra precautions. Wear masks and sanitize your hands during bathroom breaks and rest stop visits.

Road trips are an exciting way to travel. Safety should be part of the planning process.

Four easily forgotten road trip safety tips highlighted

Getaways come in many forms. A getaway can be restful and relaxing whether it involves a journey to a small island thousands of miles from home or a favorite campsite that's just a few hours away by car.

As the world gradually emerges from a pandemic that put travel on the back burner for billions of people across the globe, people anxious to get away from home may finally feel comfortable seeking getaways that don't involve air

travel. If the open road beckons you in the months ahead, the excitement ahead can make it easy to overlook certain safety measures.

The following are four easily forgotten safety measures to keep in mind as you head off for parts unknown.

1. Have your vehicle serviced before hitting the road. The pandemic significantly affected people's driving habits. Millions of people spent the pandemic working

remotely, and many have continued to do so even after being vaccinated. Total driving distances fluctuated throughout the pandemic. For example, the Federal Highway Administration reported that the total distances driven in July 2020 had declined by 11 percent compared to the same month a year earlier. That decline was more drastic according to figures examining total distances driven in April 2019 and April 2020, when driving had decreased by 40 percent compared to a year earlier.

Though driving may have increased as the pandemic wore on, it's still a good idea for drivers to have their vehicles serviced before a road trip. Request a full tune-up that includes an oil change, a battery check and a tire rotation. These services and other mainte-

nance tasks like fluid refills can reduce the likelihood of breakdowns and reveal any issues that might make driving less safe.

2. Determine if your vehicle is the subject of a recall. Recalls are issued if a safety issue has been uncovered since a car hit the market. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has a list of recalls available on its website at NHTSA.gov/Recalls. Recalls are fixed free of charge, and it's best to look well in advance of a trip to ensure you have time to take the vehicle in for its update.

3. Get used to driving with accessories on the vehicle. Summer road trips are typically taken with bicycle racks attached to rear windows or the top of the vehicle. Drivers unaccustomed to having bicycles or storage units attached to their vehicles

should make a few trial runs so they can get acclimated. Backing up with bike racks on the back of the car can be tricky for novices, so a little practice with the bikes on the back may be helpful. Drivers who intend to tow campers also may benefit from a little pre-trip practice.

4. Pack a map. Though maps have long since fallen out of favor due to the availability of GPS, people traveling to remote areas may find their smartphone signals fading in and out as they get closer to their destinations. A map can help road trippers overcome service interruptions and arrive at their destinations on time.

Road trips may be especially popular this summer. Some simple safety measures can ensure drivers and their passengers stay safe.

Gasoline quality: more than just grade levels

Did you know substantial differences exist in the quality of gasoline sold at United States fuel retailers—whether you're buying regular, mid-grade or premium fuel?

According to AAA's independent laboratory testing, gasoline that meets TOP TIER™ standards for enhanced engine-cleaning detergent additives keeps engines significantly cleaner than other tested fuels.

Americans are six times more likely to choose a gas station based on gasoline price rather than quality, however. But by selecting a quality gasoline, drivers can minimize engine deposits, increase vehicle performance and improve fuel economy.

Findings

Among brands tested, non-TOP TIER gasolines caused 19 times more engine deposits than TOP TIER brands after just 4,000 miles of simulated driving. Such carbon deposits can reduce fuel economy, increase emissions and negatively impact vehicle performance, particularly on newer vehicles.

Since TOP TIER gasoline is widely available, provides fuel economy and vehicle performance benefits and costs an average of just three cents more per gallon, AAA urges drivers to consider the gasoline when it's time to fuel up.

History

The Environmental Protection Agency mandated a minimum level of detergent for all gasoline sold in the United States in 1996, but some automakers believe the mandate doesn't go far enough to ensure optimal vehicle performance or their ability to meet increasingly stringent fuel economy and emissions requirements. The TOP TIER program and performance standard were developed to guarantee that program participants' gasoline meets engine cleanliness targets that are stricter than the original

EPA guidance.

Decisions

Despite the fact that two-thirds of U.S. drivers believe gasoline quality differs between gas stations, a AAA survey shows that when it comes to selecting a gas



station, Americans value convenience and price over quality.

Gas station choice

• Three-quarters of U.S. drivers decide where to fuel up based on station location (75 percent) or price (73 percent).

• Nearly one-third (29 percent) of U.S. drivers choose based on a rewards program.

• Only 12 percent of U.S. drivers select a station based on whether its gasoline contains an enhanced detergent package.

• Nearly half (47 percent) of U.S. drivers don't regularly buy gasoline that contains an enhanced detergent additive.

• Men (44 percent) are more likely than women (26 percent) to regularly buy gasoline that contains an enhanced detergent package, as are baby boomers (41 percent) compared to millennials (32 percent).

To protect vehicle investments, AAA recommends using a gasoline that meets these standards for engine cleanliness and performance. And according to TOP TIER, one-third of gas stations meet its fuel quality standards.

The benefits of travel insurance explained

This summer, many people will take traditional vacations for the first time in a couple of years. The COVID-19 pandemic put vacation plans on pause in the summers of 2020 and 2021. But now that hun-

Did you know?

Fully functional headlights are an important safety feature on cars and trucks.

While halogen bulbs were common in the past, modern vehicles now largely utilize high intensity discharge (HID) bulbs or light-emitting diodes (LEDs). HID bulbs work similarly to fluorescent bulbs by passing an electric current through an inert gas in a glass cylinder. LEDs are semiconductors that emit light when powered by an electric current. LEDs and HID bulbs are now used because they are efficient and last longer. These headlights quickly replaced halogen bulbs as the industry standard, but many drivers have lamented that they are increasingly feeling blinded by headlight glare. In March 2020, the Ford Motor Company recalled several F-150s because their headlights were too bright.

According to Donut Media, an American automotive content brand, the typical halogen bulb puts out 1,300 lumens of light and the average LED emits 1,600 lumens. But HID bulbs can emit up to 3,000 lumens. Popular Science magazine also says HID and LED headlights are a different color temperature than halogens. These newer lights put out whiter and bluer light. Human eyes are very sensitive to blue light, so these blue-white bulbs automatically seem brighter even when they're not emitting more lumens, according to PowerBulbs reports.

dreds of millions of people have been vaccinated against COVID-19, the summer of 2022 figures to see a significant uptick in travel.

The recent increase in flight and hotel bookings suggests a growing confidence that summer travel will once again be safe in 2022.

With so many people returning to travel this summer, now is a good time for vacationers to consider travel insurance, and why it could be the best accessory travelers can have in the months ahead.

Trip cancellations/interruptions

No one knows what lies ahead in the summer of 2022. Though the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has indicated travel is safe for people who are fully vaccinated, travel insurance could provide a safety net should travelers need to cancel or interrupt their trips. The financial experts at NerdWallet note that travel insurance policies may reimburse travelers whose flights were canceled or whose trips were interrupted.

Consumers should determine just what is covered in regard to interruptions. A Cancel for Any Reason addendum, also known as a CFAR, is one potential option travelers can consider. Such an add-on allows travelers to cancel their trips for

any reason and receive a partial refund for what they paid.

Lost or damaged baggage

Airlines will no doubt welcome a busy travel season this summer after a largely lost, financially devastating 2020. United Airlines acknowledged in January 2021 that it lost \$1.9 billion in the final three months of 2020. Summer 2022 will hopefully help airlines get back on track, but the challenges of accommodating such a significant uptick in travelers could increase the likelihood that baggage is lost or damaged. Travel insurance policies can provide a safety net against lost, damaged or even delayed baggage.

Medical emergencies

No one wants to imagine having a medical emergency while on vacation. But such incidents happen, and a travel insurance policy can cover travelers for emergency medical expenses, including transport home. That could be an especially important benefit during an era when public health remains somewhat unpredictable. Travel is making a comeback this summer. Travelers who want a little extra security on vacation this summer can purchase a travel insurance policy to protect themselves against the unknown.

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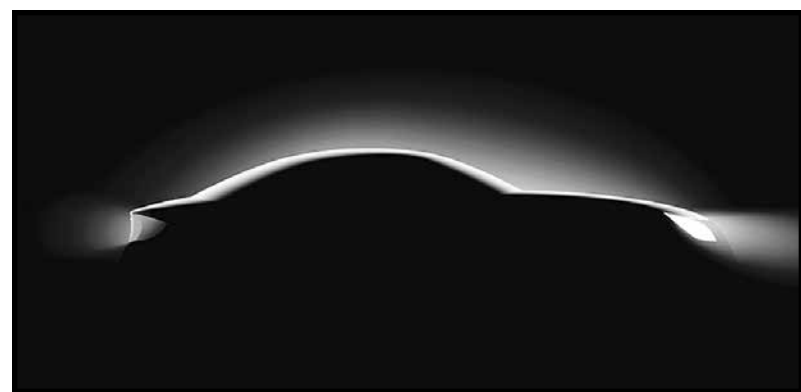
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Advice offered for addressing headlight glare

Headlight glare becomes dangerous when visibility is impaired to a point where the risk of accidents is heightened. Glare is a growing problem for many modern drivers due to the increased use of light emitting diodes in headlights.

Driving at night is challenging because pedestrians, cars and other obstacles are difficult to see once the sun sets. However, a study from the U.S. Department of Transportation found that 88 percent of drivers noticed LED and HID headlight glare, with more than 30 percent saying the glare is “disturbing.” While LED lights may not actually be brighter, their “cool” spectrum make them appear so. Studies have found that blue and white light tends to hit people’s eyes harder, especially at night.

In addition, human eyes do not



adjust to changes in lighting very quickly, according to Pierre Paul Driving School in New York. The older a person gets, the longer his or her eyes will take to adjust to changes in lighting. In fact, it can take up to seven seconds to recover from the blinding glare of headlights. That’s enough blindness to swerve off the road or potentially hit something.

While glare can be problematic, drivers can take certain steps to make it safer to drive at night.

- Clean the windshield. Dirt and grime found on the windshield can refract light and make glare worse. Therefore, clean all windows and mirrors thoroughly, inside and out.
- Repair scratches and cracks. Glare can be exacerbated by any imperfections in the windshield.

Repair cracks or scratches promptly.

• Get a vision and health check. Changes to vision can impact how glare affects certain individuals. Vitamin A deficiency can cause night blindness, also known as nyctalopia. Eye shape changes, including a condition called keratoconus, can affect vision. Cataracts and diabetes also impair vision. Visit with a primary care physician as well as an eye doctor to diagnose conditions that can make night vision worse.

• Change your line of sight. Do not look directly into oncoming headlights. Rather, look slightly down and to the right side of the road so that you’re not focusing on the beams.

• Get glare-resistant coatings on eyeglasses. Speak with an optician about eyeglasses with anti-glare coating. This will significantly reduce

the amount of glare. VisionCenters.com says standard plastic lenses reflect around 8 percent of the light that reaches glasses, while high-index lenses reflect up to 12 percent of available light. Anti-glare coating allows 99.5 percent of available light to reach the eyes, essentially eliminating glare. Those who don’t wear eyeglasses can purchase specific anti-glare glasses to wear in high-glare conditions, such as when looking at computer and phone screens.

• Flip the rearview mirror to “night” mode. This will make it appear as though lights coming from behind are dimmer.

These are some of the steps to take when glare becomes problematic while driving at night. Taking breaks also can help eyes recover.

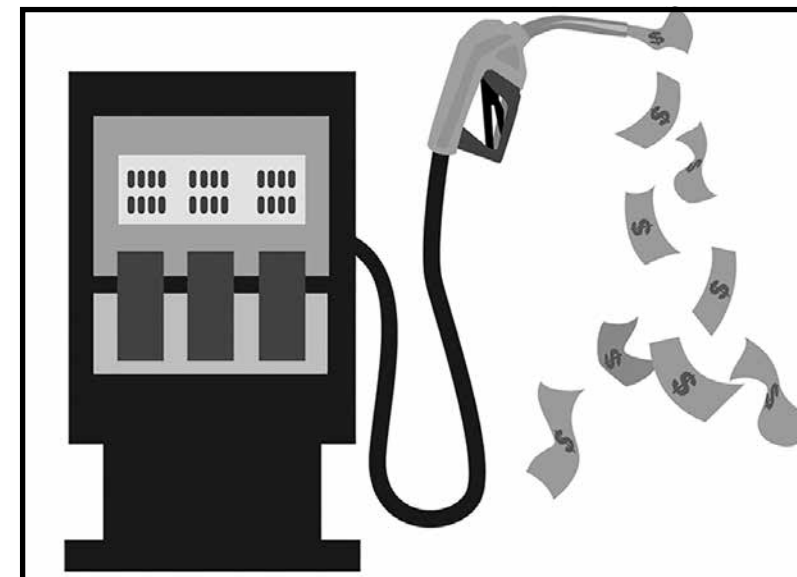
Simple strategies offered to be a more efficient driver

Drivers likely need no reminder that the cost of fuel is high. In November 2021, data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration indicated the average price per gallon of fuel was \$3.39. That marked a seven-year high and an increase of \$1.29 in just 12 months.

Learning how to be a more efficient driver is a great way to improve gas mileage and take some of the sting out of filling up.

• Take it easy behind the wheel. The Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy reports that aggressive driving can lower gas mileage by as much as 30 percent when driving at highway speeds and 40 percent when driving in stop-and-go traffic. Avoid speeding and rapid acceleration and braking.

• Utilize in-vehicle energy feedback. A recent study from researchers at the Institute of Transportation Studies found that drivers who used driver feedback devices in their vehicles in an effort to save fuel improved their gas mileage by about 10 percent. Many modern vehicles are equipped with such devices, and drivers can learn to use them and reap the rewards with less frequent trips to the filling



station.

• Keep cargo off the roof. Rooftop cargo boxes can be convenient when traveling on vacations. However, researchers at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory report that such boxes can reduce fuel economy by a significant percentage depending on where drivers are driving. City drivers with rooftop cargo boxes may experience a 2 to 8 percent decline in fuel economy, while vacationers traveling at interstate speeds may notice a

decline as high as 25 percent. Cargo boxes are convenient, but they’re not very aerodynamic, so it’s best to remove them after returning home from vacation.

• Avoid idling. Idling was once advised to warm up vehicles so they did not stall once they leave the driveway and hit the open road. However, that stalling occurred when cold carburetors could not get the appropriate mix of air and fuel in the engine. But carburetors have long since been replaced

by electronic fuel injection systems, negating the need to warm up a vehicle to avoid stalling. The Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy note that modern engines will warm up by being driven and urge drivers to avoid warming up their cars for more than 30 seconds. High fuel costs make it advantageous for drivers to embrace efficient driving, which can save a substantial amount of money at the gas pump.

Did you know?

The United States and Canada have two of the lowest minimum age driving requirements in the world.

Minimum driving age requirements vary by the state and province in the United States and Canada, respectively. However, in many areas of the United States, drivers can begin driving with a learner’s permit around the age of 14 (drivers with learner’s permits often must be accompanied by fully licensed drivers), while the minimum driving age in most Canadian provinces is 16 (it is 14 in Alberta).

Throughout much of Africa, including in countries such as Egypt, Kenya and Morocco, the minimum driving age is 18. The Central American countries of Costa Rica, Honduras and Nicaragua also make young people wait until the age of 18 before they can get behind the wheel. Much of South America is the same, with only Argentina (17) and Chile (17 with parental approval) allowing young people to drive before they turn 18.

Many countries in Asia, including China (18), India (18 for cars, 16 for gearless bikes under 50 cc) and Japan (18 for cars and motorcycles over 401 cc), also have higher minimum age driving requirements than the United States and Canada.

Simple safety tips for water sports enthusiasts shared

Bodies of water like lakes, rivers and oceans often elicit fond memories of fun times spent under the sun. Safety should always be a priority when spending time on the water, especially when participating in water sports, including swim-

ming and water skiing.

According to the World Health Organization, more than 40 people die by drowning every hour of every day, which equates to around 372,000 deaths each year. Many of those deaths, the vast majority

of which occur in low- or middle-income countries, are preventable, and safety is at the core of drowning prevention. Though drowning incidents are not as prevalent in the United States and Canada as they are elsewhere in the world, the popularity of water sports in both countries underscores the importance of revisiting the various ways to stay safe when out on the water.

• Take water sports lessons. The carefree nature of spring and summer can make it easy for water sports enthusiasts to forgo lessons before trying their hands at water skiing and wakeboarding. But such lessons can teach people techniques that can keep them safe on the water. Courses teach everything from how to get up and out of the water to how to properly handle a tow rope. They also can teach boaters how to navigate waters while towing skiers, tubers and wakeboarders.

• Learn hand signals and go over them before getting in the water. The National Safety Council emphasizes the importance of basic hand signals, which can be used to help boaters communicate with the



people they’re towing. Hand signals are vital because water sports tend to be noisy, so nonverbal communication may be the only way boaters can communicate with the people they’re towing. Signals can be used to communicate anything from directions of turns to speed requests to the condition of the person being towed. A list of hand signals can be found at www.boat-erexam.com/safety/safety-common-hand-signals.aspx.

• Inspect tow lines. The NSC advises inspecting tow lines prior to beginning. Such inspections

can confirm that tow lines are not caught in the propeller or wrapped around anyone before the activity begins.

• Wait for the propeller to stop before getting back on the boat. People being towed should always wait for propellers to stop before climbing back into the boat. It doesn’t take long for propellers to stop, and those extra few seconds can dramatically reduce risks for accidents or injuries.

• Avoid water sports at night. Visibility is compromised once the sun goes down. That can make it hard for boaters to see any obstacles that might appear in the water, and it also makes it very difficult for them to communicate with the people they’re towing. As a result of such difficulties, the NSC urges water sports enthusiasts to only engage in such activities during daylight hours.

Water sports make summer even more fun. Safety should always be the utmost priority for anyone involved in such activities.

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Why it's important to wash your car

The first things to come to mind when many people ponder vehicle maintenance are oil changes and routine tune-ups. Though each of those things are vital components of automotive maintenance, it's important that drivers recognize the value of a thorough car wash as well.

Drivers may see a car wash as a way to make their car look good, and that's not untrue. An effective car wash can give a car a look that mirrors how the vehicle appeared the moment it was driven off the lot.

But an effective wash is more than just cosmetic. According to Consumer Reports, a thorough car wash removes grit and residue, thus protecting the car's paint job and reducing the likelihood of corrosion. Though late model vehicles aren't as susceptible to rust, fading and peeling as cars made decades ago, they still need a thorough and



routine wash to remove dirt, grime and bird droppings that, over time, can adversely affect the paint job and, if left unchecked, eat away at the metal.

Another benefit to routine car washes is they can prevent damage related to seasonal issues.

For example, individuals who live in regions where winter snowfall is common may routinely drive on roads that have been salted. Deicing the roads makes driving safer, but salt can accumulate on the undercarriage of the vehicle and contribute to corrosion. Winter

may not be a time many drivers visit the car wash, but it's important to do so after snow has melted and salt on the roadways has been washed away by rain. Most car washes now offer high-pressure undercarriage treatments that can wash off salt and prevent corrosion and the formation of rust.

But it's not just the exterior of the car that can benefit from routine washing. When taking their cars to get washed, many motorists pay a little extra to have their vehicle interiors cleaned. Sometimes referred to as "interior detailing," cleaning the cabin of the car helps to maintain the interior so it looks new longer. Routine interior cleaning also can remove dust and other particles that can serve as irritants if allowed to build up over time.

Resale and trade-in value is another factor to consider. The automotive experts at Edmunds note that the average transaction price for a

used vehicle in the second quarter of 2021 was \$25,410, which marks a 21 percent increase over the year prior. Much has been made of the microchip issues that have compromised auto manufacturers' ability to produce new automobiles, and that led many motorists to the pre-owned vehicle market. Dealerships also offered incentives to drivers willing to trade in their late model cars. By taking care of a vehicle's interior, drivers are putting themselves in position to capitalize on the increased reliance on the pre-owned market. Prospective buyers, whether they're private citizens or dealerships, will see more value in a vehicle with a well-maintained interior than one with a cabin that's seen much better days.

Car washes may be seen as a purely cosmetic form of vehicle maintenance. But the benefits of routine and thorough car washes extend far beyond aesthetic appeal.

Tips offered for first-time RV drivers

Whether it's the welcoming weather or the chance to follow a favorite football team or, of course, the awe-inspiring foliage, many people are ready to hit the open road. A car or truck might suffice for a day trip or weekend getaway, but those who want to travel more extensively often do so in an RV.

Recreational vehicles, or RVs, provide a taste of home away from home for millions of people every year. RVs allow people to visit even the most remote locations without having to worry about finding food or lodging. As welcoming as the interior of an RV can be, it's also easy for first-time RV drivers to feel a little intimidated. RVs are the largest vehicles many people will ever operate, and even long-time drivers will likely need some time to



adjust. That adjustment period can go smoothly if drivers take steps to grow more comfortable behind the wheel before embarking on their trips.

•Recognize that practice makes perfect. A cross country RV trip is a dream vacation for many people, but drivers must learn to crawl before they can walk. RVs are much

bigger and heavier than cars and trucks, and practice runs can help drivers grow acclimated to that size. Don't begin a practice run without first noting the class and height of the vehicle. The online camper resource Camper Report notes that Class C RVs average 10 feet in height, while Class A RVs are typically between 13 and 14 feet tall. Measure the height of your RV prior to your first practice run so you can be sure you can make it beneath all overpasses on your route.

•Take a companion along. Drivers behind the wheel of a car or truck may not give a second thought to driving in reverse or navigating their way around parking lots. But such situations require some forethought, and even a little help,

when driving an RV for the first time. A traveling companion can direct drivers into and out of parking spots until they grow more acclimated to operating an RV.

•Utilize leveling blocks. RV leveling blocks help RVs stay level when parked on sloped surfaces. The RV experts at TheRVGeeks.com note that RVs need to be level in order for equipment to work properly. That's problematic if you park at a campsite with uneven ground. Even if equipment is functional when parked on marginally sloped surfaces, navigating your way through an RV parked on such ground is inconvenient if not annoying. Leveling blocks also can keep jacks from sinking into soft ground, making them an inexpensive yet useful accessory for any RV trip.

•Practice dumping your tanks. Drivers whose RVs have toilets will eventually need to dump their waste. Drivers should practice this in advance of their first trip so they are practiced when the time comes to do it on the road. Tutorials on YouTube can teach drivers how to dump their tanks. Drivers also can invest in a highly rated, thick sewer hose to avoid being sprayed with waste while out on the road.

RV travel is a great way to experience the open road. First-time RV drivers can try various strategies to get used to what it's like to be behind the wheel of these unique vehicles.

Tips shared to safely drive in large cities

Visitors to large cities often marvel at how drivers traverse urban roadways. Non-city dwellers may white knuckle their way through crowded city streets, all the while wondering how anyone could handle such a stressful experience on a daily basis. Though suburban or rural residents may never master the art of city driving, they can embrace various strategies to make city driving safer and less stressful.

•Take a small vehicle if possible. Rural and suburban roadways may be built for SUVs and other large vehicles, but that's not often the case in cities. A feeling of claustrophobia contributes to the discomfort many drivers feel when driving through cities. Some may be worried that their SUVs or trucks will



hit parked cars, while others may prefer to be closer to the street so they can easily see pedestrians. Drivers who can choose between an SUV or truck and a smaller vehi-

cle like a sedan may find that they feel more comfortable driving the smaller vehicle inside city limits.

•Pick and choose your driving times. The National Safety Council says morning rush hour in most cities is typically between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m., while afternoon rush hour begins around 4 p.m. and lasts until 7 p.m. Drivers nervous about city driving may benefit by avoiding cities during rush hours. During rush hour, city streets may be overcrowded with commuter buses, taxis and ridesharing services, and professionals anxious to get to work or get home after a long day at the office. That can make city driving especially stressful. If possible, avoid these times.

•Stay in your lane. The automo-

tive experts at Edmunds.com note that switching lanes will only trim a negligible amount of time off your trip. Those extra few seconds or even minutes are not worth risking an accident. Slow drivers tend to stick to the right lane in cities, though drivers who stay in the right lane should recognize that experienced city drivers who want to make right turns may be aggressive with other right lane drivers who they feel are moving too slowly. Do your best to ignore aggressive drivers and resist the temptation to drive significantly below the speed limit, even when you're in the right lane.

•Don't take turns and crosswalks for granted. Suburban and rural drivers may not give a sec-

ond thought when approaching crosswalks. But city crosswalks are often filled with pedestrians. That requires a little extra patience and attention when turning or driving through a yellow light within a city.

•Be mindful of cyclists. Many large cities have established bike lanes to encourage more people to bike to work. Cyclists move more quickly than pedestrians traveling on foot, so always make sure to check sideview mirrors before turning to ensure speedy cyclists are not coming up behind you. In addition, never swerve into bike lanes, as cyclists have every right to be on the road.

A few simple strategies can help drivers calm their nerves about driving within city limits.

How tech can make you a safer driver

Technology has touched all aspects of modern life, including the way people drive. For example, the days of printing directions in advance of long car trips are long gone thanks to global positioning systems (GPS) that are now built in to cars or easily accessible via smartphones. But technology hasn't just made it easier to get

from point A to B. It's also made such journeys safer.

Modern automobiles are loaded with bells and whistles, many of which are designed to make it safer to operate and travel in moving vehicles. In recognition of the effectiveness of safety features like advanced driver-assistance systems (ADAS), many insurance companies

offer significant discounts to drivers who use them. Researchers with the insurance comparison website Insurify note that some insurers offer 10 percent discounts on premiums to drivers who use features like an ADAS while driving.

Drivers interested in tech-based safety features for their vehicles can consider these options.

•Heated wiper blades: Ice and snow pose a significant threat to drivers and their passengers. According to the Federal Highway Administration, 70 percent of roads in the United States are located in snowy regions, while Canadians need no such statistics to know that their roads are subjected to heavy snowfall each winter as well. Visibility is easily compromised when driving in snowy, icy conditions. Heated wiper blades can quickly melt snow and ice buildup on a windshield, making it easier for drivers to see the road ahead. Such blades also save drivers from the unenviable task of scraping ice off their windshields.

•Night view assistance: Many drivers admit to experiencing difficulty driving at night. Night view assistance technologies have been offered by luxury automakers for several years, and these devices offer more visibility than standard headlights. Some systems employ infrared emitters in headlight buck-

ets and mounted infrared cameras that identify and detect animals, pedestrians and other objects at night. Drivers simply activate their systems on their vehicle dashboards and are then alerted when the systems detect objects drivers may not see on their own.

•Warning systems: Warning systems have long been a standard in modern vehicles. Such systems utilize sensors and motion technology to alert drivers to potential problems. Lane assist technologies alert drivers when their vehicles begin to drift out of their lanes and also when they are attempting to change lanes. These systems are now widely available, but they can be turned on and off, so drivers should make sure their systems are always on.

Technology is helping to make driving safer for motorists and their passengers. Utilizing systems and apps designed to improve safety on the road can reduce drivers' risk of being involved in motor vehicle accidents.

What is octane and should it affect drivers' decisions at the pump?

Anyone who has ever driven their vehicles into a filling station is no doubt familiar with the word "octane." But few drivers may know what octane refers to and how it might affect their vehicles.

According to Kelley Blue Book®, octane is a colorless component that boils at high temperatures. Octane is added to fuels, including gasoline used in vehicles, to eliminate preignition in combustion engines. The higher the octane rating, which is a measure of a fuel's ability to resist "knocking" or "pinging," the less likely the fuel is going to explode unexpectedly. In fact, KBB notes that gasoline with a high octane rating can withstand more compression than gas with a low octane rating.

So what does this mean for the average driver when he or she arrives at the pump and has to choose between 87, 89 or 93 octane gasoline? Likely very little. The U.S. Department of Energy notes that most gasoline vehicles are designed to run on 87 octane

gasoline. However, some vehicles are still designed to run on higher octane fuel, so drivers should always consult their owners' manuals to determine which octane is best for their vehicles.

Using a lower octane fuel than the one mentioned by the vehicle manufacturer can damage the engine over time. The DOE even notes that using a fuel with an octane rating other than the one recommended by the vehicle manufacturer may actually void the warranty. That gives drivers even greater incentive to consult their owner's manuals before filling up for the first time.

Drivers may wonder if using a higher octane fuel than the one recommended by their car's manufacturer will improve performance. And in certain instances, it might. The DOE notes that higher octane fuel may improve performance and gas mileage and reduce carbon emissions when towing or carrying heavy loads. However, there's typically no such benefit when driving in normal conditions.

Drivers encounter octane anytime they visit a filling station. Learning more about octane and what it does for vehicles can help drivers become more informed motorists.



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