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Severe Weather Awareness Week being observed

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The week of March 21-25 is Nebraska Severe Weather Awareness Week, a time to remind Nebraskans that community preparedness can minimize the dangers of the annual severe weather season to the lives and property of Nebraskans.

"We want all Nebraskans to take time

Nebraska Severe Weather Awareness Week 2022
March 21 - 25, 2022



during Severe Weather Awareness Week to prepare for spring and summer severe weather," said NEMA Assistant Director Erv Portis. "The devastating impacts of extreme events can be reduced through improved readiness. This year, in addition to severe thunderstorms and tornadoes, we need to prepare for hazards that could occur because of drought conditions affecting the state."

"In a time of drought, wildfires are a top concern, Portis said. "Even the smallest spark could ignite a flame that could threaten entire communities. To reduce the risk, avoid burning trash unless necessary, don't light bonfires and be sure to dispose of cigarette butts responsibly."

"It's just a good practice for those of us who live in areas affected by tornadoes, floods, severe thunderstorms and wildfires

to get prepared beforehand," Portis said.

Every Nebraskan should make a safety plan, create a preparedness kit and review proper safety precautions with your family.

Make a Plan - Talk to your friends and family about how you will communicate before, during and after a disaster.

Build a Kit - Gather supplies that will last for several days after a disaster for everyone living in your home. Don't forget the unique needs of each person or pet. Have a plan so you can evacuate quickly if necessary. Check out this list of items to include in your family kit: <https://nema.nebraska.gov/files/doc/preparedness-kit.pdf>.

Prepare for Disasters - Limit the impacts that disasters have on you and your family. Know the risk of disasters in your area and check your insurance coverage. Learn how to make your home stronger in the face of storms and other common hazards and act fast if you receive a local warning or alert. Choose a safe place to meet, learn evacuation routes and establish an out-of-town contact.

Teach Youth About Preparedness - Talk to your kids about preparing for emergencies and what to do in case you are separated. Reassure them by providing information about how they can get involved.

Get Informed - Know what disasters could affect your area, which could call for an evacuation and when to shelter in place. Keep a NOAA weather radio tuned to your local emergency station and monitor TV and radio. Follow mobile alerts and warnings about severe weather in your area.

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



(Photo by Clara Osten)

This year's Prom candidates at Wayne High School include (front) Carter Hasemann, Brandon Bartos, Tanner Walling Yair Alcantara and James Dorcey. (back) Hope O'Reilly, Amara Hurlbert, Rubie Klausen, Mia Nelsen and Regan Backer.

Prom candidates announced at Wayne High

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Prom candidates for 2022 have been announced at Wayne High School.

This year's Prom will be held Saturday, March 26.

Queen candidates include:

Reagan Backer, the daughter of Jeff and Rhonda Backer; Rubie Klausen, the daughter of Jeramy and Tara Klausen; Hope O'Reilly, the daughter of Pat and Gretchen O'Reilly; Amara Hurlbert, the daughter of Trevor and Holly Hurlbert and Mia Nelsen,

the daughter of Kyle and Melissa Nelsen.

King candidates include:

Tanner Walling, the son of Craig and Jill Walling; Brandon Bartos, the son of Jeremy and Jennifer Bartos; James Dorcey, the son of Chad and Jean Dorcey; Yair Alcantara, the son of Patricia Alcantara and Carter Hasemann, the son of Scott and Mary Kay Hasemann.

The Grand March begins at 5 p.m. in the Wayne High School gym. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. at The Beaumont and the dance will be held from 8 to 11 p.m., also at The Beaumont.

Chicken show shirt design is revealed

The Wayne Chicken Show Committee has released the 2022 Wayne Chicken Show T-shirt design.

The t-shirt was designed by Brittany Webber and represents the 2022 theme of "Chicken's Guide to the Galaxy. The Meaning of Life, the Universe and Egg-rything". The shirt features space, chickens and the Wayne America water tower. On the sleeve is a play off of the hitchhiker's symbol designed to look like a chicken. "Don't panic" is printed on the sleeve upside down to give reassurance to the wearer.

T-shirts will go on sale Tuesday, April 12 and will be available at the Wayne Area Economic Development office located at 108 W 3rd Street. T-shirts are available for \$20 each for youth small through adult XL and \$22 for adult 2XL and 3XL.

The Wayne Chicken Show is held annually on the second weekend in July and the 42nd Annual Wayne Chicken Show will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 8-10, in Wayne.

Founded by the Wayne Regional Arts Council, the Wayne Chicken Show was first held in 1981.

Anyone who is interested in helping plan the 2022 Wayne Chicken Show, would like to be added to the contact list, or has questions about the event is asked to contact Abby Schademann at aschademann@wayneworks.org or at 402-375-2240.

The Wayne Chicken Show Committee meets on the second Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at The Max. Please follow the Wayne Chicken Show on Facebook for the latest updates.



(Contributed Photo)

Students at Wayne High School rehearse for next week's production of "The Addams Family - School Edition." Performances will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 1-3.

Wayne High to present 'The Addams Family - School Edition'

"It's almost showtime!!!! Come join the students of Wayne High School April 1-3 as they celebrate the quirky, upside down world of one of television's most famous families!" said Tracy Anderson, Wayne High School Vocal Music Teacher and director of the production.

Performances of the play will be Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 3 at 3 p.m. at Wayne High School.

Tickets are available from cast members or by calling the school office at (402) 375-3150.

THE ADDAMS FAMILY, a comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family, features an original story and every father's nightmare:

Wednesday Addams (Norah Armstrong)

has fallen in love with Lucas (Easton Blecke), a young man from a respectable family - a man her parents have never met. Feeling pulled in two directions, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother.

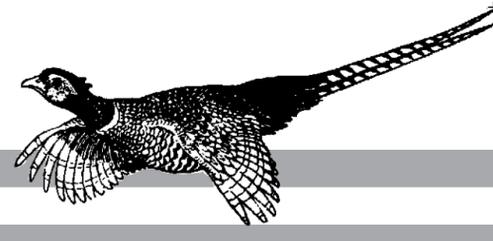
Now, Gomez Addams (Kaden Hopkins) must do something he's never done before - keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia (Brooklyn Bierbower). Everything will change for Grandma (Laura Hasemann), Pugsley (Madalyn Franta), Lurch (Ethan Wibben) as they host a dinner for Wednesday's boyfriend and his parents Mal (Orion Spieker) and Alice (Riley Haschke). Can Uncle Fester (Carter Hasemann) and a team of Addams ancestors save the day?

Additional cast and crew members include: Ancestors (Abigail Hawthorne, Adri-

an Klinetobe, Alec Schaffer, Alexandra Harrell, Alondra Vega, Arianna Mulhair, Ashton Brandow, Ben Sandoz, Brayden Woehler, Ceilus Ibarra, Chloe Klug, Corey Rogers, Dakota Spann, Dillon Hanau, Drew Fertig, Eli Barner, Gavin Redden, Jacob Barner, Liberty Titiml, Lindsay Niemann, Maiah Davis, Mar'keidron King, Mason Ley, Nathan McKenna, Olivia Hanson, Parker Kesting, Sydney Redden, and Sophia Reeg).

Tech Crew (Evan Allemann, Andy Wibben, Summer Palu), Stage Crew (Kortney Rees, Maya Spahr, Frantzie Barner, Riley Durant).

The play is being presented with special arrangement with Theatrical Rights World Wide.



Record

Obituaries

Stacey Pecena

Stacey Elizabeth Pecena, 52, of Wayne, died Sunday, March 13, 2022 at University of Minnesota Fairview Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota.



Services were held Saturday, March 19 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Spencer. Pastor Glen Stahlecker and Pastor Gary Binder officiated, with burial in National Cemetery in Spencer.

Brockhaus Funeral Home in Spencer was in charge of arrangements.

Stacey Elizabeth Pecena, daughter of Carolyn (Ross) Colfack, Benjamin Moore, and Denton Colfack, was born Nov. 24, 1969 at the Methodist Hospital in Omaha. She attended Spencer High School and Northeast Community College before transferring to Wayne State College for elementary education.

On Aug. 28, 1993 Stacey was married to Dustan Leigh Pecena at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Spencer. They were blessed with three

children, Trevor, Ashlyn, and Tyler.

Stacey and Dustan lived in Wayne and prior to her illness, she worked as a team leader for Ameritas Life Insurance. Stacey was a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Spencer and was involved in Relay for Life. Stacey enjoyed her family, listening to music, racing, playing video games and watching movies. She seemed to attract stray animals and loved taking care of them. Stacey also loved decorating for holidays, flowers, going to garage sales and swap meets, and researching the family ancestry. Her favorites were HuHot Mongolian Grill, Coca-Cola, angel food cake, and getting her nails done for every holiday.

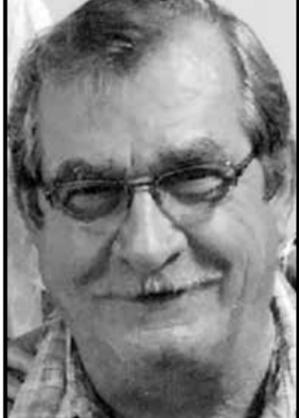
Survivors include her husband, Dustan of Wayne; children, Trevor Leigh (Erin) Pecena of Wilber, Ashlyn Elizabeth Pecena of Lincoln, and Tyler Anton Pecena of Wayne; mother, Carolyn Colfack; step-father, Denton Colfack; siblings, Steve (Crystal) Colfack of Bertrand, Cindy (Chad) Lingenfelter of Plainview, Lisa (Eldon) Taylor of Arlington, Wanda (Mike) Krael of O'Neill, Monte (Sarah) Colfack of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, and Carla (Mike Watchford) Colfack of Twin Falls, Idaho; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Benjamin Moore; sister, Kari Keck; nephews, Luke Anderson and Reid McGill; her grandparents; and her faithful dog, Indiana.

Richard W. 'Dick' Schmidt

Richard W. "Dick" Schmidt, 79, of Winside, died Thursday, March 17, 2022 at his home.

Visitation and a prayer service were held Wednesday, March 23 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Winside. The Rev. Alexander Blanken officiated. Military rites were also conducted.



Memorials may be directed to the Schmidt family for later designation. Arrangements were with Hase-mann Funeral Home of Wayne.

Richard William Schmidt was born Sept. 29, 1942 in Newman Grove to Earl and Ethel (Sivers) Schmidt. He attended school in Newman Grove and was a graduate of Norfolk High School. Richard served in the United States Army beginning in 1961 through 1964. He worked at Carhart Lumber in Wayne for several years. Richard married Susan K. "Susie" Wert Jan. 10, 1981. The couple lived in Winside where Richard owned and operated Schmidt Construction, retiring in 2017. He enjoyed his time fishing and woodworking, but

most of all spending time with his family and friends and attending great grandkids events.

Survivors include his daughter, Deanna McCoy of Belden; son, Bill (Wendy) Schmidt of Wayne; four grandchildren, Jessica Dickens (Aaron Petersen), Zachary McCoy, Jamie Schmidt, and Samantha Schmidt; three great-grandchildren, Mason, Tate and Brooklynn; and brother, Ken (Marge) Schmidt of Norfolk.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Ethel (Sivers) Schmidt; wife, Susan in 2017; brothers, Jim Schmidt and Bob Schmidt, and an infant daughter, Connie.

Phyllis V. Frahm

Phyllis V. Frahm, 95, of Carroll, died Friday, March 18, 2022 at Providence Medical Center in Wayne.

Services were held Tuesday, March 22 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Winside. P.M.A. Glenn Kietzmann officiated. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery in Carroll.



Memorials may be directed to the Frahm family for later designation. Arrangements were with Hase-mann Funeral Home of Wayne.

Phyllis Virginia Frahm was born Jan. 29, 1927 in Wisner to William and Hattie (Luedeke) Wegner. She was baptized April 3, 1927 at Zion Lutheran Church in rural Wisner. Phyllis was confirmed on May 11, 1941 at St. John's Church in Battle Creek. She attended Wisner Zion Lutheran School, Battle Creek Lutheran School and graduated from Battle Creek High School. Phyllis married Allen Frahm on Jan. 13, 1950 in Madison and the couple was blessed with three children. Together they made their home in Carroll, with Phyllis later moving to Wayne.

Phyllis was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Winside. Phyllis enjoyed the many years she worked at the grocery store in Carroll. She always looked forward to coffee with the ladies, and spending time with their friends. But most of all, she cherished her family.

Survivors include her children, Bonnie Hansen of Norfolk, Roger (Pat) Frahm of North Loup, and Mark (Dani) Frahm of Yankton, South Dakota; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Allen, in 1989; and brother Elmer (Delores) Wegner.

Pallbearers were Phyllis' grandchildren.

Courthouse News

Criminal Proceedings

State of Neb., pltf., vs. Marcos A. Quintero, Wayne, def. Complaint for Driving Under the Influence -First Offense. Fined \$500 and costs, sen-

tenced to nine months' probation and driver's license revoked for 60 days.

State of Neb., pltf., vs. Zachary D. Bathke, Allen, def. Complaint for

Theft of Services (\$1,500 - \$4,999) (count I) and Issuing Bad Check (\$1,500 - \$5,000). Case bound over to District Court.

State of Neb., pltf., vs. Jayshoun Palmer-Foster, Crete, def. Complaint for Trespassing - second degree (count I) and Disturbing the Peace (count II). Fined \$350 and costs.

State of Neb., pltf., vs. Jason Muncie, West Point, def. Complaint for Possession of a Controlled Substance. Case bound over to District Court.

State of Neb., pltf., vs. Soren P. Jensen, Wayne, def. Complaint for Driving Under the Influence -First Offense (count I) and Acts Declared Unlawful (count II). Fined \$550 and costs, sentenced to nine months' probation and driver's license revoked for 60 days.

Traffic violations

(does not include court costs) Tracy Heinemann, no operator's license, \$75; Michael J. Mathis, CMV - properly distribute/secure load, \$200; Joshua D. Lynd, spd., \$75; Spencer J. Schroeder, spd., \$125; Makenna K. Young, violate stop or yield sign, \$75; Ferguson J. Morris, spd., \$75; Hayley C. Murphy, spd., \$75; Lorinda R. Hille, spd., \$75; Brendan D. Greve, disobey stop lights, \$75; Olivia L. Keller, spd., \$200.

January Property Transfers

Jan. 14: Scott Barelmann, Randi Barelmann, Mark Barelmann, Tammy Barelmann, Brian Barelmann, Debra Barelmann and Pamela Barelmann to County of Wayne. Part of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 27, Township 25, Range 4. Exempt.

Jan. 14: Alan Thomsen and Julie A. Cull to Joseph E. Kenny Living Trust, Joseph E. Kenny Trustee and Kelly R. Kenny Living Trust, Kelly

R. Kenny Trustee. Lot 2 Thomsen Addition of Wayne. \$137.25.

Jan. 14: Colby 2021, LLC to Wayne-DG#23395, LLC. Lot 1 Logan Valley Industrial Park in the NW 1/4 of Section 17, Township 26, Range 4 of Wayne Area Subdivisions. \$3,546.00.

Jan. 19: Myers Construction Inc. to MW Real Estate Investment Group, LLC. Lot 1, Pine Heights Second Addition of Wayne. \$315.00.

Jan. 20: Trevor D. Hartmann to Trevor J. Topp and Amy Topp. Part of the SE 1/4 of Section 33, Township 26, Range 2; part of the SE 1/4 of Section 33, Township 26, Range 2 and part of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 4, Township 25, Range 2. \$702.00.

Jan. 20: Champion Properties LLC to Ken M. Slama. Lot 11 in Block 1, Roosevelt Park Addition of Wayne. \$78.75.

Jan. 21: Brock T. Carlson to Shane Frahm and Nicole Frahm. Lot 2 and part of Lot 1 in Block 2, Original Town of Winside. \$81.

Jan. 21: Alan D. Pippitt and Brenda S. Pippitt to Joseph E. Kenny Trustee, Joseph E. Kenny Living Trust and Kelly R. Kenny Trustee, Kelly R. Kenny Living Trust. Part of Lot 4 in Block 7, Crawford & Browns Addition of Wayne. \$247.50.

Jan. 21: Michelle L. Carlson to Brock T. Carlson. Lot 6 and 7 in Block 1, Original town of Winside. \$101.25.

Jan. 21: Angela E. Lamp to Edmund L. Keber. Lot 4, Southview II Addition of Wayne. \$393.75.

Jan. 21: Cory L. Moeller and Julie A. Moeller to Scot A. Saul. Lot 24 in Block 1, Knolls Addition of Wayne. \$434.25.

Jan. 24: Russell L. Volk and Courtney Volk to JTSD Properties, LLC. Lot 5 Pine Heights Second Addition of Wayne. \$337.50.

Jan. 24: Michael H. Thies and Lisa M. Thies to Michael H. Thies and Lisa M. Thies. Lot 10 and part of Lot 11 in Block 7, Bressler & Patersons First Addition of Winside. Exempt.

Feeding the hungry

More than 800 people attended this year's Carroll Volunteer Fireman's Breakfast. The event helps raise funds to purchase new equipment for the department. A visit from the LifeNet helicopter and a bake sale raising scholarship funds were also part of the day's events.



A Quick Look

Date	High	Low	Precip	Snow
Mar. 17	68	37	—	—
Mar. 18	50	32	—	—
Mar. 19	54	14	—	—
Mar. 20	67	16	—	—
Mar. 21	78	54	—	—
Mar. 22	60	35	.45"	T
Mar. 23	45	33	—	—

Recorded 7 a.m. for previous 24 hour period
Precip./mo. — .45" / Monthly snow — T
Yr./Date — .65" / Seasonal snow — 5.5"

Chamber Coffee

WAYNE — This week's Chamber Coffee#chamberpercs will be held Friday, March 25 at KEL Physical Therapy, located at 214 N. Pearl Street. The coffee on Friday, April 1 will be held at the Kirk Gardner Indoor Athletic Complex on the Wayne State College campus. It will be hosted by Wayne State Foundation. The coffee begins at 10 a.m. and announcements at 10:15 a.m.



Fish fry

AREA — Our Savior Lutheran Church will be hosting a Fish Fry on Friday, March 25, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The public is invited and a free will donation will be accepted.



Food Truck

AREA — The next Wayne Food Truck food distribution event for those in financial need will be Saturday, March 26 at Journey Christian Church in Wayne. The church is located at 1110 East Seventh Street. Food distribution begins at 10 a.m. and those receiving food are asked to arrive by 9:30 a.m. The event will continue until all the food has been distributed. Those receiving food will remain in their cars and volunteers will put pre-boxed food in vehicles. Volunteers are always welcome. For more information, contact the First United Methodist Church at (402) 375-2231.

Food Pantry

AREA — The Wayne Food Pantry, located at First Presbyterian Church in Wayne, continues to be available to those in need in Wayne County. Anyone desiring to check on availability is asked to call the church office (402) 375-2669 or email fpcwayne@gmail.com. All inquiries are confidential. At this time, the Food Pantry is open by appointment only. Those wishing to make a donation are asked to contact the church via phone or email.

Local students complete degrees at Wichita State University

More than 1,030 students completed degrees at Wichita State University in fall 2021.

Among those earning a degree was Katelyn A. Cook of Laurel, who earned a B.A. in Exercise Science, Exercise Science and graduated Cum Laude

Undergraduate students who have attained a grade point average of 3.9 out of a possible 4.0 received the summa cum laude award; those with an average of 3.55 received the magna cum laude award; and those with an average of 3.25 received the cum laude.

Wichita State University serves as the Kansas urban-based re-

search university, enrolling more than 16,000 students from every state in the U.S. and more than 100 countries. Wichita State and WSU Tech are recognized for being student centered and innovation driven.

The Innovation Campus, which is a physical extension of the Wichita State University main campus, is one of the nation's largest and fastest-growing research/innovation parks, encompassing over 120 acres and is home to a number of global companies and organizations.

For more information, follow the college on Twitter at www.twitter.com/wichitastate and Facebook at www.facebook.com/wichita.state.



NEBRASKA BANK OPEN HOUSE

MARCH 29, 2022 | 10AM TO 3PM

NEBRASKA BANK

501 MAIN ST. CARROLL NE, 68723

Join us in celebrating our official name change from Farmers State Bank to Nebraska Bank! We are officially renamed! With this comes questions and excitement! Please join us for an open house at the bank! We will be here to celebrate and answer any questions you may have! We are looking forward to seeing our amazing customers. Stop in for a chance to win a door prize! Snacks and beverages provided.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Shamrock event to benefit MDA

Thousands of retailers nationwide are raising funds and spread-

ter. "When it first started in the 80's,

MDA's Shamrocks pin-up campaign was an innovative approach to raising money by engaging local communities and businesses — it transformed the way non-profits everywhere raise money. This legacy campaign has continued now for four decades, and funds both groundbreaking research and life-changing experiences such as MDA Summer Camp. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of retailers who partner with us year after year, and their loyal customers, who empower our families by proudly purchasing Shamrocks," said Donald S. Wood, PhD, president and CEO of MDA.

Over the past seven years, the work of MDA has, in part, led to 15 FDA approved treatments to empower our community members to live full productive and independent lives.

To learn more about the 2022 MDA Shamrocks program, find participating retail locations, please visit mda.org/shamrocks or create an MDA Shamrocks Facebook fundraiser to show your support. MDA will be posting about the campaign on national social media channels @MDAorg using #Shamrocks40 #MDA on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and TikTok.



(Contributed Photo)

The 4th Jug is also accepting donations for the MDS Shamrock promotion. Pictured are Jake Anderson (left) and Zach Jorgensen.

ing awareness about muscular dystrophy, ALS, and related neuromuscular diseases this February and March.

Among those taking part locally are Lutt Oil and Service and The 4th Jug. Approximately \$250 has been raised during the first half of March.

Zach Jorgensen serves as local spokesperson for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and has worked with these businesses in the effort.

Retailers invite customers to purchase MDA Shamrock pin-ups in-store for \$1, \$5 or a larger contribution of their choosing or rounding up their purchase at checkout. All MDA Shamrocks purchased by customers are displayed in each location, showing support for more than 300,000 people in the United States living with neuromuscular diseases.

All donations support research, multi-disciplinary medical teams at over 150 of the nation's top medical institutions, and advocacy to provide equal access for our community. Funds also support educational programming, MDA Summer Camp, and the MDA Resource Cen-



(Contributed Photo)

Lutt Oil and Service is participating in the MDA Shamrock promotion. Pictured are (left) Wayne Denklau, Zach Jorgensen and Rod Lutt.

Elkhorn Valley Bank welcomes Williamson

Elkhorn Valley Bank & Trust has announced the hiring of Aaron Williamson to serve as an additional lender at the Wayne branch.

Williamson brings nine years of

Wayne State College in 2011 with a degree in Business Management and is looking forward to moving back to the Wayne community along with his family. "My wife Carrie and I are blessed with four children. We are excited to move back to Wayne, America where both my wife and I went to college," William-

son said. Williamson joins Schweers, Brandon Mainquist, and Jeane Harris in the lending department at the Elkhorn Valley Bank & Trust Wayne branch.

For more information, contact Elkhorn Valley Bank at (402) 375-2525.



Aaron Williamson

experience in commercial and agricultural lending from a similar sized organization in Creighton.

"We are eager to welcome Aaron to help accommodate recent and steady growth. Aaron's experience in community banking will be a great addition to the Elkhorn Valley Bank team and the Wayne community as a whole," said Corby Schweers, Chief Lending Officer. Williamson graduated from

Merlin Brondum Memorial Scholarship applications available

Applications are now being accepted until May 15 for the Merlin Brondum Memorial Scholarship.

The scholarship is established in memory of Merlin Brondum's dedication to rural healthcare. This \$2500 scholarship is available to anyone residing in Thurston, Wayne, Cuming, Dixon, Burt or Dakota County in Nebraska and currently enrolled in an Allied Healthcare course of study.

Criteria for selection include academic performance, health care experience, financial need, career objective in rural health and college and community involvement.

Merlin Brondum passed away on March 15, 2003 after a brief illness at the age of 49. Merlin worked at Pender Community Hospital for 27 years, most of which were as the Director of the Laboratory. Merlin was a dedicated professional who will best be remembered by the PCH staff as a friend and family member.

The application form is available on the Pender Community Hospital website: www.pchne.org. The recipient will be announced in June.

For more information, email Kelly Kaup at kelly.kaup@pchne.org.

Justin Slama Memorial Scholarship to be awarded

Applications are now being accepted until May 15 for the Justin J. Slama Memorial Scholarship.

The scholarship is established in memory of Justin, who was a young man who impacted many lives, young and old, always looking to help others.

This \$1000 scholarship is available to anyone residing in Thurston, Wayne, Cuming, Dixon and Dakota Counties in Nebraska.

The applicant must be enrolled in a pre-health science course of study. This includes courses to prepare for admission into health professional programs such as medical, dentistry, pharmacy, optometry and training as a physician assistant or nurse practitioner.

The applicant must have graduated from high school and have completed 30 hours of college credit. Eligibility for scholarship assistance is extended to both traditional and non-traditional students. Criteria for selection include academic performance, career objective in medicine as it benefits rural areas, healthcare experience, financial need and college and community involvement.

The application form is available on the Pender Community Hospital website: www.pchne.org. The recipient will be announced in June.

Anyone with questions is asked to email Kelly Kaup at kelly.kaup@pchne.org.

Applications available for Gloria Vollers Nursing Scholarship

The Gloria Vollers Memorial Scholarship is being awarded annually, thanks to a generous donation by Dr. Cyrus Beyo of Yankton, South Dakota.

Dr. Beyo was a general surgeon who traveled to Pender Community Hospital from 1959 to 1981 from Sioux City, Iowa. While in Pender, he had many fond memories of working with Gloria Vollers, RN. He found her compassion and dedication to nursing an inspiration and wanted to honor her memory through a community gift.

Gloria, a registered nurse, worked at Pender Community Hospital for over 30 years as a staff nurse, surgery supervisor, and Director of Nursing. She is remembered and admired for her leadership, caring spirit, and professionalism. The scholarship will be awarded

in Gloria's name to a student who has been accepted into a Registered Nursing program of study. The recipient must be a resident of Thurston, Cuming, Burt, Dixon, Dakota, or Wayne County in Nebraska. The annual \$2000 scholarship will be awarded through an endowment, established through the Pender Community Hospital Foundation.

The application form is available on the Pender Community Hospital website: www.pchne.org.

Criteria for selection include academic performance, health care experience, financial need, career objective in rural health, and school/community involvement. Applications are due May 15 and will be announced in June.

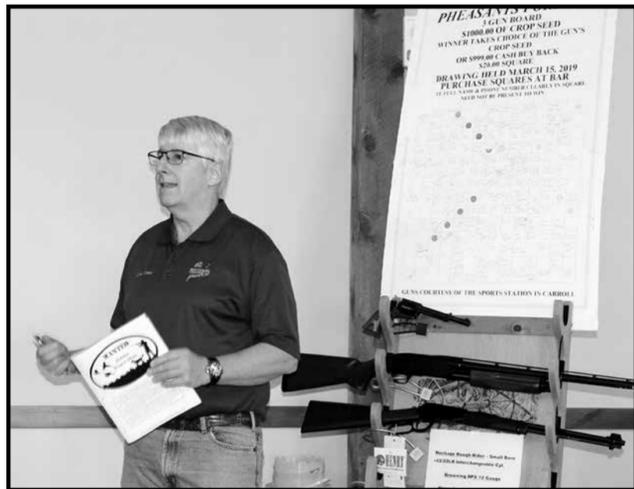
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(Photos by Clara Osten)

Pheasants Forever

From a silent auction, to a live auction and from games and door prizes to a steak meal, the 30th annual Logan Creek Pheasants Forever Banquet offered options for all attendees. Among those recognized during the event were the three men who have served as president during the last 30 years - Lonnie Matthes, Scott Brummond and Jim Modrell.





(Photos by Clara Osten)

Breakfast at the fire hall

Approximately 1,600 people took advantage of not having to cook breakfast when they attended the Wayne Volunteer Fire Department's breakfast fundraiser on March 20. The firemen were assisted by members of the local scout troops. These youth helped clear and wash tables and provided assistance throughout the event. This was the first time the department was able to hold a fundraiser since the fall of 2019.



Farmers State Bank officially changes name to Nebraska Bank

On March 17, 2022, Nebraska-based community bank Farmers State Bank officially changed its name to Nebraska Bank. The name change, which has been in the works for some time, represents the long-standing bank's growth in product and service offerings as well as its increasingly diverse client-base. The transition is also accompanied by key investments in technology that allow the bank to better serve the needs of its customers. Founded in 1889, Nebraska Bank (formerly Farmers State Bank) has strong roots in the agriculture community. Over its history, particularly in the last 10 years, the bank has placed a strategic focus on diversifying and expanding its services. Its area of operation has grown to include nine locations across Nebraska: Dodge, Bridgeport, Alliance, Chadron, Spencer, Atkinson, Carroll, Hickman and Hemingford. In addition to a new name and logo, the transition also includes key investments in technology, includ-

ing a new full-featured mobile banking app and online banking system. The upgraded interfaces make it easier for clients to access their accounts, securely deposit checks remotely and automate and streamline needs like bill pay and peer-to-peer payments. For Nebraska Bank, the transition aligns with a broader commitment to serving its customers and communities. "We are eager to continue to serve our customers in agriculture, as well as commercial, industrial, construction, mortgage, and consumer banking spaces with a new name, new look and new technology," says Nebraska Bank CEO Stephen Stull. "At the same time, many things have not changed, including our ownership, our commitment to local decision making, and our commitment to our customers." To learn more, follow Nebraska Bank on Facebook, Linked In, Instagram, Twitter or visit www.ne.bank.

Influenza cases increasing throughout Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is reporting higher levels of flu and flu-related cases in Nebraska. The State is experiencing increased positive cases, school absenteeism, hospital visits, and hospitalizations. A total of 13 Nebraskans have died from influenza-associated illness so far this season. As flu activity is currently elevated throughout the state, it is im-

portant to remind Nebraskans that the flu vaccine is the best protection against flu-related illnesses, missed work or school, and flu-related hospitalizations. "The good news of declining COVID-19 cases is giving us some much-needed optimism," said Dr. Matthew Donahue, State Epidemiologist for DHHS. "As influenza cases increase, it is important for Nebraskans to consider proven

tools, like the flu vaccine and flu antivirals, to keep themselves and their families safe from sickness, hospitalizations, and death. The most effective defense against this illness is the flu vaccine. The vaccine is safe and rigorously tested. The most common reaction people may experience from the shot is soreness and redness at the injection site. After vaccination, it takes about two weeks for the body to build immunity. Nebraskans can safely get a flu vaccine at many locations throughout the State. Vaccines.gov is also a resource for finding flu vaccines near you. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends flu vaccines for everyone 6 months and older every year. Certain people are at high risk for serious complications, and it's extremely important they receive the vaccine:

- Young children
 - Adults 65 years of age or older
 - Pregnant women
 - People with chronic lung disease (like asthma and COPD), diabetes (type 1 and 2), heart disease, neurologic conditions, and certain other long-term health conditions
 - Residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities.
- In addition, antiviral drugs are also an effective way to treat the flu. Early treatment with antivirals can reduce symptoms, shorten the amount of time you are sick, reduce the risk of serious flu complications, and potentially decrease additional spread of the virus. Antivirals currently approved are: RapiVab (peramivir), Relenza (zanamivir), Tamiflu (oseltamivir phosphate, also available as generic), and Xofluza (baloxavir marboxil).
- In addition to getting vaccinated, prevention measures can also protect against the flu:
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue every time you cough or sneeze. Throw the used tissue in a wastebasket. If you don't have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your sleeve.
 - Practice non-pharmaceutical interventions.
 - After coughing or sneezing, always clean your hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand cleaner.
 - Stay home when you are sick.
 - Do not share eating utensils, drinking glasses, towels, or other personal items.
 - Clean your hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand cleaner.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick, if possible.
- For more flu information, visit the DHHS website at www.dhhs.ne.gov/flu or the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/flu.



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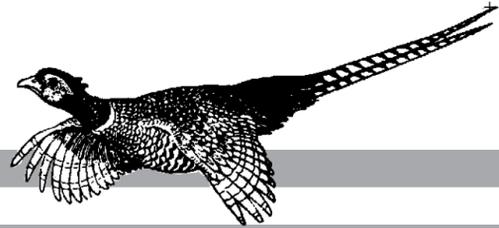
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Sports

Wildcats finish off weekend sweep

After winning both ends of a doubleheader in dramatic fashion Saturday, the Wayne State baseball team capped a three-game sweep of Southwest Minnesota State with a win on a windy Sunday afternoon at the Chapman Complex.

Six Wayne State players had multi-hit games while the Wildcat pitching staff combined for 10 strikeouts in a seven-inning, 14-4 win over the Mustangs Sunday, improving to 9-7 overall and 3-0 in NSIC play.

A Chris Cornish RBI double scored Andrew Hanson in the first inning to give the 'Cats an early 1-0 lead.

A five-run second inning on five hits and two Mustang errors put the Wildcats in front 6-0 in the second. Alex Logelin had an RBI double that brought home Chase Douglas, making Logelin the all-time doubles leader at WSC with 58 to surpass the previous mark of 57 by Nick Bidroski (2008-11). An RBI double by Hanson and Conner Fiene RBI single were other key hits in the inning.

SMSU got on the board with one

run in the top of the third, but WSC answered with three to take a 9-1 advantage. Nick Barnett's two-run homer to left and an infield RBI single from Hanson scored the three Wildcat runs.

The 'Cats scored three more runs in the fourth for a 12-1 lead. Fiene had an RBI single while Cornish and Colin Lynam also had hits in the inning.

The Mustangs scored one run in the top of the fifth to make the score 12-2, then WSC got a two-run homer from Lynam in the bottom of the frame giving the 'Cats a 14-2 lead.

SMSU scored twice in the top of the seventh, but Wildcat freshman reliever Jacob Kneiff came on to strike out the side to end the game in seven innings on the 10-run rule.

Wayne State had 16 hits in the win. Barnett was a perfect 3-for-3 with a homer, two RBI and two runs scored. Fiene finished 3-for-4 with two RBI while Cornish went 3-for-4 with two runs scored. Hanson was 2-for-3 with two RBI, Travis Baily went 2-for-4 with three runs scored while Lynam finished 2-for-5 with a homer and two RBI.

Jackson Shelburne (2-2) earned the win, allowing three hits and one run over four innings with five strikeouts. Josh Kilzer, Ryan Petersen, Nick Oden and Kneiff each worked in relief for the Wildcats.

Wayne State used late-game heroics in both games to sweep Southwest Minnesota State 4-3 and 10-8 Saturday afternoon.

In the opener, the Mustangs scored in the top of the first inning to take a 1-0 lead before senior infielder Noah Roberts scored two Wildcats on a single down the right field line to take the lead 2-1 in the bottom of the second.

Southwest Minnesota State answered with two runs on three hits in the top of the third, making the score 3-2, and it would stay that way until the sixth when Cornish homered to right center to tie the score at 3-3 on his second homer of the season.

Wayne State headed into the bottom of the seventh inning with a chance for a walk-off win after sophomore pitcher Brody Sintek recorded a 1-2-3 top of the inning. Fiene doubled to left center. After a walk, Fiene moved to third on a sacrifice bunt, putting the winning run just 90 feet from home.

An intentional walk by the Mustangs loaded the bases for Cornish. Cornish reached on a fielder's choice play that on the field was ruled an out at second base. Upon video review of the play, the umpires overturned the call on the field, ruling that the runner was safe on second and allowed Fiene to score the game-winning run.

Sintek (2-1) recorded the win for Wayne State, pitching a complete game while allowing just three earned runs on six hits with seven strikeouts and one walk.

Cornish went 1-3 in the game with a two-run homer to lead the 'Cats offense.

The second contest saw WSC jump out to 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first when Cornish hit an RBI double.

Southwest Minnesota State answered with two runs in the top of the third, but WSC answered in the bottom half inning with a two-run homer from Hanson, his second of the year.

WSC scored another in the bottom of the fourth on an RBI single from senior outfielder Travis Baily to make the score 4-2, but Southwest came back in the top of the fifth and scored four runs on four hits with two left on base to make the score 6-4. The Mustangs scored again in the top of the sixth on a wild pitch and again in the top of the seventh on an RBI single, moving their lead to 8-4.

Chase Douglas had an RBI double that scored Fiene. Hanson had a triple that scored two, cutting the SMSU lead to 8-7. Hanson scored on a Cornish sacrifice fly to knot the score at 8-8 after seven innings of play.

Roberts walked to lead off the bottom of the eighth. After Baily walked for the Wildcats. Roberts and Baily both advanced on a sacrifice bunt from Fiene with Roberts coming around to score on a wild pitch. Baily would come around to score on the next play on a sacrifice fly by Cam Madsen to give WSC a 10-8 lead at the end of eight innings.

Wayne State picked up the win after allowing just one hit in the top of the ninth, with junior Andrew Staebell recording three strikeouts in the inning. He threw three innings of relief, allowing no earned runs on three hits with six strikeouts and two walks.

Douglas went 3-for-4 with an RBI, a double, three runs scored and a stolen base to lead the WSC offense. Hanson had a double and a home run to go 2-for-4 at the plate.

The next scheduled action for Wayne State baseball is a three-game series with St. Cloud State, with a doubleheader Saturday at 12 p.m. followed by a single game Sunday at 12 p.m. They will host Minot State for a 12 p.m. doubleheader on Tuesday.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Eli Barner competes in the pole vault during Saturday's WSC Invitational. He finished second in the event and was also seventh in the triple jump and 10th in the long jump.

Blue Devils have good efforts at WSC Invite

The Wayne High track and field teams got the season off to a good start with some solid efforts during the WSC Invitational, held outdoors Saturday at the Simpson Track and Field complex at Memorial Stadium.

On the girls side, the Blue Devils fared quite well, coming home with eight first-place finishes.

The three Krusemark sisters had a hand in four of the eight wins on the day. Freshmen twins Jala (1,600) and Kyla (3,200) both won the distance races and teamed up with senior, Kiara, and Laura Hasemann to dominate the 3,200-meter relay. Kiara and Kyla teamed up with Brooklyn Kruse and Rubie Klausen to win the 1,600 relay.

Kruse picked up two individual wins, sweeping the shot put and discus titles. Also earning first-place finishes were Frantzie Barner in the 200 and Sierra Mutchler in the 100 hurdles.

Runner-up efforts were scored by Faith Powicki in the 400, Kierah Haase in the 800, Hasemann in the 1,600 and Virginia Knesche in the pole vault. Thirds went to Barner in the 100, Powicki in the 1,600 and Delaney Kruse in the shot put.

Fourth-place finishes went to the 400-meter relay, Courtney Brink in the shot put and Delaney Kruse in the discus. Kiara Krusemark placed fifth in the 400.

Wayne's boys came away with a pair of wins on the day. Jesus Zavala claimed top honors in the 3,200-meter run and ran the opening leg of the winning 3,200-meter relay that included Colson Nelsen,

Mason Ley and Ethan Wibben.

The Blue Devil boys scored well in the jumping events, scoring medals in all four events. Wayne had four medalists in the pole vault, led by Eli Barner's second-place finish. He was followed by Ley in third, Jake Barner in fourth and Brogan Foote in sixth.

In the long jump, Wayne got a fifth-place finish from Sedjro Agoumba, while Jack Bruckner took fourth in the high jump and fifth in the triple jump.

Runner-up efforts included Alex Phelps in the 100 and Agoumba in the 200, with Phelps right behind in third.

Wibben was third in the 1,600 and Ley took third in the 3,200. Yair Alcantara was third in the 300 hurdles, Phelps took third in the 200 and the 400 and 1,600-meter relays both finished third.

Nelsen placed fourth in the 800 and Daniel Judd was sixth in both throwing events to round out the Wayne boys' medal haul.

Boys Top 10 Finishes
100: 2. Alex Phelps, 11.50. 200: 2. Sedjro Agoumba, 23.59; 3. Phelps, 24.54. 800: 4. Colson Nelsen, 2:21.31. 1,600: 3. Ethan Wibben, 5:31.16; 8. Parker Kesting, 5:44.39. 3,200: 1. Jesus Zavala, 11:12.58; 3. Mason Ley, 12:12.91. 300 Hurdles: 3. Yair Alcantara, 45.93. 400 Relay: 3. Wayne (Phelps, Agoumba, Braden Wheat, Alcantara), 47.28. 1,600 Relay: 3. Wayne (Phelps, Agoumba, Wheat, Zavala), 3:49.56. 3,200 Relay: 1. Wayne (Zavala,

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WSC men eighth, women ninth, in NSIC track and field poll

The Wayne State men's track and field team were preseason ranked eighth and the Wildcat women were picked ninth in the Northern Sun Conference preseason coaches poll.

Graduate student Cole Christoffersen was listed as the Wildcat Field Athlete to Watch this season. Last year, Cole placed fourth in the hammer throw and recorded marks over 185 feet in every regular-season meet in the event. He had a season-best NCAA provisional mark of 194-3 to place fifth at the Sioux City Relays.

Senior Noah Lilly is the men's Track Athlete to Watch after earning All-NSIC accolades last season, placing second in the decathlon with an NCAA provisional mark of 6,368 points while also placing fifth

in the javelin at 174-11 3/4.

On the women's side, Allie Rosener is Wayne State's Track Athlete to Watch this season. She just missed placing in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at last year's NSIC Outdoor Championships, taking ninth at 11:36.50.

Mckenzie Scheil was listed as the Wildcat Field Athlete to Watch. She is the reigning NSIC outdoor champion in the hammer throw (195-6 1/2) and was the NCAA national runner-up in the event last spring. Scheil also placed sixth in the shot put (48-11) at last year's NSIC meet.

Wayne State opens the 2022 outdoor track and field season on Friday and Saturday, March 25-26, hosting the Wildcat Classic at LeRoy Simpson Track in Wayne.

Wayne State puts 20 on NSIC academic team

Twenty student-athletes from Wayne State College were named to the 2022 Northern Sun Conference Winter All-Academic teams.

For the fourth year, the NSIC highlights the All-Academic Team members with a 3.60 grade-point average or higher with the NSIC All-Academic Team of Excellence Award and 12 of the 20 All-Academic selections from Wayne State College had a 3.60 GPA or higher.

To be eligible for the NSIC All-Academic Team of Excellence, a student-athlete must have a 3.60 cumulative GPA or higher, while NSIC All-Academic Team members must have a 3.20 cumulative GPA or higher. Additionally, the student-athlete must be a member of the varsity traveling team, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at her/his institution (true freshmen, redshirt freshmen and ineligible athletic transfers are not eligible) and must have completed at least one full academic year at that institution.

The WSC women's indoor track and field team had eight selections followed by men's indoor track and field with six. Men's and women's basketball each had three honorees.

The following is a listing of Wayne State student-athletes named to the 2021 NSIC Winter All-Academic Teams (*-All-Academic Team of Excellence):

Men's Basketball — Ben Dentlinger, grad.; Jordan Janssen, jr.; Nate Thayer, Springfield.

Women's Basketball — Kylie Hammer*, sr.; Ashley Gustavson, jr.; Kassidy Pingel*, jr.

Men's Indoor Track and Field — Brock Hegarty*, grad.; Nathan Heiner, grad.; Bryce Holcomb*, sr.; Aaron English*, sr.; Michael Kueiny, jr.; Will McGonigal, jr.

Women's Indoor Track and Field — McKenzie Scheil*, grad.; Jadin Wagner*, grad.; Nicole Heeren*, sr.; Marin Jetensky*, sr.; Allie Rosener*, sr.; Brooklynn Chips, jr. Kendra Paasch*, jr.; Keyla Sambo, jr.

Hammer earns CoSIDA All-American honors

Wayne State senior guard Kylie Hammer was named to the 2021-22 Academic All-America Women's Basketball Team.

Hammer, a 5-foot-6 guard from Wayne, received Third Team honors maintaining a 3.916 grade-point average majoring in elementary education.

It marks the third straight season that a Wildcat women's basketball player has received CoSIDA Academic All-America honors as Erin Norling earned Third Team honors last season and Second Team honors in 2019-20. Wayne State College has now had at least one Academic All-American for the last 17 years.

On the basketball court this season, Hammer led the NSIC in scoring at 20.1 points per game and was named NSIC South Division Player of the Year, First Team All-NSIC and D2CCA All-Central Region First Team. She was just the third player (fourth time) in school history to average more than 20 points per game in a season, joining Linda Schnitzler Walker (26.2 ppg, 1988-89) and the late Connie Kun-

zmann (20.4 in 1976-77 and 20.1 in 1975-76) as the only other players to achieve the feat.

Hammer scored double figures in 21 of 23 games this season and had 20 or more points in 12 games including two games with 31 points. She led the NSIC in free throws made (124) and free throws attempted (162), ranking 11th nationally in free throws made and tied for sixth in free throws attempted during the regular season.

This season, Hammer became the 23rd player in school history to score 1,000 career points and ended her Wildcat career ranked 22nd with 1,087 points.

Hammer has already earned the NSIC Myles Brand All-Academic with Distinction Award and is a Edward Jones Presidential Scholar Athlete while also serving the last three years as a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee.

Wayne State College finished the 2021-22 season with records of 9-15 overall while placing seventh in the NSIC South Division with a 6-14 league mark.

Wayne baseball team opens season with win

The Wayne High baseball team saw a four-run lead slip away, but bounced back with a run in the seventh to post a 5-4 win at Arlington to open the season Monday afternoon.

Wayne took advantage of an Arlington miscue to score the first run of the season in the first inning, then added another in the third on a James Dorcey single, scoring Brooks Kneiff.

Wayne added two more in the fifth with an RBI single by Aiden Liston that scored Kneiff, and put home another run on a suicide squeeze by Wyatt Heikes that scored Dorcey.

Arlington used three hits and a Wayne error to tie the game at 4-4 after six innings, but Wayne came back in the top of the seventh when

Dorcey reached on an error and came home on a single by Liston for the go-ahead run.

Arlington put two runners on in the bottom of the seventh, but a relay from Toby Braun to Kneiff and then to catcher Gavin Redden nailed the tying run at the plate for the final out and the win for the 1-0 Blue Devils.

Liston had two hits to lead a seven-hit effort. Kneiff had a double while Redden, Kaleb Moormeier, Dorcey, and Jacob Anderson all added hits.

Three pitchers combined for the victory. Kneiff pitched five innings of one-hit baseball, striking out 10. Moormeier threw an inning of relief and Dorcey got credit for the win with a scoreless seventh.

Wayne baseball team hopes to take next step

After a district runner-up finish a year ago, Wayne High baseball is looking to take the next step up and qualify for state this season.

Coach Adam Hoffman has a great nucleus to build around this season, one that includes five returning starters and two letterwinners.

"We will be young with quite a few newcomers that will need to step up to replace some quality seniors we lost off of last year's team," he said. "This team needs to come ready to work hard every day in practice to prepare the right way to be playing our best baseball in May."

Junior pitcher Brooks Kneiff will lead the Blue Devils on the mound this season, coming off a 7-2 season in which he struck out 71 and had a 1.14 earned-run average. He also led the returning group at the plate last year, batting .381.

Senior infielder James Dorcey, a .354 hitter last year, and senior utility player Toby Braun are among the returning starters, along with sophomore Kaleb Moormeier and Devin Anderson.

Juniors Aiden Liston and Wyatt Heikes are back this season, and players to watch include senior Brandon Bartos and freshmen Alex Rodriguez and Gavin Redden.

Blue Devil linksters return quality talent for this spring

Two returning state qualifiers will lead a Wayne High golf team that should be a competitive one this spring.

Coach And Diediker has three returning starters back from last year's team that just missed qualifying for state, finishing fourth in districts last year.

Returning this year are state qualifiers Tanner Walling and Bo Armstrong. Walling is a senior and Armstrong a junior, and they will be joined by returning senior letterwinner Drew Sharpe, who missed qualifying for state last year by two shots.

New players to watch include Kyran Bartos and Camron Weaselhead, giving the Blue Devils some talent to watch on the links this spring.

"Tanner, Bo, and Drew are all returning starters that had a lot of success for our team last year," Diediker said. "Kyran Bartos looks likely to hold down the fourth varsity spot, while the fifth spot is open for competition throughout the year."



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Laura Hasemann anchors the winning 3,200-meter relay for the Wayne girls at the WSC Invitational. She also finished second in the 1,600-meter run.

Efforts

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 Nelsen, Ley, Wibben), 9:18.66. High jump: 4. Jack Bruckner, 5-6; 8. Kesting, 5-0. Pole vault: 2. Eli Barner, 11-6; 3. Ley, 10-6; 4. Jake Barner, 10-0; 6. Brogan Foote, 9-6. Long jump: 5. Agoumba, 18-4 1/2; 7. Bruckner, 18-2; 10. (tie) E. Barner and Mar'Kkeidron King, 17-5. Triple jump: 5. Bruckner, 38-1; 7. E. Barner, 36-7 1/2. Shot put: 6. Daniel Judd, 36-7. Discus: 6. Judd, 101-3. Girls Top 10 Finishes
 100: 3. Frantzdie Barner, 13.71. 200: 1. Barner, 29.20; 6. Ki-

erah Haase, 30.32; 10. Virginia Knirsche, 31.25. 400: 2. Faith Powicki, 1:07.16; 5. Kiara Krusemark, 1:10.81; 9. Rubie Klausen, 1:13.14; 10. Yama Kantai, 1:14.57. 800: 2. Haase, 2:45.10. 1,600: 1. J. Krusemark, 6:02.27; 2. Laura Hasemann, 6:36.32; 3. Powicki, 7:00.28. 3,200: 1. Kyla Krusemark, 13:48.65. 100 Hurdles: 1. Sierra Mutchler, 18.47; 10. Yasmin Toral Davalos, 21.12. 300 Hurdles: 8. Metchler, 58.26. 400 Relay: 4. Wayne (Frantzdie Barner, Delaney Kruse, Rubie Klausen, Kniesche), 57.51. 1,600 Relay: 1.

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LCC track teams open at WSC Invite

Laurel-Concord-Coleridge track and field teams debuted during Friday's edition of the WSC Invita-

100: 7. Markus Martin, 11.89. 200: 2. Evan Haisch, 24.03; 3. Carter Kvols, 24.65. 400: 4. Shane

Benson, 58.25; 9. Gibson Roberts, 1:00.96. 800: 4. Carter Korth, 2:24.90. 1,600: 8. Korth, 5:38.90; 10. Tyler Olson, 5:44.94. 3,200: 3. Olson, 11:36.90. 110 Hurdles: 1. Deagan Puppe, 15.50; 2. Daniel Puppe, 16.30. 300 Hurdles: 1. De. Puppe, 45.70; 2. Da. Puppe, 46.20. 1,600 Relay: 3. LCC (Martin, Hash, Lucas Rasmussen, Wilton Roberts), 3:48.51. 3,200 Relay: 2. LCC (Olson, Korth, Landen Leonard, Olson), 9:43.20. High jump: 1. Benson, 5-8; 7. G. Roberts, 5-0. Pole vault: 2. Da. Puppe, 9-0; 3. Bradyn Urwiler, 7-6. Triple jump: 2. Benson, 38-5 1/4; 3. Dylan Taylor, 37-8. Shot put: 4. Haisch, 41-0. Discus: 2. Aaron Bloom, 109-9.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

LCC's Tyler Olson runs to a third-place finish in the 3,200-meter run at the WSC Invitational on Friday. He also placed 10th in the 1,600 and was on the 3,200 relay that finished second.

tional, held outdoors at the Simpson Track and Field complex at Memorial Stadium.

In boys action, LCC won three events, led by a sweep of the hurdles by senior defending state champion Deagan Puppe. He joined brother Dan for a 1-2 finish in both the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdle events.

The Bears' other first-place effort on the boys side came from Shane Benson, who won the high jump with a mark of 5 feet, 8 inches. He also took second in the triple jump and fourth in the 400.

Runner-up efforts included Evan Haisch in the 200, Dan Puppe in the pole vault, Benson in the triple jump, Aaron Bloom in the discus and the 3,200-meter relay of Tyler Olson, Carter Korth, Landen Leonard and Olson.

LCC's girls didn't come away with any individual wins, but had a number of quality efforts on the day.

Runner-up finishes included Tali Erwin in the high jump and Mallory Erickson in the triple jump. Erwin was third in the long jump, Berniece McCorkindale placed third in the shot put and Reagan Kuhlman was third in the discus. The 3,200-meter relay of Julia Johnson, Gabby Kock, Yasmine Miranda and Josilyn Martin also placed third.

Boys Top 10 Finishes



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

LCC 800-meter runner Gabriella Kock keeps the pace during the WSC Invitational. She finished 10th in the race.

YOUTH BOWLING

WEEK 1

Division 1 - Top Scorers

Scratch Game: Zaven Jurgensen, 131; Samuel Dramse, 130; Chloe Kai, 126; Colton Smith, 121; Dreu Jensen, 117; Brooklyn Trautman, 99; Tyler Johnson, 98; Gracyn Johnson, 94; Irelynn Mainquist, 78.

Scratch Series: Samuel Dramse, 353; Dreu Jensen, 329; Zaven Jurgensen, 327; Chloe Kai, 307; Gracyn Johnson, 253; Brooklyn Trautman, 224; Irelynn Mainquist, 193.

Division 2 - Top Scorers

Scratch Game: Trent Hays, 201; Aiden Petersen, 237; Rylan Brakenhoff, 148; Blake Smith, 147; McKaeya Becker, 123; Graycen Trautman, 97.

Scratch Series: Trent Hays, 441; Aiden Petersen, 647; Blake Smith, 417; Konnor Kai, 374; McKaeya Becker, 324; Graycen Trautman, 290.

Division 3 - Top Scorers

Scratch Game: Shayne Geidner, 221; Zane Sievers, 484; Calvin Starzl, 212; Jersei Jensen, 206; Jaden Dramse, 190; Barrett Bruning, 182; Rebekah Pinkelman, 182; Liberty Titimil, 120; Regan Fernau, 107.

Scratch Series: Calvin Starzl, 550; Jersei Jensen, 584; Shayne Geidner, 516; Jaden Dramse, 513; Brogan Foote, 508; Rebekah Pinkelman, 474; Liberty Titimil, 336; Regan Fernau, 296.

WEEK 2

Division 1 - Top Scorers

Scratch Game: Parker Holan, 138; Dreu Jensen, 136; Colston Starzl, 132; Chloe Kai, 111; Sophia Petersen, 100; Gracyn Johnson, 94; Tyler Johnson, 78.

Scratch Series: Colston Starzl, 384; Dreu Jensen, 369; Parker Holan, 340; Chloe Kai, 300; Sophia Petersen, 279; Brooklyn Trautman, 249; Tyler Johnson, 219.

Division 2 - Top Scorers

Scratch Game: Trent Hays, 114; Aiden Petersen, 198; Dylan Jensen, 169; Camden Hall, 164; Graycen Trautman, 143; McKaeya Becker, 117; Whitney Hadcock, 80.

Scratch Series: Trent Hays, 342; Aiden Petersen, 534; Dylan Jensen, 481; Blake Smith, 435; Graycen Trautman, 388; McKaeya Becker, 321; Whitney Hadcock, 213.

Division 3 - Top Scorers

Scratch Game: Jamie Janke, 223; Jaden Dramse, 258; Calvin Starzl, 246; Jersei Jensen, 226; Brogan Foote, 211; Berret Bruning, 201; Nina Hammer, 177; Zane Sievers, 153.

Scratch Series: Jamie Janke, 651; Calvin Starzl, 667; Jaden Dramse, 655; Barrett Bruning, 552; Jersei Jensen, 547; Brogan Foote, 537; Nina Hammer, 490; Zane Sievers, 444.

WEEK 3

Division 1 - Top Scorers

Scratch Game: Colston Starzl, 175; Dreu Jensen, 163; Samuel Dramse, 130; Chloe Kai, 115; Tyler Johnson, 112; Colton Smith, 101; Gracyn Johnson, 84; Sophia Petersen, 84.

Scratch Series: Colston Starzl, 473; Dreu Jensen, 410; Samuel Dramse, 349; Tyler Johnson, 321; Colton Smith, 285; Chloe Kai, 280; Sophia Petersen, 245; Gracyn Johnson, 212.

Division 2 - Top Scorers

Scratch Game: Blake Smith, 188; Dylan Jensen, 180; Konnor Kai, 162; Trent Hays, 137; McKaeya Backer, 133; Graycen Trautman, 124; Whitney Hadcock, 102.

Scratch Series: Dylan Jensen, 487; Blake Smith, 479; Konnor Kai, 433; Graycen Trautman, 354; Trent Hays, 346; McKaeya Becker, 317; Whitney Hadcock, 261.

Division 3 - Top Scorers

Scratch Game: Barrett Bruning, 224; Brogan Foote, 220; Calvin Starzl, 211; Jamie Janke, 206; Jaden Dramse, 201; Jersei Jensen, 201; Zane Siever, 185; Joslyn Johnson, 160.

Scratch Series: Brogan Foote, 652; Calvin Starzl, 577; Jaden Dramse, 549; Jersei Jensen, 541; Jamie Janke, 538; Barrett Bruning, 510; Zane Siever, 472; Joslyn Johnson, 427.

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Week #28 of 32 — 3/15/22	
Wildcat Cubs	29 19
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Wildcat Lanes	28 20
White Dog	28 20
Klein Electric	25 23
Half-Ton Club	24 24
One Office	21 27
Harder & Ankeny	19 29
Pin Pals	16 32
PMC Scrubs	13 35

639; Tony Lawyer, 620; Colin Clausen, 602; Darin Bargholz, 601; Kayleen Roberts, 572.

Hits N Misses		
Week #25 of 30 — 3/2/22		
Pac N Save	72.5	27.5
Dixon Elevator	64.5	35.5
State Nebr Bank & Trust	59	41
Sterling Computer	56	41
Wildcat Lanes	54	46
White Dog Pub	48	52
Ruwe Farms	42	58

High Game: Stefanie McLagan, 200; Angie Rath, 191; Ardie Sommerfeld, 185; Kathy Bird, 185; Andi Belt, 183; Lisa Lindsay, 180.

High Series: Stefanie McLagan, 540; Lisa Lindsay, 508; Emily Claussen, 507; Ardie Sommerfeld, 499.

High Team Game: Half-Ton Club, 908.
High Team Series: Wildcat Lanes, 2,613.
High Game: Dustin Bargholz, 268
High Series: Ronnie Forney, 701.
High Scores: Jessi Jensen, 266, 206, 196; Dylan Sokol, 245, 237, 203; Ronnie Forney, 242, 232, 227; Kyle Kempf, 238, 211; Brady Ping, 235, 226, 200; Brad Hansen, 234, 2323; Taurean Grady, 233; Kent Roberts, 232; Dustin Bargholz, 228; Darin Bargholz, 224; Doug Rose, 223, 221; Caleb Lammers, 222; Dusty Baker, 222, 214, 203; Trent Beza, 222, 203; Rich Rethwisch, 218; Colin Clausen, 217; Tay Guill, 216; Kayleen Roberts, 214, 188; Kelly Hansen, 214; Darin Jensen, 213; Tony Lawyer, 213, 205, 202; Zane Shearman, 212, 20; Mark Klein, 211, 202; Lukas Clark, 209, 203; Mike Grosz, 206; Nate Temme, 206; Harrison Lane, 201.
High Series: Dylan Sokol, 685; Dustin Bargholz, 673; Jessi Jensen, 668; Brady Ping, 661; Kyle Kempf, 649; Brad Hansen, 644; Doug Rose, 643; Dusty Baker,

Hits N Misses		
Week #26 of 30 — 3/9/22		
Pac N Save	74.5	29.5
Dixon Elevator	65.5	38.5
State Nebr Bank & Trust	62	42
Sterling Computer	60	44
Wildcat Lanes	56	48
White Dog Pub	52	52
Ruwe Farms	42	62

High Game: Renee Saunders, 192; Lynda Belt, 192; Stefanie McLagan, 185; Ardie Sommerfeld, 184; Julie Hartung, 181; Andi Belt, 181.

High Series: Lynda Belt, 533; Stefanie McLagan, 517; Renee Saunders, 512; Julie Hartung, 507; Andi Belt, 507.

Splits: Nikki McLagan, 4-10; Diane Roeber, 3-7.

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Wayne track teams experienced for 2022

Wayne High's track and field teams bring back a wealth of talent and experience, with 25 letterwinners and seven returning state qualifiers highlighting the boys girls and teams.

Coach Dale Hochstein said the boys team may lack in depth from a numbers perspective, but has a number of talented returning and upcoming athletes who could develop into consistent scorers.

"Depth will be a problem placing high in meets, but we have some quality individuals who with some focus and hard work can develop into strong contenders in their events," he said.

Three returning qualifiers are back from last year, led by juniors Alex Phelps and Sedjro Agoumba, who made up half of the Blue Devils' 1,600-meter relay team that finished eighth in the state a year ago.

Also back is sophomore distance runner Jesus Zavala, who qualified for state last year in the 1,600 and

3,200-meter runs.

Other returning lettermen include seniors Ethan Wibben and Yair Alcantara, juniors Braydn McCorkindale, Carter, Junck, Daniel Judd, East Blecke and Elli Barner, and sophomores Mason Ley and Parker Kesting.

Athletes to keep an eye on include juniors Brogan Foote and Jack Bruckner, sophomores Drue Davis and Sam Junck, and newcomers Andrew Brink, Braden Wheat, Olson Nelsen, Jake Barner and Mar'keidron King.

The Blue Devil girls have four state qualifiers back and return 13 letterwinners that give the team a good mix of experience and upcoming talent.

"We have a good mix of returners with experience and younger athletes," Hochstein said. "Our best depth and experience should come from our throwing core and distance runners. As our vaulters, jumpers, hurdlers, and sprints con-

tinue to improve we are looking to develop a well-rounded team."

All four returning state qualifiers were part of last year's 3,200-meter relay team, including senior Kiara Krusemark, junior Laura Hasemenn and sophomores Faith Powicki and Kierah Haase.

Other returning letterwinners include seniors Courtney Brink, Kiera Brader, Rubie Klausen and Virginia Kniesche; juniors Brooklyn Kruse and Sierra Mutchler; and sophomores Delaney Kruse, Frantzdie Barner and Raegan Maas.

Athletes to watch include seniors Brenna Colfack and Yazmin Total, junior Logan Miller, sophomores Elizabeth Vargas, Gabbie Judd, Jayla Walton, Jazmin Torres, Katelyn VanHorn and Liberty Titimil; and freshmen Genesis Bernal, Jala Krusemark, Jenny Mach, Kyla Krusemark, Olivia Mrsny, Tayem Ellis and Yama Kantai.

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Puppe looks to defend hurdle title at LCC

Laurel-Concord-Coleridge will have some returning state qualifiers back from last year, led by defending Class C 110-meter hurdle champion Deagan Puppe.

The senior hurdler and his junior brother, Daniel, lead a group of improving tracksters that will look to improve this season, according to coach Shannon Benson.

"Number are great and the team is focused on doing well each track meet," he said. "The goals are high this year and we hope to keep working towards those each week and each meet. We need to make sure to push each other in practice every day."

The Puppies are the only returning state qualifiers back for the Bears boys this spring. Other returning letterwinners for the LCC boys include seniors Wilton Roberts, Even Haisch, Markus Martin,

Lucas Rasmussen and Dillon Olson; juniors Shane Benson, Aaron Bloom, and Kolby Casey; and sophomores Bradyn Urwiler, Tyler Olson, Dylan Taylor, Landen Leonard and Carter Kvols.

Freshman boys to keep an eye on include Carter Korth, Preston Rose, Connor Korth, Gibson Roberts, Caleb Erwin, Eli Haisch, Ryder Jekinek and Avery Hahne.

Junior Berniece McCorkindale was a state qualifier in the shot put last spring. She is joined by returning letterwinners that include seniors Kinsey Hall and Reagan Kuhlman, juniors Ella Hartung and Haley Christensen, and sophomore Mallory Erickson.

Freshman girls with prospects include Tali Erwin, Ava Christensen, Rachel Rasmussen and Julia Johnson.

Wolfpack linksters hope to make state trip

The Tri County Northeast boys golf team returns two state qualifiers from last year, and hopes are high the rest of the team can join them this spring.

Coach Scott Hansen said he is excited to see what this year's team can do on the golf course.

"We are eager to get this season underway," he said. "We have some great experience coming back and are excited to have them work with our younger golfers to build a solid team this year. Our goal is to compete at every tournament, win our

conference and qualify as team for the state tournament."

Seniors Garrett Blanke and Nate Oswald are back to lead the Wolfpack this season. They are joined by two returning lettermen in senior Ryan Anderson and sophomore Brody Floyd.

Freshmen Ben Jorgensen and Gabe Olesen are expected to make an impact this year, while Jarrett Denker, Landon Monteith and Garrett Tramp are also looking to improve this season.

Trojans linksters young, but experienced

Wakefield's boys golf team will be looking for some younger players to step up and compete with two returning lettermen from last season.

Coach Joe Wendte said his team will have some young players, but is hopeful they will develop as the spring season rolls on.

"We still have a fairly young squad, but will look to continue to improve on our scores each time out and develop some valuable experience," he said.

Returning starters back from last year include junior Kolton Fischer and sophomore Jack Pommel.

Wakefield returns three qualifiers for track/field

Wakefield's track and field squads will have some good returning talent, led by four returning state qualifiers from a year ago.

Coach Mike Hassler said that the boys side lost a number of quality athletes to graduation, but still has a solid group of returning athletes who should see improvement this spring.

"Though we lost a talented senior class I think we have a good core group of boys coming back," he said. "We have the chance to put together some strong relays and should have a good balance across the board in the running events."

Three Wakefield boys were state qualifiers last year, including Logan Bokemper, Gabe Lamprecht and Cade Johnson.

On the girls' side, Hassler said the Trojans will have a solid nucleus in place to make the team a competitive bunch this season.

"We return a strong nucleus of girls that gives us an opportunity to be a little more competitive in team races this season," he said. "These ladies had a strong off-season in the weight room last summer and I'm excited to see that carry over to the track."

Sophomore Jordan Metzler, who qualified in four events at state a year ago, leads the returning latterwinners for the Trojan girls squad.

Six Wayne wrestlers medal at state tourney

Six members of the Wayne Wrestling Club. Came home with medals from the Huskerland USA Wrestling state tournament held in Grand Island over the weekend.

The six medalists were led by Lance Stange, who was a state champion in the 275-pound weight class for seventh and eighth-graders. He won all three matches by pin to claim the state title.

Knox Koch finished second in the 33-36 weight class for PreK-K kids.

Other medalists included:
Kaiser Wohler — PreK-K 46-47, 3rd
Bentley Nelson — PreK-K 51-52, 8th
Lakin Stange — 7th-8th 195, 7th
Kimbree Rees — Girls K-2 67-71, 3rd

Other Wayne wrestlers who competed were Adrian Zarate, Cohen Woebler, Ryker Jensen, Wyatt Dunklau, Mason Nelson, Grady Maas, Noah Magnuson, Josh Miller, Ethan Gregory, Grant Maas, Taven Ocampo and Lillian Stange.

Three Wayne High School wrestlers competed in the tournament. Ichell Rivas was a state champion in girls grade 9-12 101-pound action, while Jaycee Bruns was second in girls grade 9-12 130-pound competition. Francisco Jinez competed in the boys grade 9-12 150-pound weight class.

Micah Stenwall is chosen for Girls State

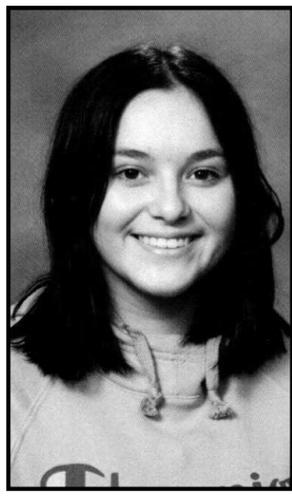
The American Legion Auxiliary, Roy Reed Post #252 at Winside has chosen a delegate to attend the 2022 Cornhusker Girls State at Lincoln.

This year's event will be held from June 5-11.

Micah Stenwall, a junior at Winside High School, will be the 2022 delegate for Unit #252.

Micah is the daughter of Scott Stenwall of Winside and Stacy Kaup of Bancroft. At school, she is a member of the National Honor Society and One Act team. Micah participates in volleyball, basketball and track. She also contributes in the community by belonging to her church youth group.

The purpose of Girls State is to educate the delegates about the privileges, rights, duties and responsibilities of the citizens living in a democracy.



Micah Stenwall

Lead For Nebraska announces Fellowship Application for 2022

Lead For Nebraska (LFNE) and the national nonprofit Lead For America (LFA) have announced its 2022 Fellowship application for Nebraska. Selected AmeriCorps Fellows will address Nebraska's most pressing challenges at the local level and join a national cohort of other leaders committed to supporting the communities they call home. The Fellowship application closes on April 15, 2022.

Lead For America is a national service program building the next generation of leaders for our country, starting in American communities across all 50 states. All Fellows serve in a paid, full-time service AmeriCorps Fellowship alongside a local leader in their hometown or home state for one year, before advancing into positions of community, state, and national leadership. Since 2018, LFA has placed over 215 Fellows across 35 states, including five Nebraska Fellows who started in 2021. Past Nebraska Fellows have served to address the state's most pressing challenges, from rural broadband to public health and economic development in communities like Humboldt, Auburn, and Lincoln.

"Our country has rarely been more divided than it is today and from public health to the economy and foreign affairs, America is facing significant challenges," said Joe Nail, CEO and co-founder of Lead For America. "But at times of dysfunction on a national level, reform and renewal has often arisen from the local level and a new generation of leadership. Lead For America aims to build a leadership force of our nation's most outstanding young leaders, committed to serving the places they call home and stitching our country back together by building bridges across lines of difference. We believe that there is common ground, mutual respect, and even friendship to be found through shared commitment to place and to national service."

As a part of their Fellowship experience, Fellows serve full-time with a local Nebraska nonprofit or government entity - city or county level - to address a critical community challenge alongside the mentorship of a local leader. Fellows also take part in a premier training program throughout the Fellowship. They begin their journey with Lead For America's 12-day Summer Institute in Washington DC where they learn about American history, the most significant challenges facing our country today, how to build relationships across lines of difference, and how to be an effective local leader in the community they call home. Fellows continue this training with trips to LFA's headquarters in Kansas and visiting other Fellows in their home communities. During their Fellowship, Fellows take time to learn from residents about the challenges

and opportunities in their community, and are tasked with creating a project to address one of their learnings. Overall, the Fellowship serves as a launching pad for a lifetime of leadership and service to country and community.

"Our Lead for Nebraska AmeriCorps Fellows are playing a critical role in building capacity for rural communities in Nebraska," said Lead for Nebraska Executive Director Brent Comstock. "Current AmeriCorps Fellows are tackling challenges in everything from digital literacy, connecting rural communities with broadband internet expansion to unserved and underserved areas, to public health disparities and COVID-19 response. To date, our AmeriCorps Fellows have impacted residents across the state and we are excited to continue this monumental movement with our new cohort who will continue to empower rural development statewide."

Lead For Nebraska AmeriCorps Fellows will tackle critical challenges facing the state, like rural economic development, broadband expansion and public health, from Cambridge and Holdrege to Lincoln.

The following organizations will host Fellows in their communities that candidates can apply to serve with:

Cambridge Economic Development Board (Cambridge) is looking for an Economic Development Fellow;

South Central Economic Development District (Holdrege) is looking for a Community Development Fellow;

Nebraska Hospital Association (Lincoln) is looking for a Health Data Fellow;

Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District and Siouland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (Norfolk) are looking for an Economic Development Fellow;

Valley County Health Systems (Ord) is looking for a Community Outreach Fellow;

Pierce County Economic Development Group (Pierce County) is looking for an Economic Development Fellow; and

Ravenna Economic Development Board and Chamber (Ravenna) are looking for an Economic Development Fellow.

The Fellowship application closes on April 15, 2022. Fellows will begin their one-year commitment to service in August, 2022 and finish in July, 2023. After graduating, Fellows will continue to be a part of Lead For America's network of local, state, and national leaders.

To learn more about Lead For America, visit its website at: www.leadforamerica.org

To apply to the 2022 Fellowship, visit the application page at: leadforamerica.pinpointhq.com/en

TCNE track season a work in progress

The 2022 track season seems to be filled with optimism at Emerson-Hubbard and Allen.

The Tri County Northeast track cooperative is now in place, and interest seems to be high entering its second season. A total of 34 athletes — 19 boys and 15 girls combined from the two schools — have made the commitment to be a member of the Wolfpack Track program.

Head coach, Dave Uldrich, will be assisted by Marc Bathke, Evan Colfack, Joe Kvidera and Josh Batenhorst.

"The team will work very hard to get better on a daily basis," Uldrich said. "We have so much untapped potential! The coaching staff's philosophy is easy to understand, 'get better daily'. No negativity, just encouragement. The program is all about personal improvement, not being the first place person in every meet."

Heading into the 2022 season, the veteran athletes are ready to make their marks and show their leadership to the younger athletes.

Returning state participants from 2021, Jordyn Carr, (long jump, 1,600 relay, 100, 200) was a third-place medalist in the Class C long

jump. Rhyanne Mackling returns after placing 10th in the 3,200, and Brynn Schock and Brianna Bosquet return after running on the 1,600 relay with Carr in 2021 and bringing home a seventh-place medal.

The rest of the team is going to be assessed daily, and fitted based on daily workouts and evaluations by coaches. Getting to know athlete strengths will be very important in placing athletes into the correct events and insuring the athletes can be successful as well.

One thing is definite. Every time an athlete competes on the track, runway, or ring, bettering one year old cooperative marks established in 2021 will be under fire. That alone should motivate all athletes to put effort forward. Wolfpack athletes will work hard and be prepared by season's end for district meet competition.

It seems very clear early on, that the 2022 squad members are truly the kids who want to be here, challenging themselves and wanting to be the best they can be as individuals, and become even better competitive athletes. The coaching staff appreciates that mentality.

Winside tracksters open at Concordia Indoor

SEWARD — Winside's track and field teams started the season last week at the Concordia University Indoor Invitational.

Winside didn't score a top-six finish in either the boys or girls team standings, but had some good starting marks for the day.

Winside results are as follows:

Girls Top 10 Results
3,200 relay: 9. Winside (Megan Gnirk, Stephanie Naeve, Samantha Göbbels, Camrynn Marx), 13:13.59.
Discus: 10. Natalie Kruger, 87-8.

Boys Top 10 Results
60 Hurdles: 9. Kaden Hunt, 10.54. Discus: 8. Josh Storovich, 114-7.

Winside track returns 13 letterwinners

The Winside track and field teams will have some good experience back this season, according to coach Mark Tonniges.

A total of 13 lettermen are back for the boys and girls squads, highlighted by returning state medalist Gabe Escalante, a third-place finisher in the Class D 400 and a fifth-place medalist in the 200.

Escalante, who also qualified for state in the 100, will be joined on the track by senior twin brother Art and fellow senior Maddox Magwire. Also back for the Winside boys are junior Mason Topp, Dean Kruger and Dax Behmer and sophomores Josh Storovich, Devon Offner and Austin Nelson. Newcomers Kaden Hunt and Tucker Bruns, both sophomores, are athletes to watch for the Winside boys.

On the girls side, four letterwinners return, led by senior thrower

McKenna Russell. Also back are sophomores Natalie Kruger, Camrynn Marx and Elaina Hoskinson.

"We have a large group of boys out and have some good experience returning," Tonniges said. "Our girls group is small, but we have a lot of hard-working girls who will compete."

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March 22, 1962 Worse Than '49?

Some say yes, some are doubtful. Some say it's wetter, some say it's drier. Some say it's warmer, some say colder. But at any rate, last week's snow storm isolated Wayne and a few Wayne residents for some time. The snow blocked all highways leading to Wayne and country roads were strictly impassable. Highway crews clearing snow last Tuesday found it drifting behind them as fast as they could move it. Drifts up to 12 feet high near Wayne thwarted snow moving equipment. Rotary plows found drifts up to a quarter of a mile long on Highway 15 to Laurel and the road wasn't opened until Thursday of last week. Residents of the trailer court on the north edge of Wayne also found more snow than they could handle. One trailer was nearly covered, along with the automobiles and fuel tanks. Snow drifted to the edge of the roof was a common sight on several homes in Wayne. Whether it was worse than 1949 is beside the point — Wayne area residents are still suffering from the effects of the storm through excessive moisture on roads, in basements and through leaky roofs.

March 23, 1972 WSC Style Show Held Saturday Noon

About 30 models, women and children, participated in the show of spring fashions which were presented at the WSC Faculty Wives and Women's annual luncheon held Saturday at the Student Center Birch room. The styles had all been handmade by the members, and some were of original design. About 125 members and guests turned out for the event. Narrator was Mrs. Marilyn Bentley. On the committee in charge of arrangements were Mrs. Roger Bentley, chairman; Mrs. Wes Fritz, co-chairman; Mrs. Ellis Boden, Mrs. Robert Brady, Mrs. Arnold Emry, Mrs. Jim Hummel, Mrs. Hilbert Johs, Mrs. Raymond Kelton, Mrs. Robert Kruse, Mrs. Terry McClain, Mrs. Lee Mendyk, Mrs. Allen O'Donnell, Mrs. Neil Swanson, Mrs. Ronald Wachholtz, and Mrs. Stanley Wills. The next meeting is scheduled for April 4.

March 25, 1982 Carroll selects delegates to Girls State in Lincoln

A 16-year-old junior at Wayne High has been selected to represent Carroll at Girls State in June. Pam Ulrich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ulrich of Carroll, was chosen by the Carroll American Legion Auxiliary and Woman's Club to attend Girls State in Lincoln. The alternate delegate is Shelly Granfield, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Granfield of Carroll. Miss Ulrich is a junior at Wayne-Carroll High School and is employed part-time at Bill's GW in Wayne. She is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Carroll, and was a member for one year of Carroll's All Faith Youth. Her interests include caring for young children, cooking, and spending time with her family. Miss Granfield also is a junior at Wayne-Carroll High School. She has been an honor student during the past three years of high school, is a member of the W Club and varsity choir, and participated in band. She was volleyball and track student manager during her sophomore year. She is employed part-time at The Wayne Herald.

March 21, 2002 Wakefield speech team wins districts

The Wakefield High School won the District C2-4 Speech Contest held at Northeast Community College on March 18. Wisner-Pilger was the runnerup; Lyons-Decatur, third; Bancroft-Rosalie, fourth; Winnabago, fifth; Emerson Hubbard, sixth and Homer, seventh. The Class C2 State Speech Contest will be held Friday, March 22 in Kearney, hosted by the University of Nebraska-Kearney. Individual results are as follows. (Only first and second place finishers qualify for state.) First Place — The Oral Interpretation of Drama team of John Danforth, Adam Hansen, Jenna Paulson, Nicole Peters and Jessica Schroeder; Jana Erickson in Informative Speaking and Katie Davis in Persuasive Speaking. Second Place — Toan Nguyen, Informative Speaking; Jana Erickson and Molly Evers, Duet; Jenna Paulson, Persuasive Speaking and Katie Davis, Serious Prose. Third Place — Kristi Schroeder, Extemporaneous; Ashley Anderson, Entertainment and Adam Hansen, Humorous Prose. The team is coached by Zoe Vander Weil.

March 24, 2012 Brass in Blue concert set for Thursday April 12

The USAF Heartland of America Bands Brass in Blue, a pioneering symphonic brass ensemble, will present a concert on Thursday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ramsey Theatre on the Wayne State College campus. This concert is free and open to the public; however, tickets are required. They can be obtained at the Wayne Herald, which is sponsoring the event. There is no reserved seating to the event, but attendees are requested to be in their seats 10 minutes prior to the start of the concert. Tickets will be available at the door after advance ticket holders have been seated. Representing more than 325,000 Air Force professionals, Brass in Blue showcases the service's excellence and precision in every performance. Comprised of 10 brass players, one percussionist and a vocalist, the ensemble maintains a rigorous performance schedule presenting a diverse repertoire featuring orchestral transcriptions, patriotic favorites, jazz standards, new compositions and arrangement. Brass in Blue is part of the USAF Heartland of America Band based at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. Musicians are full-time Active Duty members of the Air Force and have gone through Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Group members hold a combined total of 20 college degrees, 19 of them in music with more than 300 years of performance experience. Members of the group are also active performers and educators in the Omaha metro area. Brass in Blue's diversity and flexibility make it well-suited for all types of events. The group was selected to open the 2008 Grand Teton Music Festival, has performed the National Anthem for a Minnesota Timberwolves game, performs educational music classes for many Midwestern colleges, and regularly receives rave reviews from audiences across the Heartland. The group is sure their audience will agree—"...once heard, never forgotten..."

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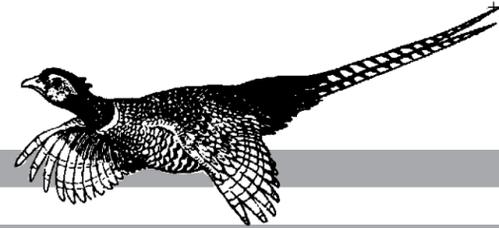
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Citizens need to be informed

Dear Citizens of Wayne,

Your help is needed to keep the City of Wayne from selling 7.94 acres of public use green space/recreation area to an out-of-state developer for the development of a large luxury apartment complex. (Resolution Nos. 2022-23 & 2022-24 and Ordinance 2022-5)

Background: At the March 15 City Council Meeting the City of Wayne approved the sale of 7.94 acres to an out-of-state developer for \$100,000. This property, Lot 3 Southeast addition, is located south of Fourth and Jaxon Streets (upper soccer field property and the former community garden). R. Perry Construction is planning to build four, three-story apartment buildings for a total of 144 units. The purchase agreement is dependent on Tax Increment Funding, which gives the developer 15 years of property tax relief valued at \$4,000,000. The proposed monthly rent for these apartments are 1-bedroom \$850, 2-bedrooms \$1150, and 3-bedrooms \$1275.

Why this is wrong:

1. On Nov. 30, 1961 the property in question was acquired by the City of Wayne through condemnation. In an unfriendly move, our City used its sovereign power of eminent domain to take approximately 86.69 acres of land from the Perry family to build a municipal sewage disposal plant. Nebraska statute 14-366 is quite clear on how such property can be used in the future and all uses are for "public uses and purposes." Selling this property for urban development will once again put the City of Wayne in the position of taking this land, not from one property owner but from all the citizens of Wayne who were promised, by the decision made in Case No. 1686, that this land's future use would be for public use and purposes.

2. The US Constitution's 5th Amendment "taking clause" prohibits the government from confiscating property (even with just compensation) if it is not doing so for public use.

3. On March 1, 2022 the Wayne City Council approved the January, 2022 Wayne, Nebraska Community Housing Study with Strategies for Affordable Housing. The R. Perry project does not address the current and future housing needs of Wayne. The study states: The greatest challenge for the City of Wayne, during the next 5 years, will be to develop housing units for workforce persons and families, elderly households, off-campus students, and special populations. The Community Housing Study projects a need for 56 rental units in the R. Perry luxury price range in the next five years, and calls for a variety of

units to be built including single family dwellings, duplexes, triplexes, townhomes, and apartments to meet this need.

4. The R. Perry proposal is not a workforce, affordable housing project; and creates housing at a much faster pace than recommended by the Housing Study. In addition, the land being sold was never planned to be used for housing as seen in decades of comprehensive plans and future land use maps. The City changed its use during the dark days of Covid-19 and is now trying to tell us it's a great deal for our community.

5. The City of Wayne should be working with local entities (government, funding/lending institutions, businesses, developers/contractors, property owners, landlords, Wayne State College, Wayne Community Schools, etc.) to address and solve the current and future housing needs of Wayne, Nebraska before seeking out-of-state developers.

What can you do? Thankfully Nebraska Revised Statute 16-202 gives its citizens a way to challenge the decision of selling public land - called a remonstrance period - to petition the City to delay the sale of this property for one year. This will give the City time to work with local entities to meet Wayne's current and future housing needs at all price points for persons and households of all income levels. Here's what you can do:

1. Attend an information meeting - Sunday, March 27, 5 p.m. at the Wayne Fire Hall.

2. Sign the remonstrance petition. We have 30 days to gather 700 signatures from registered voters who are City of Wayne residents.

3. Join us on Facebook - Wayne Property Tax Payers: Wayne Rental Association

4. Contact us via email - wayne.rental.association@gmail.com

This is NOT a move against Wayne growing and I am the first to admit we need more housing. Multiple local people have been working with the City for years to keep things moving to meet the housing needs of Wayne. We have asked the City to work with locals first in a fair and transparent way, and although the City Council admits that the R. Perry project is not ideal, they continue to push forward ... trying to take away this public land for urban development.

Please help us stop this and find another piece of property for housing that was not taken for public use and keep this land for public park/sports fields.

Respectfully submitted,
B. J. Woehler, President Wayne Rental Association

Capitol View

Lawmakers ponder economic boom or fiscal bubble

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

Is this a financial bubble or an economic boom?

That's the question lawmakers ponder as they make second-year adjustments to the state budget. Analysts seem to think it's a bubble created by an influx of federal pandemic relief. The administration thinks the state coffers are burgeoning because of a booming economy.

Look at all the "help wanted" signs and make up your own mind.

The Appropriations Committee plan makes changes to the two-year budget passed last year. Under the plan, state spending would hit \$9.8 billion during the two years ending June 30, 2023. But, based on new, more optimistic projections of state revenue, it would leave \$453.6 million of state general funds available for tax cuts or other spending priorities.

Nebraska's economy may be experiencing an unsustainable period of growth due in large part to an influx of federal funds, OpenSky Senior Analyst Craig Beck said recently, and this puts the state at risk of having to make major budget cuts in the future if legislators cut too much revenue this session.

The state's revenue picture is much different than the one senators faced just a few years ago, when any bill that needed an appropriation was almost guaranteed to fail for lack of funding. The question, however, is whether the picture is going to stay rosy, meaning we're in an economic boom, or grow dark because the state is in a "fiscal bubble" in which our revenues are being inflated due to factors other than strong economic growth, Beck said.

He believes the latter and I agree because the federal CARES Act provided \$16 billion stimulus directly to both residents and businesses and helped prop up state's sales tax receipts. Another \$6 billion came through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the bulk of which has already been distributed. The Legislature will decide

Legislative Update

Senator talks about daylight savings

Each week when I get in the car to make the trip to and from Lincoln, I enjoy observing the gentle progress nature has made since the week before. There is little moisture in the air but needed rainfall is predicted. As citizens of District 17, we live in an extraordinary corner of the world, for which I am grateful.

Learning Loss Due to Covid

I joined Governor Ricketts in a press conference this week to emphasize the need for the Legislature to assist K-12 students who experienced learning loss during the pandemic. This bill would assist children eligible for the federal free lunch program with financial assistance for additional educational assistance.

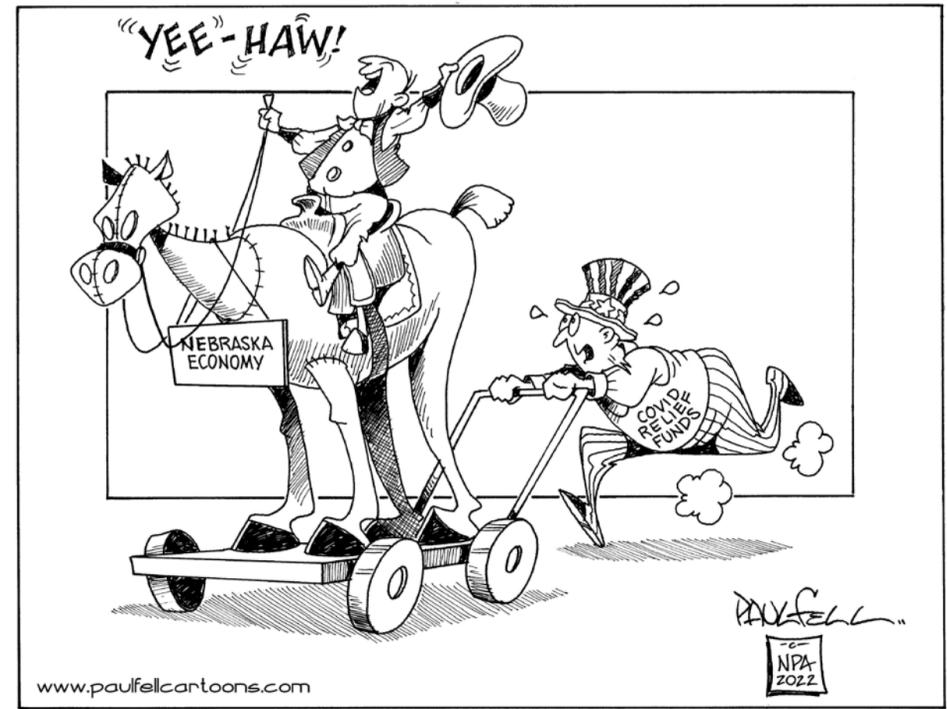
Pro-Life Pull Motion

I filed a Pull Motion to bring LB933 to the Floor of the Legislature. LB933 would prohibit the performance of an abortion on live, unborn children upon the occurrence of one of three events: the overturn of Roe v. Wade, an amendment to the United States Constitution, or the passage of enabling legislation by the United States Congress. You can be assured this bill will be coming to the floor for debate.

Daylight Saving Time

years ago, in an attempt to stop Senator Suzanne Geist's bill to ban the brutal practice of dismemberment abortion (LB 814).

Thankfully, the Nebraska Unicameral has a procedure senators can use to bring a bill to the floor, even when a committee is being uncooperative. It's called a "pull motion." The move serves as a check to ensure the will of the people doesn't fall victim to a minority of legislators. A simple majority vote of the Legislature bypasses the committee vote that's traditionally needed to move a bill to the floor. There's past precedent for using a pull motion to pass strong pro-life legislation. In 2020, Senator Geist successfully used a pull motion to bring LB 814 out of committee for debate. That bill



how to spend the final \$1 billion but will need to wade through \$3 billion in requests before doing so.

A total of \$24 billion was allocated to the State of Nebraska in multiple forms. To put this in perspective, this is the equivalent of 22% of total state personal income. Many other states are experiencing the same revenue growth, thus making federal pandemic funding the culprit.

The magnitude of federal dollars and a few other indicators, including inflation and a shift in consumer buying away from services and toward taxable goods - both of which will boost sales tax receipts - and a strong stock market, lead to the bubble theory.

If the bubble bursts, revenues could drop off precipitously, particularly if lawmakers reduce future revenues by passing major tax cuts this year, Beck said.

Governor Pete Ricketts has named three tax changes as his priorities - cutting the top income

tax rates for individuals and corporations, eliminating income taxes on Social Security benefits, and continuing an income tax credit for property taxpayers at the current level. Lawmakers have given first-round approval to all three changes.

The downside is that the large amount of federal funding assistance is temporary.

Appropriations Committee chairman Sen. John Stinner of Gering led the committee in defeating an attempt by two members to put language in the budget prohibiting the state Department of Education from enacting new sex education standards.

"Putting this language in is a poison pill for the budget as long as I'm chair," he said. "I think the budget should be about dollars and cents."

But committee member Sen. Rob Clements of Elmwood argued the budget is often described as a "moral document" and said the current proposal includes several expressions of policy, saying "It is

the intent of the Legislature ..." and requiring that funds be used "only" for certain purposes.

Both he and Sen. Steve Erdman of Bayard voted against the main budget bill because it did not include the sex education language.

They also expressed concern that state spending would increase at a two-year average rate of 3.2% under the committee's budget plan. Ricketts has repeatedly said his goal is to keep state spending growth at under 3% to make tax cuts possible.

I agree with Stinner. Let's keep the budget about numbers. I agree with Beck. We're in a bubble. Let's plan for the burst - it rhymes with worst -- and keep our wits about us.

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

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The Wayne City Council meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Meeting times are at 5:30 p.m. at the City Council chambers, located in the Wayne City Offices at 306 N. Pearl Street.

Legislative Update
By Joni Albrecht
State Senator, District 17

LB283, introduced in 2021 by Albion Senator Tom Briese, would adopt daylight saving time year-round if the bill's provisions are not in conflict with federal law and three states bordering Nebraska also adopt year-round daylight-saving time. The United States Senate unanimously approved a

measure on March 15 that would make daylight saving time permanent across the United States next year. The bipartisan bill, named the Sunshine Protection Act, would ensure Americans would no longer have to change their clocks twice a year. The bill still needs approval from the House, and the signature of President Joe Biden, to become law.

One-Call System

A One Call Notification System Act, enabling legislation for Nebraska811, is a free service for anyone who is planning an excavation project, including homeowners and professional excavators. Nebraska law requires anyone who digs to place a locate request at least two full business days before digging so that utilities can locate and mark their lines. Under LB344, as introduced by Senator Curt Friesen, the state fire marshal and two utility operators and two excavators appointed by the governor would form a committee to review complaints alleging violations of the one-call system.

Budget Bills

The budget put forward by the Appropriations Committee last Friday allows the Unicameral to

aggressively pursue tax relief. It is my hope that the Legislature will pass three main tax bills.

LB 723 protects the income tax rebate Nebraskans receive for school property tax payments. For the 2021 tax year, the rebate is over 25%. Without action from Senators, the rebate is scheduled to decline in 2024. LB 723 would make this property tax relief permanent.

LB 825 accelerates our phaseout of taxes on Social Security income from ten years to five years. This will help our seniors in the face of rising inflation.

LB 939 makes Nebraska's income tax structure more competitive with neighboring states. Without action from the Unicameral, our top tax bracket—which includes 60% of Nebraska's families—will be 20% more than any surrounding state. Given our workforce needs, we can't afford to have Nebraska's graduates move across state lines to take advantage of a more favorable tax climate.

You can contact me at my Lincoln office by phone (402) 471-2716 or email jalbrecht@leg.ne.gov. I will enjoy hearing from you. Have a great week!

Upholding the Right to Life

By Governor Pete Ricketts

For decades, the abortion industry has pushed the mantra that abortion is a human right. They've tried their best to normalize a culture of death, where the most vulnerable among us have fallen victim to the lie that one person's so-called right to privacy trumps the right of another to live. The infamous Supreme Court decision on Roe v. Wade gave false credibility to their movement. But in less than four months, the Supreme Court could finally overturn Roe v. Wade.

There's never been a more exciting time to be pro-life.

The Supreme Court's ruling could return the ability to regulate abortion to the states. If they do, Nebraska must be ready to protect the unborn. This week, our

Legislature is considering pro-life legislation that will take effect the moment Roe v. Wade is undone.

Senator Joni Albrecht has introduced LB 933, the Human Life Protection Act, which would ban abortion in Nebraska immediately after Roe v. Wade is overturned. Many in our Legislature have recognized its importance. Speaker Mike Hilgers has made it his priority bill, and over 20 additional senators have added their names to LB 933 to show their full support of it. Even so, liberals on the Legislature's Judiciary Committee (Senators Lathrop, DeBoer, McKinney, Morfeld, and Pansing Brooks) are blocking this bill from being debated on the floor. Liberal state senators unsuccessfully tried the same tactic two

eventually passed by a wide margin, and I signed it into law.

This Friday, on the International Day of the Unborn Child, Senator Albrecht will seek to use the pull motion to overcome the Judiciary Committee's obstruction. Senators will have the historic opportunity to extend protections to every preborn girl and boy in Nebraska. I encourage the Legislature to get LB 933 to my desk this session so that Nebraska can uphold the right to life.

Nebraska is a pro-life state. Our citizens have repeatedly elected representatives who have enacted pro-life laws. Nebraskans support expectant mothers and young parents. They give generously to families in need. They volunteer at crisis pregnancy centers. Despite freez-

ing cold, thousands of Nebraskans take part in the annual Walk for Life every January. They form Life Chains and hold prayer vigils. They display their pro-life convictions on license plates, billboards, and yard signs. In word and deed, Nebraskans are champions for life.

Senators can carry on this tradition in 2022. In addition to LB 933, there are two other pro-life bills in the Legislature this year.

LB 781: Senator Julie Slama is sponsoring the Heartbeat Act. It requires a physician to perform an ultrasound prior to performing an abortion. If a heartbeat is detected, the bill would make it unlawful for a physician to perform an abortion.

LB 1086: Senator Suzanne Geist introduced the Chemical Abortion Safety Protocol Act. Senator John

Lowe has prioritized the bill, which prohibits physicians from providing any abortion-inducing drug to a woman whose pregnancy is more than forty-nine days of gestational age. And it requires abortion-inducing drugs to be provided by a physician.

In the coming days and weeks, senators will decide the fate of these bills. The stakes couldn't possibly be higher. I encourage you to contact your state senator to urge them to protect the unborn. You can find their contact information at www.NebraskaLegislature.gov.

If you have questions about my support of pro-life legislation, email pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov or call 402-471-2244. As Nebraskans, we must do our part to protect every preborn girl and boy.

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Highly pathogenic avian influenza is detected in commercial flock in Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA), in conjunction with the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), is announcing a confirmed case of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in a commercial flock of 570,000 broilers in Butler County.

HPAI is a highly contagious virus that spreads easily among birds through nasal and eye secretions, as well as manure. The virus can be spread in various ways from flock to flock, including by wild birds, through contact with infected poultry, by equipment, and on the clothing and shoes of caretakers. Wild birds can carry the virus without becoming sick, while domesticated birds can become very sick.

"Having a second farm in Nebraska confirmed to have HPAI is unfortunate, but not completely unexpected," said NDA Director Steve Wellman. "NDA will use all the resources at our disposal, in coordination with our federal partners to manage a quick response."

According to NDA State Veterinarian Dr. Roger Dudley, since the initial threat of HPAI in the United States, the farm has increased their biosecurity and heightened their observational testing and upon noticing a larger than normal death loss, immediately quarantined their facility and contacted NDA.

The farm is under NDA quarantine and the birds will be humanely depopulated and disposed of in an approved manner. Additionally, NDA will be establishing a 6.2-mile

control zone around the infected premises. Premises with poultry that fall within that control zone will not be allowed to move birds or poultry products on or off their premises without permission from NDA. These producers should also know the signs and symptoms of HPAI and notify NDA immediately of sick or dying poultry.

Symptoms of HPAI in poultry include: a decrease in water consumption; lack of energy and appetite; decreased egg production or soft-shelled, misshapen eggs; nasal discharge, coughing, sneezing; incoordination; and diarrhea. HPAI can also cause sudden death in birds even if they aren't showing any other symptoms. HPAI can survive for weeks in contaminated environments.

Poultry owners should report unusual poultry bird deaths or sick birds to NDA at 402-471-2351, or through USDA at 866-536-7593.

Enhanced biosecurity helps prevent the introduction and spread of viruses and diseases including HPAI. NDA and USDA have resources available to help poultry owners step up their biosecurity efforts.

Know the warning signs of infectious bird diseases like HPAI. Be on the lookout for unusual signs of behavior, severe illness and/or sudden deaths.

Restrict access to your property and poultry.

Keep it clean. Wear clean clothes, scrub boots/shoes with disinfectant and wash hands thoroughly before and after contact with your flock.

If you, your employees or family have been on other farms, or other places where there is livestock and/or poultry, clean and disinfect your vehicle tires and equipment before returning home.

Don't share equipment, tools, or other supplies with other livestock or poultry owners.

In addition to practicing good biosecurity, all bird owners should prevent contact between their birds and wild birds, making sure wild birds cannot access domestic poultry's feed and water sources.

Report sick birds immediately to: NDA at 402-471-2351; the USDA at 866-536-7593; or your veterinarian. Early detection is important to prevent the spread of disease.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the risk to people getting HPAI infections from birds is low. No human cases of avian influenza viruses have been detected in the United States.

All poultry entering Nebraska must be accompanied by a VS form 9-3 or Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI, or health certificate). If you are considering moving an animal into Nebraska from an affected state, please call 402-471-2351 to learn more. Nebraska poultry owners wanting to ship poultry out of state should consult the state veterinarians of the destination states for import requirements.

For more information about avian influenza, visit NDA's website at <https://nda.nebraska.gov/animal/avian/index.html> or the USDA's website <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/>. Additional information on biosecurity for backyard flocks can be found at <http://healthybirds.aphis.usda.gov>.



School of Computing Senior Design students (left) Cole Vaske, Will Swiston and Cody Binder work on their collaborative project with the Nebraska Water Center.

Water Center, computer science students dive into Nebraska's groundwater

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is developing a new project that shines light on Nebraska's international lead in water research.

In a collaboration with the Nebraska Water Center, part of the Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute, a team of Senior Design students from the School of Computing is in the process of revamping the Nebraska Vadose Zone program's current data systems.

The Nebraska Vadose Zone program standardizes collection, processing, analysis and sharing of vadose zone monitoring data. The vadose zone is the interval layer between the crop root zone and the water table that acts as the earth's skin, regulating the storage, transport and transformation of agrichemicals. Changes in this zone can impact the quality of Nebraska's groundwater, which is used for drinking water, livestock and crop production, industry and other economically important purposes. With greater understanding of this zone, water managers can better predict contamination and how to implement interventions at the source.

The program's website currently houses an extensive database of agrichemical results collected from hundreds of sources that date back as far as the 1980s. The website serves as a critical resource for the state's natural resource managers, producers and citizens, but its information isn't always easily accessible or manageable. Because data is submitted from multiple sources in a variety of formats, most of it must be manually reviewed and input by staff.

"As we discovered through their process, everything was done by hand, emailed to them or in printed copies," said Cody Binder, a senior software engineering major in the Senior Design course. "We're implementing ways to handle these different data sources and automating it for time-saving measures."

Senior Design is a computing capstone course in which students spend a full academic year working closely with a faculty or industry sponsor to create a product that meets specific technological goals of an organization. Primary goals of this project were to improve the site's user experience, enable data uploading and verification, and share results through an interactive map feature. Determining the best options for ac-

complishing these goals required extensive brainstorming and feedback from sponsors.

"Being able to communicate with the people who are directly involved and have access to these resources has been very beneficial," Binder said. "That kind of experience is really good to have if you're building something from the ground up."

Though project plans evolved significantly throughout the creative process, students felt it ultimately resulted in both a better product for the program and educational opportunity for them.

"I think that we did a really good job of being flexible and willing to try different technologies and designs," said Patrick McManigal, a senior computer engineering major and member of the project team. "It's been a massive learning experience shifting to new ideas without tunnel vision. That helps find the best solution."

Not only did the project offer students the chance to develop new skills and build a new technology

system from scratch, but it allowed them new insight into previously unfamiliar aspects of the agricultural industry.

"I'm from Chicago and didn't grow up near farms or anything, so I had no idea about fertilizer seeping into the water table and the nitrate levels," said Will Swiston, a junior software engineering major. "That was all completely new to me, and it's been cool to learn."

Binder agreed that the project has also provided him with new perspective on how the industry is making an impact on many levels, from global to personal.

Bill Browning, project manager, has been fascinated by a different aspect of the project: the way the students have worked together.

"I'm always impressed by how five students who many not know each other can come together to work for a common goal," Browning said. "Any time you can get five students who are excited to work on a project like this team is, you'll definitely see results."

Tree Diversity is essential

With Earth Day and Arbor Day coming up, it is a good time to talk about trees, aptly called "the lungs of the earth" for the carbon dioxide they take in and oxygen they exhale, but also for the air pollutants they mitigate.

As people plan to add trees to their landscape this year, there are some important steps to ensure successful establishment and that trees planted now survive. It is estimated it takes one to two decades before costs associated with planting new trees is recouped in savings from the benefits of shade, windbreaks, and rainwater mitigation. This is a compelling reason to make sure trees have every chance to grow and survive. Too often, attempts to push tree growth results in dead trees. Some short-sighted attempts are planting large trees, fertilizing them, adding mulch volcanos, and watering too much.

What are the best management practices when it comes to planning for a new tree?

Let the site be the first consideration as the presence of power lines, paved surfaces, property lines, slopes, and the size of the space dictate what tree to plant. At a minimum, trees should be planted 3-4 feet away from a paved surface to prevent expanding roots from buckling the pavement. Consideration must be given to the foundations of homes, outbuildings, and other structures to make sure roots don't cause damage and branches do not scrape siding. When determining the distance to plant from foundations, a simple rule of thumb is to divide a tree's full-grown canopy by

two, and then add 2-3 feet. Make sure trees are planted well away from utilities as sudden changes to root zones, like trenching, cause tree decline.

Tree selection plays a huge role in tree diversity. Communities and regions with a wide range of trees have greater resiliency to insect pest infestations, plant pathogens, and weather changes.

Worldwide, the most common trees of a region comprise 24% of a tree population. John Ball of South Dakota State University advises following a 5-20-30 rule for tree diversity—no more than 5% of an urban forest is made up of just one species; no more than 20% belong to the same genus; and no more than 30% belong to the same plant family. Planting too many trees of the same species/genus/plant family can be likened to the adage about placing all of your eggs in a single basket—too many of the same trees dominating a space increases the likelihood that an emerging problem will destroy them, leaving towns, villages, and neighborhoods lacking tree cover.

Considering the investment of time that goes in to growing a tree, it makes sense to do your homework when choosing a tree to plant. Just because one tree dominates the inventory of local garden centers doesn't mean it is the one to plant in your yard. Check what trees are planted in your neighborhood—and then plant something else. An excellent list of trees for Eastern Nebraska can be found on the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum website: <https://go.unl.edu/zvrf>.

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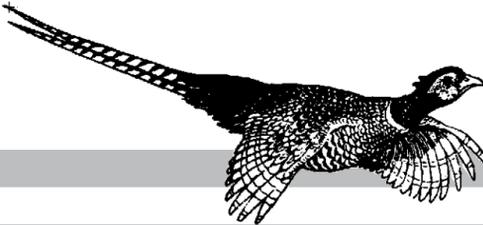
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March basketball frenzy is underway

Mike's cousin has been praying steadfastly for rain and those prayers have been answered! And we are thankful!

Of course, the accompanying winds are a bit of a concern, but when I turn on the news and see more tornado activity, I just "shelter in place" and count my lucky stars.

I wasn't planning to talk basketball just because it's time for the annual March Madness, but I just can't help myself. Reading on Monday morning that Creighton women defeated Iowa on Sunday made my day! If you haven't seen Iowa play this year, you have missed an amazing player named Caitlyn Clark. She averages way over 20 points a game, makes threes and free throws, and gets rebounds. The trouble is, she knows she's amazing!

When Iowa played here in Lincoln, she taunted the fans. Thus it



The Farmer's Wife
By: Pat Meierhenry

was, we were all happy to see her team get beat. And to her credit, she did compliment the Lady Blue Jays for an awesome game; the winning

shot was put up by a former Iowa player who transferred this year.

The Nebraska women would have busted my bracket with the first round; I was sure they were going to the Sweet Sixteen. Alas, it was not to be. Maybe next year. They have two native Nebraska freshmen who played a lot and will be back.

Not so for the Nebraska men; their freshman whiz kid has already declared for the draft. And, speaking of transfers, we get Sam Geisel back; he has been playing for North Dakota State.

I don't get the transfer stuff. What happened to the days you recruited first in your home state, and then, developed players. It's not happening, and won't be again. The reason Iowa State men are still in the NCAA tournament? A new coach, and almost all new players!! None of last year's starting five are back; and granted, their record last year was dismal; no wins in the Big

Twelve.

And, Jon's Wesleyan friend, Darrin Hanson, who has coached through good times and bad at UNO, was politely shown the door right after a five win season (last year's was the same.) But he had some winning ones, too; they don't seem to count when you are down. In no time, they have a new guy who played for Coach Hanson. He also played football for Sandy Buda. That does take a lot of athleticism and hard work, I'm sure. But he's promising great things for next year.

We all like to hear those promises; it seems to me we heard them from Coach Hoiberg three years ago. He depends on transfers big time, and we haven't seen the results yet.

Do I sound a bit sour? I am. But spring baseball and softball have begun!

Pasture rental rates, fertilizing discussed

2022 Pasture Rental Rates

By Jerry Volesky

What does it cost to rent pasture this year? Preliminary results from the Nebraska Farm Real Estate Market Survey were just released.

According to this year's survey, the average monthly rent being paid to graze a cow-calf pair this grazing season has increased about 6% compared to last year. This is an overall state average with the range increase being 3 to 10% depending on the reporting district within the state. This increase does follow the overall trend of increasing land values as well as cropland rental rates across the state.

The North reporting district, which is primarily the Sandhills, has the highest average cow-calf pair monthly rate at just over \$67 per month. The Northeast and Central districts are not far behind at \$66 and \$61.50 per month. The West district, the Panhandle, had the lowest rates at just over \$43 per month. Everywhere else in Nebraska, it's around the \$51 to \$58 per month rate.

Pasture rent can vary for many reasons. Involvement of the landlord in fence, water, and management responsibilities have a big impact. Similarly, quality of the grassland, location of the pasture, and cow size can potentially affect rates. Tradition, individual relationships, and local demand all also may influence individual pasture rental rates.

Whether you are looking for pasture or have pasture to rent; it is always important to have a written

lease agreement. These agreements can have a number of different stipulations or clauses, but they all should define the number of cattle and length of time (or stocking rate) and how an event such as a drought will be handled.

Fertilizing Cool Season Grass Pastures

By Brad Schick

Fertilizing cool season grass is something many producers do each year while accounting for forage needs, the value of the forage, and fertilizer costs.

Fertilization of smooth brome-grass pastures should occur late March through April. If the nitrogen is a single application, usually be-

tween 80 to 100 lbs. of actual N per acre is suggested for eastern Nebraska. The recommended application rate declines westward across the state with about 30 to 40 lbs. N per acre suggested for the Panhandle.

If doing split applications, usually it's 2/3 in the spring and 1/3 in the fall when growth resumes on the cool season grasses. With fertilized pasture, be sure to include a rotational grazing plan that will effectively harvest the extra forage and provide the greatest return on the fertilizer investment.

Something to consider when deciding to fertilize cool season grass pastures, or any pasture for that matter, is that during drought years the forage quality might still be very high even though yield might be reduced.

Research conducted in Eastern Nebraska has shown a 30% increase in forage yield with fertilization; and the economic optimum rate is between 80 to 120 lbs. per acre of actual N. A crude protein increase from 16 to 20% was seen with fertilizer applications up to

160 lbs. That is a lot of fertilizer, but it did increase crude protein and organic matter digestibility while decreasing NDF or neutral detergent fiber. Always use best management practices when applying fertilizer especially in pastures and fields near water sources such as ponds. Assure phosphorous and potassium levels are adequate for forage as well.

Brome pastures are hardy and we can and do graze them hard in Nebraska. Haying or grazing operations can benefit if managed correctly with fertilizer.



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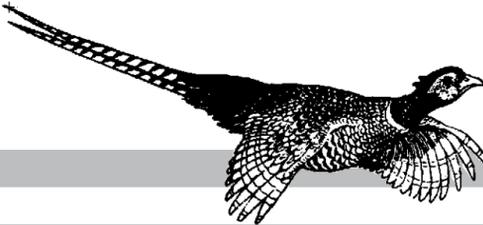
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The Wayne Community Schools Board of Education will meet for a Special Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at the Wayne Jr/Sr High School Gym...

Deb Daum, Board Secretary (Publ. March 24, 2022 ZNEZ)

WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the Wayne Board of Education was held at 611 West 7th Street, Wayne, NE, 68787, on Monday, March 14, 2022, at 5:00 P.M. Notice of the meeting and place of agenda was posted at Wayne Community Schools...

Present Board Members: Mr. Justin Davis, Mr. Lynn Junck, Mrs. Jaime Manz, Dr. Jeryl Nelson, Dr. Jodi Puffer, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl. I. Call the Meeting to Order Discussion: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Jr/Sr High School Library...

I.a. Pledge of Allegiance I.b. Announce Open Meetings Act Posting and Location - Posted at Wayne Community Schools, Published in the Wayne Herald (3/10/2022), and online: www.wayneschools.org

I.c. Action on Absence and Roll Call I.d. Approval of Agenda - The Board may enter Executive Session to discuss any matter for which Executive Session is lawful and appropriate.

Motion to approve agenda, as presented, passed with a motion by Mr. Justin Davis and a second by Dr. Jeryl Nelson. Roll call vote: Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes, Dr. Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Puffer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

I.e. Consent Agenda Motion to approve consent agenda, as presented, passed with a motion by Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl and a second by Mr. Justin Davis.

Roll call vote: Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr. Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Puffer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

I.e.i. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings I.e.ii. Approval of Financial Reports and Claims I.f. Personnel

I.f.i. Resignation - Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action on Resignation Motion to approve the resignation of Matt Schaub effective June 30, 2022 passed with a motion by Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl and a second by Dr. Jeryl Nelson.

30, 2022. Mr. Schaub will serve as Drivers Education Instructor until the end of June.

I.f.ii. Resignation - Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action on Resignation Motion to approve the resignation of Nick Currin effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year passed with a motion by Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl and a second by Mrs. Jaime Manz.

Roll call vote: Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr. Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Puffer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

Discussion: The Board approved the resignation of Mr. Nick Currin at the end of the 2020-22 school year. I.f.iii. Resignation - Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action on Resignation Motion to approve the resignation of Mallorie Koch effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year passed with a motion by Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl and a second by Mrs. Jaime Manz.

Roll call vote: Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr. Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Puffer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

Discussion: The Board approved the resignation of Mrs. Mallorie Koch at the end of the 2021-22 school year. I.f.iv. Junior High Social Studies Teacher - Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action on the Junior High Social Studies Teaching Position Motion to approve the contract for Hayden DeLano for Junior High Social Studies for the 2022-23 school year passed with a motion by Mrs. Jaime Manz and a second by Mr. Lynn Junck.

Roll call vote: Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr. Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Puffer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

Discussion: The Board approved the hiring of Ms. Morgan Barner for Junior High Social Studies for the 2022-23 school year. Mr. DeLano will also be the Head Football Coach and Assistant Athletic Director.

I.f.v. Junior High Math Teacher - Discuss, consider, and take necessary action on the Junior High Math position Motion to approve the contract for Morgan Barner for Junior High math for the 2022-23 school year passed with a motion by Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl and a second by Dr. Jeryl Nelson.

Roll call vote: Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr. Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Puffer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

Discussion: The Board approved the hiring of Ms. Morgan Barner for Junior High School Math for the 2022-23 school year. Ms. Barner will be the Cheerleading Sponsor.

II. Communications from the Public (Policy 8346) and Requested Presentations II.a. Haven House Presentation Discussion: Staff from Haven House spoke to the Board on the services they provide in the area.

III. Action Items III.a. Old Business III.a.i. Second Reading of AIM Document for a 9-Month Full-time Classified Staff Benefit Sub-Group - Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action on Second Reading of AIM Document Motion to approve the Second Reading of the AIM Document for a 9-Month Full-time Classified Staff Benefit Sub-Group passed with a motion by Mr. Lynn Junck and a second by Dr. Jeryl Nelson.

Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr. Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Puffer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes Discussion: The Board approved the Second Reading of AIM Document for a 9-month full-time Classified Staff Benefit Sub-Group.

III.a.ii. Second Reading of 2022-23 Early Learning Center Handbook - Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action on Second Reading of 2022-23 Early Learning Center Handbook Motion to approve the Second Reading of 2022-23 Early Learning Center Handbook passed with a motion by Mr. Justin Davis and a second by Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl.

Roll call vote: Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr. Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Puffer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

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Roll call vote: Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr. Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Puffer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

Discussion: This is an annual review of Policy 5006 Resolution Appendix. The Resolution shows the approximate number of Option Students that can be accepted into each class. Option students will not be accepted into the Special Education program due to the program being at capacity.

III.b.ii. Summer Carpeting Projects - Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action on Summer Carpeting Projects Motion to approve the quote from Jason Sears Flooring for \$10,917.44 for room carpet replacement, passed with a motion by Mr. Lynn Junck and a second by Mrs. Jaime Manz.

Roll call vote: Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr. Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Puffer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

Discussion: The Board approved the quote from Jason Sears Flooring for carpeting in the Elementary and Jr/Sr High Schools. This will be paid for out of Depreciation.

III.b.iv. Concrete Work Quote - Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action on Concrete Work Quote Motion to approve the quote from Jorgensen Concrete and Construction for summer concrete projects passed with a motion by Mrs. Jaime Manz and a second by Dr. Jeryl Nelson.

Roll call vote: Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr. Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Puffer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

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Roll call vote: Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr. Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Puffer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

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Roll call vote: Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr. Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Puffer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

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Roll call vote: Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr. Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Puffer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

Discussion: The Board approved the quote from Jason Sears Flooring for carpeting in the Elementary and Jr/Sr High Schools. This will be paid for out of Depreciation.

III.b.ix. Concrete Work Quote - Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action on Concrete Work Quote Motion to approve the quote from Jorgensen Concrete and Construction for summer concrete projects passed with a motion by Mrs. Jaime Manz and a second by Dr. Jeryl Nelson.

Roll call vote: Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr. Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Puffer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

Discussion: The Board approved the quote from Jason Sears Flooring for carpeting in the Elementary and Jr/Sr High Schools. This will be paid for out of Depreciation.

III.b.x. Concrete Work Quote - Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action on Concrete Work Quote Motion to approve the quote from Jorgensen Concrete and Construction for summer concrete projects passed with a motion by Mrs. Jaime Manz and a second by Dr. Jeryl Nelson.

Dr. Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Puffer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes Discussion: The Board approved the quote from Jorgensen Concrete and Construction. The concrete will be poured at various areas at the Jr/Sr High School.

III.b.v. West High School Entrance Stoop Replacement - Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action on West High School Entrance Stoop Replacement Motion to approve the quote from BamBam Concrete, Inc., for \$59,857.00 for the west High School entrance stoop replacement, passed with a motion by Mr. Lynn Junck and a second by Mrs. Jaime Manz.

Roll call vote: Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr. Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Puffer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

Discussion: The Board approved the quote from BamBam Concrete for replacement of the west entrance stoop at the Jr/Sr High School.

IV. Administration and Board Committee Reports: IV.a. Administration - Written reports were provided by Administration. Copies of their reports are available at the District Office upon request.

IV.a.i. Superintendent IV.a.i.1. Teacher Contracts Discussion: Teacher contracts will be going out on March 15. They are due back on March 30, 2022.

IV.a.i.2. NASB Strategic Plan Administrator Priorities Discussion: Dr. Lenihan discussed the Prioritization Summary that the Administration and Board completed, which was the next step in the Strategic Planning. There will be a Special Meeting on March 29, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. for the community to discuss possible expansion of facilities.

IV.a.i.3. Business and Industry Meeting - Thursday, April 14th, Noon-1:00, Wayne High Shop Discussion: Dr. Lenihan stated there will be a Business and Industry meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2022, in the Jr/Sr High School Shop. The meeting will have the Career Education teachers presenting what they are teaching. Discussion will follow with business and industry businesses from the area.

IV.a.ii. High School Principal Discussion: Mr. Hight told the Board the Juniors will be taking the ACT test on Wednesday, March 23, Grades 9, 10, and 12 will not be having school that day. Prom is Saturday, March 26, and the Board is invited to attend.

IV.a.iii. Special Education/Early Learning Center Director Discussion: Mrs. Beair said that testing season has begun. Mrs. Steen stated planning has begun for next year's school year.

IV.a.iv. Elementary Principal Discussion: Mr. Plager said that Kindergarten Round-Up went well. Planning for Summer School has begun.

IV.a.v. Junior High Principal/Activities Director Discussion: Mr. Wragge stated that spring sports practice has started. The Jr. High teaching positions have been filled and interviews for an EL teacher are almost finished. Extra Duty positions are being filled for next fall.

IV.b. Board Committees IV.b.i. Foundation and Community Relations -

Jaime Manz, Sylvia Ruhl, Justin Davis, Dave Wragge, Mark Lenihan, Brandon Foote Discussion: Mr. Brandon Foote told the Board the Alumni Basketball and Volleyball tournament will be Friday and Saturday April 15-16, 2022. There will be a Community Breakfast June 15, 2022.

IV.b.ii. Curriculum and Committee on American Civics - Jaime Manz, Jeryl Nelson, Sylvia Ruhl, Mark Lenihan, Misty Bear Discussion: No report.

IV.b.iii. Facility/Safety/Finance - Justin Davis, Lynn Junck, Jeryl Nelson, Mark Lenihan, Russ Plager, Jordan Widner, Mary Jean Roberson Discussion: The committee met and discussed Community Activity Center project. New Elementary bleachers were discussed. New Elementary HVAC units and new fire alarms were also discussed.

IV.b.iv. Policy/Title IX - Jaime Manz, Jeryl Nelson, Jodi Puffer, Mark Lenihan, Tucker Hight, Russ Plager Discussion: No report.

IV.b.v. Negotiations - Justin Davis, Lynn Junck, Jodi Puffer, Mark Lenihan Discussion: No report.

IV.b.vi. Legislative - Lynn Junck, Jodi Puffer, Sylvia Ruhl, Mark Lenihan Discussion: No report.

V. Boardmanship VI. Future Agenda Items *Special Meeting to approve ELL teacher - March 29, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Jr/Sr High School Gym

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*Review of ELL Program *Accept Graduation List *Set Last Day of School for 21-22 School Year Discussion: Additional Future Agenda Items include: Quote for HVAC Units, Quote for Elementary Bleachers, Final Reading of 2022-23 Non-Certified Staff Employee Handbook VIII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn Meeting passed with a motion by Mr. Lynn Junck and a second by Dr. Jeryl Nelson. Roll call vote: Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr. Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Puffer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

Discussion: The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Monday, April 11, 2022, in the Jr/Sr High School Library.

CHECK REPORT - March Board Meeting Ace Hardware & Home, 70.13; Aetna Insurance, 5,200.14; Allemann, Jilliane, 169.00; American Time, 898.48; Ameritas Life Insurance Co. (Dent), 198.00; Auto Anatomy Alternatives LLC, 285.23; Black Hills Energy, 1,437.54; Bomgaars, 221.43; Builder's Resource, 99.03; Chemsearch FE, 977.90; City of Wayne, 20,043.73; Cole Papers Inc., 61.56; Cole Papers Inc., 348.56; Cole Papers Inc., 678.33; Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div., LLC, 5,920.22; Dana Chen Lo, 32.76; Eakes Office Solutions, 239.97; ECS Technology Solutions, 1,856.36; Educational Design Solutions, 116.40; Egan Supply Co., 140.44; Egan Supply Co., 1,079.28; Electronic Contracting Company, 162.00; Engineered Controls, 4,723.72; ESU #1, 20.00; ESU #1, 120.00; ESU #1, 58,845.19; Fairfield by Marriott Omaha Northwest, 2,552.55; First Concord Benefits Group, 100.00; First Student, Inc., 51,437.45;

Glass Edge, Inc., 1,262.00; Guarantee Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc., 787.30; Harco Athletic Reconditioning, Inc., 531.00; Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc., 50.25; Hometown Leasing, 1,986.70; Internal Revenue Service - EFT, 124,158.31; J.W. Pepper & Son Inc., 90.99; Jennifer Davis, 477.36; Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP, 3,885.29; Juice Plus Company, 185.00; Junior Library Guild, 746.00; Knutson Law, 915.00; KSB School Law, 58.00; Lied Lodge, 833.00; Lutt Oil, 4,029.69; Mackin Educational Resources, 4,279.85; Main Street Garage, LLC, 469.40; Marriott Comusher Hotel - Lincoln, 104.00; Mary Brady, 169.00; Discussion: The committee met and discussed Community Activity Center project. New Elementary bleachers were discussed. New Elementary HVAC units and new fire alarms were also discussed.

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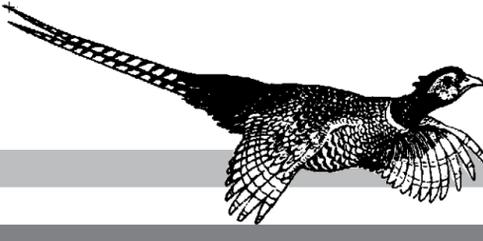
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NOTICE OF 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION

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

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Wayne County Board of Equalization will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., and the Wayne County Board of Commissioners at 9:05 a.m. in the Wayne County Courtroom in Wayne, Nebraska.

Debra Finn, County Clerk (Publ. March 24, 2022) ZNEZ

NOTICE OF MEETING CITY OF WAYNE, NEBRASKA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the City Council of the City of Wayne, Nebraska, will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 306 Pearl Street, Wayne, Nebraska, which meeting will be open to the public.

The Mayor and City Council reserve the right to adjourn into closed session as per Section 84-1410 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.

An agenda for such meeting, kept continually current, is available at the office of the City Clerk, 306 Pearl Street, Wayne, Nebraska, during normal business hours.

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-36, this meeting will also be available to members of the public via teleconference. Information to participate in the meeting via teleconference can be found on the meeting agenda, which can be accessed at: https://cityofwayne.org/archive.aspx after 4:30 p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding the City Council Meeting.

Individuals requiring physical or sensory accommodations, who desire to attend or participate, please contact the City Clerk's office at (402) 375-1733, no later than 4:30 p.m. on the Friday preceding the meeting.

Betty McGuire, City Clerk (Publ. March 24, 2022) ZNEZ

NOTICE OF MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Planning Commission, Monday, April 4, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. in the Wayne Fire Hall Meeting Room. An agenda for such meeting, kept continually current, is available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office.

No person of the City of Wayne shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity.

Individuals requiring sensory accommodations, including interpreter services, Braille, large print, or recorded materials should contact Betty McGuire, City Clerk, at 402-375-1733, no later than 4:30 p.m. on the Friday preceding the meeting.

Betty McGuire, City Clerk Planning Commission (Publ. March 24, 2022) ZNEZ

REGULAR MEETING NOTICE

The Wayne County Agricultural Society will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, the 14th day of April 2022 at 8:00 pm, at the Wayne County Fair Office, 301 Pheasant Run, Wayne, Nebraska. The agenda for this

meeting is available for public inspection at the Nebraska Extension in Wayne County office and at www.thewaynecountyfair.com

Diane Roeber, Secretary Wayne County Agricultural Society (Publ. March 24, 2022) ZNEZ

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WAYNE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

CASE NO. C122-21 IN RE NAME CHANGE OF ZACHARY MONTE THELEN

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of March 2022, a Petition was filed in the District Court of Wayne County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is for the change of the Petitioner's name from Zachary Monte Thelen to Zachary Monte Osborn.

A hearing will be had on said Petition before the Honorable James G. Kube in Courtroom No. at 510 Pearl Street, Wayne, Nebraska, on the 4th day of May 2022, at 10:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as will be convenient for the Court and that unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the Petitioner's name will be changed from that of Zachary Monte Thelen to Zachary Monte Osborn.

ZACHARY MONTE THELEN By: Daniel A. Fullner, #15948 EGLEY, FULLNER, MONTAG, MORLAND & EASLAND 111 W. 3rd Street, PO Box 424 Madison, NE 68748 (402) 454-1000 (Publ. March 24, 31, April 7, 14, 2022) ZNEZ 1 clip - 1 POP

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF WATS, L.L.C.

Notice is hereby given of the organization of WATS, L.L.C. The initial designated office address is 84688 580 Ave., Wisner, Wayne County, Nebraska 68791.

The registered agent is Aaron Biermann, and the registered address is 84688 580 Ave., Wisner, Wayne County, Nebraska 68791. The general nature of the business to be transacted shall be to engage in and do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking and insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

The company commenced its existence on March 7, 2022, when the Certificate of Organization was filed with the Secretary of State, and its existence shall be perpetual. The company's affairs are to be conducted by the members.

WATS, L.L.C.

Tracey L. Buettner, #22876 Stratton, DeLay, Doele, Carlson, Buettner & Stover PC, L.L.O. 200 West Benjamin Avenue P.O. Box 888 Norfolk, NE 68702-0888 (402) 371-3100 (402) 379-4338 - facsimile tbuettner@norfolknelaw.com (Publ. March 10, 17, 24, 2022) ZNEZ 1 POP

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF WAYNE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

ESTATE OF LONNIE G. WEINRICH, Deceased. Estate No. PR 22-11

Notice is hereby given that on March 9,

2022, in the County Court of Wayne County, Nebraska, Stephanie Hays, whose address is 1001 Memory Lane, Wayne, NE 68787, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before May 16, 2022, or be forever barred. All persons having a financial or property interest in said estate may demand or waive notice of any order or filing pertaining to said estate.

(s) Ashley Siebrandt Clerk of the County Court Wayne County Court 510 Pearl Street, Suite B Wayne, Nebraska 68787 402-375-1622

Amy K. Miller, No. 23254 MILLER LAW P.O. Box 33 Wayne, NE 68787 (402) 833-1440 (Publ. March 17, 24, 31, 2022) ZNEZ 1 clip - 1 POP

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE NAME

Trade Name: 5 Star Pizzeria. Name of Applicant: 5 Star Pizzeria Partnership.

Address: 104 W 2nd Street, Wayne, NE 68787 Applicant is: Partnership If other than an Individual, state under whose laws entity was formed: Nebraska.

Date of first use of name in Nebraska: Upon filing. General Nature of Business: Pizzeria. Tammy Clark Signature of Applicant or Legal Representative (Publ. March 17, 24, 31, 2022) ZNEZ

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF ANKENY 4, LLC

A Nebraska Limited Liability Company Notice is hereby given that Ankeny 4, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its designated office at 416 Logan Street, Wayne, NE 68787.

The registered agent of the Company is Joel G. Ankeny, 416 Logan Street, Wayne, NE 68787. Joel G. Ankeny, Organizer (Publ. March 24, 31, April 7, 2022) ZNEZ 1 clip - 1 POP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF WAYNE

WORKFORCE HOUSING INCENTIVE PLAN Public notice is hereby given by the City Council of the City of Wayne, Nebraska, that a public hearing will be held on April 5, 2022, at or about 5:30 p.m. to receive public comment on the proposed "Workforce Housing Incentive Plan" for the City of Wayne, Nebraska, pursuant to Nebraska Community Development Law.

The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 306 Pearl Street, Wayne, Nebraska. A copy of the proposed "Workforce Housing Incentive Plan" is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 306 Pearl Street, Wayne, Nebraska, 68787.

All interested parties shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to express their views respecting the proposed "Workforce Housing Incentive Plan" at such public hearing.

from Wayne Korth. There are many windows out there that don't meet our requirements. We need to replace two trees, thinking a slower and a faster-growing one, going to talk to Toni Hytrek about them.

- Treasurer Tammy Paustian - Office is running smoothly as always. A special assessment reminder went out. Emergency Manager Nic Kemnitz - Gave most updates earlier. NEMA will continue working with local managers. There are several upcoming trainings scheduled. Clerk of District County Deb Dannelly - Neither Ashley nor I have heard anything from the state concerning modernization for the courtroom; we will let them know when we find something out. I've been asking since 2010 or before for improvements in facility. We've had \$200,000 in the budget for the past few years, and nothing has happened. Whenever I bring it up at a commissioner's meetings it's either left on the table or I'm taken off the agenda. I don't know what to do next. Clerk/ROD/Election Deb Finn - The microfilmed images of some of our real estate records are getting tiny spots. To protect our records, we just finished duplicating everything from 1975 forward. These documents are now available as either microfilm or a scanned image. Our next project is to get the real estate indexes scanned and available online. The filing fee increase enacted a few years ago by the Legislature covers the cost. Local issues on the Primary Election ballot include voting on County Treasurer, Wayne City Sales Tax issues, Hoskins Kenno issue, and reducing the number of candidates for Wayne First Ward Councilmember, Wakefield mayor, and Norfolk School Board.

The following claims were approved on a motion by Sievers and seconded by Burbach. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe - aye; motion carried.

Abbreviations: SU-Supplies, MA-Materials, RP-Repairs, OE-Operating Expense, ER-Equipment Rent, CO-Capital Outlays

General Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$65,213.91; Ace Hardware & Home, SU \$22.99; Albin, Mark D., OE \$1,452.39; Appera, OE \$536.31; Applied Connective Technologies, OE \$6,755.57; Axon Enterprises Inc., SU \$3,924.28; Black Hills Energy, OE \$1,757.29; Cardmember Service, OE \$90.04; Cardmember Service, SU \$158.44; Cardmember Service, SU \$149.55; The Carroll Station Inc., MA \$35.20; DAS State Accounting, OE, ER \$195.76; Daum Tree Service, RP \$456.00; Dixon County Jail, OE \$440.00; Eakes Office Solutions, SU \$741.57; Farmers Co-operative, MA \$269.55; Heartland Fire Protection Company, RP \$137.00; Hometown Leasing, ER \$121.85; J.P. Coker Co., SU, CO \$1,780.75; KONE, RP \$1,441.68; Lutt Oil, MA, OE \$1,331.30; Madison County District Court, OE \$50.00; Madison County Sheriff, OE \$23.23; Main Street Garage LLC, MA, RP \$1,131.11; MIPS Inc., ER, CO \$3,032.35; NACO, OE \$60.00; Nebraska Air Filter, Inc., RP \$225.38; Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., OE \$78.53; Precision IT, SU \$15.00; Quality Printing & Office Supplies, SU \$307.16; Region IV Behavioral Health System, OE \$6,564.75; State Nebraska Bank, SU \$30.55; Tacos & More, OE \$26.97; TRANE, RP \$743.69; U.S. Cellular, OE \$429.68; UHS Premium Billing, PS \$70,418.36; University of Nebraska, OE \$225.00; Verizon Wireless, OE \$40.01; Wanek Pharmacy, OE \$441.11; Warnemunde Insurance, OE \$456.00; Waste Connections of Nebraska, OE \$156.79; Wattier, Patti, OE \$475.00; Wayne County Court, OE \$53.00; Wayne Herald/Morning Shopper, OE \$1,134.96; Wayne, City of, OE \$8,800.56; West Point True Value Hardware, CO \$279.00; Woehler Trailer Co. LLC, ER \$700.00; Farmers State Bank Acct# 244-220, PS \$14,967.95; Aflac, PS \$632.38; Delta Dental of Nebraska, PS \$406.90; First Concord Benefits Group, PS \$2,896.64; Legal Shield, PS \$61.80; Nebraska Department of Revenue, PS \$4,991.06; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$7,371.72; Vision Service Plan, PS \$263.78; Washington National Insurance Company, PS \$116.00; Wayne County Treasurer, PS \$1,316.83

County Road Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$35,615.50; Ace Hardware & Home, SU, CO \$83.15; Appera, OE \$43.65; Black Hills Energy, OE \$533.71; Cardmember Service, CO \$47.39; Carroll, Village of, OE \$100.10; Cornhusker International Trucks, RP \$46.46; Farmers Co-operative, OE \$245.77; Grossenburger Implement, CO \$880.00; John's Welding & Tool, LLC, SU, CO \$276.27; Ken's Trailer Sales & Repair, CO \$48.00; Lutt Oil, MA \$30,279.88; Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc., CO \$11,732.50; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., SU \$819.56; Matteo Sand & Gravel Co. Inc., MA \$226.05; Menard's, CO \$105.23; NMC Exchange LLC, RP \$4,344.67; Norfolk Auto Center, CO \$102.37; Northeast Power, OE \$281.14; RDO Truck Centers, RP, MA \$262.59; Stanley Petroleum Maintenance, Inc., RP \$684.20; Vakoc Builder's Resource, RP \$39.99; Wayne Auto Parts, RP, SU \$522.82; Wayne County Treasurer, CO \$15.00; Wayne, City of, OE \$625.34; Winside, Village of, OE \$231.89; Farmers State Bank Acct# 244-220, PS \$7,476.96; Aflac, PS \$351.91; Delta Dental of Nebraska, PS \$381.75; First Concord Benefits Group, PS \$1,341.64; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, PS \$40.00; Nebraska Department of Revenue, PS \$2,221.90; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$3,985.65; Vision Service Plan, PS \$79.44; Washington National Insurance Company, PS \$75.40; Wayne County Treasurer, PS \$840.32

Lodging Tax Fund: Wayne Area Economic Development Inc., OE \$1,639.53

ROD Preservation & Modernization Fund: Microfilm Imaging Systems, OE \$250.00; MIPS Inc., OE \$135.48

County Improvement Fund: Berggren Architects, CO \$220.00

The meeting was adjourned

Debra Finn, Wayne County Clerk

STATE OF NEBRASKA)) ss. COUNTY OF WAYNE)

I, the undersigned, County Clerk of Wayne County Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subjects included in the attached proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting of March 15, 2022, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk; that such subjects were contained in such agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting; that the said minutes of the meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Wayne were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 21st day of March, 2022.

Debra Finn, Wayne County Clerk (Publ. March 24, 2022) ZNEZ

Betty A. McGuire Wayne City Clerk 306 Pearl Street Wayne, NE 68787 402-375-1733 (Publ. March 17, 24, 2022) ZNEZ

NOTICE OF HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR A RETAIL CLASS A LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and Council of the City of Wayne, Nebraska, will hold a public hearing in the Council Chambers in the City Hall on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at or after 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of considering and acting upon the following application for a Retail Class A Liquor License as provided by Section 53-134 of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act.

Emperatriz Nunez d/b/a Lunas Mexican Restaurant 118 E 2nd Street Wayne, NE 68787

At said time and place, the local governing body of said Municipality will receive competent evidence under oath, either orally or by affidavit, from any person bearing upon the propriety of the granting of, or the rejection of the issuance of said license, as provided by law.

Betty A. McGuire City Clerk City of Wayne, Nebraska (Publ. March 24, 2022) ZNEZ 1 POP

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Wayne Community Schools Elementary Locker Room HVAC 312 N Douglas Street Wayne, Nebraska 68787 CWPA Project No. 22114

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Wayne Community Schools shall receive sealed bids on a Construction Contract for Mechanical Improvements for the RTU and ductwork serving the existing locker rooms and adjacent offices at Wayne Elementary School, located at 312 N Douglas Street, Wayne, Nebraska; The district will use Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds on this project. Contractors will be required to meet the state and federal guidelines, including Davis/Bacon regulations. That said bids shall be received by the Owner until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 7, 2022 in the Wayne Community High School Office at 611 W 7th St, Wayne, Nebraska 68787. Immediately thereafter bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Bids must be on a Lump Sum basis and shall be in accord with the Instructions to Bidders. Materials to be incorporated into the complete project shall be purchased tax exempt in the name of the Owner, and the Bidder shall exclude from his Bid All State of Nebraska and Local Option Sales and Use Tax for such materials in accordance with the General and Supplementary Conditions of the Contract for Construction.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 3:30 pm., Tuesday, March 29, 2022 in the elementary cafeteria at the project site, 312 N Douglas Street, Wayne, Nebraska. All bidders are encouraged to be present. There is no other time scheduled for inspection of the

existing conditions. Questions and substitution requests must be submitted in writing and received by the Architect no later than Friday, April 1, 2022. Items received after this date will not be considered.

Bidding documents may be examined at the office of the Architect, CARLSON WEST POVONDRA ARCHITECTS, 5060 DODGE STREET, OMAHA, NEBRASKA 68132-2966, and at the following exchanges after March 25, 2022: LINCOLN BUILDERS BUREAU, 5910 So. 58th, Suite C, Lincoln, NE 68516 MASTER BUILDERS OF SIOUXLAND, 903 6th Street, Sioux City, IA 51101 NORFOLK BUILDERS EXCHANGE, 609 West Norfolk Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701 OMAHA BUILDERS EXCHANGE, 4255 So. 94th Street, Omaha, NE 68127 SIOUX CITY CONSTRUCTION LEAGUE, 3900 Stadium Drive, Sioux City, IA 51106

Bidders may obtain Bidding Documents in Portable Document (PDF) format either online, or at the office of the printer, A & D Technical Supply, 4320 South 89th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, 68127, (402) 592-4950 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 12:00 noon and 1:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, at the cost to be determined by A & D Technical Supply and in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. If requested by prospective bidders, bidding documents can be printed at the cost determined by A & D Technical Supply, and, if necessary, packaged and shipped via UPS Ground at the standard rate for shipping and handling.

Plans and current Planholder lists can be viewed online at www.adtechplans.com. Bid Security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accord with the Instructions to Bidders.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive informalities or irregularities in the bidding.

Dr. Mark Lenihan, Superintendent Wayne Community Schools 611 W 7th St Wayne, Nebraska 68787 (Publ. March 24 2022) ZNEZ

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE WINSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Date: Monday, March 14, 2022, at 6:34 PM. Location: Multi-Purpose Room Present Members: Jon Jaeger, Carmie Marotz, Josh Kruse, Tarrin Quinn, Kate Falk, and Landon Grothe; Superintendent: Mr. Ofner; Principal: Mr. Friedrich.

The meeting was called to order by President Jon Jaeger. He pointed out the wall in the meeting room and led the room with the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed the visitors and referred the visitors to the sign in sheet for anyone who would like to address the Board. Pam Greunke signed in to address the Board.

Pam Greunke, Winside's local day care provider, presented the idea of reinstating the before and after school program. She presented her numbers that come to her day care after school, and having this program in place, she would be able to have more all-day attendees.

Scott Gatewood, DLR representative, presented their explanation of moving the contractor's bid day to March 31, 2022, at 3:30pm. This decision was made to have a more sizeable number of bids to choose from. Scott explained that the unstable economy is creating lack of workers and inconsistent costs of labor, metal, and fuel. Scott also had contractors tell him if more time was given, they would be able to bid on the project. This change will give contractors adequate time to submit a bid to our project.

Motion by Falk, second by Grothe to approve the Consent Agenda that consisted of the following: the Agenda; the approval of the February 14, Regular Board Meeting minutes and the February 28, Special Board Meeting minutes; and Option Enrollments (2021-2022 two in and 2022-2023 three out and two in). Ayes-Grothe, Jaeger, Marotz, Kruse, Quinn, and Falk. Nays-None.

Mr. Ofner reviewed the Financial Report and explained the void in the Special Building Fund and the correction needed under the BOND-LEVY that should state "Wayne Co. Bank". He presented the Activity's Summary Balance Report, the Activity's Check Report, and the Budget Report. He gave the amounts of the claims for the General Fund with details of the U S Bank bill, followed by the Special Building Fund, Bond Construction Fund, and the Lunch Fund.

Administrative reports began with Mr. Friedrich presenting the Principal's Report. Mr. Friedrich indicated that regarding the Continuous Improvement process, the first drafts of the Action Plans are complete. He stated that the winter activities have come to an end and the spring activities have begun. Mr. Friedrich announced that preregistrations for 2022-2023 classes are finished, and he is currently working the master schedule. He is also performing teacher observations and will create an evaluation teacher summary. Mr. Friedrich communicated that as of March 14 we have 24 preschoolers and 19 Kindergartners registered for 2022-2023 and total enrollment for 2021-2022, PK- 12th grades is 243. Mr. Friedrich also stated that during the last Parent Teacher Conferences there was a parent attendance percentage of 87% Elementary and 14% High School.

Mr. Ofner presented the Superintendent's report. Mr. Ofner announced there will be an Americanism Committee meeting following tonight's March Regular Board meeting. Mr. Ofner reinstated that the date of the Constructor's Bid is March 31, 2022, at 3:30PM. He asked the Board to notify him, by the next meeting, if they have any requests of summer projects that need to be addressed. He announced that Teacher's Letters of Intent are due tomorrow, March 15. Mr. Ofner indicated that for Wayne County, the covid numbers are lower. He was pleased to have the revenues slightly more than expected at this point in the year and will continue to monitor closely. Mr. Ofner stated that the State Conference will be held November 16-18, 2022, in Omaha at the CHI Health Center and continues to promote all to attend. He stated that Mr. Cory Friedrich has signed his contract for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Ofner is currently researching with Ms. Gnat and Mr. Tonniges, the "Don't Quit" Campaign offered by our Nebraska Governor, Pete Ricketts. This campaign grants \$100,000.00 to three schools for fitness equipment for the K-8 graders.

Mr. Ofner began discussions by asking if there were any questions on the following NASB policies: 204.10, 204.11, 204.13, 702.02, 702.03, 702.03R1, 702.03R2, 702.03R3. There were no questions asked.

Mr. Ofner presented to the Board Mackenzie Lamp's contract, as the new PK-12 Art teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. He highlighted on her experience and energy she will bring to the art program.

Mr. Ofner stated that Rutjen Construction will be coming to look at the school's main water line, as changes are needed due to

the new construction and renovations. This company is familiar with Winside, as this is who the Village of Winside contacts when work is needed on the village water system.

Mr. Ofner presented for discussion bids from American Playground and Dostals Construction, to remove and reinstall the playground.

Mr. Ofner offered the quote for the Elementary and Junior High math curriculum from SAVVAS for discussion. Mr. Ofner and Mr. Friedrich gave their input on the curriculum and details of the quote.

Mr. Ofner asked the Board if they had any input or concerns on continuing the Junior High Activities practicing until 5pm, during the 2022-2023 school year. It was commented that other schools continue to do this and is needed in order to stay competitive.

Mr. Ofner asked if there were any concerns with the Post From Committee's use of the facility on April 2nd at 11:00pm to April 3rd at 4am. There were no concerns.

Mr. Ofner was asked, from Scott Gatewood's earlier presentation, if there were any questions on the moving of the Contractor's Bid Day to March 31, 2022, at 3:30pm? There were no questions.

Actions began with a Motion by Grothe, second by Kruse to approve the Financial Report, Budget Report and Claims on the following: the General Fund of \$304,391.06, the Special Building Fund of \$14,640.00, the Bond Construction Fund of \$101,122.71, and the Lunch Fund of \$20,911.93. Ayes-Jaeger, Marotz, Kruse, Quinn, Falk, and Grothe. Nays-None.

General Hot Lunch Fund, \$422.35; Americinn Of Kearney, \$1,488.79; Andrew Ofner, \$75.00; Appera, \$281.32; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, \$5,045.80; Blue Cross/blue Shield, \$1,347.18; City of Norfolk, \$171.15; Cory Friedrich, \$75.00; Dirk Jaeger, \$247.00; Eakes Office Plus, \$815.55; Farmers Coop, \$2,689.01; First Student, Inc., \$200.00; HEARTLAND FIRE PROTECTION INC, \$265.50; HOMETOWN LEASING, \$1,131.46; Jenni Topp, \$54.71; Jostens, \$144.64; KENS BAND INSTRUMENT REPAIR, \$39.00; KSB SCHOOL LAW, \$682.50; LORI FINN, \$214.00; Menards, \$67.19; NE State Fire Marshal/Boiler Div, \$72.00; Nebraska Association of School Boards, \$210.00, Norfolk Area Shopper, \$624.85; Norfolk Daily News, \$957.81; Northeast Community College, \$282.00; NORTHEAST NEBR TELEPHONE CO, \$226.89; Pac'n/save, \$58.40; PrecisionIT, \$236.25; Sparq Data Solutions, \$3,800.00; U S Bank, \$7,300.41; U S Cellular, \$138.64; Village Of Winside, \$4,007.82; Waste Connections Of Nebraska, \$435.66; Wayne Herald, \$562.08; Winside Public School (REIMBURS), \$1,794.00; Winside Store, \$219.22; Y & Y Lawn Service, \$1,520.00

Payroll \$37,903.18 \$266,487.88 Total March Bills \$304,391.06

Special Building DLR- Schematic Design, \$14,640.00

Bond-Construction DLR- Cnstrn Docs, Bid Neg, Amnd #002, Consultants and Reimbursesments, \$101,122.71 Total Special /Bond Const Bills \$115,762.7

LUNCH Appera, \$142.50; Bimbo Bakeries USA, \$582.04; HILAND DAIRY, \$1,702.94; Sysco Lincoln, \$3,420.42; U S Foods, \$2,639.02 \$8,486.92 \$12,425.01 \$20,911.93

Motion by Marotz, seconded by Falk to approve Mackenzie Lamp's contract, as the new PK-12 Art teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Ayes-Marotz, Kruse, Quinn, Falk, Grothe and Jaeger. Nays-None.

Motion by Kruse, seconded by Quinn to approve the Elementary and Junior High math curriculum from SAVVAS for the amount up to \$55,137.00 Ayes-Kruse, Quinn, Falk, Grothe, Jaeger and Marotz. Nays-None.

Motion by Marotz, seconded by Grothe to approve the bid from Dostals Construction for the amount of \$38,235.00 for the removal and to reinstall the playground. Ayes-Quinn, Falk, Grothe, Jaeger, Marotz and Kruse. Nays-None.

Motion by Falk, seconded by Kruse to approve the final reading of the following NASB policies: 204.10, 204.11, 204.13, 702.02, 702.03, 702.03R1, 702.03R2, 702.03R3. Ayes-Falk, Grothe, Jaeger, Marotz, Kruse and Quinn. Nays-None.

Motion by Grothe, seconded by Marotz to approve the Post From Committee the use of the facilities on April 2nd from 11:00pm to April 3rd at 4am. Ayes-Grothe, Jaeger, Marotz, Kruse, Quinn, and Falk. Nays-None.

The next regular Board meeting will be Monday, April 11, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary Multi-Purpose Room.

Motion by Jaeger, seconded by Quinn to go into Executive Session at 7:57pm to discuss personnel, the hiring process, and affidavits. Ayes-Jaeger, Marotz, Kruse, Quinn, Falk and Grothe. Nays-None.

Motion by Grothe, seconded by Kruse to come out of Executive Session at 8:43pm. Ayes-Marotz, Kruse, Quinn, Falk, Grothe and Jaeger. Nays-None.

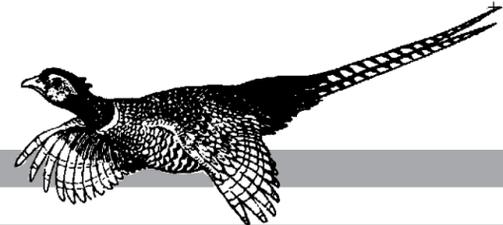
Motion by Quinn, seconded by Grothe to adjourn. Ayes-all. Nays-none. Adjourned at 8:44pm.

Jenni Topp Winside Public School Administrative Assistant (Publ. March 24, 2022) ZNEZ

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statutes 16 202, the City of Wayne, Nebraska, by Ordinance No. 2022-5, is hereby directed to execute and deliver a Warranty Deed on the following described real estate

Legal Notices



SPECIAL MEETING PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Wayne, Nebraska, will hold a public hearing at a special meeting to be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at the Wayne Fire Hall, 510 Tomar Drive, for the purpose of considering future community goals and other items.

An agenda for the meeting is kept current and is available to the public in the City Clerk's office at 306 Pearl Street, Wayne, NE. Said meeting is open to the public.

No person of the City of Wayne shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity.

Individuals requiring sensory accommodations, including interpreter services, Braille, large print, or recorded materials should contact Betty McGuire, City Clerk, at 402-375-1733, no later than 4:30 p.m. on the Friday preceding the meeting.

Betty A. McGuire
City Clerk
(Publ. March 24, 2022) ZNEZ

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statutes 16 202, the City of Wayne, Nebraska, by Ordinance No. 2022-6, is hereby directed to execute and deliver a Warranty Deed on the following described real estate:

Lot Twenty-Three (23), Southview II Addition of the City of Wayne, Wayne County, Nebraska,

to the Wayne Community Redevelopment Authority, for the purchase price of \$2.00 and other valuable consideration, subject to all easements and restrictions of record and any applicable zoning regulations.

That the Mayor is hereby empowered to execute and deliver a Warranty Deed to the above-described real property to the Wayne Community Redevelopment Authority upon the payment of the purchase price as set forth above.

That such sale shall not be closed for a period of thirty (30) days from the passage and publication date of this Notice of Sale, so as to allow for the remonstrance to said sale by citizens of the City, by filing, in writing, a remonstrance to said sale signed by legal electors of the City equal in number to thirty percent (30%) of the electors of the City voting at the last regular municipal election held by the City, with the governing body of the City. If said remonstrance is filed and certified as legally sufficient by the City Clerk, the above property shall not then, within one (1) year thereafter, be sold.

Betty A. McGuire
City Clerk
(Publ. March 10, 17, 24, 2022) ZNEZ

NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF WAYNE COUNTY, NEBRASKA
ESTATE OF JUDITH M. GRIESS,
Deceased.

Estate No. PR 22-12
Notice is hereby given that on March 9, 2022, in the County Court of Wayne County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of

said Decedent and that Philip W. Griess, whose address is 1459 Linden Street, Wayne, NE 6877, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representatives of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before May 17, 2022 or be forever barred.

(s) **Ashley Siebrandt**
Clerk of the County Court
Wayne County Court
510 Pearl Street, Suite B
Wayne, Nebraska 68787
402-375-1622

Michael E. Pieper, No. 18147
Attorney At Law
P.O. Box 427
Wayne, NE 68787
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(Publ. March 17, 24, 31, 2022) ZNEZ
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF MYBYTE, LLC

A NEBRASKA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Coppie, Rockey, Schlecht, Mason & Werth P.C., L.L.O.
Norfolk, Nebraska

Notice is hereby given that MyByte, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 86215 575th Avenue, Wayne, Nebraska, 68787. The initial agent's name is Coppie, Rockey, Schlecht, Mason & Werth, P.C., L.L.O., and its street and mailing address is 2425 Taylor Avenue, P.O. Box 78, Norfolk, NE 68701. This company is organized to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business authorized under the laws of the State of Nebraska as well as any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The company was organized and commenced on May 10, 2021, and the Company shall exist perpetually, unless terminated sooner. The affairs of the limited liability company shall be conducted by its members until such time as their successor or successors are selected pursuant to the Operating Agreement.

Coppie, Rockey, Schlecht, Mason & Werth P.C., L.L.O., Registered Agent
(Publ. March 24, 31, April 7, 2022) ZNEZ
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF RT MINING, LLC

A NEBRASKA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Coppie, Rockey, Schlecht, Mason & Werth P.C., L.L.O.
Norfolk, Nebraska

Notice is hereby given that RT Mining, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 420 Douglas Street, Wayne, Nebraska 68787. The initial agent's name is Coppie, Rockey, Schlecht, Mason & Werth, P.C., L.L.O., and its street and mailing address is 2425 Taylor Avenue, P.O. Box 78, Norfolk, Nebraska 68701. This company is organized to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business authorized under the laws of the State of Nebraska as well as

any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The company was organized and commenced on October 1, 2021, and the Company shall exist perpetually, unless terminated sooner. The affairs of the limited liability company shall be conducted by its members until such time as their successor or successors are selected pursuant to the Operating Agreement.

Coppie, Rockey, Schlecht, Mason & Werth P.C., L.L.O., Registered Agent
(Publ. March 24, 31, April 7, 2022) ZNEZ
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for furnishing one, two or three new truck tractors will be received by Wayne County, Nebraska, at the office of the Wayne County Clerk, Wayne County Courthouse, 510 Pearl Street, Wayne, Nebraska 68787, until 9:30 o'clock a.m. on April 5th, 2022. At that time all bids will be opened and read aloud at the Courthouse in the meeting room of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

Specifications and bid forms must be obtained from the Wayne County Clerk. Wayne County reserves the right to waive technicalities and irregularities and the right to reject any or all bids.

(Publ. March 24, 31, 2022) ZNEZ

WAYNE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

March 1, 2022

Wayne City Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on March 1, 2022. In attendance: Mayor Giese; Councilmembers Pick, Buck, Muir, Woehler, Karsky, Eischeid and Brodersen; Attorney Miller; Administrator Blocke; and City Clerk McGuire. Absent: Councilmember Dorey.

Minutes of the February 15, 2022, meeting were approved.

The following claims were approved:
VARIOUS FUNDS: ACES, SE, 1021.15; AMAZON, SU, 827.67; AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOC, FE, 264.00; ANDERSON, DEREK, SE, 25.00; ANDERSON, DEREK, SE, 25.00; APPEARA, SE, 50.66; APPEARA, SE, 118.15; BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS, SU, 643.87; BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION, SE, 195869.36; BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD, SE, 48250.31; BOK FINANCIAL, SE, 4890.00; BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, SU, 195.77; BSN SPORTS, SU, 307.94; CENTURYLINK, SE, 424.51; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 200.00; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 95.60; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 95.60; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 1310.51; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 152.20; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 209.43; CLARK EQUIPMENT COMPANY, SU, 23094.04; COMPLETE FLOORS, SE, 2891.00; COTTONWOOD WIND PROJECT, SE, 18865.95; DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, SE, 96.32; DGR & ASSOCIATES, SE, 630.00; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY, SU, 141.70; ED M. FELD EQUIPMENT, SU, 815.00; EGAN SUPPLY, SE, 5104.00; ELLIS HOME SERVICES, SE, 154.46; FLOOR MAINTENANCE, SU, 150.21; GROSSENBURG IMPLEMENT, SU, 85.77; HILAND DAIRY, SU, 88.80; HILAND DAIRY, SU, 98.33; HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS - HASTINGS, SE, 384.00; HOLIDAY INN OF KEARNEY, SE, 459.80; JACK'S UNIFORMS,

SU, 101.85; JEO CONSULTING GROUP, SE, 1000.00; KELLY SUPPLY COMPANY, SU, 1503.52; KTCH, SE, 150.00; LIBERAL GASKET, SU, 49.43; MAIN STREET GARAGE, SE, 125.50; MARCO, SE, 175.92; MARCO, SE, 180.50; MEYER, GABRIELLE, SE, 39.00; NDEE-FISCAL SERVICES, FE, 150.00; NDEE-FISCAL SERVICES, FE, 40.00; NDEE-FISCAL SERVICES, SE, 510.00; NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB, SE, 108.00; NEBRASKA JOURNAL LEADER, SE, 123.66; NERC, SE, 930.77; NORTHEAST POWER, SE, 13819.26; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 62.11; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 129.97; OVERDRIVE, SU, 769.94; PATEFIELD, DAVID, SE, 100.00; PATEFIELD, DAVID, SE, 100.00; PICK, BRENT L, RE, 500.00; PLUMBING & HEATING WHOLESALE, SU, 219.33; STATE FARM INSURANCE, FE, 563.00; THE HOME DEPOT PRO, SU, 192.74; TOTAL GRAPHICS, SU, 574.50; VAUGHN, TYLER, SE, 75.00; VIC'S ENGINE SERVICE, SU, 46.25; WAYNE COUNTY CLUB, RE, 13584.00; WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER, SE, 728.35; WESCO, SU, 321.00; WISNER WEST, SU, 90.26; YORK COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, FE, 198.00; AMERITAS, SE, 179.73; AMERITAS, SE, 3007.94; AMERITAS, SE, 72.00; AMERITAS, SE, 106.37; ANDERSON, DEREK, SE, 25.00; BATTLES, MEGHAN, SE, 29.25; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, SE, 2243.04; BLACKBURN MANUFACTURING, SU, 640.58; BOMGAARS, SU, 1458.47; BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, SU, 461.60; CARHART LUMBER COMPANY, SU, 390.53; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 166.00; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 32.04; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 62.47; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 1000.00; CITY OF WAYNE, PY, 101965.34; DAS COMMUNICATIONS, SE, 448.00; ELDERFEST-PMC, SE, 40.00; FIRST CONCORD GROUP, SE, 3947.74; FLOOR MAINTENANCE, SU, 275.68; HOMETOWN LEASING, SE, 436.02; ICMA, SE, 8584.14; ICMA, SE, 387.10; ICMA, SE, 149.64; ICMA, SE, 163.92; ICMA, SE, 387.46; ICMA, SE, 35.42; ICMA, SE, 1561.62; ICMA, SE, 115.88; ICMA, SE, 65.00; ICMA, SE, 128.40; IRS, TX, 3953.24; IRS, TX, 11603.21; IRS, TX, 16903.48; JOHN'S WELDING AND TOOL, SU, 194.61; LG EVERIST, SU, 216.17; LUTT OIL, SU, 24160.00; MAIN STREET GARAGE, SE, 100.00; MILLER LAW, SE, 5416.67; NE DEPT OF REVENUE, TX, 5116.82; NE NEBRASKA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSN, FE, 50.00; NORTHEAST CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION, RE, 250.00; NORTHEAST NE INS AGENCY, SE, 1177.00; OCC BUILDERS, RE, 1000.00; PATEFIELD,

DAVID, SE, 75.00; STAPLES, SU, 243.00; UTILITIES SECTION, FE, 490.00; VAUGHN, TYLER, SE, 50.00; VIAERO, SE, 66.18; WAED, SE, 8592.41

Heather Headley, Library Director, gave a report on what is taking place at the Library. Diane Bertrand, Senior Center Director, gave a report on what is taking place at the Senior Center.

Approved:
To forgive \$2,061.00 (difference between last year's bills and this year's bills - 3 months) of the sewer portion of the Wayne County Ag Society utility bills.

The submission of the Wayne Senior Center's Fiscal Year 2022 detailed plan of operation and budget to the Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging; acceptance of new fiscal year "Service Awards" that have been awarded by the Area Agency; and approval of any revisions made during the fiscal year to the "Service Awards."

Second reading of Ord. 2022-2 amending the future land use map of the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Wayne.

Second reading of Ord. 2022-3 amending the zoning map and changing the zoning of Block 8, Crawford & Brown's Addition, and the W1/2 of Block 12, North Addition to the City of Wayne, Wayne County, Nebraska, from B-2 Central Business District to B-3 Neighborhood Commercial District.

Second reading of Ord. 2022-4 annexing certain real estate to the City of Wayne and extending the corporate limits in the SE quadrant of the City of Wayne to include said real estate.

Second reading of Ord. 2022-5 directing the sale of Lot 3, Southeast Addition to the City of Wayne, Wayne County, Nebraska, to R. Perry Construction, Inc., for \$1.00, contingent upon their being an executed purchase agreement.

Res. 2022-14 approving purchase agreement between the City of Wayne and R. Perry Construction, Inc.

Res. 2022-16 accepting bid and awarding contract on the "2022 Aquarius Tank Diffuser Replacement Project" to Philip Carkoski Construction and Trenching, Inc. - \$389,720.

Res. 2022-17 approving amendment to the professional services agreement with Carlson West Povondra Architects for additional services on the "Wayne Community Activity Center Civic and Community Center Facility Planning Study."

Res. 2022-18 approving the "Northeast Nebraska 911 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 911 call handling computer hardware."

Res. 2022-19 appointing the Wayne Chief of Police to represent and make decisions on the Northeast Nebraska Regional E911 Committee.

Res. 2022-20 authorizing the sale of Lot 23, Southview II Addition of the City of Wayne, Wayne County, Nebraska, to the Wayne Community Redevelopment Authority for \$2.00.

Ord. 2022-6 directing the sale of Lot 23, Southview II Addition of the City of Wayne, Wayne County, Nebraska, to the Wayne Community Redevelopment Authority for \$2.00.

Res. 2022-21 approving the Wayne, Nebraska, Community Housing Study with strategies for affordable housing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

The City of Wayne, Nebraska

By: Mayor

ATTEST:
City Clerk
(Publ. March 24, 2022) ZNEZ

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-5

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE SALE OF LOT THREE (3), SOUTHEAST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF WAYNE, WAYNE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO R. PERRY CONSTRUCTION, INC.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and the Council of the City of Wayne, Nebraska:

Section 1. The Mayor and City Council are directed to convey by Warranty Deed to R. Perry Construction, Inc., a tract of land legally described as:

Lot Three (3), Southeast Addition to the City of Wayne, Wayne County, Nebraska, for the sum of **\$1.00 \$100,000.00** and other valuable consideration.

Section 2. Notice of the sale and the terms contained in Section 1 shall be published for three consecutive weeks in the Wayne Herald, provided that if a remonstrance against said sale signed by legal electors thereof equal in number to 30% of the electors of the City voting at the last regular municipal election held therein, be filed with the governing body within thirty days of the passage and publication of this ordinance, said property shall not then, nor within one year thereafter, be sold.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication according to law.
PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of March, 2022.

THE CITY OF WAYNE, NEBRASKA,

By Mayor

ATTEST:
City Clerk
(Publ. March 24, 2022) ZNEZ



ORDINANCE NO. 2022-4
AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF WAYNE AND EXTENDING THE CORPORATE LIMITS IN THE SOUTHEAST QUADRANT OF THE CITY OF WAYNE TO INCLUDE SAID REAL ESTATE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Wayne, Nebraska:

Section 1. The City of Wayne does hereby find and declare that the following described real estate:

Lot 1, Logan Valley Industrial Park, Wayne County, Nebraska,

is immediately adjoining and contiguous to the corporate limits of the City of Wayne,

Nebraska.

Section 2. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on February 7, 2022, regarding the proposed annexation, and have recommended approval thereof, with the "Finding of Fact" being staff's recommendation.

Section 3. Therefore, the above described real estate is annexed to the City of Wayne, Nebraska, and is declared to be within the corporate limits of the City of Wayne, Nebraska, pursuant to Section 19-916 (R.R.S. 1943).

Section 4. The corporate limits of the City of Wayne, Nebraska, are hereby extended to include said real estate.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of March, 2022.

THE CITY OF WAYNE, NEBRASKA,

By Mayor

ATTEST:
City Clerk
(Publ. March 24, 2022) ZNEZ



ORDINANCE NO. 2022-3
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF BLOCK EIGHT (8), CRAWFORD & BROWN'S ADDITION, AND THE WEST HALF (W1/2) OF BLOCK TWELVE (12) NORTH ADDITION TO THE CITY OF WAYNE, WAYNE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FROM B-2 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO B-3 NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Wayne, Nebraska:

Section 1. That the Planning Commission held a public hearing on February 7, 2022, regarding this rezoning request, and have recommended approval thereof, with the "Findings of Fact" being:

> Consistency with the current and future land use maps; and
> Staff's recommendation.

Section 1. That the real estate area shown on the attached map be changed and rezoned from B-2 (Central Business District) to B-3 (Neighborhood Commercial District). The area being rezoned is legally described as:

Block 8, Crawford & Brown's Addition and the W1/2 of Block 12, North Addition to the City of Wayne, Wayne County, Nebraska.

Section 2. That the Planning Commission held a public hearing on February 7, 2022, regarding this rezoning request, and have recommended approval thereof, with the "Findings of Fact" being:

> Consistency with the current and future land use maps; and
> Staff's recommendation.

Section 3. The official zoning map shall be forthwith changed by the zoning officials to properly show the real estate hereinabove described or as recommended as now in a B-3 (Neighborhood Commercial) zone.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby amended and repealed.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of March, 2022.

THE CITY OF WAYNE, NEBRASKA,

By Mayor

ATTEST:
City Clerk
(Publ. March 24, 2022) ZNEZ

FUTURE LAND USE MAP TWO-MILE PLANNING JURISDICTION Wayne, Nebraska 2027

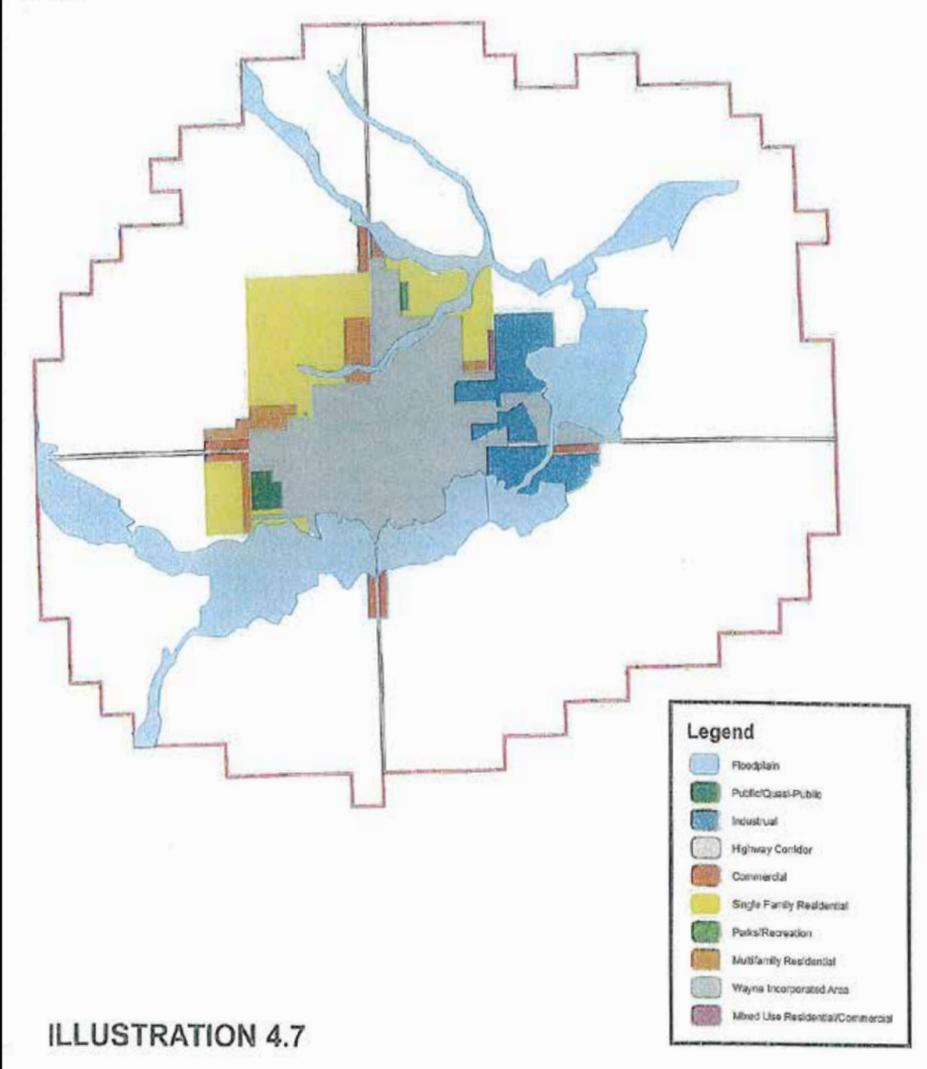


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Wayne, Nebraska Comprehensive Plan - 2017-2027 4.19

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-2 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF WAYNE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Wayne, Nebraska:

Section 1. On July 18, 2017, the City of Wayne adopted the "Comprehensive Plan" for the City of Wayne, Nebraska, and then approved the amendments thereto on May 19, 2020, and January 5, 2021.

Section 2. The Planning Commission, upon review of the "Future Land Use

Map" of the Comprehensive Plan at their public hearing held on February 7, 2022, recommended approval of amendments thereto, based upon the following "Finding of Fact:"

> Staff's recommendation.

Section 3. The existing "Future Land Use Map" of the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Wayne, Nebraska, is hereby repealed, and the amended "Future Land Use Map" of the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Wayne, Nebraska, of which a copy thereof is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, shall now be made a part of said

Comprehensive Plan.

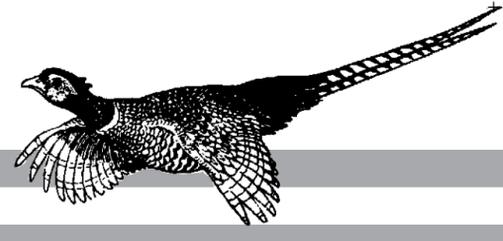
Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and take effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication according to law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of March, 2022.

THE CITY OF WAYNE, NEBRASKA,

By Mayor

ATTEST:
City Clerk
(Publ. March 24, 2022) ZNEZ



Lifestyle

Nebraska Extension explained

Nebraska Extension has eight key programming impact areas. These programming areas include:

- Agriculture Economics;
- Beef Systems;
- Community Environment;
- Early Childhood;
- Food Nutrition and Health;
- 4-H and Youth Development;
- Rural Prosperity Nebraska;
- Water and Integrated Cropping Systems.

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Amy Topp
Extension Educator
4-H & Youth

ka Extension to connect with their families, children, businesses and communities by being:

- Uniquely Local and delivering the resources of the University of Nebraska to all 93 Nebraska Counties.
 - Collaborative in partnering with you to make a positive impact on complex issues.
 - Relevant in leveraging the strengths of Nebraskans and their University to make a difference in the lives and livelihoods of people in our state.
 - Accountable in returning Nebraskans' investment in their University directly to their counties and communities.
 - Research-Based in sharing scientifically sound insight to help Nebraskans make better informed decisions with greater confidence.
 - Inclusive in serving every person and every interaction with honor and respect.
 - Innovative in challenging ourselves to take a "what if?" and "why not?" approach to problem-solving.
- Nebraska Extension engages with Nebraskans wherever they are, connecting them with the resources, research and innovation of the University of Nebraska. Nebraskans turn to Extension to strengthen their families, inspire their communities, empower young people, conserve and protect natural resources, and advance their farms, ranches, and businesses. Some of the Extension Highlights that have taken place during the 2021 programming year include:
- Agriculture Economics-112,000 page views at cap.unl.edu, the portal for the new Center of Agricultural Profitability which focuses on financial sustainability of Nebraska crop and livestock operations.
 - Beef Systems-The average value to beef operations as reported by Beefwatch webinar participants was \$26,000.
 - Community Environment-156 certified pollinator habitats were established in 22 counties, with 77 percent increasing their plant abundance and diversity.
 - Early Childhood-19,000 Nebraska children reached through 4,000 childcare providers participating in Nebraska Extension professional development programs.
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School Lunches

ALLEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
(March 28 - April 1)

Monday: Breakfast - Pancakes. Lunch - Ham & scalloped potatoes, peas, tea roll, vegetable, fruit.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Egg & biscuit. Lunch - Calzone, broccoli with cheese sauce, coleslaw, vegetable, fruit.

Wednesday: Breakfast - French toast. Lunch - Chicken fajita on flat bread, green beans, ice cream, vegetable, fruit.

Thursday: Breakfast - Banana bar. Lunch - Chili with crackers, cinnamon roll, cheese stick, vegetable, fruit.

Friday: Breakfast - . Lunch -

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 28 - April 1)

Monday: Breakfast - Dutch waffle. Lunch - Popcorn chicken.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Breakfast burrito. Lunch - Super nachos.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Oatmeal. Lunch - Macaroni & cheese.

Thursday: Breakfast - Cornbread, sausage. Lunch - Meatball sub sandwich.

Friday: Breakfast - Muffin. Lunch - Cheese fiestada.

WAKEFIELD SCHOOLS
(March 28 - April 1)

Monday: Breakfast - Blueberry muffins, oranges. Lunch - Orange chicken, egg roll, fried rice, fresh fruit.

Tuesday: Breakfast - French toast sticks, eggs, apple slices. Lunch - Tater tot casserole, mixed vegetables, halos, roll.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Sausage, egg and cheese biscuits, kiwi. Lunch - Chicken fettuccine, peas, peaches, bread stick.

Thursday: Breakfast - Ham,

egg and cheese patty, grapefruit. Lunch - Calzones, green beans, apple slices.

Friday: Breakfast - . Lunch - 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 28 - April 1)

Monday: Breakfast - French toast. Lunch - Barbecue rib, hamburger bun, green beans, tomatoes, applesauce.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Breakfast burrito. Lunch - Potato Ole, tater tots, meat, cheese, celery, strawberries.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Coffee cake. Lunch - Popcorn chicken, bun, broccoli, potatoes, pears.

Thursday: Breakfast - Waffle. Lunch - Wayne County beef patty on a bun, carrots, baked beans, orange.

Friday: Breakfast - Bagel, yogurt. Lunch - Fish sticks, bun, lettuce, peas, mixed berry.

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

WINSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
(March 28 - April 1)

Monday: Breakfast - Cook's choice. Lunch - Pizza, vegetable, fruit.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Cereal. Lunch - Breakfast for lunch. Omelet, sausage links, vegetable, fruit, muffin.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Pop Tarts. Lunch - Sub sandwich, vegetable, fruit.

Thursday: Breakfast - Cereal. Lunch - Walking taco, seasoned black beans, fruit, churro.

Friday: Breakfast - Muffin. Lunch - Fish sandwich, vegetable, fruit

Chef salad, fruit and vegetable bar served daily. Milk served with all meals. Menu subject to change. Late starts - no breakfast or K-2 salad plates.

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will be
* 95 *
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Senior Center Calendar

(Week of March 28 - April 1)
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 curb-side 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; Nutrition visit with An Fenton.

Tuesday: Morning Walking; Quilting; Afternoon Bridge Club; Pitch.

Wednesday: Morning Walking; Quilting & FROGS; Caregivers' Support, 10 a.m.; Hand & Foot; Pitch; Pool.

Thursday: Morning Walking; Quilting; Afternoon Bridge Club; Pitch; Skip-Bo.

Friday: Morning Walking; Quilting; FROGS; Hand & Foot; Pitch; Pool; Bingo.

Coffee time each day from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Snack and coffee time at 2:30 p.m.

Wayne Eagles Auxiliary holds March 21 meeting

The Wayne Eagles Auxiliary met Match 21 with President DeAnn Behlers presiding.

Notice was received from the Grand Aerie National Art Contest on Wayne Eagles entry winners. All were from Pender, with Eagle Member Audra Miller as their teacher, were sixth graders. River Butts was second and received \$100; Angel Paredes was third and received \$75, and Paxton Miller was fourth and received \$50. Entries were received from Eagles Clubs all over the USA and Canada.

Secretary Marsha Roth sent out an Eagle Auxiliary Newsletter reminding all to pay dues early by May 1 to have their name included

in a drawing for two Eagle Steak Dinners worth \$38.

Milah Petersen, with the help of Marsha Roth, Michelle Hammer (The Antler), & Bill Melena (White Dog) put on The Bar Olympics. Winners with the most points were Aaron Reynolds and Tyler Gilliland; and Zach Beal and Ronnie Backman, second place.

Losing team with zero points were Sharon Flear and Jan Gamble. This team also won the best dressed St. Pat's theme.

Haven House will be the recipient of \$300 raised.

The next Steak Fry will be Saturday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday, April 4 at 7 p.m.

Weddings --

The Wayne Herald welcomes news accounts and photographs of weddings involving families living in the area. Wedding photos to be returned should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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1:00 p.m. ~ 10-Point Pitch Tournament (Cash Prizes)

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. ~ Burt Heithold Band

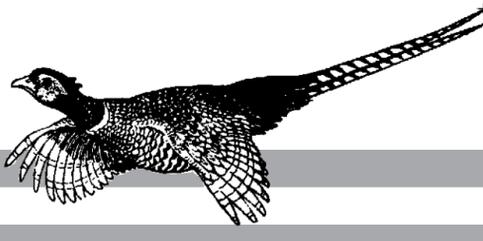
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. ~ Brownie Sundae Bar

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. ~ The Embers Band (Cash Bar)

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Church Services

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

Wayne

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CALVARY BIBLE EVANGELICAL FREE
502 Lincoln Street
(402) 375-4946
website: www.cbefc.org
email: officeassistant@cbefc.org
Sunday: Pre-service fellowship, 9:30 a.m.; Worship service, 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning services also available through the church's website. Wednesday: Fire Up! from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

FAITH BAPTIST
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(402) 661-0026
(Pastor Rev. Thomas G. Naimie)
Sunday: Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Sunday morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Services, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Midweek Bible Study

and Prayer, 7 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST
1000 East 10th Street
375-3608
(Douglas Shelton, pastor)
Sunday: Sunday School, Adult and children's classes, 9:15 a.m.; Prayer and Fellowship, 10:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m. Note new location for church services.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
216 West 3rd St.
375-2669
www.fpcwayne.org
(Rev. Teresa Bartlett, pastor)
Sunday: Presbyterian Pealers practice, 9 a.m.; Worship (at First Presbyterian Church and on Zoom), 10 a.m.; Fellowship, 11 a.m. Wednesday: Soup Supper, 6 p.m.; Lenten service, 7 p.m.

FIRST TRINITY LUTHERAN
Altona, LC-MS
57741 847th Road, Wayne
Sunday: Worship service at Faith Lutheran Church in Stanton at 8 a.m.; Worship Service at St. John's Lutheran Church in Pilger, at 9:30 a.m.; Worship service at First Trinity of Altona, at 11 a.m. Wednesday: Lenten Service at Faith Lutheran Church in Stanton, 6 p.m.; Lenten Service at St. John's in Pilger, 7:30 p.m., snacks and fellowship following the service.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
6th & Main St.
Pastor Nick Baker,
(402) 375-2231
Friday: Fish Fry in Carroll, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday: Wayne Food Truck at Journey Christian Church, 9:30 a.m. Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Lent. UMCOR Sunday. Worship Service, 9 a.m.; Adult and Youth Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Virtual Worship broadcast via YouTube, Facebook Live and American Broadband Channel 6. Wednesday: Confirmation class in Carroll, 7 p.m. Thursday: Zoom Bible Study with Communion, 9 a.m.; UMW Rummage Sale Preparation, 10 a.m. Friday: Fish Fry in Carroll, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

GRACE LUTHERAN
Missouri Synod
904 Logan
grace@gracewayne.com
(402) 375-1905
(Pastor Michael Buchhorn)
(Pastor Erik Christensen, associate pastor)
Saturday: Family Communion, 4 p.m.; Junior and Senior High School Game Night, 5:30 p.m. Sunday: Worship with Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday Night

Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Monday: Choir, 6 p.m.; Mission Council, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Bible Study, 9 a.m.; Bell Choir, 5 p.m.; Lenten Supper, 5:15 p.m.; Lenten Worship, 6:15 p.m.; Midweek, 7 p.m. Saturday: Family Communion, 4 p.m. Sunday: Worship, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday Night Dinner, 7:30 p.m.

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

JOURNEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1110 East 7th St.
www.jccwayne.org
375-4743

Dave Fremstad, Lead Pastor
Saturday: If Gathering 2022 for women, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Food Truck at Journey Christian Church, 9:30 a.m. Sunday: Christians Hour on KTCH, 8:45 a.m. Worship service, 9 and 10:30 a.m. CSF Partnership Celebration Brunch following the second service. Online services will continue to be offered until further notice; Sunday School for preschool through eighth grade, 9 a.m.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN
421 Pearl St. • 375-2899
oslc@oslcwayne.org
Transitional Pastor Jim Splitt
Associate Transitional Pastor, Debra Valentine
Thursday: Bible Study at Kinship Pointe, 10:30 a.m. Friday: Fish Fry, 5:30 p.m. Saturday: Wayne Food Truck at Journey Christian Church, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 5:30 p.m. Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent. Coffee Hour, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m. The service will also be broadcast on KTCH and TV and live video streamed on Facebook; Monday: Quilt Ministry Group, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday: Cluster Text Study via Zoom, 10 a.m.; Staff meeting, 2 p.m. Wednesday: Lenten Supper, 5:45 p.m.; Joyful Noise, 6 p.m.; Lenten Worship, 7 p.m. Saturday: Worship Service, 5:30 p.m. Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent. Coffee Hour, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m. The service will also be broadcast on KTCH and TV and live video streamed on Facebook.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC
412 East 8th St.
(Fr. Jerry Connealy, pastor)
(Fr. Matthew Capadano, associate pastor)
375-2000; fax: 375-5782;
E-mail: parish@stmaryswayne.com
Thursday: Radio Devotions on KTCH, 5:45 a.m. (through Friday); Men's Group, 5:45 a.m.; College Night, Holy Family Hall; Mass, 8 p.m. Friday: Mass, 8:15 a.m.; Stations of the Cross, 12:30 p.m.; Fish Fry at St. Mary's in Laurel; Spanish RCIA at Wakefield, 6 p.m. Saturday: Wayne Food Truck at Journey Christian Church, 9:30 a.m.; Mass, 5 p.m. Sunday: Mass, 8 and 10 a.m.; Catholic Relief Services Collection; Reconciliation Service at St. Mary's in Laurel, 2 p.m.; FOCUS, Holy Family Hall, 5 p.m.; Mass, 7 p.m. Monday: School Rosary, 3:15 p.m.; Mass, 5:15 p.m.; Santa Maria Prayer Group, 6 p.m. Tuesday: Mass, 5:15 p.m.; RCIA, Holy Family Hall, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: Devotions at Kinship Pointe, 3:30 p.m.; English Class, rectory, 5:30 p.m.; WINGS, Holy Family Hall, 7 p.m.; Newman Council, rectory, 8 p.m. Thursday: College Night, Holy Family Hall; Mass, 8 p.m. Friday: Mass, 8:15 a.m.; Rosary at Countryview, 10 a.m.; Mass at Countryview, 10:30 a.m.; Stations of the Cross, 12:30 p.m.; Fish Fry at Wayne City Auditorium, 5:30 p.m.; Spanish RCIA at Wakefield, 6 p.m. Saturday: Lent Retreat, 9 a.m.; First Communion rehearsal, 1:30

p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday: Mass, 8 and 10 a.m.; First Communion, 1 p.m.; Devotions at Countryview, 1:30 p.m.; Mass, 7 p.m.

Allen

FIRST LUTHERAN
(Vicar Deb Hammer)
(402) 635-2461
502 S. Highway 9, Allen
www.firstlutheranallen.com
Saturday: Communion Encounter at Concordia Lutheran Church, 10 a.m. to noon. Sunday: Worship Service, 8:30 a.m. Wednesday: Lenten service at First Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST
(Pastor Cathy Cole)
Sunday: Worship service, 9 a.m. Service available on YouTube.com.

Carroll

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

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
202 Ericson Street, Carroll
(Pastor Nick Baker)
Friday: Fish Fry at the Carroll City Auditorium, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent. Worship, 11 a.m.; The service will be available anytime on Facebook Live. Wednesday: Confirmation Class in Carroll, 7 p.m. Friday: Fish Fry at Carroll City Auditorium, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Concord

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN
(Vicar Deb Hammer)
(402) 584-2467
616 Iowa Street, Concord
www.concordialutheranelca.com
Saturday: Communion Encounter at Concordia Lutheran Church, 10 a.m. to noon. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:15 a.m. Wednesday: Lenten service at First Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
East of town
(Pastor Willie Bertrand)
Sunday: Worship service, 8 a.m. Wednesday: Lenten Service Fellowship at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5:30 p.m.; Lenten Service at St. Paul, 7 p.m.

CONCORD EVANGELICAL FREE Church
(Pastor Todd Thelen)
(Pastor Scott Kahn)
(402) 584-2396
617 Broadway, Concord
www.concordfreechurch.org
Sunday: Coffee fellowship, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship service, 10:30 a.m.; The service will also be streamed live on Facebook. Evening Bible Study, Youth Group and Praying Kids, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: AWANA, 7 p.m.; Junior High Trek Ministry, 7 p.m.

Dixon

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC
(Fr. Jerry Connealy, pastor)
(Fr. Matthew Capadano, associate pastor)
Friday: Mass at St. Mary's in Laurel, 8 a.m.; Fish Fry at St. Mary's in Laurel; Stations of the Cross at St. Anne's in Dixon, 7 p.m. Sunday: Mass at Mary's in Laurel, 8 a.m.; Mass at St. Anne's in Dixon, 10 a.m. The 10 a.m. Mass will be livestreamed on Zoom.; Reconciliation Service at St. Mary's in Laurel, 2 p.m. Wednesday: Mass at St. Mary's in Laurel, 8 a.m. Thursday: Mass at St. Mary's in Laurel, 8 a.m. Friday: Fish Fry at St. Mary's in Wayne. Stations of the Cross at St. Anne's in Dixon, 7 p.m. Sunday: Mass at Mary's in Laurel, 8 a.m.; Mass at St. Anne's in Dixon, 10 a.m. The 10 a.m. Mass will be livestreamed on Zoom.

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

TRINITY EVANG LUTHERAN
(Rodney Rixe, pastor)
Sunday: Worship service, 10 a.m.

Wakefield

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
3rd & Johnson, P.O. Box 550
email: WakefieldCC@Outlook.com
Contact - Melvin (Butch) Mortenson, (402) 369-1681
Pastor Kobey Mortenson
Sunday: Christian Hour, KTCH, 8:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

EVANGELICAL COVENANT
802 Winter St.
e-mail: wakecov@msn.com
Jill Craig, Pastor
Sunday: Morning Worship, 10 a.m.; Service also broadcast live on Facebook. Wednesday: Confirmation, 4 p.m.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
4 North, 3 East of Wayne
(Willie Bertrand, pastor)
Sunday: Worship, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday: Lenten Service Fellowship at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5:30 p.m.; Lenten Service at St. Paul, 7 p.m.

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

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN
West 7th & Maple
(Willie Bertrand, pastor)
Sunday: Educational Hour, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. Wednesday: Lenten Service Fellowship at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5:30 p.m.; Lenten Service at St. Paul, 7 p.m.

SALEM LUTHERAN
411 Winter Street
Saturday: Worship Service with Ben Newton, 5:30 p.m. Sunday: Choir Practice, 8:30 a.m.; Adult Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service with Ben Newton, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday: Confirmation, 4:30 p.m.; Jr. SYL, 5:30 p.m.; Lent Meal, 6:15 p.m.; Worship, 6:50 p.m.; HS SLY, after worship; Bell Choir, after worship. Saturday: Worship Service, 5:30 p.m. Food Pantry has resumed normal hours, open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please call in advance (402) 287-2681.

Winside

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
218 Miner St.
(Alexander Blanken, pastor)
Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Divine Service, 10:30 a.m.; Trustees meeting, 11:45 a.m. The service will also be live on Facebook at 10:30 a.m. and available any time after that. Pastor gone (through Monday). Wednesday: Midweek Lent Four. Confirmation, 4 p.m.; Divine Service, 6:30 p.m.; Bible Study, 7:45 p.m. Thursday: Men's Group, 6:30 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN
206 Miner Street
(PMA Glenn Kietzmann)
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Coffee, 9:30 a.m.; Contemporary Service, 10:30 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST
207 Jones Street
(Neil and Bridget Gately, Pastors)
Sunday: Worship service on-site, 9 a.m.; Live Stream of Worship on Facebook, 10:55 a.m. Wednesday: Winside Christian Kids Club, 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. Thursday: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

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Allen Community Information

Book Club Information
The Allen Book Club met March 16 to discuss the book *Shades of Gray* by Caroline Reeder. This easy-to-read book with its setting in Virginia during Reconstruction following the Civil War tells of a young boy forced to live with his aunt and uncle following the death of his pro-South family members, several who died in the fighting. The problem is the uncle and aunt were pacifists during the war. The book follows the boy's change of attitude of his uncle's refusal to fight, the quality of both Yankee and Confederate soldiers, pride in hard work, and the meaning of cowardice. Through

interaction with the local bullies, an injured Yankee soldier, and his cousin's encouragement, he finally comes to understand and respect his uncle's decisions.

The April book for book club discussion is *The Homesman* by Glendon Swarthout. Set in the 1850s American West, the heroine become Mary Bee Cuddy who must escort a handful of pioneer women, whose hearts and minds were broken by life on the prairie, to a sanitarium back East. Everyone is invited to check out a book at the Senior Center, enjoy reading it, and attending the next discussion on April 20 at 9:00 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Allen Senior Center

Weekly Menu

Thursday, March 24: Fish sandwich, potato wedges, peas, grapes.

Friday, March 25: Waffles, eggs, bacon, bananas.

Monday, March 28: Ham, sweet potatoes, corn, baked apples.

Tuesday, March 29: Baked chicken, cheesy hash browns, peas & carrots, mixed fruit in gelatin.

Wednesday, March 30: Goulash, green beans, pears.

Weekly Activities

Friday, March 25: Game Day.

Allen Consolidated Schools Rastede Scholarship

Sophomore and junior undergraduate college students who are graduates of Allen Consolidated School are encouraged to apply for the Alvin G. and Anita D. Rastede scholarship available through the Allen School Foundation.

In order to apply for this \$2000 scholarship, the following questions must be answered and then sent to the Allen School Foundation, P.O. Box 190, Allen, Neb. 68710-0190 by Friday, March 25, 2022.

One scholarship will be given and must be used during the 2022-2023 college year for undergraduate studies. The recipient will be notified by April 22, 2022, and will be required (or a representative) to attend the Allen High School graduation on May 14, 2022, to be formally recognized.

Questions to be answered are as follows:
1. What is your college grade clas-



Involved in the state speech competition were (left) Brayden McCorkindale, Coach Mrs. Murphy and Gabe Olesen.

sification and GPA?

2. What are your major and/or minor field(s) of study and career goals?

3. In what on-campus activities/work and organizations are you involved?

4. In what off-campus activities/work and organizations are you involved?

5. How will this scholarship be beneficial to you and why are you deserving of it?

Honor Roll

The third quarter honor roll for the 2021-2022 school year has been announced at Allen Consolidated Schools.

Named to the honor roll were: (*Indicates all A's).

Seventh graders: Grace Ankeny, *Ethin Graves, Blake Kneifl and Jude Ridenour.

Eighth grade: Alex Ankeny.

Freshmen: Aceson Graves, Bryan Isom, *Ben Jorgensen, *Brayden McCorkindale, Erica Niemann and Gabe Olesen.

Sophomores: Olivia DeKok, Brianna Green, *Michael Dickens and *Shantel Miller

Juniors: Joe Grone, Jaylen Jackson, Maddy Roach and Joey Waldo.

Seniors: Travis Boock, Jordyn Carr, Makaya Johnson, Cheyenne Keil, *Kaleb Kumm and Josh Olesen.

AHS State Speech Results

Gabe Olesen and Brayden McCorkindale took their duet to the state meet at the University of Nebraska Kearney on March 18. They did not advance to finals at State, but did earn three Superior Ratings.

AHS Students Fair Well at NECC Academic Contest

The following students placed in the NECC Academic contest on March 16: Brayden McCorkindale, second in Literature and fourth in Public Speaking, and Jaylen Jackson, fourth in General Science.

"The Big Show" at Wakefield

Results include:

Art I: Alex Kneifl- Printmaking-Judge Merit; Shantel Miller- Stippling- Judge Merit; Clay-Superior:

Bre Millard- Clay-Superior; Erica Niemann- Clay-Judge Merit- Best Artist Award from Allen; Pencil-Superior, Printmaking- Judge Merit; Garrett Tramp- Clay-Superior; Jacob Waldo- Printmaking-Superior.

Art II: Andrew Hogue-Pen/Ink-Excellent; Rylee Kallsen- Mix-Media- Judge Merit

Landon Monteith- Wire Sculpture- Judge Merit.

Art III: Dominic Dominguez- Mix-Media-Judge Merit; Nate Oswald-Sculpture-Judge Merit; Chase Kallsen- Pen-Ink-Superior; Madison Roach- Pen-Ink- Superior; Clay-Superior.

Art IV: Travis Boock- Clay-Superior; Graffiti- Excellent; Ryan Anderson- Chalk - Superior; Sanitago Tinajero- Black/White- Judge Merit; Sculpture- Superior; Sculpture-Superior.

Weekly Events

Thursday, March 24: High School Track at Ponca, 4 p.m.

Friday, March 25 and Saturday, March 26: No activities scheduled.

Monday, March 28: Jazz Band at NECC Jazz Festival, 9 a.m.; L&C Art Show at Wayne State College; High School Golf at Indian Trails Country Club, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, March 29: High School Track at Hartington, 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 30 - no activities.

Thursday, March 31: FFA Meeting in Mr. Bathke's Room, 7:45 a.m.; Grades 7-12 Spring Concert, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 2: Prom in the Gym - Grand March, 6:30 p.m.; Dinner, 7 p.m. with dance to follow; Depart for Post Prom at YMCA in South Sioux City, 11:15 p.m.

Allen Community Churches

First Lutheran Church Sunday, March 27: Blessing for Beginning of Internship during Worship

Wednesday, March 30: Lenten Service at First Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.

Birthdays:

Friday, March 25: Jordyn Carr.

Anniversaries:

Sunday, March 27: Paul and Colleen Boyle

Senior Center

Congregate Meal Menu

(Week of March 28 - April 1)

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, which go out at 11 a.m. and curbside pickup meal service from 11:15 to 11:30 a.m. for noon meals. Please call the Senior Center staff at (402) 375-1460 for details or email them at

dberttrand@cityofwayne.org for information. Staff will be available between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Monday: Chili, relish sticks, cinnamon roll, strawberry applesauce.

Tuesday: Breaded pork tenderloin sandwich on homemade bun, mayo, lettuce, creamed potatoes, buttered peas, tapioca fruit salad.

Wednesday: Meatballs with mushroom sauce, au gratin potatoes, green beans with bacon, pumpkin muffin, cherry gelatin with mandarin oranges.

Thursday: Sliced pork roast, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, scalloped corn, homemade rye bread, apricot salad.

Trinity Lutheran WELCA welcomes new member

The WELCA of Trinity Lutheran Church in Winside met March 17 with eight members present. The group welcomed a new member, Barb Junk.

President Jan Topp called the meeting to order.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Thank you notes for Christmas gifts were read from Haven House, Mosaic, Tabitha, Phyllis Frahm and PMA Glenn and Tami Kietzmann.

The WELCA discussed and is still working on updating the funeral serving committees. The group is trying to get all members' correct phone numbers.

An Easter lily for the church will be purchased to celebrate the glory of Easter.

Those wishing to help clean kitchen cupboard before the Easter breakfast is served are asked to meet on Monday, April 4 at 1 p.m. in the church.

Due to the regular meeting date falling on Maundy Thursday, the WELCA will next meet in Thursday, April 21. Those wishing to help tie quilts are asked to come at 1 p.m. with the regular meeting starting at 2 p.m.

The business meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Sue Topp shared a reading taken from the Wayne Herald, written by Troy Reynolds, former pastor of Journey Christian Church. It was entitled "God is Good All the Time."

Lunch and fellowship followed the meeting.

Grace Lutheran inviting youth to 'CrossPoint'

Grace Lutheran Church in Wayne is inviting all families with children in pre-school through sixth grade to take part in CrossPoint.

The event will take place Saturday, April 9 from 9 a.m. to noon at the church.

The youth are being encouraged to spend a week in the life of Jesus at the One-Day Easter Vacation Bible School called CrossPoint.

This year's theme at CrossPoint will be "A Week With Jesus!" Together, those attending will walk some of the same streets that Jesus did as they hear the accounts of... His triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday... His cleansing of the Temple... His Last Supper... Him washing His Apostles

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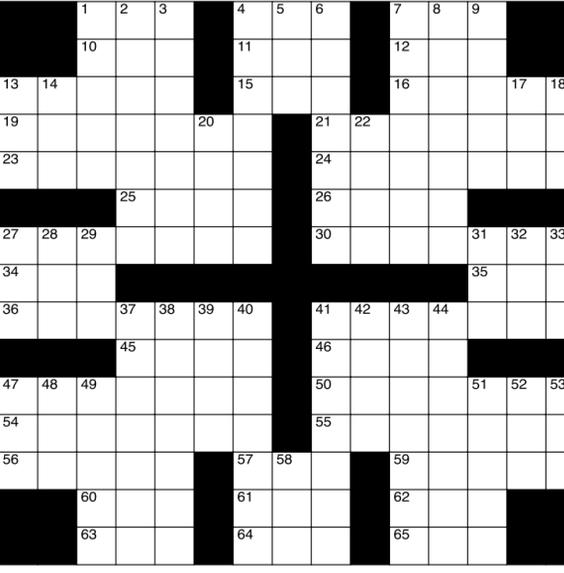
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- 4. Member of the family
- 7. Partner to flow
- 10. __ Angeles
- 11. Military mailbox
- 12. Patriotic women
- 13. Shallow lake
- 15. Tear apart
- 16. Middle Easterner
- 19. Eat to excess
- 21. Stained
- 23. Certain peoples of equatorial Africa
- 24. 1st day of month
- 25. Skin disease
- 26. Skating figure
- 27. Annelids
- 30. Gracefully slender
- 34. Kids need it
- 35. Swiss river
- 36. Indents
- 41. A sheer fabric of silk or nylon
- 45. Belgian River
- 46. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 47. Originate from
- 50. Rugged mountain ranges
- 54. Made less clean
- 55. Professions
- 56. 3s
- 57. Scarf
- 59. Yellow light
- 60. Bird noise
- 61. Opposite of start
- 62. Bar bill
- 63. Northeastern Mass. cape
- 64. American rocker Snider
- 65. Midway between northeast and east

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Scandinavian drink
- 2. Washington river
- 3. Fast-running flightless bird
- 4. Nerve conditions
- 5. Indicates near
- 6. Immediate relevance
- 7. Things you can eat
- 8. Receptacles
- 9. Retired Brewers great
- 13. Month
- 14. Happy New Year!
- 17. Exclamation to convey truth
- 18. Passports and licenses are two
- 20. Ebert's partner Siskel
- 22. Long skirt
- 27. Part of company name
- 28. Drugmaker __ Lilly
- 29. Electronic countermeasures
- 31. Klutz
- 32. Chinese statesman
- 33. Stir with emotion
- 37. Flat-bottomed boat
- 38. Go-between
- 39. This (Spanish)
- 40. A plot of ground where seedlings are grown before transplanting
- 41. Small waterfall
- 42. Modern tech necessity (abbr.)
- 43. Utter repeatedly
- 44. One of the bravest
- 47. Sun up in New York
- 48. Space station
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We wish we could personally thank everyone for their kind thoughts, prayers and help during this difficult time.

We want to thank everyone at Kinship Pointe for the wonderful care of Mom these past few years. She especially enjoyed her independence, and the activities you provided.

We want to thank Dr. Dobbins, the EMT's and nurses at Providence Hospital for their care of Mom after her fall. Wayne is so fortunate to have such a great facility and medical personnel.

We want to thank Scott and Susan at Hasemann Funeral Home for their guidance and help these past few weeks. To Pastor Jim Splitt and Our Savior Lutheran Church for the wonderful service.

Thanks go to Vel and Sue for the dinner and the church ladies for their help after the service. We really appreciate everyone's support as we go through this time.

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The voting members of the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) Board of Directors elected new officers during their board meeting March 7.

The NARD Board consists of representation from each of the Nebraska's 23 Natural Resources Districts (NRDs). The board meets five times throughout the year and helps guide the association and NRDs in decision making that protects lives, property and the future of Nebraska's natural resources. The NARD Risk Pool Board governs the health insurance program for NRD employees. Since its inception in 2007, the program has held the average annual cost increases for health premium rates below 4.5 percent.

Dr. Orval Gigstad of Syracuse, NARD President. Gigstad has served on the Nemaha NRD Board since 1993 and the NARD Board since 1996. He also serves as chair of the National Association of Conservation Districts Northern Plains Region. Previously, Gigstad served as NARD president from 2002-2004. A practicing veterinarian for more than 45 years, he operates the Arbor Valley Animal Clinic in Syracuse. Gigstad and his wife Carolyn have two children, Grady and Amber.

Marty Graff of Ainsworth, NARD Vice President and NARD Risk Pool Board. Graff has served on the Middle Niobrara NRD Board 27 years and on the NARD boards since 2018. He farms with his wife, Brenda, and sons near Ainsworth. Off the farm, Graff serves on the East Woodlawn Cemetery Board (Johnstown, Nebraska) and is active in the Elks Club helping with youth baseball and wrestling.

Joel Hansen of Wayne, NARD Secretary-

Treasurer and NARD Risk Pool Board. Hansen brings a unique perspective to the board as the Street & Planning Director for the City of Wayne where he has worked for more than 27 years. He has served on the Lower Elkhorn NRD board 15 years and represents the board on the Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee. Hansen also manages his family's farm, which includes row crops, a restored prairie, and several tree plantings. The farm serves as an outdoor classroom for Wayne State College and Wayne Community Schools.

Jim Eschliman of Ericson, NARD Past President and NARD Risk Pool Board. He served as president since 2020 and has been on the boards since 2016. Eschliman has served on the Lower Loup NRD Board 16 years, is the current vice-chairman, and has also served on the program and projects committee. Eschliman also serves on his local co-op board and the Cattleman's Beef Board. After selling his dairy cows in 2018, he considers himself retired and resides near Ericson with his wife, Deb.

In addition to the president, vice president, secretary-treasurer and past president, the NARD Board executive committee includes Jim Meisner, Legislative Committee chair representing the Twin Platte NRD, and Jim Johnson, Information and Education Committee chair representing the South Platte NRD.

Throughout 2022, the NRDs will commemorate breakthroughs and achievements in conservation these past 50 years.

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★ Prom Gown

Bring pictures of the dress style or styles you like and keep a color in mind to avoid getting overwhelmed by all of the options available. You may also want to bring along a trusted friend or family member who will give you an honest opinion and help you make the most flattering dress choice.

★ Tuxedo Rental

Choosing your tuxedo early will give you the best selection of styles, but make sure your measurements are taken within 30 days of prom to ensure the right fit!

★ Fancy Footwear

Ladies, be sure to choose a heel height that's comfortable for dancing, or consider bringing a cute pair of flats to slip on later in the night. Guys and girls can both benefit from wearing their shoes around the house before the big night to break them in a bit.

★ Jewelry & Accessories

Fashion jewelry is a great way to put the finishing touch on your prom look without breaking the bank. Don't forget a pretty little clutch to hold the essentials, and remember to throw in some flossers or mints for after dinner.

★ Picture-Perfect Hair

Look online for hundreds of hairstyle ideas, and practice with a friend to find the one you like best. If you're planning to have your hair professionally styled, be sure to book your appointment well in advance to ensure availability.

★ Makeup & Beauty

Consider using products like a primer, HD foundation and setting powder and spray to keep your makeup in place all night. Take along your lip color and blotting sheets to touch up your look throughout the night.

★ Prom Transportation

For safety, make sure any transportation company you use is registered, licensed with the state and properly insured. Schedule your limousine's arrival a little early to allow some time for pictures with the vehicle.

★ Corsage & Boutonniere

Order your prom flowers after choosing your dress, but at least a week before the big night. Pick up on the day of prom to ensure the freshest flowers. Corsages can be worn on the wrist or dress, or even in the hair or pinned to a clutch.

★ Dinner Reservations

Be sure to make a reservation if you're dining out on prom night, so dinner doesn't delay your arrival at prom. Another option is to split the cost of having food catered to your pre-prom meeting place for a more casual dinner party.

★ After-Party Plans

Keep the fun going by planning a post-prom bonfire, game night or pizza party. You could also hang out at a local coffee shop or diner, go bowling, hit up an amusement park or catch a late-night movie screening!

★ Manicure & Pedicure

Prom season is prime time for nail salons, so it's smart to book an appointment in advance if having your nails professionally done. Either way, choose a polish color that has undertones similar to your dress, or choose a neutral tone and have some fun with nail art or sparkles!

★ Prom Photos

For the most flattering photos, angle your body toward the center of the shot when posing. In group photos, stagger yourselves on different levels – sitting, standing and leaning – versus posing in straight rows. You may also want to practice your pose in the mirror, or repeat a look from your favorite photos of yourself.

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ning, we started to look at grain quality in gene-edited lines that have just a single gene that's been disrupted, to study the role of this gene in (withstanding) heat stress or drought stress."

The team's approach resembles one already employed at the Greenhouse Innovation Center on Nebraska Innovation Campus, where hyperspectral cameras are helping researchers measure plant traits much faster, more precisely and more easily than was once done by hand. But the scale of the greenhouse, and the distance between camera and plant, prevents

the high-resolution scanning of seeds and similarly tiny parts.

As computer scientists, Yu and Gao saw an opportunity to address the issue. In collaboration with Walia, they designed a simple hardware setup consisting of a movable, motorized platform that sits beneath a mounted hyperspectral camera, which captures its images with the help of nearby lighting units. Though Walia purchased the hyperspectral camera from a vendor, Yu and Gao custom-built the rest with accessibility and affordability in mind.

"To build a complete solution, including software and hardware from ven-

dors, could be very expensive," said Yu, associate professor in the School of Computing and interim director of Nebraska's Holland Computing Center. "Our teams worked together to design the system using materials available online or from local stores, so that the cost is significantly reduced. Each component ranges from a few dollars to a couple of hundred dollars."

Yu and Gao also customized software that compiles the two-dimensional position and size of the seeds, then layers that data with reflectance signatures from however many wavelengths the camera is set to detect. The open-source software can extract those reflectance signatures on a seed-by-seed or even pixel-by-pixel basis, presenting the data in spreadsheets viewable with conventional programs. It can distinguish among overlapping seeds and classify the seeds by species, too.

To demonstrate one of HyperSeed's potential applications, the researchers conducted a case study with rice seeds, testing the system's ability to discern rice grown under optimal temperatures from that grown under heat stress. One of the team's models, which Yu and Gao developed using machine learning, successfully distinguished between the two groups in 97.5% of cases.

The researchers also identified the wavelengths that demonstrated the most potential for teasing apart the agriculturally and nutritionally relevant traits of seeds. Most of those wavelengths, they found, are between 1,000 and 1,600 nanometers wide, on the near-infrared portion of the electromagnetic spectrum. That knowledge could help researchers make the most of their time and money by focusing their attention on the wavelengths in and around that range.

"It's one thing to really spend a lot of resources taking images — millions of images, if you want," Walia said. "It's also relatively easy these days to process those images, because computing is getting faster. But how do you actu-

ally analyze the images so that you can get what you need? That's one of the things that Hongfeng has pursued with this, is making the information accessible to plant scientists like me, so that we don't get bogged down with trying to do something that could take us years."

For all of their strides on the efficiency front, Yu and Gao are now working to modify the system so that it not only captures multiple seeds at a time but can process their reflectance signatures simultaneously, cutting yet more chaff from the process. They're exploring ways to deploy the software at the Holland Computing Center for the sake of tackling massive images, too. But Yu also said he hopes the system's open-source software and straightforward hardware give other users "flexible and economical solutions to get the data analysis they want," with the ability to tailor the system to their specific research questions.

Even in its current form, the system is giving Walia cause to rummage through seeds and experiments from as far back as 2018 — this time, to examine them through the lens of a hyperspectral camera. It's also stimulating ideas about how to best put that superhuman sight to use. One of those ideas? Cracking open the seeds to get an extreme close-up.

"The surface is great, but what if we had a broken grain and analyzed it face-up?" Walia wondered aloud. "What kind of smile do we get from that?"

The team recently detailed its system in the journal *Sensors*. Yu, Gao and Walia authored the paper with Anil Kumar Nalini Chandran, a postdoctoral researcher in agronomy and horticulture, and Puneet Paul, a former postdoctoral researcher now with Bayer. The researchers received support from the National Science Foundation, the Agricultural Research Division, and Nebraska's Office of Research and Economic Development.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK



Celebrate Nebraska Agriculture! National Ag Week is March 20-26

By Steve Wellman, Director
Nebraska Department of Agriculture

lion in agricultural goods in 2020. More than \$847 million higher than 2019,

From the food on our tables to the fuel in our cars, agriculture is an important part of our daily lives. In an ag state like Nebraska, agriculture is even more important to the people who live and work here in the good life. Every year National Ag Week gives us an opportunity to celebrate agriculture and thank the people behind the food, feed and fuel we depend on every day. This year, National Ag Week is March 20-26.

Nebraska's booming agricultural industry has resulted in a strong economy and big tax receipts. With one in every four jobs connected to agriculture, Nebraska's low unemployment rate means there has never been a better time to find a job in the state's ag industry. We have a lot to be grateful for and a lot to celebrate.

Nebraska's celebration of agriculture today is built on our past successes. Boosted by strong crop production and top rankings in beef production, Nebraska exported more than \$7.1 bil-



according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. That alone is a remarkable achievement. But Nebraska farmers, ranchers, and all the others who make up the state's extensive ag

industry didn't stop there. They continue to work hard and outperform in nearly every agricultural category.

Let me share some of Nebraska's other top rankings. Nebraska is:

- #1 in cash receipts from all farm commodities per capita; and
- #1 in commercial cattle slaughter (2021) at 7,091,600 head; and
- #2 in cattle on feed (Jan. 1, 2022), all cattle and calves (Jan. 1, 2022), beef exports (2021), and commercial red meat production (2021).

The top national rankings start with beef but go much further. Nebraska is:

- #1 in the nation for popcorn production (2017); and
- #1 for Great Northern bean production (2021).

Nebraska also has a reliable supply of corn and soybeans for livestock feed and renewable fuels:

- #2 in ethanol production (2021);
- #3 for corn production and exports (2021); and
- #4 in the nation for soybean production (2021).

Nebraska are known internationally for their high quality and competitive pricing. Ninety-five percent of the world's population lives beyond America's borders, so reaching those customers, promoting Nebraska's premium ag products and growing international trade continue to be priorities.

The international marketplace is vital for Nebraska farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses looking for ways to expand trade, and there are big opportunities for trade around the world. One way we are expanding markets for Nebraska's ag industry is with our Nebraska: Straight from the Good Life program.

The program is free to ag and food companies headquartered in Nebraska or with a significant presence in Nebraska, including companies providing grains, meat, consumer-oriented foods, agricultural equipment and agricultural services. Straight from the Good Life gives us more ways to effectively market and promote

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Agriculture Council of America announces 2022 National Ag Day date, theme

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) hosted National Agriculture Day on March 22, 2022. This marks the 49th anniversary of National Ag Day which is celebrated in classrooms and communities across the country. The theme for National Ag Day 2022 is "Growing a Climate for Tomorrow." The ACA hosted a virtual Ag Day event and events in Washington, DC. Additionally, the ACA brought approximately 100 college students to Washington "virtually" to deliver the message of Ag Day to the Hill. A core

leadership team of college students attended events in DC. Another exciting feature of Ag Day 2022 was the Celebration of Modern Agriculture on the Mall, March 21-22. These events honor National Agriculture Day and mark a nationwide effort to tell the true story of American agriculture and remind citizens that agriculture is a part of all of us. Many agricultural associations, corporations, students and government organizations involved in agriculture are expected to participate.



National Ag Day is organized by the Agriculture Council of America. The ACA is a nonprofit organization com-

posed of leaders in the agricultural, food and fiber community, dedicating its efforts to increasing the public's awareness of agriculture's role in modern society. The National Ag Day program encourages every American to:

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

In addition to the events on March 22, the ACA will once again feature the Ag Day Essay Contest. The winning essay was to be presented on National Ag Day.

Ag Week

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Nebraska agricultural and food companies to consumers worldwide. Another way to grow Nebraska agriculture is to focus on adding value to the crops and livestock we raise. Value-added agriculture means taking the traditional crops and livestock we grow and transforming them into products with greater economic value. By feeding Nebraska raised grains, ethanol distillers grains and forage, our beef, pork, dairy and poultry growers produce value-added products for domestic and international consumers. Additional economic value is added by processing the meat products here. Nebraska is the nation's leading beef processor with facilities around the state exporting billions of dollars of beef products to other countries annually. Nebraska is well positioned to continue increasing our processing capacity through new facilities such as Sustainable Beef, expansion of existing commercial processors and growth

in our custom exempt capacity. We're also promoting biofuels to grow Nebraska through value-added agriculture. Ethanol saves drivers money at the pump, reduces toxic emissions, and creates opportunities for farm families right here in Nebraska. More than 31% of the corn grown in our state goes to our ethanol industry. What happens in agriculture affects all of Nebraska and connects all of us, too. That's why it's important to share information about agriculture, like I'm doing here. Information helps people understand that agriculture is more than farming. It takes a whole industry of people to grow your food and get it to your table. Thank you for letting me use National Ag Week as an opportunity to shine a spotlight on Nebraska agriculture. During this week and always, remember to thank the farmers, ranchers and ag industry for providing us with the food, feed and fuel that we use every day.

Go big infrared: Husker imaging system streamlines analysis of seeds

To observe traits that can't be easily seen, Husker researchers have turned to the wavelengths that can't be, either. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Hongfeng Yu, Tian Gao and Harkamal Walia have developed a new imaging system that could help capture the nutritional value of seeds from myriad crops by first capturing the invisible wavelengths reflecting from them. With the ability to scan dozens of seeds in a mere 15 seconds, it's fitting that the system's name, HyperSeed, is just one letter removed from the adjective for "extraordinarily fast." But the system actually owes that name to its hyperspectral camera, whose sight goes beyond the visible bands of red, green and blue wavelengths that are the purview of typical cameras and the human eye. Unlike those traditional counterparts, HyperSeed's camera can collect

electromagnetic wavelengths that are longer than red, or infrared. Just as an object reflects the visible wavelengths of its color while absorbing all others on the visible spectrum, it can also reflect and absorb infrared wavelengths. Which of those IR wavelengths will reflect toward a hyperspectral camera, and which will get absorbed, depends on the properties of the object — in this case, a seed. That grants the invisible wavelengths a diagnostic value that plant physiologists like Walia are keen to explore. The researchers see HyperSeed as a tool for rapidly comparing and evaluating seeds produced under arduous conditions by the crop varieties engineered or bred to endure those very conditions, especially heat and drought. That pursuit reflects the status of seeds as the alpha and omega of the agricultural process: the starting points for growing crops, but also endpoints in the form of grains —

rice, corn, wheat and many others — that feed a massive proportion of the world's population. Maximizing the size and nutritional value of kernels under unfavorable conditions will only gain importance, the researchers said, as global temperatures continue rising, droughts become more severe, and the world population expands to approximately 10 billion people by the year 2050. "We used more than 200 different wavelengths to scan the same seed, and many of these wavelengths are

able to distinguish the biochemical properties of the seed: how well the starch is packaged, how much starch there is, how much other nutrient content there is," said Walia, professor of agronomy and horticulture. "So this is a stepping stone for us to not only understand the status of a seed and the nutrition that it brings, but also enable us to scan, very quickly, thousands of seeds from different varieties." "After HyperSeed was up and run-

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United Nations' International Atomic Energy Agency to train scientists from other countries and go on expert missions. In his work with the United Nations, he helps countries deploy soil moisture sensors using cosmic ray neutron radiation. In December, he traveled to Bolivia to help that country deploy such sensors to monitor glacier water melt and better study the impact on the water supply for La Paz, the national capital. Such monitoring technology alone "is no panacea," Franz said. "It has to come with good education and infrastructure" in terms of a country's societal investment. As for irrigation agriculture, any solutions to improving water efficiency "need to also be profitable for producers to adopt them," Franz said. The irrigation algorithm attempts to meet a range of requirements for producers, so that "the solution is both cost-effective and scalable across a broad area."

This testing, Franz said, "will include head-to-head comparisons against other scheduling methods — business-as-usual, producer groups, rainfed, etcetera — to see how the algorithm performs in a blind test. This is critical to further show the utility of the method." Water issues have long been a part of life for Franz, a Colorado native. "Growing up on the Front Range, water was always a concern," he said. He has extended family in the eastern Colorado farming community, and his grandfather and an uncle both worked for that state's Division of Water Resources. Franz has scientific expertise in a wide range of water-related sensors, and his exploration of water science has long taken him into global outreach. He did his doctoral work in Kenya, where he studied water impact, and he works extensively with the

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Husker researchers develop tool to make irrigation more efficient

Agriculture's future in Nebraska and globally will depend in great part on efficient water use. A research paper by University of Nebraska-Lincoln scientists points to an innovative irrigation approach that offers promise to decrease water use while increasing producer profitability.

Traditionally, the level of needed irrigation has generally been determined by gauging water availability in the soil. An irrigation-scheduling algorithm developed through testing at 12 locations across Nebraska includes an additional factor — the level of water concentration in the atmosphere.

That approach "takes both the water supply and demand into consideration, and that's where we're hoping to gain some efficiency by looking at both simultaneously," said Trenton Franz, associate professor of hydrogeophysics at Nebraska. "That's fairly complicated, so this algorithm does a fairly nice job of trying to basically optimize the processes, as well as making it more automatic."

In an article in the journal Nature



A research paper by Trenton Franz, associate professor of hydrogeophysics at Nebraska, and co-authors points to an innovative irrigation approach that could decrease water use while increasing producer profitability.

Communications, Franz and co-authors found that the algorithm-guided irrigation approach could reduce irrigation water use by 24% while maintaining crop yields and increasing profits by 11.2% and water productivity by 25.2%. As a result, the article said, this new methodology "could significantly improve water sustainability."

Achieving greater water efficiency has growing importance in the face of global climate challenges, the researchers said.

The article's co-authors also include Daran Rudnick, associate professor and irrigation management specialist in the Department of Biological Systems Engineering, and Andrew Suyker, research professor of micro-meteorology in the School of Natural Resources.

If follow-up testing currently underway confirms the algorithm's practical use, the technology could drive improved water efficiency among the large majority of agricultural producers who don't use soil moisture sensors, said Franz, associate director for research in the School of Natural Resources. About 10% to 15% of producers use moisture probes.

"It's that missing 85% of people who aren't too interested in using soil moisture probes who really make a big difference," Franz said. "So maybe

instead of saving 4 inches of water using good probe management, maybe this algorithm could save 1 to 3 inches, but over a much wider range of people who are willing to have a lower investment in that. It's very time-consuming to manage these soil moisture probes, so I know that's one barrier to adoption."

The best approach would be a "semi-autonomous" use of the algorithm, to maintain a degree of control by producers, Franz said.

Researchers tested the algorithm at 12 locations across Nebraska, using data from Nebraska's Eastern Nebraska Research, Extension and Education Center near Mead to calibrate the model tested at the other sites.

In a follow-up to the initial study, Rudnick, working out of the West Central Research and Extension Center near North Platte, is overseeing current tests of the algorithm by scientific teams from the university, state agencies and producer groups. Husker students will participate through the Testing Ag Performance Solutions program, in which student teams compete in field tests to maximize positive results in terms of irrigation water use, profitability and water productivity.

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Popular Ag Sack Lunch Program for the state's fourth-graders kicks off spring with virtual and in-person presentations

The 12th Annual Ag Sack Lunch program, designed to increase awareness to fourth-grade students and their families of the importance of agriculture to Nebraska, heads into the spring semester offering both in-person and virtual presentations to schools across the state.

The in-person version of the program is offered to classes visiting the

agriculture facts to take home to play with their families. The sessions are led by "Ag Ambassadors," students from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Agriculture.

Students at schools opting for virtual presentations hear the same lively and interactive presentation about Nebraska agriculture, connecting the food we eat with Nebraska farmers.

classrooms take advantage of this program," she said. "Since we teach Nebraska history at this level, the information is very relevant. The UNL student did a fantastic job."

Ag Ambassadors for the spring semester include Grace McDonald, Philips; Emily Zimmer, Pleasanton; Jacque Johnson, Grand Island; Jadyne Fleischman, Herman; Karlie Gerlach, Wellfleet; Megan Vrbka, Staplehurst; Mikayla Martensen, Humphrey;

Samantha Oborny, Garland; Sophia Svanda, Nehawka; and Emma Schmidt and Alexis Jansen, Gretna.

The Ag Sack Lunch Program is sponsored by the Nebraska Corn Board; the Nebraska Soybean Board; the Nebraska Pork Producers Association; Nebraska Beef Council; Midwest Dairy; Nebraska Poultry Industries; and Nebraska Wheat Board.

For more information, call Karen Brokaw at 1.402.432.2299.



Ag Ambassador Mekenzie Beattie, UNL student from Sumner, leads an in-person session in the fall of 2021.

State Capitol Building in Lincoln as part of their curriculum.

This spring many schools have resumed their Lincoln visits, so in-person reservations are almost full, according to Karen Brokaw, program coordinator, "While a few in-person reservations are still available, many virtual presentations are open," she said. "Teachers who do not plan to bring their students to Lincoln for a field trip are encouraged to schedule a virtual presentation."

For fourth-grade classes that are able to make the trip to Lincoln to visit the State Capitol Building, the program provides free sack lunches to the students while they listen to a short presentation about the importance of agriculture in Nebraska. They also receive fun card games that feature Nebraska

They also receive the card games to play with their families.

Teachers who have had their classes participate in the program, both in-person and virtual, say the presentations are very informative, and their students learned a great deal about the importance of agriculture in the state.

"Overall, I really value the experience for my students," says Shelly Sullivan, fourth-grade teacher at Lincoln's St. Teresa Catholic School, whose class participated in an in-person presentation. "It is a great way to expose them to a little agriculture education."

Chris Weiss, teacher at Emerson Elementary School in Kearney, said the virtual presentation his class participated in went over well with her students. "I hope all fourth-grade

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Grant will fund 'Crop-to-Food Innovation' program

A University of Nebraska-Lincoln research team has been awarded a \$742,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to establish the Research and Extension Experiences for Undergraduates program.

The five-year "Crop-to-Food Innovation" program will give students 10-week summer research experiences and scientific communication and leadership training. The project

will create opportunities for students to work with scientists who develop new crop traits and apply innovative bioprocessing and formulation technologies to evaluate and develop new food and feed applications.

The project also aims to increase participation of underrepresented students in science- and agriculture-related careers. This will be achieved through a recruitment focus on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, particularly land-grant universities that share Nebraska's agricultural research, extension and teaching mission.

The project is a collaboration among Nebraska's Center for Plant Science Innovation, Nebraska Food for Health Center, Food Innovation Center and Industrial Agricultural Products Center, which together drive cross-disciplinary, cutting-edge research. The project is led by principal investigator Edgar Cahoon, George Holmes professor of biochemistry and director of the Center for Plant Innovation, and co-principal investigators Amanda Ramer-Tait, Maxcy Professor of agriculture and natural resources, and Paul Velander, assistant professor of biochemistry and Nebraska Extension



High school student Holly Podliska (center) and Husker undergraduates Daniel Ngu (left) and Conner Pederson (right) gather maize root microbiome samples. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's new Research and Extension Experiences for Undergraduates program will give students 10-week summer research experiences and scientific communication and leadership training.

specialist. The team includes 13 other faculty members from the Departments of Biochemistry, Agronomy and Horticulture, Food Science and Technology, and Biological Systems Engineering. These faculty will mentor undergraduate students from across the United States in biological sciences, chemistry, food science, engineering and related majors over the next five summers.

Student research projects will involve collaborations among participating labs across product development pipelines, from field to market, which deliver new foods and feeds to consumers and farmers. The program will emphasize teamwork as the basis for creating innovations with real-world impact and will include formal

training in scientific leadership and communication, and biotechnology lab skills. Students who complete the program are expected to have a "big picture" view of food science and will be better prepared for careers and graduate education in agricultural STEM disciplines.

Cahoon sees the Crop-to Food Innovation program as "a great opportunity to impact the lives and careers of students and to promote participation of a greater diversity of people and ideas that are needed to solve global challenges."

The grant is funded by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's Agriculture Food Research Initiative and the Workforce Development Program.

NDA announces hiring of Dr. Roger Dudley as state veterinarian

Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) Director Steve Wellman has announced the hiring of Dr. Roger Dudley for the position of state veterinarian. Dr. Dudley has worked for NDA since 2011, serving as state epidemiologist and deputy state veterinarian.

He will replace Dr. Dennis Hughes who retired in December 2021.

"Dr. Dudley has extensive experience in veterinary medicine, an excellent understanding of animal epidemiology and outstanding leadership skills," said Director Wellman. "He already has established relationships with veterinarians throughout the state and with USDA officials. He is the best person for the job of keeping Nebraska's livestock healthy and safe."

Dudley attended the University of



Nebraska-Lincoln in pre-veterinary science. He then earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Kansas State University. Prior to work-

ing for the state of Nebraska, Dudley worked at the Gothenburg Animal Hospital from 1996-2011. He worked his way up from associate veterinarian to owning and operating the business. In addition to working in veterinary medicine in Nebraska, Dudley has also worked in Iowa and Minnesota.

Throughout his career, Dudley has participated in leadership and management training programs including the PeopleFirst Leadership Certification Program at the State of Nebraska and the Beef Cattle Production

Management Series at Great Plains Veterinary Education Center at Clay Center, Nebraska. He is an active member of the Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association. Dudley and his wife have six children and six grandchildren.

"Veterinary medicine is my career and my passion," said Dudley. "I look forward to continuing my work with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture and taking on this leadership role to help protect the livestock industry."

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USDA to invest \$1 billion

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced recently that the U.S. Department of Agriculture is delivering on its promise to expand markets by investing \$1 billion in partnerships to support America's climate-smart farmers, ranchers and forest landowners. The new Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities opportunity will finance pilot projects that create market opportunities for U.S. agricultural and forestry products that use climate-smart practices and include innovative, cost-effective ways to measure and verify greenhouse gas benefits.

USDA is now accepting project applications for fiscal year 2022. For the purposes of this funding opportunity, a climate-smart commodity is defined as an agricultural commodity that is produced using agricultural (farming, ranching or forestry) practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions or sequester carbon.

Funding will be provided to partners through the USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation for pilot projects to provide incentives to producers and landowners to:

- implement climate-smart production practices, activities, and systems on working lands,
- measure/quantify, monitor and verify the carbon and greenhouse gas (GHG) benefits associated with those practices, and
- develop markets and promote the resulting climate-smart commodities.

Funding will be provided in two funding pools, and applicants must submit their applications via Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on:

April 8, 2022, for the first funding pool (proposals from \$5 million to \$100 million), and

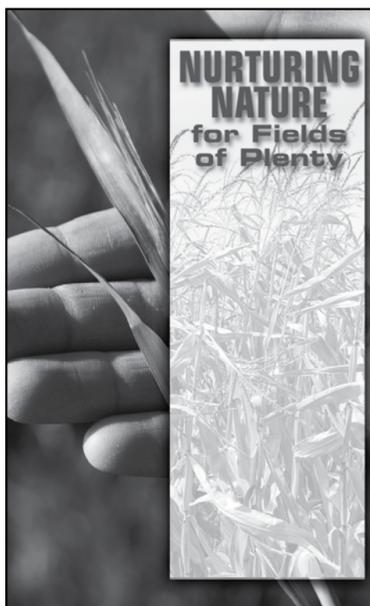
May 27, 2022, for the second funding pool (proposals from \$250,000 to \$4,999,999).

A wide range of organizations may apply, but the primary applicant must

be an entity, not an individual.

USDA is committed to equity in program delivery and is specifically seeking proposals from entities serving all types of producers, including small or historically underserved producers.

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UNL will build Small Meat Processing Plant of the Future

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln announced plans to develop the Small Meat Processing Plant of the Future during a roundtable discussion on Feb. 26, at the Nebraska Association of Meat Processors annual convention in Grand Island.

"The Small Plant of the Future will be a multi-disciplinary center to strengthen the meat industry in the region," said Clint Krehbiel, head of UNL's Animal Science department during the roundtable. The plant,

which will be located alongside existing UNL Animal Science facilities, will serve as a regional processing hub for local cattle producers, as well as a prototype for other small and very small facilities.

As part of the initiative, UNL will look at making equipment upgrades to the Loeffel harvest and processing facility on East Campus, hire and train staff to maintain regular slaughter operations, and establish a suite of resources available to those looking

to set up or expand small processing operations. The project is structured to have a multiplying effect across the region.

Krehbiel said that the COVID-19 pandemic illuminated issues that small meat processors had faced for years, including the insufficient capacity of small processors to keep up with rising demand, barriers to implementing new technologies, and widespread workforce shortages. The Small Plant of the Future aims to address those issues.

Multiple processors at the roundtable raised the issue of labor and staffing challenges. To help strengthen the workforce, the Small Plant of the Future will include a set of workforce development programs, including an internship program that will pair meat science students with small meat processing businesses across the state. UNL continues to look at other ways to integrate both degree and non-degree programs into its Small Plant initiative. This may include training programs including workshops for employees new to the meat processing industry, partnerships with community colleges, continuing education opportunities for more experienced meat processors, and more.

"UNL has been a leader in meat science for over 100 years," Krehbiel said. "We want to be part of the solution."

Representatives from USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service and Food Safety and Inspection Services were present at the roundtable; USDA Rural Development personnel joined remotely. The event came just two days after the USDA announced it was making available \$215 million in grants and other support to expand meat and poultry processing options, strengthen the food supply chain, and create jobs and economic opportunities in rural areas. UNL hopes to look to this program as one potential source of funds; other fundraising efforts for the

plant are already underway.

The Small Plant of the Future concept comes at a time when the University has already committed millions to building and expanding existing UNL food facilities, including the Food Processing Center and the Feedlot Innovation Center, said Mike Boehm, NU vice president and Harlan Vice Chancellor for UNL's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

"The Small Plant of the Future is a natural extension of what we've been building at a time when the industry is in dire need," Boehm said. "The Small Plant of the Future is a dream initiative for a land-grant institution like UNL -- one that marries academic programs with hands-on application and deep community partnerships that strengthen the region's economy."

Chad Lottman, who attended the roundtable, said the discussion on workforce development caught his attention. Lottman and his wife, Courtney, own Landmark Snacks in Beatrice, which produces meat sticks and other processed snack foods and employs around 200 people. Prior to starting that business, the Lottmans ran C&C Processing, a small meat locker in Diller. Processors of all sizes are struggling to find reliable, qualified employees, he said.

"We need a skilled workforce," he said, Lottman said an internship program in particular would be valuable to his business, which already employs several UNL graduates in its food safety division. For smaller processors, he said, help implementing new software programs and other technologies would be invaluable.

"For the small processor, that's difficult," Krehbiel said he anticipated that some workforce development programs could be in place by fall of 2022, with the addition of more programming and facility improvements incrementally over the next several years

Midwest Land Company adds appraisal service, expands regional team

In response to significant changes in agricultural land valuations across the United States, Midwest Land Company has announced it has added farm real estate and cropland appraisal services to the company. Expanding their regional team to include certified ap-

praiser and licensed sales agent Jerry Lewis in West Point, the company offers real estate buyers and sellers a full portfolio of valuation, sales, man-

agement and consultation services.

"I am excited to join Midwest Land Company, Lewis said. "Farmland has always been at the core of communities throughout Nebraska and Iowa and, with the tremendous changes in the market, I look forward to helping owners and interested partners understand the value of their properties."

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The Land Values 2021 Summary, released in August by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), indicated that agricul-

tural land values have increased by an average of seven percent, a year-over-year increase not seen in nearly a decade. Valuation increases in Nebraska and Iowa significantly exceed these national averages.

"Understanding the changes in agricultural land value is critical to building an overall farm ownership plan," said David Ewing, Midwest Land Company president and CEO. "With more than 30 years experience, we're excited to welcome Jerry to our team. Integrating his appraisal experience into the portfolio of tools and experience we of-

fer provides owners a complete view of their property and supports their long-term goals."

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FFA members to represent Wayne at state convention

Members of the Wayne FFA program have qualified to take part in a number of Career Development Events (CDEs) at this year's state convention April 6-8 in Lincoln.

This year's event will take place in-person, after having to compete virtually last year.

According to information on the FFA's website, the "convention is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education."

Those FFA members qualifying for the various competitions include:

Parker Kesting - Extemporaneous Speaking;

Kyla Krusemark, Caitlyn Mostek, Charli Sievers and Olivia Hanson - Agri Science;

Riley Haschke, Logan Miller, Sammi Gubbels and Calvin Ankeny - Ag Communications;

Olivia Hanson and Riley Haschke - Choir;

Kierah Haase, Amelia Hurlbert, Parker Kesting and Nina Hammer - Food Science;

Jamison Meyer, Ethan Ankeny, Ellie Jech and Madi Janke — Agronomy.

In addition to those competing in the



Earning State degrees were (front) Kiara Krusemark, Amara Hurlbert, Alyssa Carlson, Rubie Klassen, Mia Nelsen, Mady Sievers and Mason Frevert. (back) Ellie Jech, Jamie Janke, Mikaela McManigal, Tyler Reinhardt, James Dorcey and Ethan Ankeny.

various ag-related events, a number of students will be recognized for their accomplishments during their FFA careers.

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Nebraska Department of Agriculture's main office is moving

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) is moving from its downtown location in the Nebraska State Office Building to 245 Fallbrook

Bldv. in Lincoln.

The move will begin Monday, March 28 and may take up to three weeks to complete. NDA teammates will be available and working throughout the moving process to provide needed services throughout the ag industry. NDA's main phone number, 402-471-2341, will remain the same along with the main mailing address of P.O. Box 94947, Lincoln, Neb. 68509.

"This move will bring several state agencies that NDA collaborates with

into one office building," said NDA Director Steve Wellman. "We look forward to serving Nebraska's farmers, ranchers and consumers while being located with the Department of Environment and Energy, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Economic Development and various Nebraska commodity organizations at this new location."

NDA's new office will be open and available to the public on Monday, April 18.

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Proficiency awards were earned by (front) Alyssa Carlson and Mia Nelsen. (back) Ethan Ankeny, Riley Haschke and Candace Heggemeyer. The students were notified of their accomplishments recently and will be recognized at the state convention.



Selected to take part in the State FFA Choir were (left) Olivia Hanson and Riley Haschke. They will join others during the state convention in Lincoln April 6-8.

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