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Street closures, department updates on council agenda

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Requests for street closures in conjunction with Henoween and the Wayne Chicken Show were among the items on the agenda when the Wayne City Council met Tuesday for a relatively short meeting.

Abby Schademann, representing the Wayne Chicken Show Committee, told the council the request was similar to that of past years and included the closure of three blocks of Main Street from 2:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. on July 8-9 for the Henoween celebration; the area around Bressler Park from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 9; a portion of East Second Street from 6 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. for the Kiwanis Omelet Feed; Main Street from First Street to 10th Street from 9 a.m. until the end of the parade on Saturday, July 9 and Second Street from Main Street to Pearl Street and Pearl Street from Second to Third Street from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 10 for the Crowing Motors Car Show.

Also approved was the request from the Chicken Show Committee for a fireworks display on Friday, July 8. It will be weather-dependent as the committee is working with the Wayne Volunteer Fire Department to determine if the event can be held safely.

Council members listened to presentations from the Green Team and from the City Parks and Recreation Department.

Sandy Brown, representing the Green Team, told the council that the team has a number of reasons to celebrate as Earth Day is observed on April 22.

These include the fact that the city of Wayne is reducing waste. Brown shared numbers, including the fact that the amount of glass being recycled has grown considerably.

Another positive aspect of recycling is the fact that there are currently 18 different materials that can be recycled.

"The work we are doing here in Wayne is



(Photo by Clara Osten)

Sandy Brown, representing the Wayne Green Team, (right) presented information on recycling efforts in the city of Wayne. She told the council that "every day should be Earth Day" and praised the city for its recycling efforts.

causing a ripple effect. Several other communities are looking at Wayne and asking how we do things. Several have added to

their recycling efforts. Wayne has a strong reputation across the state for recycling," Brown said.

Her final point was while April 22 is officially "Earth Day," every day should be Earth Day. She thanked the city and staff

for working to make Wayne a Zero Waste community.

Lowell Heggemeyer, Parks and Recreation Director, shared information on the work done within the department in the past year.

He told the council that the department is made up of three full-time employees and four part-time employees as well as several college students who work during the summer.

He talked about work that has been done in recent weeks, especially at the Summer Sports Complex, Bressler Park and Hank Overin Field. In addition, work has begun on the renovation of the bath house at the old swimming pool location.

Amber Schwarte, Community Activities Center Coordinator, explained some of the activities taking place at the Activity Center.

These include a program called Silver Sneakers for senior citizens, the hiring of 16 lifeguards for the summer, Chess Club, yoga and Art Club.

A resolution amending the Problem Resolution Team 'Complaint Process' was unanimously approved.

Changes to the process were presented to the council during a recent retreat. The document was last updated in 2015 and the current version provides clarification for process. These will become effective June 1, 2022.

The Wayne City Council will next meet in regular session on Tuesday, May 3 at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers.

Nebraska Department of Agriculture reports sixth case of highly pathogenic Avian Influenza located in Dixon County

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) in conjunction with the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Ser-

vice (APHIS) is announcing a sixth confirmed case of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI).

The sixth farm, a flock of over 1.7 million

laying hens, is in Dixon County at a Michael Foods facility.

According to NDA State Veterinarian Dr. Roger Dudley, the farm has been quarantined 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, as is USDA policy, around the affected premises. These producers should know the signs and symptoms of HPAI and notify NDA immediately of sick or dying poultry.

Dr. Dudley also announced the completion and release of the surveillance zones in Merrick and Holt counties and the completion and release of both the control and surveillance zones 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.

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>



(Photo by Morgan Cardenas)

Doug Deck, Weed Superintendent, gave an update on what he has been doing recently to the Commissioners.

Commissioners receive updates from county offices

By Morgan Cardenas
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At Tuesday's meeting, the Wayne County Commissioners approved many grant applications and discussed different topics.

The meeting started off with county office updates and reports. Commissioner Dean Burbach of District Two went first by telling everyone they are cleaning up the roads used during the Wind Farm project. Commissioner Terry Sievers of District One was next, reporting that the bridges are gone and cleaned up. Commissioner Jim Rabe of District Three informed the other Commissioners that they are taking out some trees at the moment but have no current projects.

Weed Superintendent Doug Deck gave the board an update of what he does during the year. Deck has had a successful program of controlling weeds better during the fall. He notified the board that he will need two new board members from the city or village that have to be urban and that he is looking for someone to fill the vacant spots. Deck will also be doing a couple of public educational seminars.

"We give speeches on three of the state noxious weeds to probably 700 junior high and high school kids in a rotating basis so you give the same speech for five minutes for three hours," Deck said.

County Attorney Amy Miller finished the office updates with her report. She let the Commissioners know they are still

prosecuting some reports. Miller said the Juvenile Divergent Program is going great and the Child Support Office has received many compliments on the convenience of the office. Many people have said the office has made it a lot easier than having to travel to a different town for help.

The Commissioners approved 20 different Lodging Tax Grant Applications. The total comes out to a little over \$21,000 and there is currently \$45,000 in the bank. The applications are as follows: \$1,000 for Boomerfest; \$1,500 for Cruise Main in Wayne; \$500 for Girls High School National Championship Rugby; \$2,000 for Wayne County Fair radio advertising; \$2,000 for printing Wayne County Fair Book; \$400 for Jr. Area 5 Legion Tournament; \$2,000 for Mayday Strol Drag Races; \$500 for 1st Annual Garden Walk; \$1,500 for Winside Old Settlers; \$1,500 for Wooden Bat Tournament; \$1,000 for Wakefest 2022; Juneteenth Celebration/Freedom Run/Walk at Bressler Park; \$250 for The Wakefield Market; \$375 for Drama Camp; \$375 for A Little Red Hen Christmas; \$500 for Disney's The Little Mermaid; \$2,000 for Henoween; \$2,000 for Wayne Chicken Show; \$1,000 for The Backroads Passport Program; and \$500 for PopUps and Popcorn.

Then, County Assessor Dawn Duffy gave an overview of valuations and their increases. Every parcel owner, if valuation goes up or down, will receive a valuation notice. Notices will be sent out by June 1. Duffy stated valuations are 100% driven

by market base as Ag, commercial and residential are determined by what people are paying for the land. Prices paid for residential properties have increased dramatically over the last couple of years. Recent Ag sales are showing large increases to price paid per acre from a year ago

Next, Sandra Hansen informed the Commissioners about the ARPA Funds update. Hansen has put a committee together with five other people. She is hoping to have their first meeting in June and will try to meet quarterly. They have requested the second half of their \$1.8 million in ARPA Funds and are expecting in sometime this summer.

Finally, Wayne County Emergency Manager Nic Kemnitz talked about information that he received about wildfires at a recent conference he attended. Kemnitz explained that Nebraska is in a drought and the long-term weather models are not showing much in terms of measurable moisture for the next couple of weeks. They also purchased a fire weather meter to help with updates on current conditions when a fire occurs to be more prepared. Kemnitz explained that if a large wildfire were to occur, Wayne County would need to file a local disaster declaration with NEMA to utilize resources beyond the local level.

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners will next meet in regular session on Tuesday, May 3 at 9 a.m. in the Wayne County Courthouse.

'Roots To Leaves' celebration planned

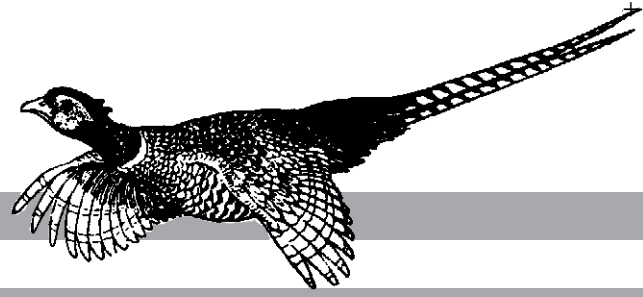
Looking for a fun and educational way to celebrate Earth Day AND Arbor Day? Did you know that Arbor Day originated in Nebraska and went "global" and this is the 150th Anniversary of Arbor Day?

The staff at the Haskell Ag Lab has "the perfect event" for the community to celebrate both days helping our Earth and planting trees for our environment.

The public is invited to the 'Roots to Leaves' - Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration 2022 on Saturday, April 30 at the Haskell Ag Lab located at 57905 866 Road in Concord. The event time is from 1 to 4 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public event and will feature demonstrations on tree planting, tree and shrub pruning, a tour of the Northeast Arboretum, presentations on beginning vegetable gardening, plants and pollinators, soil testing and manure use in your garden. There are activities for youth, including creating a seed bomb, a scavenger hunt with prizes, recycling games and activities, and designing a pollinator hotel. There will also be a free tree giveaway until the supply of trees are gone.

The complete schedule of events can be found at: <https://hal.unl.edu/earthday2022>. For more information, contact the Haskell Ag Lab at (402) 584-2261.



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Obituaries

Gerald Baier

Gerald Baier 80, died quietly at home on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. Graveside services will be held at a later date at Greenwood Cemetery in Wayne.

Gerald Baier was born in Winside on Nov. 24, 1941 to Otto and Ruth Baier. He attended a one room country school and then graduated in 1960 from Wayne High School.

He married his high school sweetheart, June Dunklau, in November of 1962 and resided on a farm in Wayne. He later quit farming and started a career with Standard Oil, which then moved them to Hamburg, Iowa where he managed a fertilizer plant for Standard Oil. Working with fertilizer took a toll on Jerry's health, which forced him to retire from Standard Oil. He took other jobs which moved the the family to Freeman, South Dakota and then eventually landed them back home in Wayne, where he retired from Crystal Farms. In 2020 Jerry and June moved to Elkhorn to be closer to family.

Survivors include his wife, June; a daughter, Tracy (Dean) McCormick; a granddaughter, Dakota (Shayne) Kelly; grandsons Wyatt (Jade) Jacobsen and Dylan McCormick; one great grandson, Kenton and sister, Ruth Ann (Terry) Kardell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Randy and Jim; and a son, Kent.

Cards may be sent to June at: 3535 Piney Creek, Apt. G28, Elkhorn, Neb. 68022.



Marjorie Jean (Pearson) Rastede

Marjorie Jean Rastede, 94, of Laurel, died Thursday, April 7, 2022 at the Hillcrest Care Center in Laurel.

A prayer service will be held Saturday, April 23 at 3 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in rural Concord, with the Rev. William Bertrand officiating. Burial of her cremated remains will be at the Fort McPherson National Cemetery in Maxwell on Monday April 25 at 11 a.m. Visitation with the family will be on Saturday from 2 - 3 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are suggested to be sent to St. Paul Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 44, Concord, Neb. 68728.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz Funeral Home in Laurel.

Marjorie Jean Rastede was born on March 23, 1928 in Wakefield to Clarence and Helen (Olson) Pearson. Marge was baptized and confirmed at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Wakefield. Marge attended school at Allen and Rose Hill Country School. She graduated from Allen High School in 1945. She taught in Country Schools for three years. Marge married Clarence Rastede on June 6, 1948 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Concord. Marge was the organist at St. Paul for several years and also a member of the Lutheran Ladies Aide.

Marge and Clarence lived and farmed east of Concord for 45 years and moved to Laurel in 1993. Marge enjoyed their many vacations to Arizona and many other traveling adventures. Marge enjoyed card games with neighbors and friends and always loved visits from her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Survivors include six children and spouses Nancy (Mike) Ptacek of Mt. Vernon, Washington, Barbara Escher of Scottsdale, Arizona, Jon (Valerie) Rastede of Ashland, Missouri, Rex Rastede and Madonna Tanderup of Concord, Lesa Rastede (Thurman James) of Martinez, California and Loree (Jerry) Echtenkamp of Wayne; nine grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; a brother Jim (Maureen) Pearson of Lincoln; many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Clarence, in 1998; two sisters, Alice (Verdel) Erwin, and Arlene "Suzie" (Marlin) Johnson; brother Dean (Neva) Pearson; nephew Tom Erwin.



Faye Jorgensen

Faye M. Jorgensen, 88, of Dakota City, died Wednesday, April 13, 2022. Abiding by her wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no services held at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Mohr & Becker-Hunt Funeral Home in South Sioux City. Online condolences may be directed to meyer-broschapels.com.

Faye M. Jorgensen was born the daughter of Ernest and Orleath (Henningens) Bierschenk on Jan. 9, 1934 in Randolph. She attended country schools and Pender High School. Faye married Gordon Jorgensen on Nov. 17, 1950 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Pender. They spent several years in Siouxland and Omaha before settling on the farm in Pender. After their retirement, they moved to Dakota City. Faye worked hard on the farm and raised their five children.

In retirement she enjoyed visiting the casino, traveling and gardening.

Survivors include her children, Kim Jorgensen of South Sioux City, Keith Jorgensen of Dakota City, Steve (Patricia) Jorgensen of Pender, Debra Chrestensen of Mitchellville, and Cindy (Gary) Kemp of Omaha; a sister, Marilyn Millard of Valentine; 12 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, two great great grandchildren; and brother-in-law, Emmet of Bancroft.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Gordon; sister, Charlotte; and brother-in-law, Paul.



Not in My Back Yard

Dear Citizens of Wayne,

This is a common issue/statement when it comes to zoning/community and regional planning and was the title of a news story from News Channel Nebraska: <https://northeast.newschannelnebraska.com/story/46287855/not-in-my-backyard-wayne-housing-proposal-raises-eyebrows>

Unfortunately, in a small college town it is hard to avoid. I grew up next to a neglected property that was owned by an absentee landlord on one side and a busy restaurant on the other. Not an ideal place to raise a family but I think we turned out ok. Most of that though, was thanks to great parents/family and seeing a community that cared and worked together to solve problems with a few bumps along the way.

Because of the basics I got from growing up in Wayne and the fortunate opportunity to study Architecture and Community and Regional Planning, I frequently used Wayne as a case study or thought about how things could be better and still do. That is why I am so passionate about not putting any more residences closer to the Sewage Treatment Plant.

"Not in my back yard" has a whole new meaning when it's sewage. This expensive infrastructure should be isolated and protected, but the city council and planning commission have let us down. I have attended or listened to all public meetings and spoke as much as they would let me, but it didn't matter. They are all an arm of the city which makes it so hard to go against the will of the body.

Thankfully, I reached out to the landlords because they have the most to lose and had an association started. They have been a huge help, but we are now having many others join our team and get the word out and help get signatures. We are within reach of the required number of signatures and would be done if voters didn't feel pressure not to sign because of where they work or fear of repercussion. This is just sad. I thought we lived in a free society and am asking the Mayor and council to clear that up.

I know that it's risky putting your name on the petition, but you're not alone. We have hundreds of signatures but I would like to get over 50% so that our city government hears from the majority of us. I know I have stressed some friendships and, in some cases, I'm biting the hand that feeds me, but I just can't sit back and do nothing when this smelly plant has been an issue for years. Yes, it has gotten much better but still nothing I would want in my back yard. Someone has to protect the future tenants and this taken public space should remain a park or future city building.

Funny thing about that, even the city staff doesn't want to be next to it and have to smell it and, yes, at the last council retreat they were even looking to buy more land in the area for a city building. I have

the recordings. I'm still not sure how I stayed quiet. So why would we want to sell this land off and put luxury apartments next to that smelly thing? An apartment complex that will most likely be filled with college students and not workforce as we need.

Build apartments near the college and I am willing to help all developers find land and get the projects done even ones from out of town! I want this town to grow but in a responsible way by the private sector not by government manipulations. Would they do this to other businesses like say a restaurant, bank, insurance, grocery store, car dealership or any other business and would you want them to?

The other issue I hear that concerns me is the use of the term "slumlord" on some of the people that are helping with the petition. When did being a landlord become a bad thing? Many people in this town have put their blood, sweat, and tears into these properties, invested in our community, and care more about their tenants than any government official would.

Do we have some run-down properties that need a fresh coat of paint and some sprucing up? Yes, but they are not all rentals and tenants need to step up also.

I have listened to horror stories on both sides and now being on the Problem Resolution Team (PRT) we are working through the complaints and coming up with a better process that will help our community's appearance. This is the other reason I approached the landlords; to help them and the city work this out. But one neighbor turning in another is not the way to do it. Hopefully the council will come up with a better solution as we asked for.

I hope this helps explain why I am doing this and not just fighting a project. Lots of moving parts and it's hard to get them all on paper when I would rather draw or build versus type a letter.

Well, thanks for listening. More to come but if you have any questions please call or text me. I will be at the proposed apartment project site (parking lot on the southwest corner of the soccer fields, on the way to the softball complex) this Friday, April 22, from 5-7 p.m. to hopefully get some drive up signatures, then out around town on Saturday.

For more information and/or to sign the remonstrance petition:

1. Call or text me 402-369-0049
2. Send an email to wayne.rental.association@gmail.com
3. Come to the Wayne Fire Hall, 510 Tomar Drive Saturday, April 23 - anytime from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
4. Visit the Facebook page -- Wayne Property Tax Payers: Wayne Rental Association

Please speak out, sign and help us Grow Wayne Responsibly.

Thanks,
B. J. Woehler

Martha Jane Svoboda

Martha Jane Svoboda, 91 of Wayne, died Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021 in Wooster, Ohio after a period of declining health.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, April 30 at 11 a.m. at John Huss Presebyterian Church in Thurston. Lunch will follow the service.

Interment will be in Rose Hill Cemetery at Emerson.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hillcrest Family Services, 2005 Asbury Rd., Dubuque, Iowa 52001.

Obituary policy

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Courthouse News

District Court
April 6, 2022
Civil Proceedings

Sean F. Addison, Wayne, vs. Jodi L. Addison, Wayne. Dissolution of Marriage.

Ruth Grimaldo, Wayne, vs. Valdemar Grimaldo, Sioux City, Iowa. Dissolution of Marriage.

Criminal Proceedings

None.

Wayne County Court

The following is a list of activity handled by the Wayne County Court in recent weeks.

Criminal Proceedings

State of Neb., pltf., vs. Jeffery Olufka, Jr., Norfolk, def. Complaint for Possession of a Controlled Substance. Case bound over to District Court.

State of Neb., pltf., vs. Samuel M. Larsen, Blair, def. Complaint for Driving Under the Influence, .15+. Fined \$500 and costs, sentenced to 12 months probation and driver's license revoked for one year.

State of Neb., pltf., vs. Christopher Aunquo, Wayne, def. Complaint for Possession of a Deadly

Weapon (count I) and Terroristic Threats (count II). Case bound over to District Court.

State of Neb., pltf. vs. Luke J. Sims, def. Complaint for Driving Under the Influence, first offense. Fined \$500 and costs, sentenced to six months probation and driver's license revoked for 60 days.

Traffic violations
(does not include court costs)

Jayde E. Truckenrod, spd., \$200; Michael C. Damme, violate stop or yield sign, \$75; Margarito Mendez Carreto, no operator's license, \$75; McKenna R. Book, spd., \$75; Marjie L. Jurgensen, spd., \$25; Jeremy S. Tracy, spd. \$25; Samuel Nuno, spd. \$200; Orion Spieker, violate stop or yield sign, \$75; Chance C. Schultz, violate stop or yield sign, \$75; Austin C. Kempf, spd., \$25; Danica M. Born, spd., \$25; Reamir M. Bankers, spd. \$75; Mark A. Wright, Jr., spd., \$75; Fritz L. Dawn, violate stop or yield sign, \$75; Jeremiah I. Horton, no operator's license, \$75; James A. Thomson, disobey stop lights, \$75; Jose Valadez, careless driving, \$100; John E. Campbell, spd., \$75.

A Quick Look

Date	High	Low	Precip	Snow
Apr. 14	46	25	—	—
Apr. 15	48	29	—	—
Apr. 16	45	20	—	—
Apr. 17	48	25	—	—
Apr. 18	52	25	—	—
Apr. 19	51	20	—	—
Apr. 20	51	29	—	—

Recorded 7 a.m. for previous 24 hour period
Precip./mo. — .0" / Monthly snow — 0"
Yr./Date — .75" / Seasonal snow — 5.5"

Chamber Coffee

WAYNE — This week's Chamber Coffee#chamberpercs will be held Friday, April 22 at the Wayne Public Library, 410 Pearl Street. It will be hosted by the Wayne Green Team in observance of Earth Day. The coffee on Friday, April 29 will be held at Wayne High School to honor the graduating class of 2022. The coffee begins at 10 a.m. and announcements at 10:15 a.m.

Candidate forum

WAYNE COUNTY — The Wayne Area Economic Development and Wayne County Farm Bureau are sponsoring a Local Candidate Forum on Tuesday, April 26. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. and will be held at the Wayne Senior Center, 410 Pearl Street. The event is open to the public and will include candidates in contested races in the May primary, both in the city of Wayne and Wayne County.

Honors Night

AREA — Wayne High School will hold its 33rd annual Honors Night on Monday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m., in the High School Gymnasium. Academic letter awards, Presidents Education Award, Midstate Conference awards, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and scholarship recognition will be included in the evening's activities.

Non-scholarship Awards will be given at 6:30 p.m. Scholarship Awards will be presented after a short intermission at approximately 7 p.m.

Earth Day Movie

AREA — A Free Earth Day movie, My Octopus Teacher, will be shown at 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 24 at the Majestic Theatre in Wayne. The film follows the story of an unusual friendship between a filmmaker and an octopus living in a South African kelp forest. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for recycling demos, and the 85-minute film begins at 7 p.m. This free event is hosted by the City of Wayne Green Team, the WSC Green Team, and the A. Jewell Schock Museum of Natural History. Those attending are asked to bring their own popcorn container and cup to help make this a zero waste event.



(Photo by Clara Osten)

Coffee host

Ace Hardware & Home hosted last week's Chamber Coffee last week. The business celebrated its second year of business in Wayne. Manager Brandon Hall (above) spoke of the services and products offered at the business.

Looking Ahead in Wayne

By Wes Blecke, City Administrator

City Council meetings

Regular Wayne City Council meetings are at 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 306 Pearl Street in Wayne City Hall.

Come be an active citizen participant in your City government!

Council retreat from March

The City Council held one of its "mini" retreats on March 29 at the Fire Hall. There were many issues discussed and direction given to staff to continue working toward Council's goals.

The Wayne Community Development Authority updated the Council on what it is working on with Seventh and Main redevelopment as well as other properties it owns. Much talk centered on facility needs, including transit space, parks and recreation and other space by other government and nonprofit entities.

City Transit was also discussed as to the possibilities of expanding hours, days and territory, and if this would be best for the City to expand or have another transit entity take over.

The Problem Resolution Team (PRT) process was discussed as well as who the Council wanted to allow to see make complaints.

The Council was also updated on water issues: the new transmission water main finally passed bacteria tests; and, staff will research how to protect our water mains from the CO2 pipeline being proposed.

The final topic regarded housing. The apartment project on Fourth Street was briefly discussed along with an incentive idea to give developers who are not eligible to TIF projects.

The next mini retreat will be held in May.

Water - Transmission Main

This is the update we have been waiting to announce. The new transmission water main finally passed all of its needed bacteria tests to end the City's mandatory chlorination order by the State.

Working with our original contractor, Rutjens, and engineer, JJE, the City made contact with a specialized company out of Texas

to disinfect our main. The company guaranteed they would get the test to pass...and they did!

The city will now voluntarily chlorinate for at least a few months. The city will have continued conversation whether we continue to chlorinate long term or take a chance to stop chlorinating and see how our routine samples go. The fear is that if we fail another test, the transmission main will be questioned again, and further testing will likely be needed.

I don't like the idea of chlorinating full time as Wayne has excellent water. But as restrictions at the state and federal level continue to get stricter, this might be the best solution for now.

Workforce Housing Incentive Plan: TIF 101 Presentation on April 26

The City has finished up its last step in the process to allow tax increment financing (TIF) for workforce housing.

Besides being located in a county of less than 100,000, a City has to have 1. A housing study no older than 24 months, and 2. A workforce housing incentive plan.

While the housing study was approved by the City Council on March 1, 2022, the Workforce Housing Incentive Plan was approved on April 5, 2022. This does not require the City to use TIF for workforce housing but gives it the option when working with housing developers.

"Workforce housing" is defined as an owner-occupied unit built for a maximum of \$275,000 or a rental housing unit built for no more than \$200,000 per unit. This potential incentive should assist housing developers to combat the ever rising costs of construction by being able to use construction costs as eligible expenses.

To learn more about TIF, I encourage you to attend a "TIF 101" session by the City's TIF attorney, Mike Bacon, on Tuesday, April 26 at 7 p.m. at the Wayne Senior Center. The public is more than welcome and encouraged to attend!

Questions, comments, concerns?

Contact Wes Blecke, City Administrator at (402) 375-1733 or wblecke@cityofwayne.org

Nebraska the Beautiful: Conserving our land without the heavy hand of federal government

In Nebraska, we know the importance of good stewardship. Our farmers and ranchers responsibly cultivate the land so future generations of Nebraskans can continue enjoying the Good Life for years to come. It's why, nearly one hundred years before Earth Day even began, J. Sterling Morton founded Arbor Day right here in Nebraska City. Our farmers and ranchers are the original conservationists.

Ag producers play a major role in our responsible stewardship of land and water. They use innovative planting and grazing techniques to reduce erosion and improve soil health. And inventions like the center pivot, the development of drought-resistant hybrid crops, and the use of precision irrigation have optimized our use of water resources. They've enabled Nebraska to maintain our portion of the Ogallala Aquifer within one foot of where it was in the 1950s - a sharp contrast to other states that have drained down the aquifer. In Colorado, it's down 15 feet.

Our innovative stewardship practices don't cost us in terms of production, either. While managing land and water resources, Nebraska has increased its strong role in nationwide beef production. Since the 1960s, our ranchers have contributed to a 66% increase in national beef production, while helping the U.S. beef industry reduce its carbon footprint by 40%. America now produces 18% of the world's beef with just 6% of the world's cattle.

Nebraska does all of this while being 97% privately owned. We conserve without the heavy hand of government. And our voluntary conservation of private property has had obvious success. U.S. News ranks Nebraska as the sixth-best state in the nation for the quality of our natural environment. In contrast, President Biden's home state of Delaware ranks the sixth worst, and it has the fourth-worst pollution in the country.

Nebraskans don't need the Biden-Harris Administration lecturing us on the environment. Our farmers, ranchers, businesses, and homeowners have proven their ability to responsibly use the natural resources

Five Nebraska Nature Nerd Trivia Nights scheduled

Grab your fellow nature nerds and join the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission as it hosts five Nebraska Nature Nerd Trivia Nights across the state May 18.

Nature is cool, so there is no shortage of topics questions could cover. Get your teams of no more than five players and be ready to compete for prizes. Registration is not required.

These events are for adults only and are free to attend with a purchase from the host brewery.

The Nebraska Nature Nerd Trivia Nights, which begin at 7 p.m., are at:

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North Platte - Pals Brewing Company, 4520 S. Buffalo Bill Ave.

For more information and or questions, email monica.macoubrie@nebraska.gov.



Gov. Pete Ricketts

we've been blessed with here in Nebraska.

Nevertheless, the Biden-Harris Administration continues to push a radical environmental agenda. The President is funneling funds to the EPA to extend federal control over land and water. His first month in office, President Biden issued an executive order calling for 30% of the nation's lands and waters to be conserved by 2030. The 30 x 30 policy calls for 440 million acres to be put in conservation by 2030. That's nine times the size of Nebraska.

Lands considered "conserved" under 30 x 30 include wetlands, wildlife reserves, state and national parks, and national monuments. The Biden Administration has expanded borders of existing conserved lands to reach their goal. This includes growing the Bears Ears National Monument by 85% and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument by 45%. Together, these monuments now give more than three million acres of land to federal control. But the Biden Administration is still hundreds of millions of acres short of 30%. There is no way for the Biden Administration to reach its goal by 2030 through these expansions alone. And they know it.

That's why federal agencies—and their environmentalist allies—are trying to convince landowners to voluntarily give up their property rights through conservation easements. These agreements pay landowners in exchange for putting their land into conservation. President Biden's proposed budget includes over \$300 million for conservation easements.

Here's how conservation easements work: federal government agencies, or radical environmental groups, make enticing offers to

farmers and ranchers to sign a contract to put land into conservation. Once signed, there's no going back. Unless the contract specifies a term limit, the easement is perpetual. Future generations of Nebraskans have no way to go back and revisit whether the land should remain in the easement. It is permanent.

I signed an executive order last year to better equip Nebraskans to resist 30 x 30. Among other actions, it prohibits using State agency discretionary resources to support projects involving perpetual conservation easements.

I also led a group of 15 governors to send a letter to President Biden, calling for transparency on the veiled 30 x 30 program. Since issuing his climate executive order over a year ago, the President has given no indication as to how he plans to achieve his goals. And our letter calling for answers remains unanswered.

In the face of soaring inflation, President Biden has proposed massive spending increases to support the goals of environmental extremists. His federal budget recommendation would balloon the size of the EPA, boosting its budget by 29% or about \$2.6 billion. This shows just how out of touch the Biden-Harris Administration is with normal Americans. At a time when families are struggling to make ends meet,

the President wants to use their hard-earned tax dollars to finance the projects of radical environmentalists and erode our private property rights.

President Biden should leave conservation to the pros - our farmers and ranchers. Instead, he should focus on reining in rampant federal spending that's led to record inflation and support policies that provide relief to American families.

As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day and the 52nd anniversary of Earth Day, remember the decades upon decades of conservation Nebraskans have practiced on our land. We can continue to feed the world and steward our land for future generations without the heavy hand of government.

I'll be celebrating this Earth Day by hosting the nation's first 30 x 30 summit in Lincoln. Here, national, state, and local leaders will come together to discuss voluntary conservation practices and how we can fight the Biden Administration's overreach to protect our private property rights for future generations. You can learn more about the summit at stop30x30.americanstewards.us.

If you have questions about Nebraska's strong conservation practices or the President's 30 x 30 plan, please email pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov or call (402) 471-2244.

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Ninety-nine percent of Northeast graduates find employment or continue their education

Northeast Community College graduates continue to find success by either obtaining employment in the workforce or continuing their education.

The College's new Graduate Report confirms that 99.5% of 2021 graduates either found jobs or continued their education. Of the graduates who found employment following graduation, 88% gained occupations in their field of study. The report also indicates that 90% of the graduates remained in Nebraska to work; 58% stayed in Northeast's 20 county service region.

Terri Heggemeyer, director of career services at Northeast, said the report paints an accurate picture as 95% of last year's 870 graduates responded to the survey.

"The graduate's updates reflected in this report are a true testament to Northeast's tagline – 'Success Starts Here,'" she said. "They are known for being well prepared, ambitious, and knowledgeable. In addition, the innovative and supportive faculty and staff encourage

students to learn, explore and grow. When everyone works together, the educational experience is one that allows graduates to leave with a solid foundation and make a difference in their futures."

Heggemeyer said the Career Services Office at Northeast works to connect jobs with qualified students throughout the College's over 130 programs and concentrations of study. Staff will email employment opportunities to relevant instructors, who then display the jobs in their classrooms, announce them to the class or email them directly to students.

A large majority of employers surveyed for the report by Northeast's Institutional Research and Analytics Department said they would consider hiring the graduates. Ninety-six percent of employers rated Northeast graduates as either excellent or good in their career program.

Dr. Leah Barrett, president, said workforce readiness resulting from a quality education is a top priority and a primary responsibility by

mission and by state statute. She is pleased that Northeast's most recent graduates serve as excellent examples of that work.

Assistant elementary principal is hired

By Clara Osten, clara@wayneherald.com

During a special meeting, the Wayne Community Schools' Board of Education approved the hiring of Johanna Osborn as the assistant Elementary Principal.

She and her family will be moving to Wayne in the near future and Superintendent Dr. Mark Lenihan said "she is looking forward to the position."

A virtual presentation was given by Bob Soukup with CWP Architects on the timeline the district would need to follow before presenting a bond issue to the voters for a renovation/building project.

He noted that the information he shared was a "general timeline and the district can slow down the plan and process to allow for an election in 2023."

He said the timeline needs to be developed backward, after a possible election date would be set.

The timeline includes having a number of community meetings to allow for tours of the buildings, come up with an architectural plan and develop a budget range.


He also encouraged the board to consider having a construction manager involved with the project to help set a timeline and establish a budget.


The Wayne Community Schools' Board of Education will next meet in regular session on Monday, May 9 at 5 p.m. in the junior-senior library.

"The 2021 Graduate Report is a comprehensive narrative of the success of our graduates as they begin their careers or continue with their education. It is also a reflection of Northeast's strategic direction," Barrett said. 'enVISION' is a comprehensive strategy that enforces the mission, defines the vision, articulates values, establishes priorities, and provides opportunities for each department at the College to identify clear goals and objectives. It allows Northeast to empower our graduates through the delivery of programs and services that supports their success, adds to our workforce and enhances the vitality of northeast Nebraska."

In addition to the Graduate Report, the Northeast Community College Career Services Office offers a variety of services to prepare students for today's workforce. This includes providing one-on-one advisement and personal attention to students as they look for employment; posts jobs daily to the Northeast on-line job board; assists with writing and completing resumes, cover letters, and applications, and offers lifetime employment assistance to alumni, among others.

The 2021 Northeast Community College Graduate Report may be accessed on the College's website at northeast.edu/career-services/graduate-report.






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Nebraska Craft Brewery Board seeks project proposals

Unique tastes and local connections make craft beers a popular choice in Nebraska. To help grow the state's hop and craft brewery industry, the Nebraska Craft Brewery Board is seeking project proposals from growers, industry organizations, state and local agencies, educational groups, and others.

This year, the Board anticipates allocating \$120,000 to fund research, development and marketing projects. The deadline to submit project proposals is Saturday, April 30.

"Craft breweries are good business for local communities as they create jobs, tax revenue and tourism in Nebraska," said Zac Triemert, Chair of the Nebraska Craft Brewery Board. "The demand for unique flavors and small-batch brews is driving the hop and craft brewery industry forward. These grants represent a big opportunity for those interested in growing Nebraska's craft beer industry."

In Nebraska, craft breweries are defined as small, independent breweries producing less than 20,000 barrels of beer per year. There are approximately 67 licensed brew pubs and micro-breweries in Ne-

braska. The state's Craft Brewery Board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor. The Board represents different aspects of the craft beer industry including brewers, manufacturers, distributors, consumers, and farmers growing barley and hops.

Those interested in receiving grant funds must submit a detailed proposal for review and approval by the Nebraska Craft Brewery Board. Applications, instructions, program guidelines and performance measures are available online at craft-breweryboard.nebraska.gov/application-instructions and must be submitted by April 30, 2022.

Project proposals must clearly explain how the funds will be used and how they will enhance the competitiveness of Nebraska's craft beer industry. Grant applicants will be asked to present their projects to the Nebraska Craft Brewery Board at the next meeting, May 12, 2022, beginning at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Casey Foster, Nebraska Department of Agriculture, at 402-471-4876, or by email at casey.foster@nebraska.gov.



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Quick response

Members of the Wayne Volunteer Fire Department responded to two calls last week. The photo above shows damage to an electric meter on a house on Windom Street. The fire on April 12 knocked out power to several homes in the area. City crews were able to restore power within a short time. A call was also received to St. Mary's Catholic Church on April 14 when a wooden cross caught fire in the church basement. No one was injured in either incident.



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→ **FRIDAY, MAY 6: York**

3:00–4:00 p.m.

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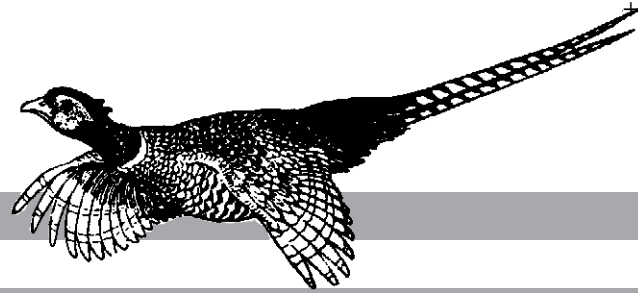
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Sports



Augie takes two of three from Wildcats

No. 15-ranked Augustana took two out of three from Wayne State in a pre-Easter series at Ronken Field in Sioux Falls, S.D.

In Friday's opener, the Vikings scored eight runs in the third inning while holding Wayne State to just four hits in an 11-3 decision.

The Vikings scored one run in the first for an early 1-0 advantage and broke the game open with eight runs in the third on seven hits and one WSC error for a 9-0 lead. Augustana ended their advantage to 10-0 in the fifth with one more run.

Wayne State got on the board in the sixth when Andrew Hanson singled to center field with two outs and came home on a Chris Cornish double to center field. WSC added another run in the top of the eighth when Conner Fiene reached on a lead-off walk and later scored on a sacrifice fly by Noah Roberts.

Augustana made the score 11-2 in the bottom of the eighth and WSC closed the scoring in the ninth when Colin Lynam doubled and scored when Chase Douglas reached on a Viking error.

Cornish and Colin Lynam each doubled while Hanson and Travis Baily each recorded singles. Freshman starter Jackson Shelburne (2-5) was one of five Wildcat pitchers in the contest and suffered the loss in two innings of work.

On Saturday, senior lefthander Andrew Staebell fired a second straight complete game, holding Augustana to one run on five hits with seven strikeouts, to power Wayne State in a 2-1 win before the Vikings rebounded for a 6-4 in the nightcap.

The story of the opener was the performance from Staebell, who fired another complete game win while improving to 4-0 on the season in just his third career start and second straight start this season.



Scoreless entering the fourth, WSC got on the board when Cornish homered over the center field wall for a 1-0 Wildcat lead.

The Vikings evened the score in the bottom of the fifth on a solo homer to make the score 1-1, but WSC scored the game winning run in the top of the sixth when Alex Logelin singled to left field, stole second, advanced to third on a throwing error by the Augustana catcher and came home on a second Viking error in the field. Staebell kept the Viking bats in check over the final two frames to seal the win.

WSC had just three hits in the win, led by a solo homer from Cornish. Logelin singled and scored one run while Hanson also singled. Staebell struck out seven while allowing just one run on five hits.

The second game saw Augustana build a 6-0 lead, then hold off a Wildcat rally to salvage the split.

Wayne State started their rally with a three-run sixth inning. Noah Roberts opened the inning with a single followed by a double to left center field by Logelin. Both players scored on a single up the middle from Hanson with Hanson later scoring on a RBI single from Colin Lynam.

The 'Cats got the tying run to the plate in the ninth inning before the late rally fell short. Nick Barnett was hit by a pitch to open the inning. Conner Fiene walked and

Cam Madsen singled with one out to load the bases. Pinch-runner Nate Sailors scored on a sacrifice fly by Roberts to make the score 6-4 with Fiene moving to third and Madsen to second. Augustana then got Logelin to fly out to right field ending the game.

Colin Lynam went 2-for-4 with a double with Logelin going 2-for-5 with a double. Roberts added two singles while Fiene also doubled. Starting pitcher Kean Allen (3-2) was tagged with the pitching loss, charged with six runs (three earned) on nine hits. Reliever Josh Renken fired three scoreless innings to close the game, allowing just one hit with two strikeouts.

In midweek action, Wayne State rallied from a 7-0 deficit in the sixth inning and needed to hold off a Bulldog rally in the 11th inning to hang on for a wild 15-14 11-inning win to gain a split of a Northern Sun Conference baseball doubleheader with Minnesota Duluth on a chilly Tuesday morning and afternoon Duluth, Minn.

The opener saw the Bulldogs score six runs in the first two innings on their way to an 8-2 win over the Wildcats.

After UMD scored three in the first for a 3-0 advantage, WSC got one run back in the top of the second on a Tyler Essink RBI single that brought home Lynam, who singled earlier, to reduce the Bulldog lead to 3-1.

The Bulldogs responded quickly with three runs on four hits in the bottom of the second to chase Wildcat starter Brody Sintek. UMD added two more runs in the fifth for an 8-1 lead with WSC scoring the final run of the contest in the sixth inning when Essink delivered a sacrifice fly to score Lynam.

Lynam was 3-for-4 with two runs scored to lead WSC. Hanson

and Fiene each doubled while Logelin, Chase Douglas and Essink each singled with Essink recording both Wildcat RBIs. Sintek (3-3) was tagged with the pitching loss in 1 2/3 innings of work, charged with six runs on seven hits. Ryan Petersen worked 2 1/3 innings of scoreless relief while Cade Herrmann and Nick Oden also saw action in relief.

The second game saw the host Bulldogs jump out to another early lead, 7-0 after five innings, but the Wildcats stormed back and survived wild 10th and 11th innings to get the hard-earned win.

The Bulldogs opened the scoring with a two-run homer in the second for a 2-0 lead and produced four more runs in the second, aided by another two-run blast, for a 6-0 Bulldog lead.

UMD belted a third homer in the fifth for a 7-0 lead before WSC would get on the scoreboard in the sixth with a pair of runs to cut the Bulldog lead to 7-2. Wayne State got three straight hits to open the inning, a single from Roberts, double by Logelin and a two-run double down the left field line by Hanson.

The score remained 7-2 until the eighth when WSC scored four runs to make the score 7-6. Cornish had an RBI double and Cade Lynam an RBI single for key hits in the inning. In the ninth, Hanson doubled down the right field line and with two outs scored on a Colin Lynam triple to even the score at 7-7.

The game went extra innings and WSC jumped on top early with three runs in the top of the 10th for a 10-7 lead. Roberts and Logelin had RBI triples while Hanson added an RBI single. But UMD countered with three runs in the bottom of the frame sending the game to the 11th knotted at 10-10.

The 11th inning saw WSC record just one hit while scoring five runs to take a 15-10 lead. The 'Cats took advantage of three walks and a hit batter with Hanson's bases-loaded triple the lone Wildcat hit in the inning.

UMD came back again, using a pair of hit batters, a double and triple to cut the WSC lead to 15-13. Ryan Petersen, the third Wildcat pitcher of the inning, came on got out of a bases-loaded jam with one out and used an infield fly and line out to left field to end the game.

Hanson ended 6-for-7 with two triples, two doubles and six RBI to pace the 'Cats at the plate. Colin Lynam was 4-for-4 with a triple while Logelin went 3-for-7 with a double and triple. Kean Allen, the fourth of six WSC pitchers in the game, picked up the win, improving to 3-1 on the year. Petersen worked a scoreless 11th inning to collect the save.

Wayne State (16-16 10-9 NSIC) will host William Jewell College in a non-conference nine-inning game in Wayne Tuesday at 1 p.m. They travel to Sioux Falls for a three-game weekend series Saturday and Sunday before returning home for a Wednesday doubleheader with Winona State.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Wayne State golfer Mekky Winyarat watches her putt on the eighth hole during the Wildcat Women's Golf Classic last week at Wayne Country Club. she finished the two-day tournament with a 156, placing ninth.

Wildcats third in home invitational

Wayne State College shot a final round 314 in windy conditions Tuesday at the Wayne Country Club to finish third out of 10 teams at the Wildcat Women's Golf Classic.

The Wildcats finished the two-day tournament with a 36-hole total of 626 shooting rounds of 312 and 314. Nebraska-Kearney won the team title with a 615 (306-309) followed by Concordia-St. Paul in second place at 622 (306-316).

Freshman Abigail Brodersen was the top Wildcat finisher, tied for sixth overall in a field of 71 players with a 36-hole score of 155 after shooting rounds of 76 and 79.

Sophomore Mekky Winyarat tied for ninth overall with a 156 (75-81)

while sophomore Jazmine Taylor was one shot back in 16th place overall at 157 after recording scores of 81 and 76.

Rounding out Wayne State team scoring were sophomore Abbey Kurmel at 158, tied for 17th with rounds of 80 and 78; while sophomore Tricia Hemann tied for 39th overall with a 169 (85-84).

Playing as individuals, sophomore Viktoria Bortkiewicz-Hamelin placed 24th with a 161 (78-83) and junior Paige Peters shot a final round 84 and moved up to a tie for 50th overall with a 173 (89-84).

Wayne State will compete at the 2022 Northern Sun Conference Championships in Smithville, Mo., April 22-24.

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Blue Devil baseball picks up trio of wins

The Wayne High baseball team picked up a trio of wins last week to improve to 9-4 on the season.

On Tuesday, the Blue Devils rode the five-RBI effort of James Dorcey to a 13-3 win over Thurston-Cumming County in action at Hank Overin Field.

The Blue Devils scored in all five innings, capping the 10-run-rule win with a four-run fifth inning that ended with an RBI triple by Kaleb Moormeier.

James Dorcey had three hits, including two doubles, and five RBI's to lead Wayne's nine-hit effort. Moormeier had two hits while Gavin Redden doubled and Devin Anderson, Brooks Kneiff and Brandon Bartos added singles.

Wyatt Heikes pitched four solid innings, allowing one hit and three walks while striking out four.

On Thursday, the Blue Devils hit the road and came away with a 6-1 win over St. Paul.

Wayne led 3-0 after two innings and put the game out of reach with a three-run sixth inning, using a pair of suicide-squeeze bunts by Moormeier and Bartos, and an RBI single by Redden to record the big



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Toby Braun lines a triple to help the Wayne High baseball team to a 4-1 win over Platteview in action Monday at Hank Overin Field.

inning.

Redden had two hits and two RBI's to lead Wayne's offense. Dorcey, Heikes and Toby Braun each added singles in the winning effort. Dorcey got the win in relief of Brooks Kneiff, pitching four solid innings with six strikeouts and two hits allowed. Kneiff struck out four in two innings of work.

Wayne played host to Platteview on Monday, coming away with a 4-1 win over the Trojans.

The Blue Devils got all they would need in the first inning, scoring two runs. Redden walked and moved to second on a wild pitch, setting up Devin Anderson's RBI bunt single that scored Redden. Anderson would later come home on a

bases-loaded walk to make it 2-0.

Anderson would score again in the third on a wild pitch, and Wayne added another run in the fourth when Toby Braun tripled and scored on a fielder's choice by Redden.

Anderson had two of Wayne's five hits in the contest, while Braun, Redden and Aiden Liston also had hits. Kneiff went the distance, striking out 10 and allowing three hits and two walks.

The Blue Devils are on the road this week. They played at Twin River on Tuesday and will be at Omaha South on Thursday before competing in the Seward Invitational on Saturday. They are back home Monday to host Norfolk.



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Outfielder Devin Anderson gets in front of a Platteview base hit during action Monday at Hank Overin Field. The Blue Devils outlasted Platteview in a 4-1 decision.

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Allen Community Information

Clean-Up Week
The Village of Allen Clean-Up Week has been set for May 10-13. The village will have three roll-off containers in the lot across from the Fire hall.

During that time, residents may bring the items they want to get rid of and put into the containers provided. Please put the tires and batteries in designated area and not in the containers. This is only for Village of Allen utility customers.

The village will not be going around town to pick up items, you must bring them to the containers yourselves. If you have sticks or branches you want picked up, the seventh and eighth grade will be picking them up if they are at the curb on May 12 and taking them to the dump for you. That is all they

will pick up — branches and sticks if at the curb. They will not clean up yards.

If you have any questions, contact a Village board member or the Village Office.

Allen Senior Center

Weekly Menu

Monday, April 25: Chili hot dog, macaroni & cheese, baked beans.

Tuesday, April 26: Pork cutlets, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, applesauce.

Wednesday, April 27: Chicken Alfredo, broccoli, side salad, mixed fruit.

Weekly Activities

Friday, April 22: Making May Day Baskets.

Friday, April 29: Game Day.

Allen Consolidated Schools

"Making a Difference" Contest
The Allen Consolidated School Middle School students, in grades fifth-eighth, were notified last week that the community service which

they did in spring 2021 was one of the winners in KTIV's "Making a Difference" contest.

This qualified the students to spend a day at Arnolds Park on May 17.

Students picked up trash along Allen's streets, worked in the Tree Grove picking up trash, removing broken limbs, and planting the last replacement tree for the removed dead Scotch Pine trees, planting flowers in the planters along main street, and distributing two loads of wood chips in the park.

A narrated power point which included many pictures of the student activities was submitted mid-February, and Ron Demars, KTIV's chief weatherman, notified the students virtually of winning this honor.

Weekly Events

Thursday, April 21: NSCAS Testing. High School Golf at Norfolk, 9 a.m.; NJAS Science Fair, 9 a.m.;

High School Track, Ponca, 4 p.m.

Friday, April 22: NSCAS Testing.

District Music at South Sioux City. All choir members load at 6:45 a.m. All band members load at 7:45 a.m.

Next Week's Events:
Monday, April 25: PK - sixth Grade Spring Concert, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26: High School Track at Ponca, 3 p.m.; High School Golf Dual at Wakefield vs Homer, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 27: Senior Class Pictures, Small Groups and Val/Sal

Allen Community Churches
First Lutheran Church

Birthdays:
Sunday, April 24: Richard Olesen.

Tuesday, April 26: Heidi Keil.

Anniversaries:
Monday, April 25: Dwight and Ronnie Gotch.



Allen Community Schools' fourth graders (last year), now fifth graders working in the Tree Grove. This work helped to earn them KTIV's "Making a Difference Award". They included (left) Axton Olsufka, Hank Niemann, Kayden Gustman, Mason Rastede, Carter McNear, Cora Ridenour, Logan Kraemer, Ellise Niemann, Aybree Graves, Kaelyn Ankeny and Leah Johnson.



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April 19, 1962

Hahn hobby show displays artistic skills

Grand champions of the Hahn hobby show display parts of their exhibits which won top honors Friday in the seven different divisions. Competing were Lynne Grein, shellcraft; Kristine Hanson, coin collection; Jerry Miles, papier mache airplane; Dennis Ellermeier, rock collection; Cynthia Stevens, doll collection; Allen Koskan, model collection for which he was named champion of the champions; and Matt Davies, creative writing.

The show was sponsored by the two hobby clubs, the Dopes and Do-ers and the Stick-To-ers, which are among Hahn's weekly special interest groups. The entries represented 130 of the school's 195 elementary pupils.

April 20, 1972

Concord Church Undergoes Complete Facelifting Job

Remodeling on the Concordia Lutheran Church at Concord began this week with the removal of the old pews and the painting of the sanctuary.

The project was approved in a special congregational meeting held Feb. 27. It will consist of painting and carpeting the sanctuary as well as the installation of new padded pews.

The painting contract was awarded to Finley's of Laurel, the carpeting to King's Carpet of Wayne. The pews have been purchased from the Stoddard Church Furnishing House of Beatrice.

Sunday worship services are presently being held at the Concord school auditorium.

Primary department Sunday school classes continue to be held in the church basement. Other classes have been temporarily shifted to the school auditorium and the parsonage.

April 22, 1982

Kent recognizes Wayne G&F

Wayne Grain & Feed Co., Wayne, Nebraska, was recognized recently at an award banquet in So. Sioux City. The firm was cited for its outstanding sales and service during 1981 by Kent Feeds Inc., Muscatine, Iowa.

The award was presented by Kent's executive vice president and general manager, Rich Severson, to Clarence Beck, Dean Schram, Lynn Gamble, and Brian Frevert.

Nineteen banquets were held throughout Kent's marketing area with a total attendance of over 3,000. Kent has been sponsoring these banquets for 31 years.

Kent Feeds serves feed dealers and livestock and poultry producers in a 12-state area.

Manufacturing and distribution facilities are located in Sioux City, Esterville, Waterloo, Altoona, and Muscatine, Iowa; Rockford and Beardstown, Illinois; Marshall, Missouri; Logansport, Indiana; and Columbus, Nebraska.

April 18, 2002

April is School Library Media Month

Most people think "public" when they think of libraries. But there's another library that's just as important for children.

Today's school library media center is key to teaching students not just to read but to learn the skills they need to seek, evaluate and use information throughout their lives. In fact, research shows students from schools with professionally-staffed, fully-equipped libraries score higher on achievement tests.

April is School Library Media Month and the American Library Association aims to remind parents of the important role of the library media center in preparing children and teens to live and work in a information society.

According to Ann K. Symons, president of the American Library Association and a school librarian from Juneau, Alaska, today's best school libraries are much more than a room full of books. They are dynamic learning centers staffed by school library media specialists who teach children the skills they need to find and evaluate information from a variety of sources, including books, newspapers, the Internet, television and other media.

April 21, 2012

Dr. Recob gets New Physician Award

Dr. Samuel Recob recently received the prestigious Charles F. Ashby New Family Physician Scholarship and Award.

This scholarship is given in Dr. Ashby's memory on a yearly basis to two new Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians practicing in Nebraska. The intent of the scholarship is to assist new family physicians as they begin their Family Medicine practice in Nebraska.

Dr. Patrick Hotovy, National Academy Family Physicians Foundation President, presented Dr. Recob with the award at the NAFF banquet on March 30. The event was held in conjunction with the Academy's 64th Annual Meeting and Scientific Assembly in Lincoln at the Holiday Inn Downtown. Dr. Recob's wife, Jessica, attended the banquet with Dr. Recob.

Dr. Recob joined the American Academy of Family Physicians/Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians in July of 2011.

Today, family physicians provide more care for America's underserved and rural populations than any other medical specialty. Family medicine's cornerstone is an ongoing, personal patient-physician relationship focused on integrated care.

Dr. Recob practices at Laurel and Wayne Mercy Medical Clinics and has been with the group since January 2010.

Dr. Aaron Lanik of Hebron also received the award.

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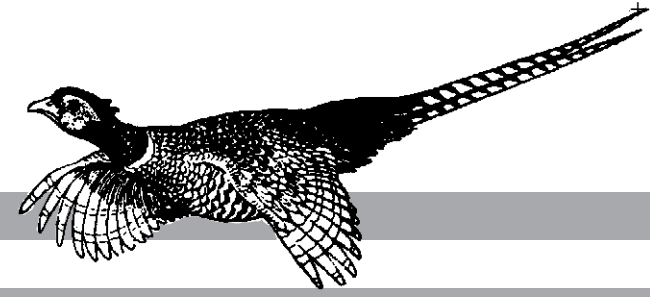
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You might be wondering what is so exciting about oceans. After all, Nebraska is a land-locked state. However, I'm sure you are familiar with the Missouri River that borders the East side of our state. This river meets up with the Mississippi River and empties out into the Gulf of Mexico.

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Check out go.unl.edu/imagination for access to the guides and a listing of upcoming workshops to learn more about implementing these guides in your setting.

If you have questions or would like additional resources, please contact your local Extension office, Sarah Roberts at sarah.roberts@unl.edu, or Jackie Steffen at jstefen2@unl.edu.



Winners of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Art Contest for students in grades three through six for the Wayne FOE Arie #3757 included (left) River Butts, second place; Angel Paredes, third place and Paxton Miller, fourth place. All are in the sixth grade at Pender Public Schools. The announcement was made at a previous Eagles Auxiliary meeting.

Eagles Auxiliary holds April meeting

The Wayne Eagles Aux met April 18 with President DeeAnn Behlers presiding.

The Early Dues Payment drawing will be extended till May 15 due to the Grand Auxiliary not getting out the notices on time. Those who pay dues before May 15 will have their name in a drawing for two Aerie Steak Dinners.

There will be no Steak Fry on Saturday, May 7 due to a Wayne State College graduate rental of the Social Room.

On Saturday, May 7 the Auxiliary will be selling Walking Tacos for \$5 at Bomgaars from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Anyone who is able to help is asked to contact Monica Greve.

On Saturday, June 4 the newly purchased Karaoke machine will be up and running to celebrate the Wayne Eagles 45th Anniversary.

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The next meeting will be Monday, May 2 at 7 p.m.

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ACME Club celebrates Guest Day

ACME Club met on Monday, April 4, 2022, at The Table for lunch with six guests in attendance as the club celebrated Guest Day.

Bonnadell Koch greeted the guests as she called the meeting to order. Betty Wittig gave the Thought for the Day as follows, "The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new."

Each guest was introduced by the member who had invited them to share the day with them. Six guests were in attendance for the luncheon and to help celebrate the donation of a replacement globe given to the Wayne City Library with sponsorship funds from Thrivent.

Everyone was invited to sign an Easter card for Joanne and Fritz Temme to be delivered to them at Kinship Pointe for this year's Easter celebration.

President Bonnadell Koch explained some of the amazing things that ACME Club has done over its 137 years and invited each guest to consider becoming a member.

Guests included Karen Zach, Ellen Heineman, Arlyss Temme, Ollie Archambault, Melia Hefti and Doris Meyer. Each guest left with a cup and flowering plant as a remembrance of the day. All in attendance noted that the noon meal and day out with friends was a "wonderful treat."

Skin is the largest organ in the human body, but it's easy to take it for granted. Unless we notice pain or itching or funny spots, most people don't give it much thought.

However, the skin is critically important. It helps regulate our body temperature and fluid and electrolyte balance. It provides us critical information about our environment, and it protects us from invasion by the sea of germs we encounter every day. Some of the sickest patients doctors ever treat are those who have had significant skin loss,

or dangerous exposures.

The skin itself is subject to diseases. Genetics plays a role in conditions like eczema and psoriasis. Sometimes our habits can set the stage for skin problems. Sun exposure increases the risk of skin cancer, but it also accelerates the development of wrinkles. Smoking does, too.

So, what can we do to protect our skin, especially as summer approaches?

One big step is to protect it from the sun. Sunscreen is very useful! Use one that blocks both UVA and UVB light. Choose SPF 30 or higher, and don't forget to re-apply every two hours. Most sunscreens break down when exposed to the sun, so even if you are wearing SPF100 it won't last through the afternoon. Sunscreen takes about 15 minutes to bind to your skin and protect you, so put it on before you head out. Use enough: the average adult needs at least a shot glass worth for each application. One bottle might not last your family through the whole weekend at the lake. Water resistance is useful, but sunscreen is never truly waterproof, so re-apply after swimming or sweating. Ultraviolet light penetrates cloud cover, so sunscreen is important even on overcast days. Don't forget your lips: many skin cancers develop there, so wear lip balm with SPF.

Sunscreen isn't the only protective measure you can take. Consider the tried-and-true approach of covering up. Wear long sleeves and wide brimmed hats. Stay inside, if you can, especially during the parts of the day with the most direct sunlight.

Your skin has a big job, protecting you from the environment. You can return the favor, and protect it, too.

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Senior Center Congregate Meal Menu

(Week of April 25 — 29)

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Monday: Barbecue chicken hindquarter, party potatoes, dilled carrots, dinner roll, fruit salad.

Tuesday: Ham balls, stewed tomatoes, baked potato, dinner roll, peaches.

Wednesday: Special drawing by Kinship Pointe. Turkey tetrazzini, Italian peas, biscuit, shortcake with strawberries.

Thursday: Sliced pork roast, mashed potatoes, sour kraut or three-bean salad, homemade rye bread, hidden lime gelatin salad with pears.

Friday: Fine Dining with Kinship Pointe. Chili soup, honey corn bread, relish sticks, fruit pie.



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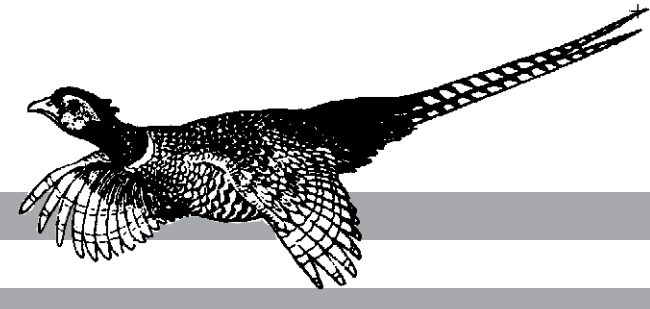
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Thursday: National Youth Gathering Meeting, 6:30 p.m. **Friday:** Youth Movie Night, 6:30 p.m. **Saturday:** Family Communion, 4 p.m. **Sunday:** Worship Service with Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School & Bible Class, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday Night Dinner, 7:30 p.m. **Monday:** . **Wednesday:** Bell

Choir, 5 p.m.; Midweek, 6:30 p.m.; High School Class, 7:45 p.m. **Saturday:** Family Communion, 4 p.m. **Sunday:** Worship Service with Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School & Bible Class, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday Night Dinner, 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday: Christians Hour on KTCH, 8:45 a.m. Worship service, 9 and 10:30 a.m. Online services will continue to be offered until further notice; Sunday School for preschool through eighth grade, 9 a.m. **Saturday:** Family Game Night, 6:30 p.m.

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Transitional Pastor Jim Splitt
Associate Transitional Pastor, Debra Valentine
Thursday: OWL's Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.; Friday: Earth Day. **Saturday:** Worship Service, 5:30 p.m. **Sunday:** Fellowship Hour, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 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:** Joyful Noise, 6 p.m. **Thursday:** Bible Study at Kinship Pointe, 10:30 a.m. **Saturday:** Wayne Food Truck at Journey Christian Church, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 5:30 p.m. **Sunday:** Fellowship 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.
Thursday: College Night, Holy Family Hall; Mass 8 p.m. **Friday:** Mass, 8:15 a.m. **Saturday:** Mass, with special collection for Greenwood Cemetery, 5 p.m. **Sunday:** Mass, with special collection for Greenwood Cemetery, 8 and 10 a.m.; Easter Egg Hunt following 10 a.m. Mass; FOCUS, Holy Family Hall, 5 p.m.; Mass at 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. **Wednesday:** Mass, 5:15 p.m.; English Class, rectory, 5:30 p.m.; Spring Concert; WINGS, Holy Family Hall, 7 p.m.; Newman Council, rectory, 8 p.m. **Thursday:** Gathering Group, 12:15 p.m.; Pastoral Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.; College Night, Holy Family Hall; Mass, 8 p.m. **Friday:** Mass, 8:15 a.m. **Saturday:** Wayne Food Truck at Journey Christian Church, 9:30 a.m.; Mass, 5 p.m. **Sunday:** Mass, 8 and 10 a.m.; Mass at 7 p.m.

Allen

FIRST LUTHERAN
(Vicar Deb Hammer)
(402) 635-2461
502 S. Highway 9, Allen
www.firstlutheranallen.com
Sunday: Holy Humor Sunday. Worship Service with Special Offering for Ukraine, 8:30 a.m. **Wednesday:** Confirmation Class, 7 p.m. **Friday-Saturday:** Vicar at PMA Convocation.

UNITED METHODIST
(Pastor Cathy Cole)
Sunday: Worship service, 9 a.m. Service available on YouTube.com.

Carroll

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
(Alexander Blanken, pastor)
Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter. Pastor available for communion at 7:30 a.m.; Divine Service with Communion, 8 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
202 Ericson Street, Carroll
(Pastor Nick Baker)
Thursday: Maundy Thursday Service in Carroll, 7 p.m. **Friday:** Good Friday Service in Wayne, 7 p.m. **Sunday:** Sunrise Service in Carroll, 7 a.m.; Easter Breakfast in Wayne, 9 a.m.; Easter Egg Hunt in Wayne, 10:15 a.m. **Tuesday:** Carroll Advisory Board meeting, 7 p.m. **Wednesday:** Confirmation class in Carroll, 7 p.m.

Concord

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN
(Vicar Deb Hammer)
(402) 584-2467
616 Iowa Street, Concord
www.concordialutheranelca.com
Sunday: Holy Humor Sunday. Worship Service with Special Offering for Ukraine, 10:15 a.m. **Wednesday:** Confirmation Class, 7 p.m.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
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(Pastor Willie Bertrand)
Sunday: Worship service, 8 a.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)
Sunday: Mass at St. Anne's in Dixon, 8 a.m.; Mass with First Communion at St. Mary's in Laurel, 10 a.m. NOTE: This is a change in time for this week only. **Wednesday:** Mass at St. Mary's in Laurel, 8 a.m. **Thursday:** Mass at St. Mary's in Laurel, 8 a.m. **Friday:** Mass at Mary's in Laurel, 8 a.m.

Hoskins

PEACE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

(Pastor Clark Jenkinson)
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

TRINITY EVANG LUTHERAN
(Rodney Rixe, pastor)
Sunday: Worship service, 10 a.m.

Wakefield

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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.

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.

SALEM LUTHERAN
411 Winter Street
Saturday: Saturday evening worship with Deb Lundahl, 5:30 p.m. **Sunday:** Choir Practice, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship with Deb Lundahl, 10:30 a.m. **Tuesday:** Quilters, 4 p.m. **Wednesday:** Confirmation, 4:30 p.m.; Jr. SYL, 5:30 p.m.; SLY Meal, 6:30 p.m.; HS SLY, 7 p.m.; Bell Choir, 7 p.m. **Saturday:** Worship service with Vernae Luhr, 5:30 p.m. **Sunday:** Choir Practice, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship service with Vernae Luhr, 10:30 a.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: Second Sunday of Easter. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Divine Service, 10:30 a.m. Divine Service, 10:30 a.m.; The service will also be live on Facebook at 10:30 a.m. and available any time after that. **Thursday:** Stanton Nursing Home, 2 p.m.; Women's Group, 6:30 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN
206 Miner Street
(PMA Glenn Kietzmann)
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Commentary 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.

Pro-Life seminar planned

"Abortion: From Debate to Dialogue" is the topic of a Justice For All (JFA) interaction pro-life seminar to be held in Wayne. The event will be held Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Gardner Hall, Room 108 on the Wayne State College campus. The event is designed to help attendees learn how to start a conversation with a pro-choice advocate and make it productive, as well as learn how to respond to common pro-choice arguments, all within the context of "being a good ambassador for Christ." The event is free and open to the public with the goal of "joining JFA's mission of changing hearts and saving lives through conversations with your friends and neighbors." To register, go to jfaweb.org/register or call (316) 683-6426.

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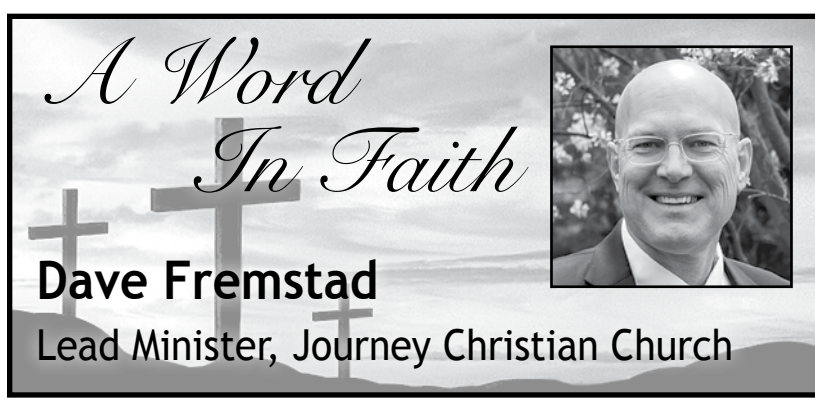
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There's something about a fire that makes a person just want to stare at it. If you've ever sat around a campfire you know it can be quite relaxing to simply stare into the coals, and watch the fire burn low. On the other hand, if we see something that's on fire around town we want to go investigate and watch, not because it's relaxing, but because we are curious. Fire has a way of drawing us in. I think it's safe to say that if any one of us saw a bush that was on fire, yet was not being consumed, we would want to investigate. That would peak our curiosity enough for us to turn aside and go have a look.

That sense of curiosity is what brings Moses to stand in front of a particular bush. This bush was in the southern tip of the Sinai peninsula and it was on fire, yet it was not being consumed. As Moses comes up to the bush he has an encounter with God who calls to him and says, "The cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt" (Exodus 3:9-10 NIV).

God is calling him to a mission and giving him a purpose. What Moses did next is exactly what many of us would do. He started making excuses not to go. In these excuses we can see a little bit of our ourselves.



His excuses include: I'm a nobody; I don't know your (God's) name; the leaders will not believe me; and a lack of communication skills. His final excuse is probably my favorite, "Please send someone else" (Exodus 4:10). When all else fails, he says to go get someone else to do it. Sounds a lot like us doesn't it? When a ministry opportunity comes up and we are asked to serve in some capacity we quick often slip into our default mode which includes an emphatic "no" along with a few other excuses. As a pastor, I often ask people to step up and meet a variety of needs. It could be anything from preparing a meal, cleaning, or even speaking in front of the congregation. Over the years I've heard my fair share of excuses: "I'm not qualified. I've never done that before. I'm not a teacher, preacher or public speaker." We all tend to be quick with the excuse. On and

on the list goes until we finally just say, "Get someone else to do it." For Moses, it was one "but God" excuse after another. With each excuse God essentially says, "just look at me, keep your eye on me." The excuses Moses gave were self-centered and focused on his own weaknesses, and each time God says it's not about you Moses, it's about me. With each rebuttal God's redirects his focus towards himself, the I AM. There is a great lesson in this for us today. When needs arise, when we are called upon to serve, when we are asked to step outside our comfort zones, let's take the focus off of our perceived shortcomings and look towards the I AM, the Lord God Almighty.

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

ALLEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (April 25 - 29)
Monday: Breakfast — Biscuit & gravy. Lunch — Ham & scalloped potatoes, peas, tea roll, vegetable, fruit.
Tuesday: Breakfast — Omelet. Lunch — Sloppy Joe, green beans, cookie, vegetable, fruit.
Wednesday: Breakfast — French toast. Lunch — Chicken strips, mashed potatoes with gravy, tea roll, vegetable, fruit.
Thursday: Breakfast — Chocolate donut. Lunch — Barbecue pork on a bun, baked beans, chips, vegetable, fruit.
Friday: Breakfast — Pancakes. Lunch — Pepperoni pizza, corn, ice cream, vegetable, fruit.
 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 (April 25 - 29)
Monday: Breakfast — Pop Tarts. Lunch — Philly sub sandwich.
Tuesday: Breakfast — Dutch waffle. Lunch — Breaded chicken sandwich.
Wednesday: Breakfast — Mini French toast. Lunch — Spaghetti.
Thursday: Breakfast — Egg basket. Lunch — Mini corn dogs.
Friday: Breakfast — Donut. Lunch — Pulled pork.

WAKEFIELD SCHOOLS (April 25 - 29)
Monday: Breakfast — Belgium waffles, sausage, oranges. Lunch — Pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, applesauce.
Tuesday: Breakfast — Sausage, egg & cheese biscuit, kiwi. Lunch — Orange chicken, egg roll, fried rice, fresh fruit.
Wednesday: Breakfast — French toast sticks, eggs, applesauce. Lunch — Tavern, French fries, peaches.

WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS and ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY (April 25 - 29)
Monday: Breakfast — Scrambled eggs. Lunch — Sloppy Joe, bun, baked beans, broccoli, mixed fruit.
Tuesday: Breakfast — Coffee cake. Lunch — Hot ham 'n cheese, bun, sweet potato fries, carrots, strawberries.
Wednesday: Breakfast — Breakfast burrito. Lunch — Creamed turkey, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, broccoli, apple.
Thursday: Breakfast — Pan-

cakes. Lunch — Wayne County beef patty on a bun, carrots, green beans, applesauce.
Friday: Breakfast — Cinnamon rolls. Lunch — Pizza quesadilla, lettuce, cauliflower, pears.
 Chef salad is optional for K-12. Milk served with every meal. Menu subject to change.

WINSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS (April 25 - 29)
Monday: Breakfast — French toast. Lunch — Pork nachos, refried beans, fruit, churro.
Tuesday: Breakfast — Cook's Choice. Lunch — Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, fruit, roll.
Wednesday: Breakfast — Omelet. Lunch — Hoagie sandwich, vegetable, fruit.
Thursday: Breakfast — Cereal. Lunch — Spaghetti, vegetable, fruit, garlic bread.
Friday: Breakfast — Sausage. Lunch — Chicken patty on bun, fries, 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.

Grace Ladies Aid gathers

Grace Lutheran Ladies Aid met on April 13 with 14 members in attendance. President Mary Lou Erxleben opened the business meeting by leading the group speaking the LWML Pledge. Christian Growth Chairman Rhonda Sebade read a devotion from the Lutheran Hour called the Suffering Servant talking about Jesus hanging on the cross between two criminals and how Jesus changed the hearts of the criminals and saving both.

Lou shared information about Propelling the Gospel - LAMP Ministry Inc. Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots (LAMP) focuses on taking the Gospel to Indigenous people in northern Canada. Each year, hundreds of volunteer missionaries from the United States travel to remote areas to teach Vacation Bible School to thousands of children using transportation provided by LAMP. The organization uses small airplanes to get these missionaries to these remote areas and need to update their technology with more advanced GPS systems.

The District Convention will be July 22-23 in Columbus. Two delegates and two alternates are needed by June 15. There were no birthdays for this month. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. After the meeting, the ladies assembled hygiene kits that will be taken to Orphan Grain Train for the Ukrainian Relief project. They will continue to collect and assemble these kits until they have 80 in recognizing the 80th anniversary of the LWML.

Roll call was taken. Minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was filed for audit. Correspondence was shared from Lutheran Bible Translators, an e-mail from Janet Borchard stated that she would be retiring at the end of August but had finished the book of Genesis in the Ipi language and was working on the books of Ruth and Jonah. A thank you letter from Halie Heithold was read. A letter from Joy Markus, a missionary to Muslims in Michigan, stated she would like to share her life story. She works with POBLO Ministries which is a partner of the LWML. An invitation was read for the Spring Workshop which will be held at Hope Lutheran Church, South Sioux City on Tuesday, April 26 with registration from 9 - 9:15 a.m. The theme will be "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus" from Hebrews 12:2. Mission Grant: President Mary

Committee reports: Easter cards were sent to shut-ins and home bound church members. Six quilts were tied in March. UPC labels were collected. Confirmants: Tatted bookmark crosses were made by Betty Wittig and given to the confirmants. Old and new business: Ellen Heinemann has volunteered to be Vice President for 2022. The Spring Workshop will be April 26 at Hope in South Sioux City and members attending will meet at the church at 8 a.m. to car-pool together. In-gathering for the workshop is for the two Food Banks at both seminaries. We will give \$100 toward this in-gathering. Fauneil Bennett informed the group about a World Relief project for fabric kits. More information will be gathered and the item will be discussed at the next meeting.

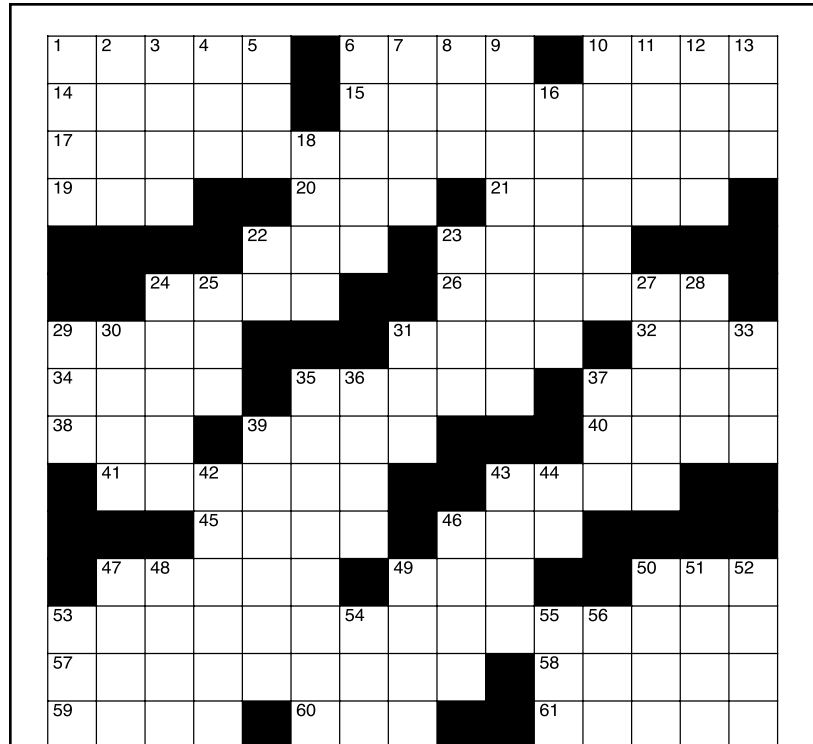
Senior Center Calendar

(Week of April 25 - 29)
 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.
Tuesday: Morning Walking; Quilting; Visit with Stephanie

from Asera Care; Afternoon Bridge Club; Pitch.
Wednesday: Morning Walking; Quilting & FROGS; Music by Bob Doughty; Special drawing with Kinship Pointe; Hand & Foot; Pitch; Pool.
Thursday: Morning Walking; Quilting; Afternoon Bridge Club; Pitch; Skip-Bo.
Friday: Morning Walking; Quilting & FROGS; Fine Dining with Kinship Pointe; Music by Deb Dickey; Hand & Foot; Pitch, Pool and Bingo.
 Coffee time each day from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Snack and coffee time at 2:30 p.m.

Vote For Karen Granberg Ward 1 Representative City Council

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- CLUES ACROSS**
- North American people
 - Chinese surname
 - Fit in at the last minute
 - "Very" in musical terminology
 - Underwater displays
 - Crosby's bandmates
 - Belong to he
 - Informed about the latest trends (archaic)
 - Sequences of alternating turns
 - Genus of grasses
 - Satisfy
 - Petty quarrel
 - Mad level
 - Ruler of Iran
 - Historical region of Syria
 - Food suitable for babies
 - Something to lend
 - Zone of oceanic trenches
 - Philippine island
 - Domesticated animal
 - Plant of the lily family
 - Bluish green
 - ___ Tomei, actress
 - Without (French)
 - Lilly and Manning are two
 - Apply pressure to
 - Divide in half
 - Bad deed
 - Don't know when yet
 - Hollywood's greatest honor
 - Aiming to exhort
 - Faked
 - A way to pierce
 - Midway between northeast and east
 - Points

- CLUES DOWN**
- Chop up
 - ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
 - Egyptian goddess
 - Split pulses
 - Afflict
 - Type of area rug
 - Tide
 - Affirmative
 - Sudden change
 - One picked
 - Debauched man
 - Stiff bristles
 - Famous arena
 - Established rules and methods
 - Injection
 - Father
 - Protein-rich liquids
 - He delivers gifts
 - Advanced degree
 - Fencing swords
 - Chinese mountain range
 - Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
 - Precursor to hemoglobin
 - Much ___ about nothing
 - Compound fabric (abbr.)
 - A way to act slowly on
 - Ottoman military commanders
 - Popular kids' network
 - Hard compound
 - Sympathize with
 - Northeast college
 - Blood group
 - Frosted
 - Turn away
 - Benefit
 - Dry or withered
 - Bangladeshi monetary unit
 - Reproduced
 - Contributes
 - Thrust horse power (abbr.)
 - Wear
 - Promotes retention of water (abbr.)
 - Very small



Confirmation class

Confirmation ceremonies were held April 10 at St. Mary's Catholic Church for youth from St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne, St. Mary's Catholic Church in Laurel and St. Anne's Catholic Church in Dixon. Celebrants at the Mass were Fr. Jerry Connealy and Fr. Matthew Capadano. Those receiving the sacrament (in alphabetical order) were: Isabella Andrade, Areli Anguiano Casillas, Alexander Ankeny, Alvaro Archundia, Riley Belt, Aidan Bohnert, Miley Boyle, Evelyn Chavez Romero, Briseidy Dlegado Dominquez, Anna Dutcher, Cale Eischeid, Adrian Flores Garcia, Mayte Flores Garcia, Laney Folkers, Julian Garcia Morales, Bryan Hernandez, Addison Hoepner, Waylon Huff, Cassidy Koch, Fatima Linar-eas Parra, Adela Lopez Ciprian, Erica Lopez Ramos, Jesse Lundahl, Grant Maas, Derek Nelson, Jose Olivares Casillas, Benny Palma, Brandon Paredes, Claire Reinke, Cristina Segundo Nicolas, Addison Sharpe and Franco Tapia. Teachers for the class were Kevin Garvin, Cecilia Modrell and Amy Woerdemann

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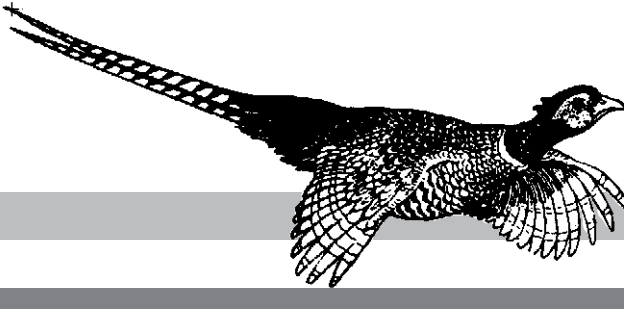
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Ready for spring to arrive

It's Tuesday morning, and overcast and cold. There doesn't seem to be much wind, though, for the first time in weeks. Folks attending Easter sunrise services were told to bring blankets! (They were outdoors.)

Kay hosted a great brunch on Saturday, complete with mimosas. Three of us watched Church Basement Ladies virtually from the Lied Center. Some of the fun loses a bit when not seen on stage, I learned. One of the classic lines from that group is: someday, all Lutherans will be AFL-CIO, American Federation of Lutherans Coerced Into One!

Jon and Katie and the twins arrived on Friday and went back to KC on Saturday, to allow the Easter bunny to arrive there on Sunday. When asked how they are, I always respond, very busy!!

I announced that we need ham and sweet potatoes for Easter, and the two couples in Lincoln showed up for the noon meal. We also had strawberry rhubarb pie, courtesy of the Village Pie Maker. And now,



The Farmer's Wife
By: Pat Meierhenry

I have left overs for several days, and extra ham for split pea soup.

I'm on a website called Nextdoor and it's my morning entertainment. I also learn a lot about local services, as someone is constantly asking for recommendations for: the best pizza, the best cinnamon

rolls, locally sourced honey, and repairmen, etc.

Some are much handier with computers than yours truly and post videos of: black squirrels, foxes, eagles, and lost pets. A lot of posts are those taken with the Ring that goes in the door bells. And we see lots of porch pirates; I can't believe how brazen they are, in broad daylight; often, with easily identifiable cars. Some seem to be following the Fed Ex or UPS trucks.

We are also hearing about mail taken from mailboxes; sometimes, with checks in them.

Or, along that line, mailboxes knocked over. And, hundreds of catalytic converters have been stolen.

Just as I get discouraged with all that bad news, someone asks for assistance for persons who have had bad luck, like a house fire, or an illness. And the Good Samaritans pile on! With offers of food, furniture and gas cards. In spite of the bad guys, there are always some good ones who restore my faith.

Happy Spring, if we ever see it!!

Master Gardeners recognized during National Volunteer Week

By Kathleen Cue,
Nebraska Extension Horticulture Educator in Dodge County

A shout out of appreciation goes to Nebraska Extension Master Gardener Volunteers (NEMGV) as we celebrate National Volunteer Week, April 17-23.

NEMGVs are volunteers, recipients of Nebraska Extension's research-based education, which covers the gamut of horticulture topics, from insects to trees, and everything in between. NEMGVs are committed to their communities, volunteering their expertise to 4-H and other youth programs, working at community gardens, answering questions through Nebraska Extension's horticulture helpline, hosting Ask the Master Gardener tables at events, growing vegetables for the food insecure, and a host of other outreach activities. They are Nebraska Extension's boots-on-the-ground people who expand the

University's educational opportunities for those who live in Nebraska.

Spring is a busy time for Nebraska Extension Master Gardener Volunteers. Here are just a few of the many activities going on in our area:

Dodge County and Washington County Master Gardener Volunteers are planning and planting for the Growing Together Nebraska (GTN) gardens, which provide vegetables to local food pantries. Lettuce, peas, onions, spinach, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, summer squash, winter squash, and melons are grown and distributed to the food insecure.

Dakota County Master Gardener Volunteers have completed the annual pruning of the fruit trees at the South Sioux City Community Orchard. The fruit grown here is an outreach effort to address nutritional needs of the community. NEMGVs oversee the activities of community volunteers who help at this garden, ensuring the fruit trees and small fruits will have a good yield.

Master Gardener Volunteers and retired Extension staff provide ongoing efforts to manage the pollinator gardens at the Tekamah Pollinator Garden in Burt County and Veterans Tribute Plaza and South Elementary School's pollinator gardens in Washington County. These gardens serve as teaching resources how best to help pollinators by planting flowering plants and reducing insecticide use. NEMGVs manage a food garden in Dakota

County, a historic vegetable garden at Fort Atkinson State Historical Park in Washington County, and pollinator gardens in Dodge and Saunders Counties.

Nebraska Extension Master Gardener Volunteers are active in Washington County, Burt County, and on the Omaha Reservation, public school teachers who are also Master Gardener volunteers, teach after-school and classroom gardening activities at school gardens, educating youth about pollinators, vegetable gardening, and tribal gardening customs.

Got a gardening question to ask? Master Gardener Volunteers provide one-on-one education to people in need of solving their horticulture problems. Answers specific to this region address issues of wildlife damage, insect pests, plant diseases, and best management practices. Call or email your local Extension Office to find Master Gardener Volunteer availability for the horticulture helpline.

Hats off to Nebraska Extension Master Gardener Volunteers!

Nebraska Extension Master Gardener

Take care of pasture, alfalfa this spring

Early Spring Grazing To Control Weeds
By Jerry Volesky

Pastures are starting to green-up. That is usually a good sign, except when most of the green is coming from weeds.

In warm-season grass pastures, an abundance of early weeds will remove moisture that could be used for grass growth later on and they remove valuable nutrients from the soil. Early weeds also can develop so much growth that they can shade, smother, and reduce early growth of your summer pasture grasses.

Herbicides like glyphosate and imazapic (Plateau®) as well as prescribed burning can control many early weeds, but I think another method is actually better — grazing. Heavy, pre-season grazing costs you nothing. In fact, you get some feed from these weeds while herbicides or burning would only kill and remove growth. Plus, this early pasture might be especially valuable if it saves you from feeding expensive hay this spring.

For mixed cool- and warm-season grass pastures, early flash grazing also can be used, but we do want to be a little more cautious as to not overgraze any desirable cool-season grasses. In areas where cheatgrass or downy brome is a problem, grazing at strategic windows, such as during the cheatgrass elongation phase right before seed set, appears to be the best time to apply grazing. Grazing at this time matches diet preference by grazing animals with



the cheatgrass growth period and limits over use on perennial cool-season grasses growing at the same time. Targeted grazing is a long-term management option that can utilize cheatgrass as a forage resource and limit the potential seed proliferation within a system.

While early flash grazing of some pastures will not eliminate all the weeds, it can actually make for some pretty timely and valuable pasture.

Trigger Dates

By Ben Beckman

A dry fall and winter has most of Nebraska starting spring in a moisture deficit. As we head into the growing season, assessing pasture conditions at the correct time is critical to successful planning. How can you use trigger dates to inform your drought planning this year?

One of the main factors driving annual forage production in Nebraska's grazinglands is available moisture. Both cool and warm season grasses in the state rely heavily on spring and early summer precipitation at a time when the plant is rapidly growing. This period of rapid growth varies by species, and

is driven by air temperature, day length, and soil moisture. Once optimal conditions have passed, getting significant growth even if it does rain is difficult.

With this in mind, we can set up some trigger dates to assess moisture levels and pasture conditions, informing the implementation of a drought management plan.

- April 15 to May 10: smooth brome grass pastures with below average precipitation, annual production may be reduced 25-50%.
- May 20 to June 10: Assess earlier precipitation levels. If March-May precipitation was 50-75% of the long-term average, reduce stocking rates 30-40% or more depending upon grass species and plant health.
- June 15 to June 30: Approximately 75 to 90% of grass growth on cool-season dominated range sites and 50% of grass growth on warm-season dominated range sites will have happened. Rainfall after late June results in limited benefit to cool-season grass production.
- July 15: Precipitation after this date will have limited benefit to warm-season tallgrass production but can still result in some forage growth from shortgrass warm-season species such as buffalograss and blue grama.

Knowing when to pull the trigger on drought plans is not an easy decision, but it can mean the difference between managing with conditions or scrambling to catch up. This year, use trigger dates for your operation to successfully implement drought mitigation strategies.

Alfalfa Irrigation Before First Cutting

By Brad Schick

Low soil moisture levels in many areas across the state may mean irrigating alfalfa before the first cutting. Many producers have already begun to water alfalfa. Have you

considered this moisture building technique?

Early season watering is not a typical practice, but when soil profiles are dry, it needs to be considered. For soil that is still dry from last fall, spring irrigation can build moisture up in the profile for later in the year when the heat of the summer increases water requirements. This practice needs to be taking place now if you haven't already started.

During the peak of summer heat and growth, alfalfa water needs may reach one half inch per day. Shallow roots are unable to keep up with increased demand during the summer heat. Instead, alfalfa relies upon deep roots that can extend down to depths of 8 ft. Spring irrigation will encourage deep root growth now that can be put to use as temperatures climb, tapping into deep soil moisture reserves. On the other hand, if we only irrigate enough to maintain growth in the summer, the development of shallow roots is promoted. This decreases efficiency of summer waterings and may result in a situation where we are physically unable to supply enough water to keep up with moisture needs.

While watering more in these circumstances may seem like a solution, it can actually make things worse. To keep up with summer demand, the soil surface and first few inches may stay too wet. Oxygen needs for roots will be limited and performance will suffer. Alfalfa doesn't like wet feet.

Finally, adequate subsurface moisture can help control weeds. If irrigating occurs before the alfalfa plant has begun to regrow after cutting, weed growth will be promoted instead.

Water early to make sure the top six feet of soil have ample water for the late spring and summer months.

Healthy soil creates healthy life

By Rob Lawson, Nebraska State Conservationist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service

Over eighty-five years ago, on April 14, 1935, an ominous wall of blowing sand and dust swept across the Great Plains. This day is known in history as Black Sunday.

During the Dust Bowl in the 1930s, dust storms ravaged the Midwest because of years of overplanting, poorly managed crops and severe drought conditions.

I'm happy to report that things are better today thanks in part to the work the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service does every day with Nebraska's farmers and ranchers. Even in spite of our extremely dry conditions and intense winds so far this spring, Nebraska looks nothing like it did nearly 90 years ago.

In response to Black Sunday, and the Dust Bowl, Congress passed Public Law 74-46 on April 27, 1935, stating "soil erosion is a menace to

the national welfare..." This law established the Soil Conservation Service, now USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, or NRCS.

Since that time, our commitment to soil science and soil health has helped America's private landowners implement locally led, voluntary, science-based conservation practices that protect and improve soil and other natural resources.

Healthy soils are the foundation of agriculture, and in Nebraska, agriculture is the foundation of our entire economy. In the face of mounting challenges such as a growing global population, climate change and extreme weather events, soil health is critical to our future.

On behalf of America's agency for soil conservation, and as we celebrate Earth Day, I want to thank the farmers, ranchers, and all of our nation's conservationists who are doing their part to conserve our precious natural resources every day.

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Five outdoor projects that add value

Exterior renovations can enhance the appearance of a property and make it more enjoyable for homeowners. Certain renovations have the potential to add value to a home, while others may do the opposite. Learning which one have the largest return on investment can help homeowners select features that will have the most positive impact. Curb appeal goes a long way toward attracting potential buyers.

According to the National Association of Realtors, first impressions of a property have a strong influence on buyers. Landscaping and external features can do much to influence such impressions.

- **Lawn care program:** Investing in a lawn care program that consists of fertilizer and weed control application and can be transferred over to a subsequent home owner is an attractive feature. NAR says such a care program

can recover \$1,000 in value of the \$330 average cost, or a 303 percent ROI.

- **Low-maintenance lifestyle:** When choosing materials for projects, those that offer low-maintenance benefits can be preferential. These include low-maintenance patio materials, composite decking, vinyl fencing, and inorganic mulched beds.

shrubs, natural edging, and rock elements can do wonders toward improving the look and value of a home.

- **Pool or water feature:** In certain



- **Fire pit:** A fire pit can be used for much of the year. In the spring and summer, the firepit is a great place to congregate to roast marshmallows or sip wine and gaze into the fire. In the fall, the fire pit can make for a cozy retreat. A fire pit that has a gas burner is low-maintenance, and the National Association of Landscape Professionals says that most can recoup about \$4,000 of their \$6,000 average price tag.
- **Softscaping:** Hardscaping refers to structures like outdoor kitchens or decks. Softscaping involves the living elements of the landscape. Hiring a landscape designer to install trees,

markets, particularly hot climates, a pool or another water feature is a must-have. However, in other areas where outdoor time is limited, a pool or water feature can actually lower the value of a home. Speaking with a real estate professional can give homeowners an idea of how a pool will fare in a given neighborhood.

Outdoor improvements can improve the marketability of a home, as well as enhance its appearance and function.

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Safety first with DIY electrical work

Home improvement projects can help homeowners transform their homes. Such projects are costly, but many homeowners save money by doing some, if not all, of the work themselves.

The Electrical Safety Foundation International, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting electrical safety, recommends that homeowners leave electrical work to the professionals. Licensed electricians are well-trained, whereas homeowners may not be skilled enough to avoid accidents or injuries, which can prove fatal when working with electricity.

Homeowners who take the do-it-yourself route with electrical work should consider these safety tips, courtesy of the ESFI, before beginning a home electrical project.

· **Learn your home electrical system.** Home electrical systems may include power lines, electric meters, service panels, subpanels, wiring, and more. These systems are complex, and homeowners who intend to do some DIY electrical work should familiarize themselves with their home electrical systems prior to beginning any work. The ESFI notes that knowledge of their home electrical systems can help homeowners more safely navigate

them and make maintenance easier. · **Honestly assess your skills.**



An honest assessment of skills is absolutely necessary prior to working on an electrical system. According to the National Safety Council, injuries relating to electrical incidents typically fall into one of four categories: electrical shock, electrocution, falls, and burns. Each of these injuries is significant. For example, electric shock, which occurs when electrical current passes over or through a person's body, involves burns, abnormal heart rhythm and unconsciousness. Given the potential for serious injury, the ESFI urges homeowners to make an honest assessment of their skills before they begin working on their home's electrical systems. Little or no experience working with electrical systems should be considered a significant hurdle to any DIY project.

· **Turn the power off.** It's essential that the power to the circuit that will be worked on be turned off prior to starting any work. This can be accomplished by switching off the circuit breaker in the main service panel. Similarly, when working on appliances or lamps, make sure the products are unplugged prior to working on them.

· **Do not touch plumbing or gas pipes when doing electrical work.** The experts at the Indiana Electric Cooperative note that the risk for electrocution is significant when water comes in contact with electricity. It's imperative that homeowners do not touch plumbing and gas pipes when performing a DIY electrical project. Professionals know how to work around such pipes while minimizing their risk for electric shock or worse, and homeowners must familiarize themselves with the techniques professionals rely on to stay safe if they intend to begin DIY electrical projects.

Homeowners are best served by leaving electrical work to the professionals. However, those who insist on doing such work themselves should do their homework and get to know their systems and safety protocols prior to beginning a project.

Low-cost ways to revamp living areas

Home improvement projects require substantial financial investment. But just because a homeowner wants to bring a fresh look indoors doesn't mean he or she has to break the bank along the way.

Living rooms are some of the most frequently used spaces in a home, and they can use an update from time to time to stay on trend or to make the area more functional for a changing family dynamic. Here are some budget-friendly ideas for breathing new life into living room designs.

· **Establish the budget.** Homeowners should figure out how many dollars they can designate to a living room makeover before purchasing supplies or hiring out the work. Figure out the scope of the remodel, visit

stores or suppliers to price out materials, get estimates from contractors, and then plan for some unforeseen circumstances along the way to determine if this type of renovation is affordable. If not, scale things back until the project more closely aligns with your budget.

· **Change the paint color.** Lighter and brighter colors are on trend. A can or two of paint can do wonders for updating a space without a large financial commitment. Pair that new paint color with new window coverings and complementary throw pillows to

pull the theme together with minimal expense.

· **Update the flooring.** Tired, outdated carpeting or other flooring can use an overhaul. While solid hardwood flooring may be preferable, there are many types of laminate flooring that mimic the looks of popular wood colors

ing units that are quite affordable that can mimic the look of a built-in fireplace.

· **Reupholster instead of replace furniture.** There's no need to throw away quality furniture if the fabric is the only thing impeding design. New upholstery or even a slipcover can update designs.

· **Conquer clutter.** Rather than adding something to the living room, remove clutter to give the room a more airy feel. This can instantly change

the look of the room. Use cord covers to tame plugs for electronics and remove unnecessary furniture from the room.

· **Improve lighting.** Another easy and often inexpensive fix is to change lighting fixtures, including using brighter, more energy efficient LED bulbs, and to assess lighting needs to eliminate dark corners of rooms that can make the space seem drab.

Living room spaces in need of an update often can benefit from improvements that go easy on the wallet.



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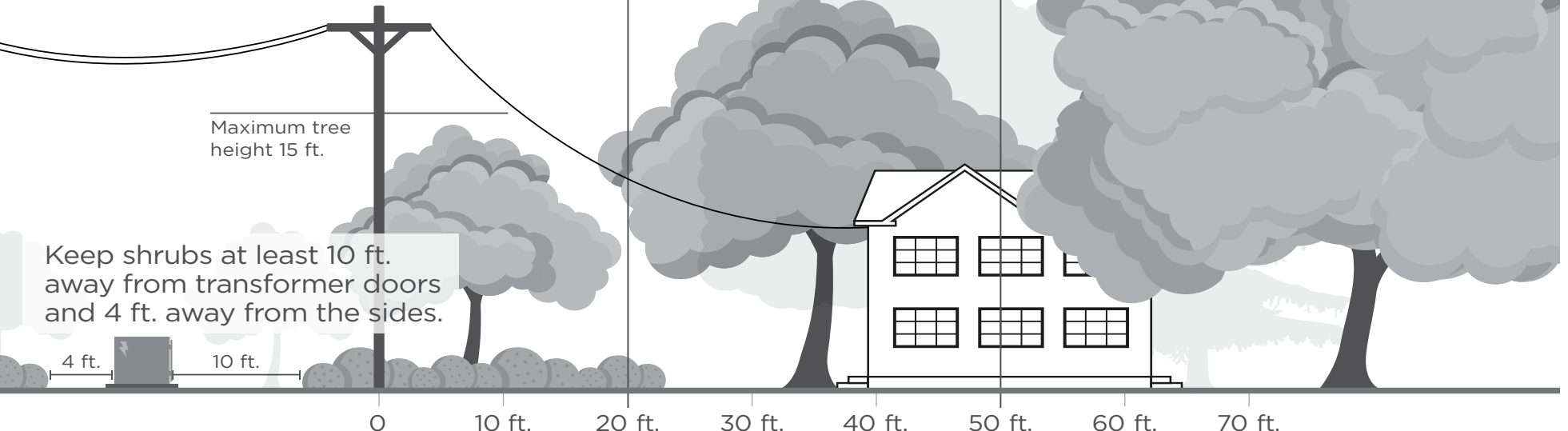
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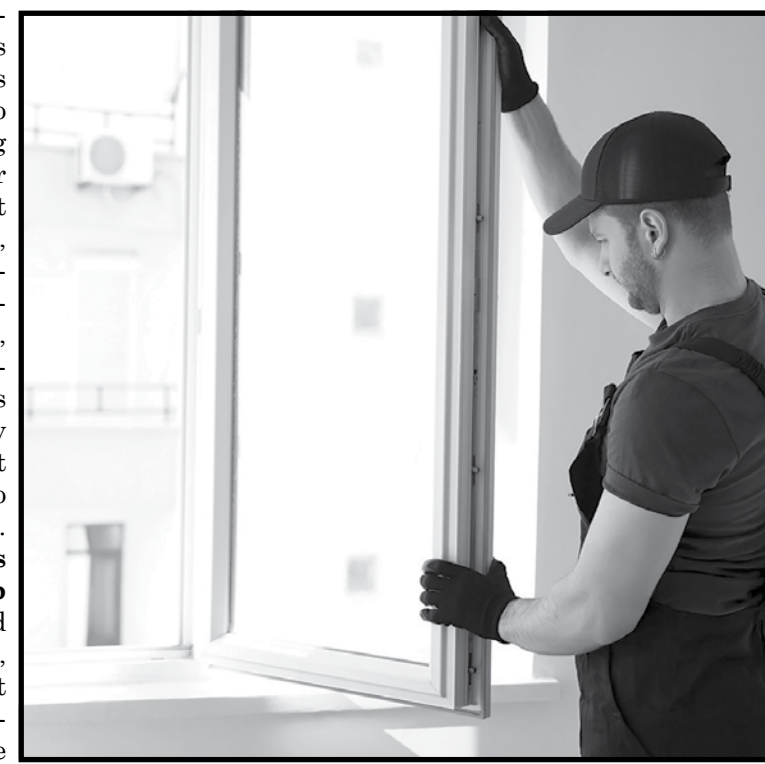
Seven things to know before replacing windows

The decision to replace windows often comes down to aesthetics and necessity. Drafty windows can reduce energy efficiency in a home, requiring HVAC systems to work harder to keep interiors comfortable. The harder the HVAC must work, the more homeowners will pay in energy costs. Old windows also may be points of entry for water and insects. Despite the importance of windows, Money magazine advises that new windows make up only a fraction of the home's

total exterior "envelope," resulting in only about 5 to 15 percent of total energy savings. But there are still plenty of reasons to invest in new windows. **1. Vinyl or aluminum may be best.** Lumber is farmed rather quickly today and solid wood products may not stand up to elements as well as wood used a half-century ago. To avoid rot, vinyl windows often are an affordable and durable choice. Homeowners also have the option of wood windows with

aluminum cladding, which are long-lasting. **2. Moisture problems indicate windows need to be replaced.** Condensation that shows up as fogging between double-pane windows or on the inside of windows indicates that the windows are starting to fail. If installing a vapor barrier in the basement or crawl space, ventilating properly when showering or cooking, or using a dehumidifier indoors does not remedy the situation, it might be time to replace windows. **3. Windows add curb appeal.** Beyond functionality, replacement windows immediately update the look of the home and can improve curb appeal since they are one of the most prominent features on the exterior of a home. If a house needs an update, replacing windows and can be a quick and affordable update.

4. Consider other energy-efficient upgrades. Sometimes older windows can be salvaged, especially if they are not damaged and only moderately drafty. Replacing panes, sash cords, weather stripping, and even glazing may be less expensive than replacing a window. Plus, older homes with attractive windows complement one another. To keep energy bills down, think about adding insulation to the attic and basement - which is a good idea even if you are replacing windows. **5. The wrong windows can adversely affect home value.** The National Association of Realtors says homeowners get about 73 percent of their replacement window investment back when they resell a home. But choosing the wrong windows might lower the value of the home. It's impor-



tant to match the look of the original windows, including window material and the divided light pattern (the number of panes in each window) with the original windows. **6. Think about soundproofing, too.** When upgrading windows, also think about how certain windows can cancel out noises and make homes more soundproof. Some windows can help reduce outdoor distractions like leaf blowers or lawn mowers. **7. Proper installation is key to longevity.** Replacement windows are only as good as their installation in many cases. Poor installation and orders of standard rather than custom sized windows could result in poor fitting and seals. Homeowners should carefully vet and review window replacement contractors to find the best professionals for the job.

homeowners make in their homes. Homeowners may hear "interior designer" and immediately hear the sound of cash registers ringing in their heads. However, many interior designers offer various services, including hourly consultations, that can make them cost-effective, especially for homeowners who are still trying to define their style and decide just how they want their homes to look. That's just one of the many benefits of working with interior design professionals. **Interior designers can save homeowners money.** Much like it's best for homeowners with no DIY experience to hire professional contractors when renovating their homes, paying an interior designer when you have little experience with design can help you avoid potentially costly mistakes. Interior designers are skilled

The benefits of working with an interior designer

at transforming homeowners' visions into finished products, and that's a valuable skill homeowners don't necessarily have. Trial and error when designing a home's interior can be costly, even if you're not knocking down any walls or swinging any hammers. For example, after renovating on their own, homeowners may find

Interior designers recognize what's trending. Interior designers tend to be up-to-date on the latest trends. That can be incredibly valuable, especially for homeowners who are anticipating putting their homes on the market in the near future. In such instances, designers can help homeowners invest in updates or renovations that will appeal to today's buyers, increasing the likelihood that their homes will sell more quickly, and potentially for more money.

Interior designers are well-connected. Interior designers often collaborate with contractors. Those professional relationships can help homeowners avoid the headaches of finding the right professionals to work with when renovating their homes. Many a homeowner has benefitted from working with interior designers. Such partnerships can help homeowners transform their residences into the home of their dreams.

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Trees: when to do your mulching and pruning

By Kathleen Cue, Nebraska Extension Horticulture Educator

Mulching

As a final step in the planting process, newly-planted trees benefit from mulch. Not limited to new trees, even well-established trees benefit from cooler soils that promote root growth and nutrient and water uptake.

With the task of mulching comes added attention to the amount of

mulch used. "Mulch volcanos" are the tongue-in-cheek adage used to describe the cones of mulch piled high around trunks. Not only do these foster homes for voles, who love to eat the tender water-conducting tissues beneath bark, but mulch volcanos promote decay by rotting the base of trees.

The practice has become epidemic with this "more is better" approach, fostering a new industry of arborists and landscape managers who special-

ize in removing mulch volcanos and properly installing mulch rings that are better suited to tree health and are characterized as "mulch donuts". This approach provides 2-4 inches of mulch spread over the root zone, leaving the center 3-4 inches free of mulch to allow air circulation around trunks. At a minimum, especially for new trees, the mulch ring should extend three feet out from trunks, with beds expanded as trees grow.

Forgo the placement of landscaping fabric or plastic beneath mulch. These materials interfere with the exchange of gases at the root zone and make soils slimy. Rock of any sort should be bypassed too, but for different reasons than landscaping fabric. Rock mulches increase soil temperature on hot summer days, which in turn interferes with tree root uptake of water and nutrients. Instead, use wood chips or shredded wood for mulch. Check the mulched areas each spring and add more mulch as the old decomposes, maintaining the 2-4-inch depth.

Pruning

Knowing when and how to prune trees is important to tree health. Research by Dujesiefken, et al, indicate the months of April, May, and June are ideal for pruning, promoting timely wound closure. Initially, pruning of newly-planted trees should be kept to a minimum, except for removing broken, dead, and rubbing branches. Even if branches are low on the trunk, but otherwise healthy, they should be left in place to promote trunk taper. In the study of tree biomechanics, trunk taper is the gradual widening of the base of the tree trunk, which contributes to stability under wind and snow loads. Trees that are planted too deep and those that are limbed up too soon will not develop a strong taper.

Forget about thinning as a pruning practice to lessen wind loads. A study by Quine and Gardiner (2007) found that densely-crowned trees survive severe winds better than those



thinned trees that are deemed "wind sales". This is, in a large part, due to the ability of leaves, twigs, and branches to dampen the force of wind. Crown thinning negatively impacts a tree's ability to withstand wind loads, leading to limb and tree failure, which in turn can cause harm to people and structures.

When pruning tree branches, be sure to make cuts just outside the branch collar, the swollen area at the base of branches. The collar is made up of branch AND collar cells for timely wound closure. For removing larger branches, a 3-part cut ensures branches don't rip downward into the branch collar during removal. More information about pruning may be found on the Nebraska Forest Service website: <https://nfs.unl.edu/publications/pruning-trees>.

Real estate financing options for the homebuyer

The decision to buy a home is significant. Real estate is the biggest investment the average person will make in his or her lifetime, which underscores just how significant the home buying decision can be.

The real estate experts at Zillow recently reported that the national median price of a home in the United States is \$272,446. However, since the National Association of Realtors reported a record low housing inventory late in 2020, the average house price has been rising rapidly nationwide. The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis estimates the median home sales price at \$374,900, and certain states have much higher prices. WOWA, a real estate and finance technology company, says the average sale price of a home in Canada was \$679,051 in July 2021.

Most people do not have \$300,000 to \$600,000 in savings on hand to purchase a home in cash. That means they'll need to rely on financing to pay for their dream homes.

Conventional lending

Conventional lending refers to when a bank or another financial institution loans a home buyer money to buy a home. This is one of the most common ways to fund a home purchase. Personal credit score as well as credit history help determine eligibility and interest rates for conventional loans. Availability of assets as well as income level are some additional determining factors. Conventional loans are traditionally 10-, 15- or 30-year notes and will require a certain percentage as the down payment to secure the loan. The bank will determine the down payment requirement, which is typically somewhere between 3 and 20

percent.

FHA loan

A Federal Housing Administration loan is issued by an FHA-approved lender. These loans are designed for low-to-moderate-income borrowers, according to the financial guide Investopedia. FHA loans require lower minimum down payments and lower credit scores than many conventional loans. FHA loans also require mortgage insurance up front, plus annually for 11 years or the life of the loan depend-



ing on the length of the loan.

HELOC

A Home Equity Line of Credit, commonly called a HELOC loan, borrows against the available equity in your home to create a line of credit, much like a credit card. These funds can be used for large expenses or to consolidate higher-interest rate debt on other loans, according to Bank of America. It may be possible to use a HELOC to secure funding to make improvements to a home for those who want to flip it as an investment property.

Private money lenders

Individuals investing in real estate who do not intend to use a property as a primary residence may turn to private money lenders. These investors can tap into capital from personal connections and lend at specified interest

rates and payback periods, according to Fortune Builders, a real estate investing resource. Keep in mind the interest rate will likely be higher with a private lender than through a conventional lender. The repayment term also will be shorter.

VA-backed loan

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has a program for acquiring loans through conventional lenders that will be partially guaranteed against loss through the VA. This

enables a lender to give better loan terms, such as the option to pay no down payment. Interested parties need to qualify for a Certificate of Eligibility and then work with qualified lenders.

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Variables to consider when choosing a media room

The term "home theater" once made homeowners who love movies and sports dream of the day when they could dedicate a large area in their home to watching the big game or their favorite films. Such rooms are now widely referred to as "media rooms." Though the terminology may have changed, media rooms are not all that different from home theaters.

Before choosing an area of their home as their designated media room, homeowners must consider a host of variables to ensure they get as much out of the room as possible.

Location and shape: Of course the location of the room is of the utmost importance. Media rooms tend to be more social settings than traditional home theaters, which were often designed to be isolated from the rest of the home so noise and natural light did not adversely affect the film-watching experience. Homeowners may not want their media rooms to be in high traffic areas of their homes, but they needn't be completely secluded, either. The renovation experts at the DIY Network note that the shape of a room should be considered before designating it as the media room. In general, square rooms are not ideal, as such rooms can produce harmonic distortions. A rectangular room likely

won't produce such distortions, especially when homeowners place their screens and primary speakers on short



walls. It's important that homeowners do not downplay the importance of sound, as media rooms, unlike traditional home theaters, may be used for listening to music just as much as they are for watching films or sports. Viewers may not recognize distortions when watching something, but homeowners may notice these abnormalities when listening to music.

Windows: Media rooms are multi-

purpose rooms, so homeowners don't need to remove rooms with windows from consideration. But the experts at

the DIY Network note that windows are hard surfaces that can reflect sound and distort audio, and the light that gets in through windows can produce reflections on the viewing

Gardeners encouraged to celebrate spring

Gardeners will once again share, learn, and celebrate spring during the 28th Plant Fair and Market, Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23.

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Marilyn Schmit, will give two sessions; one is "The Many Faces of the Begonia," the second is "Succulent Make-Overs." Marilyn is a 27 year Master Gardener, teaches horticulture classes at Columbus Community

College, and judges horticulture at state and county fairs, surface. Each of those factors can adversely affect your listening and viewing experience. A room with windows can still make for a good media room, but you may want to invest in some blackout curtains to mitigate some of the disadvantages of having windows in the room.

Wall colors: The colors of the walls in the room is another variable homeowners will have to consider. Homeowners won't want to host guests for the big game in rooms with darkened walls, as that can create a dreary atmosphere and potentially make people tired. But especially bright colors will reflect light and adversely affect the viewing experience. Neutral colors should not affect the colors on the screen, making them the ideal color choice for media room walls.

Media rooms are high on many homeowners' renovation lists. Considering a host of variables prior to designating an area for a media room can ensure the finished product is as enjoyable as possible.

Jody Gartner will speak on "Lasagna Gardening--No Digging, No Tilling." Jody is an avid, enthusiastic, Master Gardener with years of experience to share will others.

All speakers have hands on experience and will be able to give the pros and cons of each topic.

Youth can participate in a 4-H horticulture identification contest. Monetary awards are given in three divisions. To register call (402) 370-4040.

Plant and garden questions will be answered at the Ask a Master Gardener booth. In addition, a children's activity corner, lunch stand, door prizes, and 27 vendors will be part of the Fair. Perennial, annual, and house plants will be offered for sale.



Landscaping from front to back— Foundation plantings

By Justin Evertson, Green Infrastructure Coordinator

The term "foundation plantings" generally refers to landscape plants purposely placed at or near the foundation of a house.

In the past, such plants were regularly used to help hide unappealing foundations and first-floor basements

and typically consisted of shearable

evergreen shrubs such as boxwood, juniper, or yews with a few easy-to-grow daylilies or other perennials thrown in to add some color and seasonal interest. Over time, it became common practice to add foundation plantings to most new homes, as well as many commercial buildings, and the tradition continues.

Many newly-built homes don't end up with unsightly foundations that are

Three perennial gardening pointers

Gardening is an engaging hobby that can provide a host of benefits, some of which may surprise even the most devoted gardeners. For example, the Harvard Medical School notes that just 30 minutes of gardening activities burns 135 calories, making gardening a fun and simple way to incorporate more exercise into your daily routine. In addition, scientists have long proven that gardening releases the hormones serotonin and dopamine in the brain, each of which are associated with improved mood.

Perennial gardens can be especially attractive to seasoned gardeners and novices. Perennials are plants that come back year after year, and committing to a perennial garden can ensure people stick with gardening for the long haul, reaping all of the rewards that come with making such a commitment.

Before planting a perennial garden, those new to gardening may want to consider these three tips.

1. Make a plan. A perennial garden comes back year after year, which means any mistakes you make when planting are likely to haunt you year after year as well. Factors like space and location must be considered before planting. Many gar-

deners utilize garden planning applications like GrowVeg to make the process of planning a garden simpler and more organized. Such applications can be especially useful for novices.

2. Consider aesthetics.

Gardens can be awe-inspiring, especially when gardeners consider aesthetics prior to planting. The DIY Network advises gardeners to consider scale before choosing which perennials to plant. Tall plants and wide beds tend to look best outside large homes, while short plants in small beds tend to look better outside small homes.

3. Work with a professional.

Local garden centers can be excellent resources when planning perennial gardens. Representatives at such businesses can offer tips on native plants, which will be more likely to thrive year after year than non-natives. Such representatives also can help you choose the right plants based on the amount of sunlight the plants will likely get after being planted. Each of these factors can be easily overlooked by people without much gardening experience.

Perennial gardens can provide years of joy and inspiration, especially when gardeners give ample attention to certain details prior to planting.



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Landscaping

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•It's smart to concentrate on the complete setting of the home and not just the foundation line. For most situations, and especially for novice gardeners, foundation plantings should generally be simple and in careful scale so they enhance rather than hide the house.

•Landscape designers discourage placing "foundation plants as if they were little soldiers pressed up along

the perimeter of your house." They're most effective when used to enhance the home rather than to hide it. Unless you want total screening, avoid planting varieties that will block windows.

•They're rarely visible from inside the home unless they're near low windows. So unless you don't have enough space elsewhere, you may not want to hide and waste your favorite plants here.



These are particularly lush foundation plants but, with the home's high windows, they don't obstruct views from inside.

•On the other hand, if you're short on space or an avid gardener, the foundation area can be a place to have fun while expanding your plant collection. Foundation zones are often the areas that we interact with the most, and they're usually near a water source, so having dynamic landscape plantings near doors, foundations and walkways is worth the effort.

•Remember that beauty is in the eye of the beholder and that tastes change over time. A growing trend across the country is a return to gardening and a desire to be more ecologically sound with landscape plantings. This applies to foundation plantings as well, and people are becoming more accepting of a little bit of fuzziness or wildness in the home landscape if it's leading to better environmental outcomes.

•Foundation plantings can have great curb appeal while still helping to sustain pollinators and other wildlife.

There are a lot of great resources about easy-to-grow plants for pollinators.

•Areas near downspouts are great places to practice some rain gardening, where stormwater is captured and allowed to naturally percolate into the soil instead of running off site as quickly as possible. The best rain gardens use deeply-rooted plants that tend to grow a little taller.

•Beware of large-growing trees and shrubs in foundation zones. Many a view from a picture window has been blocked from a poorly placed tree. And large growing shrubs can quickly get out of bounds, making exterior maintenance of the home more difficult.

•Finally, if you're a novice to landscaping, work with a good landscaper or landscape designer. They're worth the investment.

Source: Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, plantnebraska.org

The basics of container gardening

Gardening is a rewarding hobby that has been linked to health benefits like reduced stress and improved mental well-being. Gardening also can lead to an inviting home landscape full of attractive blooms and/or delicious foods.



rather than a vast ground-based garden, which will require a good deal of manual labor. Pots and boxes also can be grouped together to create eye-popping displays, usually at lower costs than the sheer volume of plants that would be needed to fill out an expansive landscape.

Cons to container gardening

Container garden plants will not have direct access to the ground, so they need gardeners to create the ideal growing conditions. Developing the right care formula can be challenging. The home and garden resource The Spruce says that drainage is an important factor in container gardening, and most containers do not offer enough drainage holes. If water cannot escape the soil, the roots of the plants can rot and die. It's not enough to add stones or gravel to the bottom of containers. Drill additional holes in the bottom (1/2-inch in diameter for small or medium-sized pots; one inch in diameter for larger pots). Also, be sure to check on soil moisture so that watering can be adjusted. During hot stretches, plants may need to be watered more frequently.

Pros to container gardening

One of the advantages of container gardening is that plants can be moved in and out of sunlight to ensure the right growing conditions. This isn't as easily achieved when gardens are stationary. Also, beginner gardeners may be more able to control soil conditions inside of a small container

Plan for plants that play well

Grouping plants together can create visually stunning combinations. However, it is important to choose plants that require the same amount of light and moisture. Look at plant tags when visiting the garden center and select complementary plants, or ask a store employee. Mixing different plant shapes, colors and leaf textures, as well as plants of various heights, can help containers look filled out.

Feed plants accordingly

Plants need nutrition to thrive in containers. Quality potting mixes will contain fertilizers, but nutrition will wane over time. Every couple of weeks, container plants will need either fresh potting mix or granular fertilizer added to feed them. Oregon State University Extension Services suggests using a slow-release fertilizer or worm castings several times throughout the season.

Container gardening is a great way to add plants to smaller patios, reduce the workload involved in maintaining expansive gardens, and customize conditions for optimal growth.

Home Equity Line of Credit offers options to homeowners

With spring in the air, there tends to be a renewed excitement in many of us.

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tion I glean from the show further solidifies what I have learned," said Elaine Pile, a Gering resident. "The show gives easily understood material to all viewers, whether they are beginner or seasoned gardeners. The presenters are aware of the varied climate and growing conditions in Nebraska, which is extremely important to viewers as they ask questions."

The information presented by the panelists, she said, "can be trusted and is unbiased."

Jo Bek, a master gardener in Curtis, sounded a similar theme.

"I have always been struck by the ability of the panelists to impart science and still be able to enable a layman to be able to understand what they are talking about," she said. "They also are able to give instructions that are not going to be costly for the gardener to implement. Any research that is done by the university is also explained and shown how best to be implemented."

"Backyard Farmer" started out on KFOR-TV (now KOLN/KGIN-TV). In 1955, the program moved to Nebraska Educational Television Channel 12, which was located in the basement of the Temple Building on City Campus.

Key figures in launching the program to early prominence were George Round, director of university relations and longtime host of the program, and producer Jack McBride, a pioneering leader in Nebraska public television.

The inaugural broadcast in August 1953 featured the kind of relaxed banter that quickly became a familiar part of the show, as Round joked straight away with horticulturalist Wayne Whitney. Whitney, who would appear on the show through 1976, long stood out as a colorful character, blending serious advice with wry comments, and writing and drawing on a board to accompany panelists' explanations. Viewers came to know his oft-used phrase that plants need "tender loving care."

Gardeners need to appreciate the nutrient value of manure, Whitley often noted. After a viewer called in and said a cow had eaten all the foliage off her favorite bush, Whitney shared his advice: Turn the cow around.

The human element has long provided an enduring connection with viewers. On a 1987 live program at the Nebraska State Fair, plant pathologist David Wysong sampled hot peppers and discovered that one contained super-heat that nearly left him melting

on-air. On the same show, horticulturalist Don Steinegger explained how to judge whether a watermelon is ripe. He was not keen on the thumping method.

Entomologist Fred Baxendale loved to bring insects onto the program and show them off. The little creatures, he

scheduled tours and impromptu visits, said Lincoln master gardener Cariotto. "I've led a number of those tours," he said, "and we also have people who drive in from every place in the state, and sometimes outside the state, to see the garden. So, you can see that the Backyard Farmer TV show is having a



Pictured here during the 60th anniversary season are (from left) Fred Baxendale, extension entomologist; Kim Todd, host; Roch Gaussion, extension turfgrass specialist; Loren Giesler, extension plant pathologist; and Sarah Browning, extension educator.

regularly noted, are "part of nature's wondrous pageantry."

"These are one of the good guys," he said on one show, referring to a caterpillar-hunting beetle. On another occasion, a yellowjacket stung his thumb off-camera and he had to answer a question on-air while his eyes teared up. Another time, he brought a large group of squash bugs that began crawling all over the panelists' desk, threatening to take things over.

Over the years, "Backyard Farmer" has made a special effort to include features from around the state, and the show's panel has regularly traveled the state to meet directly with Nebraskans.

"Backyard Farmer" is revered among Nebraska gardeners because of the timely, expert advice shared through the panel, as well as the special features and segments," said James H. Locklear, director of conservation at Lauritzen Gardens in Omaha. "And it's wonderful how different parts of the state are highlighted and celebrated through the on-the-road features, whether the BYF panel is broadcasting from a location away from Lincoln, or when an interesting gardener or landscaping project is profiled."

The show's hosts have long noted that the dedication of volunteers is one of the main ingredients that have contributed to Backyard Farmer's success. The volunteers' work also includes helping with the "Backyard Farmer" Garden on East Campus. During warm-weather months, the garden receives a steady stream of visitors through

major impact in the excitement about gardening."

In recent years, an ironic result of the COVID-19 pandemic has been to boost the show's viewership dramatically as people turned toward alternative uses of their spare time. Since March 2020, the numbers for the "Backyard Farmer" YouTube channel have soared to more than 10 million views.

Just as one generation of the show's panelists has passed the duties to the next generation of extension specialists, so "Backyard Farmer" itself has been a shared experience across generations of Nebraskans.

"We hear from our loyal viewers about how they watched the show with their parents or grandparents," Todd said, "and we get questions from young parents on behalf of their small children, or from adult children who have moved to a different state."

That ongoing interaction demonstrates the program's continuing relevance for viewers. Above all, Todd said, "it is instilling in the people who will care for this planet and one another an appreciation for the wonder and complexity of gardening."

"Backyard Farmer," treasured by generations of viewers, remains a hardy perennial in the life of Nebraska, some seven decades old and still growing.

The 70th season of "Backyard Farmer" is currently on Nebraska Public Media. The show airs Thursdays through September and repeats at 10 a.m., on Saturdays on Nebraska Public Media and at 4 p.m. Sundays and 5 p.m. Mondays on Create.

How to stay safe on DIY projects

Home improvement projects can be costly. Depending on the scope of the project, the choice of materials and the skill level involved to see the project through to successful completion, homeowners could be on the hook for thousands of dollars or even more when renovating their homes.

One popular way homeowners look to cut such costs is to do some, if not all, of the work themselves. Indeed, do-it-yourselfers can save a considerable amount of money. Estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Housing Survey indicate that homeowners can save anywhere from 50 to 80 percent on DIY projects compared to what they might pay for comparable work to be performed by a contractor. However, the key there is "comparable." Cost overruns could derail DIY savings rather quickly if homeowners have little renovating skill or experience. But homeowners' wallets aren't the only thing in jeopardy if a DIY project goes awry.

Renovation projects require attention to detail, and that includes an emphasis on safety. Homeowners who are injured on DIY projects may face costly medical bills, while projects that are completed without incident could later pose safety hazards that require work to be redone, which is both expensive and a threat to personal safety in the interim. DIYers need not be discouraged from taking projects on themselves, but they should heed these tips to stay safe when working on their homes.

Make sure you choose the right ladder. DIYers may spend ample time shopping for drills and other electronic tools and gadgets that are fun to use. But ample time also must be afforded to the type of ladder you intend to use on a project. Estimates from the West Bend Insurance Company indicate that roughly 90,000 people visit the emergency room due to ladder accidents each year. Never use a bro-

ken ladder or an aging ladder that's uneven. In addition, do not use a lad-

der that forces you to reach far away. If you're leaning while using a ladder, the ladder is either too short for your project or positioned too far away from the wall. The National Home Security Alliance advises DIYers to place their ladder one foot from the wall for every four feet it rises above the ground. Test your ladders for their sturdiness prior to beginning work so you aren't tempted to use a subpar ladder.



Be especially careful with power tools. Power tools can do a lot and they're fun to use. But it's important that DIYers do not let fun distract them from safety. The Power Tool Institute urges power tool users to wear personal protective equipment, including eye and hearing protection and a dust mask, whenever using power tools. The

PTI also advises users to make sure tools are powered down before plugging them in and to inspect the tool before using it. Inspections can confirm that all guards are in place and that tools are up to the task at hand. Much like it's unsafe to overreach on a ladder, overreaching when using power tools increase the risk for mistakes, accidents and injuries.

Avoid electrical work. Complicated electrical work is best left to the professionals. Estimates from the Electrical Safety Foundation International indicate that electrical malfunctions cause more than 50,000 house fires each year. Such malfunctions can occur for myriad reasons, and a lack of experience working with electrical circuits and breakers could make homes vulnerable to malfunctions and fires. It's also worth noting that homeowners' insurance policies may not cover damage caused by DIY electrical work. So at the very least homeowners should contact their insurance providers to determine if any accidents or injuries caused by DIY electrical work would be covered by their policies.

DIY renovation projects can save homeowners a lot of money, but those savings aren't worth compromising your safety and the safety of your loved ones.

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How to maintain hardwood floors in your home

Hardwood floors have long been sought after by home buyers. In its 2019 "Remodeling Impact Report," the National Association of Realtors® revealed that new wood flooring was the fourth most popular project to attract buyers.

Of course, hardwood floors aren't just for buyers. Homeowners who already have hardwood floors know just how impressive these floors can be, especially when they're well maintained. Maintaining wood floors is not necessarily as straightforward as it may seem, and homeowners may benefit from a tutorial on how to keep the floors under their feet looking good.

To polish or not to polish?

Polishing floors is an inexpensive way to keep them looking good. But the home improvement experts at BobVila.com note that not all floors can be polished, and determining which ones can depends on the finish. Floors with waterproof barriers such as urethane will benefit from routine polishing. However, floors with penetrating finishes like tung oil will need to be waxed rather than polished.

What finish is on the floor?

The Hardwood Distributor's Association recommends a simple way

for homeowners to determine which type of finish is on their hardwood floors. Homeowners are advised to rub a finger across the floor. If no smudge appears, then the floor is surface sealed. If a smudge is created, then the floor has been treated with a penetrating seal. The HDA also notes that recently installed wood floors are likely surface sealed.

How often should floors be polished or waxed?

Wood flooring professionals recommend polishing floors that can be polished once every few months. Waxing wood floors does not need to be done as frequently, and most can benefit from a fresh coat of wax every 12 to 18 months.

What can I do on a daily basis?

Some simple tricks and daily maintenance can help wood floors maintain their impressive look.

• **Utilize floor mats.** The HDA notes that floor mats near entryways can reduce the time it takes to clean hardwood floors and reduce the wear and tear they endure. For example, tiny particles like dirt can scratch the floor and contribute to the kind of minor damage that adds up to significant scarring over time. Floor mats



near entryways ensures that most of that dirt never makes it to the wood floors.

• **Vacuum without a beater bar.** Some vacuums contain beater bars, which are designed to pick up human hair, dog hair and other things that conventional vacuums may not be able to pick up. The HDA advises vacuuming without the beater bar, as it can contribute to small scratches in the floor. Sweeping with a high-quality broom or microfiber cloth is another way to pick up dirt without damaging floors.

• **Use manufacturer-recommend-**

ed cleaning products. Local home improvement stores sell a host of hardwood floor cleaning products, but the HDA notes that many flooring manufacturers now sell their own hardwood floor cleaners designed specifically for their floors. These products are likely homeowners' best bets. Homeowners who can't find them can seek recommendations from a local flooring retailer.

Hardwood floors are attractive for many reasons. And they look even more stunning, and last much longer, when homeowners make an effort to maintain them.

70 years on, 'Backyard Farmer' remains hardy perennial in Nebraska life

Each spring, the annual return of "Backyard Farmer" to the airwaves is as eagerly anticipated as the return of Sandhill cranes to Central Platte waters. The show has been a shared Nebraska experience for generations, featuring practical lawn and gardening advice leavened by lighthearted fun. This year, it celebrates its 70th anniversary.

horticulture, plant pathology, and turf-grass and weeds.

Viewer questions not surprisingly run the gamut: Can I treat this mold growing on my tomato plants? How can I thicken up the grass in these thin spots in my yard? Any suggestions on how I might save this visibly stressed tree? What can I do to stop the outdoor critters that keep chomping on my veg-

to-earth aspect has long connected with viewers as the scientific element blends with the human element, said Kim Todd, host of the program since 2004.

"The fact that we make mistakes, forget to say something, mispronounce words, talk with our hands, and refer to off-air and personal experiences to illustrate our points makes us very human," said Todd, associate professor of agronomy and horticulture and extension landscape specialist. "And since we rotate panelists, those interactions and comments change weekly. Our viewers establish personal connections with us simply by watching the show, and when we meet and greet at live events, they don't see anyone different — albeit a couple of us are a little shorter in person than when sitting in the studio."

That sense of connection extends to viewers across the country, noted John Cariotto, a master gardener in Lincoln who coordinates care for the "Backyard Farmer" Garden and Turf Garden on East Campus. He also is one of the volunteers taking viewer phone calls

during the show.

"Backyard Farmer" is on the air, but it's also on the internet," he said, "so people from all over the world can watch 'Backyard Farmer.' We get calls mostly from the viewing area, which includes people from South Dakota, Iowa, Kansas and even Colorado and Wyoming."

But he's also gotten calls from well outside the Midwest.

"I've talked to people from Georgia and other places in the South," he said. "So the impact of 'Backyard Farmer' reaches far beyond the borders of the state of Nebraska. And I imagine that there are people who know Kim Todd and Roch (Gaussoin) and Dennis (Ferraro) and Sarah (Browning) and all of those folks who are on the air."

Along with its relatable appeal, "Backyard Farmer" offers important practical advice, say Nebraska residents who have participated in Nebraska Extension's Master Gardener program.

"As a master gardener, the informa-



"Backyard Farmer," the longest-running locally produced TV program in the country, celebrates its 70th anniversary this spring. Pictured here during the show's 1967 season are (from left) Wayne Whitney, extension horticulture specialist; John Wheihing, extension plant pathologist; Dwayne Trenkle (standing), co-host; John Furrer, extension turf and weed specialist; George Round (standing), founder and host; Bob Roselle, extension entomologist; and Cyril Bish, extension educator.

The show, produced by Nebraska Extension and Nebraska Public Media, retains the same basic format now as when, on June 1, 1953, grainy images of University of Nebraska faculty members appeared on Lincoln-area TV screens during the show's debut broadcast.

In the familiar setup, a host directs viewer questions to a four-member panel of specialists, usually from Nebraska Extension, in entomology,

etables? The program, which has long been characterized as the longest-running locally produced program in the country, will be saluted statewide in April by a gubernatorial proclamation declaring Backyard Farmer Week.

The show is scripted in order for it to move along and end on time, but that still leaves plenty of opportunity for the panelists' interactions and a certain unpredictability. That down-

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Managing crabgrass with pre-emergence herbicides

By Kathleen Cue, Nebraska Extension Horticulture Educator

If crabgrass has been a problem in your lawn, now is the time to be watching soil temperatures. Why is soil temperature important? Because a well-timed application of pre-emergence herbicide limits crabgrass seedlings while ensuring the herbicide works to its longest advantage.

Here's what we know about crabgrass. Seed germinates when soil temperatures reach a consistent 55° F and warmer. Given the right soil temperature and moisture, crabgrass seeds can germinate throughout the growing season. Crabgrass takes advantage of open spaces, so having a dense lawn is your first line of defense against crabgrass taking over a space.

Here's what we know about pre-emergence herbicides. Like its name implies, a pre-emergence product targets seeds as they are germinating, but before they break the soil surface. A few products will also kill seedlings that have already emerged, but not all pre-emergence herbicides have this capability, so reading the product label is important. Also, applications do not extend control through the whole

growing season. The efficacy, how long the product application remains effective, varies from one pre-emergence herbicide to another. Look to the label to find how long an application lasts and then mark the calendar so a second application can be made, ensuring a longer period of crabgrass control into the growing season.

Putting down a pre-emergence application too soon, before crabgrass seed germination takes place, means sun, wind, temperature variations, and rainfall begin to degrade the product, cutting down on the length of time the herbicide does its job. Even though lawn care companies start early with their pre-emergence herbicide applications to get all their clients' lawns into the spring schedule, the companies address seedlings they've missed with a post-emergence application. Homeowners, however, can save themselves money and frustration by seeing to it the pre-emergence herbicide applications are timed correctly.

The easiest way to time pre-emergence herbicide applications for crabgrass control is to check the soil temperature at the IANR CropWatch webpage at Soil Temperature Update | CropWatch (unl.edu) . Once a consistent soil temperature (3-5 days run-

ning) of 45-50° F has been reached, it's time to do the pre-emergence herbicide application. Soil temperature can also be monitored by inserting a thermometer into the soil, an automotive or cooking thermometer will do, to a

depth of 4 inches. A well-timed application of a pre-emergence herbicide limits crabgrass seedlings while ensuring the herbicide works to its longest advantage, saving time, money, and frustration.



Budget-friendly dining room renovation ideas

If the kitchen is the heart of the home, then the dining room may be akin to one of its arteries. The mood created in the kitchen spreads to the dining space where family and friends gather to eat and enjoy one another's company.

Dining rooms can get lost in the home renovation shuffle, as many homeowners tend to focus on renovating kitchens and bathrooms instead. Homeowners do not have to invest a lot of money in renovations to give their dining spaces awe-inspiring makeovers. Here's how to do so on a budget.

- **Lighten and brighten.** Dining rooms were once very formal spaces. Dark woods, large pieces of furniture, over-the-top chandeliers, and other details could be found in many homes. But now that houses are being built with open floor plans, dining rooms can blend with other spaces, which have moved to lighter colored walls, flooring and furniture. A fresh coat of vibrant paint can work wonders and it doesn't cost much. If you can't remove a floor, cover it with a brightly colored area rug.
 - **Switch things up with slipcovers.** Slipcovers can be changed each season to dramatically alter the look of a dining room for little investment. Slip covers also protect chairs and can be easily laundered after spills.
 - **Add floating shelving.** Floating shelves provide much-needed storage or display space without the need to invest in another piece of furniture. Depending on the shelving, they can work in modern design schemes or even farmhouse dining spaces.
 - **Clear out the clutter.** It might be time to say "so long" to that large curio cabinet and the knickknacks within it. Curio and china cabinets used to be de rigueur, but plenty of people now prefer more open and airy dining rooms. For those who want to keep the cabinet, try decluttering inside to only include the very best display pieces and see if the cabinet can be refinished with paint or a lightly colored stain.
 - **Improve lighting.** Make the chandelier the statement piece of the space. Go for a bold color or an innovative design. Then add accessories throughout the space that coordinate with the chandelier.
 - **Add bench seating.** Those who need additional seating may not have to get entirely new furniture. Swap out some chairs for benches, which can fit a couple more guests than chairs.
 - **Create depth with color.** HGTV says that using various shades of the same color in a space can add depth. Coordinate drapes, walls, seat fabrics, and accessories for a cohesive design.
- Renovating a dining room doesn't require a large investment of time and money. A few simple steps can give dining spaces a whole new feel without busting homeowners' budgets.

The different ways to repair a driveway

Asphalt driveways do not last forever. Over time, weather and general usage can degrade the driveway surface, resulting in cracks, pitting and more. Ultraviolet rays, salt and automotive fluids also can affect the appearance and functionality of a driveway. An unsightly driveway can adversely affect curb appeal and resale potential.

Homeowners have to consider various factors when it comes to repairing driveways. They may have the option of getting the driveway resurfaced, resealed or repaved, and each project is unique.

Resurfacing
According to the home improvement price comparison site Kompare It, resurfacing is simpler and faster than installing a new asphalt driveway. With resurfacing, any cracks are

filled in to create an even base. Then a new layer of asphalt is applied over the existing one. That new layer can range in thickness from 1.5 to 3 inches. A heavy rolling machine will then smooth and flatten the layers together. If the driveway has minor pitting or cracking, then resurfacing can be a cost-effective strategy, as it may be a \$3,000 to \$6,000 job as opposed to \$5,000 to \$10,000 with repaving.

Resealing
Resealing a driveway, also called sealcoating, is another repair strategy. HGTV says resealing can be a do-it-yourself project. Resealing helps the driveway last longer.

The driveway needs to be clean and dry, with holes and cracks filled prior to sealcoating. Start at the far edge of the driveway and seal that area by "cutting-in" by hand for a neat edge.

Afterward the rest of the driveway can be sealed using a squeegee or broom. This project can be completed within two or three days if no precipitation is forecast.

Repaving
A project best left to professionals, repaving typically involves the removal of an existing driveway and the installation of a new one. The sub-grade layer is essential in the process for a smooth look. Contractors also will assess soil and grading

when doing work. The construction blog Main Infrastructure says the new asphalt driveway can vary in thickness between two and six inches, depending on budget and need. The contractor also can advise if full-depth asphalt application or an aggregate base is practical.

Assessing the condition of driveway can give homeowners a better idea about which type of repair project best suits their property.



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Planning ahead is vital to a successful renovation

Remodeling projects are significant undertakings. Homeowners must consider a host of variables before any such project can begin. While planning ahead may take time, it is essential to ensuring successful completion of a renovation project. Consider these pre-renovation planning pointers to help any job go smoothly.

Determine your motivation for renovating

Renovation projects often involve balancing needs and wants, and deter-

mining if a project is a necessity or a luxury can set the timeline and course of the project. Is the roof leaking? If so, immediate action is necessary. Could the kitchen be a bit more functional? If the kitchen is still manageable, a homeowner may be able to wait a little bit to get better prices on appliances or contracting services.

Separating needs from wants helps homeowners map out a viable timeline that maximizes productivity and affordability.



Get professional advice

Many homeowners are under the impression that doing the work themselves can save a considerable amount of money. This may be the case for homeowners with renovation experience. But by and large, professional contractors are an asset to any renovation. They can provide a realistic overview of the project, map out projected costs, point out areas that could be troublesome, and may have industry contacts that can keep supply costs low. Even if a homeowner will do a portion of the job, a contractor can do the bulk of the work and keep the project on budget.

Get necessary permits

Permits are designed to ensure the work is being done to code and in a safe manner. However, they are not without additional costs and processing time, and that can cause some homeowners to skip this step. According to the home information site The Spruce, building permits cost anywhere from \$400 to about \$2,200 for new home construction. Building permits for smaller projects can cost

\$100 or less, and typically are based on a percentage of the anticipated cost of the project.

A permit may be issued the day the application is submitted, while other cities and towns may issue permits up to two or more weeks later. Factor permit fees and processing times into the renovation plan.

If it comes to light a homeowner did work without a required permit, he or she may face penalties; may have to tear out work done to have it inspected or redone; some may be unable to sell a home until permits have been obtained and work has been done to code. Homeowners insurance coverage also may be affected if homeowners do not obtain the proper permits.

Other considerations when planning a renovation include writing out a strict budget, gathering inspiration, drawing up to-scale renovation plans, pouring over material reviews, and getting recommendations for reliable professionals to do the job. While not every obstacle can be avoided, planning is a good way to start successfully.

How to cut costs on home renovations

Do you still have an avocado green kitchen? Is your living room dank and dark? Perhaps there is only one bathroom for a family of six? Answering yes to any of these questions could serve as the catalyst for a home renovation project.

Home improvement projects come in all shapes and sizes - some with huge

budgets and others that are more cost-conscious. Regardless of what homeowners hope to achieve with their renovations, a common goal across any price point is a desire to save as much money as possible. Home renovations can be expensive, but there are ways to cut costs.

Refurbish existing features.

Rather than a complete gut and rebuild, figure out where you can revitalize existing fixtures and more. For example, refinishing existing cabinets can save you up to 50 percent compared with the cost of new cabinetry, according to Angi (formerly Angie's List), a cost comparison and business review resource.

Choose midgrade materials.

Certain materials may be all the rage but they come with a higher price tag. Angi reports that granite counters could be \$60 to \$100 per square foot. However, a composite or laminate that looks like granite and wears well may be \$10 to 40 per square foot. Figure out where you can choose middle-of-the-road materials for maximum value.

Avoid peak seasons.

You'll pay

more to install a deck or a pool right before the outdoor entertaining season. There also may be a premium to get work done right before a major holiday. Therefore, consult the calendar to find an off time for a renovation and book it then to save.

Do some prep work.

You might be able to save by doing some of the demolition and preparatory work yourself. For example, you can tear up old carpeting before the installation of new tile floors. Perhaps you can mend

and patch up walls before a paint job.

Buy a display item. Former showroom kitchens and baths often are sourced at a fraction of their recommended retail prices, according to Real Homes, a home remodel guide based in the United Kingdom. Retailers often update their displays and you may score existing showroom items at a discount.

Renovations can be expensive, but there are many different ways to cut costs.



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Assess the merit of the project. Remodeling magazine annually publishes a "Cost vs. Value Report" that lists the average cost and return on investment homeowners can expect of various types of projects. If you're planning to sell your home soon, it may be best to focus on repairs and renovations that will generate the most substantial ROI.

Hire a contractor.

Even avid do-it-yourselfers can sometimes benefit from a contractor's expertise, particu-

larly for complex tasks. Don't waste money by trying tough jobs yourself; rely on an experienced contractor who can get supplies for less money and will do the job right the first time. Compare bids from several different contractors and figure out the best value.

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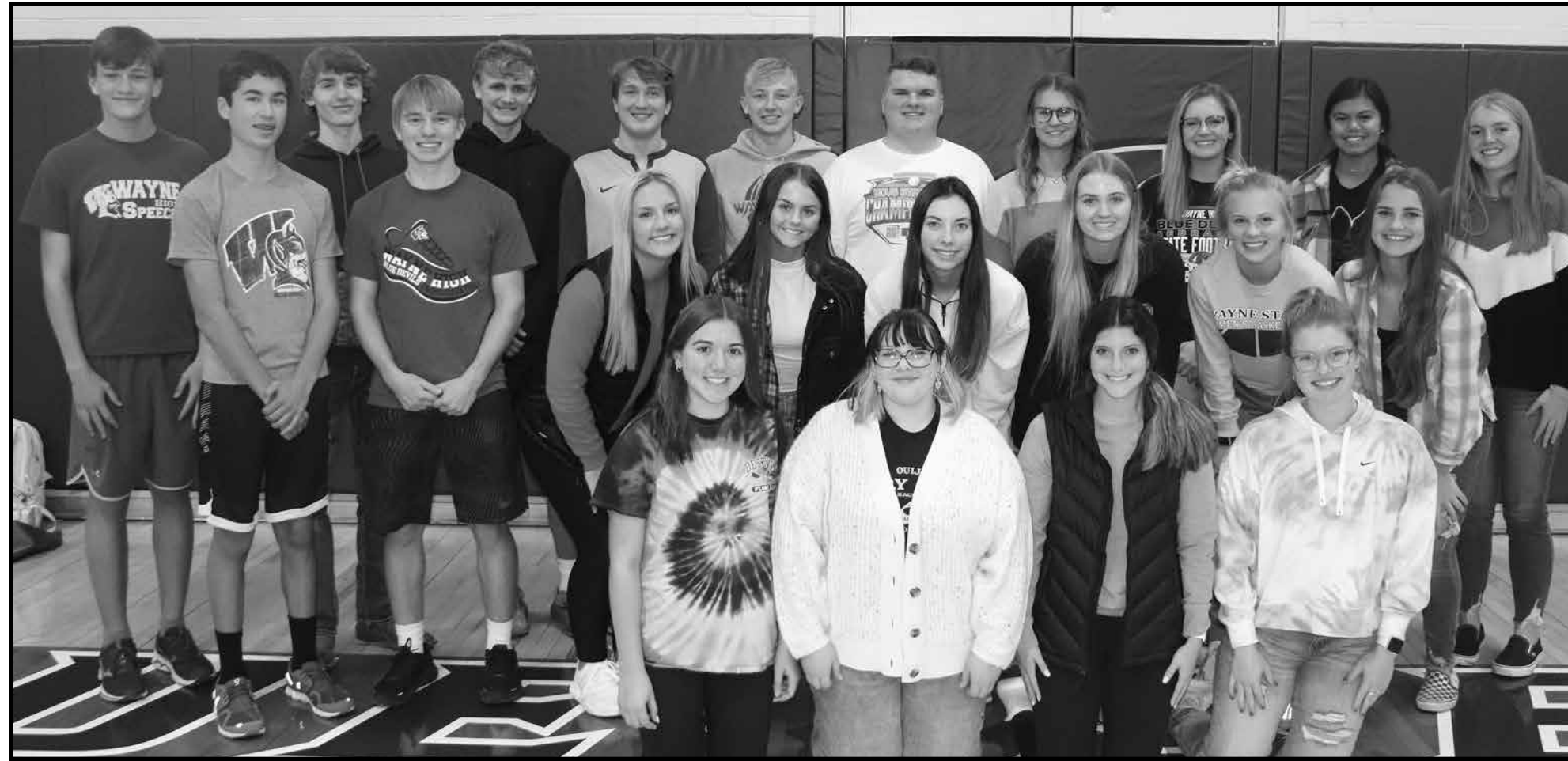
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Members of the Wayne FCCLA chapter include (front) Abigail Hawthorne, Brooklyn Mattison, Avery Herman, Sydney Redden, Alexis Hamik, Natasha Petersen, Alondra Vega, Regan Fernau and Rylynn Owen. (second row) Sophia Spieker, Sierra Mutchler, Candace Heggemeyer, Madison Urbanec, Sienna Klinetobe, Hallie Heithold, Reagan Wiseman, Anna Kaup. Advisor Alina Surber. (third row) Ava Elliot, Amelia Legler, Rylee Durant, Eversky Bates, Mia Kuester, Sarah Wieseler, Alexis Legler, Mallorie Redden, Kennasyn Blecke, Kaleigh Graybeal and Grace Junck. (fourth row) Rylin Hall, Logan Miller, Gabby Judd, Erin Avery, Alexis Adams, Carli Canham, MaKenna Mattison, McKaeya Becker and Joselyn Saltzman. (back row) Jacen Hasemann, Laura Hasemann, Cale Eischied, Camden Hall, Landen Sharer, Ben Haschke and Braden Adams.

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Members of the Wayne High Student Council include (front row) Erin Avery, Maddie Franta, Hope O'Reilly and Sydney Redden. (middle row) Mason Ley, Brayden McCorkindale, Candace Heggemeyer Jaycee Bruns, Taytum Sweetland, Amara Hurlbert, Faith Powicki and Isabelle Francis. (back row) Parker Kesting, Brogan Foote, Kaden Keller, Kaden Hopkins, Brandon Bartos, Bo Armstrong, Mikaela McManigal, Mia Nelsen, Liberty Titiml and Rylin Hall.



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One-Acts

Members of the 2021-2022 Wayne High School One Act cast included Maddie Franta, Ceilus Ibarra, Abi Hawthorne, Alondra Vega, Alec Schaffer, Maiah Davis, Kaden Hopkins, Nathan McKenna, Catherine Rutenbeck, Sierra Mutcherl, Sophia Reeg, Mason Ley, Jace Piper, Ashton Brandow, Easton Blecke, Coby Dickes, Abby Wiesler, Orion Spieker, Carter Hase-mann, Ethan Wibben and Brooklyn Bierbower. Crew included Evan Allemann, Andy Wibben, Summer Palu, Maya Spahr, Aiden Cliff, Korney Rees, Frantzdie Barner, Ryder Durant, Alixx Jeppesen and Arianna Mulhair.

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Members of the 2021-2022 Wayne High School She Devils Dance Team include (front) Sydney Redden, Reagan Backer, Taytum Sweetland, Hope O'Reilly, Jayden Jorgensen (back) Arianna Mulhair, Kierah Haase, Kiarra Doring, Candace Heggemeyer, Leah Perry.



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Musical - The Addams Family

Members of the cast of this year's musical "The Addams Family" included Norah Armstrong, Easton Blecke, Kaden Hopkins, Brooklyn Bierbower, Laura Hasemann, Madalyn Franta, Ethan Wibben, Orion Spieker, Riley Haschke, Carter Hasemann, Abigail Hawthorne, Adrian 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).

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