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Long distance traveler

Gary Blecke of California, Missouri found this large chicken for sale on Marketplace and immediately thought of his Wayne relatives. He drove an hour to purchase it and then he, his daughter, Kristi, and her husband, Shelby Thacker, drove the 450 miles to deliver the chicken to Bill and Rhonda Blecke in Wayne.

Extension assistant, Adult Diversion Program on commissioners agenda

By Clara Osten,
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The introduction of a new Extension 4-H Assistant for the University of Nebraska and approving an agreement for an Adult Diversion Program were among items on the agenda when the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

Emma Krysl, who described herself as "a 4-H kid from Holt County" assumed her duties in early June. The Wayne State graduate will work alongside Amy Topp in

the coming weeks until Julie Kreikemeier moves into the position of Extension Educator in Wayne County.

Topp will continue to be employed by the University of Nebraska and will remain in the Wayne County Courthouse. She is transitioning to an Extension Engagement Zone Coordinator for nine counties in northeast Nebraska.

A memorandum of understand was signed for Kyle Sperry to provide Adult Diversion program services for Wayne County.

Sperry is a 2016 graduate of Wayne State College. He has been a probation officer and worked with a wide array of tasks. He will work with those 18 - 22 years of age who have been charged with criminal offenses such as Minor in Possession or Consumption or Disturbing the Peace. If the individual successfully completes the 90 day program, the offense does not appear on their criminal record.

County Attorney Amy Miller told the commissioners that Jill Belt will continue to provide services to those enrolled in the program until July 31. She will finish up cases she is currently involved with and her records will be given to the county.

Sperry will meet with those enrolled in the diversion program in public places, such as the courthouse or public library.

The cost for Sperry's services will be \$350, up from the current \$250. Of this amount, \$100 will go to the county and remainder to Sperry for his services.

Wayne County Emergency Manager Nic Kennnitz presented an update of activities he has been involved with and upcoming projects.

These include a full-scale exercise at Matheson Gas, located in the Hoskins Fire District. This will take place on Aug. 11.

Kennnitz is working with Andrew Offner, Superintendent of Winside Public Schools, on a potential Safe Room/Storm Shelter project at the school. The project would use FEMA Hazard Mitigation funds.

Kennnitz described the procedure for moving forward and noted that "this is early in the process and grant funding is a competitive process."

Also on Kennnitz's list of upcoming activities is the Wayne County Fair, July 20-24. He told the commissioners he has requested assistance from Cedar County Emergency Management, Cuming County Emergency Management and Dixon County Emergency Management when their schedules allow.

In other business, the commissioners gave approval to pursue the purchase of a used motor grader for District #2.

Commissioner Dean Burbach said he had found a 2007 grader for sale and would like to purchase it for his district.

Highway Superintendent Mark Casey explained the process the county needed to go through, including listing what piece of equipment is being traded in or sold. The county would then be able to use the Special Advertising Provision to purchase the grader.

Discussion was again held on how to use

Check presentation highlights short city council meeting

By Clara Osten,
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Lasting less than 15 minutes, the Wayne City Council meeting involved a check presentation, a liquor permit application and the second reading of four ordinances.

Joel Hansen, representing the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District (LENRD), presented the city with a check for \$26,000 to assist with the costs associated with construction of the Wayne Pedestrian Trail - Phase II.

Hansen said the city had originally applied for the funds in 2006 and a number of delays were encountered before the trail's competition.

Approval was given for a Special Designated Liquor Permit for Johnnie Byrd Brewing Company to expand the outdoor beer garden. This will be for events scheduled for July 20 and July 21.

Council members discussed the need to make the area secure and requirements that need to be met before the issuance of the license.

Four ordinances dealing with the annexation of land received second reading approval.

These include 2.55 acres, more or less of the Replat of Kardell Industrial Park; 34.75 acres, more or less, on which Great Dane Trailers at 1200 Centennial Road is located; 4.27 acres, more or less, on which the Department of Roads Wayne Office at 1300 East Seventh Street is located and 9.33 acres, more or less, on which Heritage Homes at 1519 East Seventh Street is located.

The final reading of these ordinances will take place at the council's next meeting.

In other action, council members approved two resolutions involving administrative services for a Community Develop-



(Photo by Clara Osten)

Mayor Cale Giese accepts a check for \$26,000 and sign from Joel Hansen with the Lower Elkhorn NRD. The sign will be placed along the Wayne Pedestrian Trail.

ment Block Grant (CDBG 21-HO-35041).

The first of these resolutions will allow for a service/consultant agreement for lead paint services with the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District. The services pertain to lead paint inspection, risk assessment and clearance testing. The fee is not to exceed \$15,000.

The second resolution involves an agreement with Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District for housing administrative services not to exceed \$30,000.

The city was notified in November 2021 that it was awarded up to \$315,000 to be used for owner-occupied rehabilitation.

The grant will be used by the Wayne Community Housing Development Corporation for owner-occupied rehabilitation purposes.

Of the total grant, \$250,000 will be used for this purpose, with no match required from the city. The remainder of the grant will be used for administrative purposes, such as items in the council-approved resolutions.

The Wayne City Council will next meet in regular session on Tuesday, July 19 at 5:30 p.m. A budget work session for the 2022-2023 fiscal year will follow the regular meeting.

Warnock named new WSC softball coach

Wayne State athletic director Mike Powicki announced that Christy Warnock has been named head softball coach for the Wildcat program.



Christy Warnock

"I am very excited to welcome Christy to the Wildcat family and the Wayne State College community," said Powicki. "She clearly has the dedication and commitment to building a successful softball program but also has a passion for mentoring student-athletes and ensuring their overall academic experience is a priority. Coach Warnock is a great addition to our staff and will most definitely have a positive impact leading our softball program."

Warnock comes to Wayne State after coaching four seasons at the University

of South Dakota. This season, Warnock helped the Coyotes to a 28-25 record and a fourth-place finish in the Summit League with an 11-10 league mark. Her first season as an assistant coach (2019) saw USD post a 33-28 record and 12-6 mark in the Summit League, the most wins for the Coyote program in the Div. I era.

A graduate of Millard North High School, Warnock was a three-year starter for the South Dakota softball team from 2015-18, hitting a career-high .302 with a .419 on-base percentage as a junior in 2017. She closed her playing career with nine home runs and 68 runs scored and was named to the Summit League All-Tournament Team as a senior in 2018 while also selected to the Summit League Commissioner's List of Academic Excellence all three years she was eligible.

"I would like to thank Wayne State College, Mike Powicki and the search committee for the opportunity to come in and lead the Wayne State softball program," remarked Warnock. "This is a great opportunity to return to my home state and be a part of the rich history of excellence that is shown across the athletic department and college. The WSC campus, academic opportunities, athletic facilities and rich community offer teams the ability to achieve great success and recognition. I am looking forward to meeting with the team and developing a championship culture together."

She becomes the 14th head coach in the 50-year history of the Wildcat softball program. She takes over a Wildcat softball program that was 15-38 overall and 10th place in the Northern Sun Conference with a 12-18 league mark this season.



(Photo by Clara Osten)

Amy Topp, second from right, introduced Emma Krysl as the new 4-H Assistant for Wayne County. The introduction took place during Tuesday's meeting of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

ARPA funds within the county

Sandra Hansen, Discovery Recovery Specialist, presented information on a grant application process for ARPA funds.

Commissioners had indicated a desire to use the funds to help pay for upgrades that have taken place at the courthouse.

Hansen said only funds spent on the project after March 1, 2021 will be eligible to be considered. She said that approximately \$75,000 has been spent since then on restoration projects.

Commissioners discussed the rules the entities asking for grant money would need

to follow and how to go about getting the money back if these procedures were not followed.

Commissioner Terry Sievers said he is not ready to move forward with handing out the grant applications and would like to discuss the matter further before making any decisions.

The item will be brought back before the commissioners at a future meeting.

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners will next meet in regular session on Tuesday, July 19 at 9 a.m. at the Wayne County Courthouse.

Meeting identifies prominent local health issues

By Aubreanna Miller,
For the Herald

On June 30 the Northeast Nebraska Rural Health Network conducted a meeting at the Wayne Fire Hall to identify and discuss the central health issues in the surrounding communities.

This meeting served as just one part of a long process to solve the problems that have had disastrous effects on this area.

The organizations that form the network include Pender Community Hospital, Providence Medical Center, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Winnebago Health Department and the Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department, which serves the counties of Cedar, Dixon, Thurston and

Wayne.

The group formed in 2017 out of the need for an assessment and improvement plan.

According to Julie Rother, Health Director of the Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department, the various institutions saw the benefits of continuing a partnership, leading to the drafting of bylaws and memorandums of agreement to continue the necessary and life-changing work. "We realized that [we can] really maximize our resources if we're not out duplicating the same kinds of activities but can learn from each other," Rother said. "The vision we came up with is by working together, we create a healthier community."

Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts celebrate 50 years of conservation

Once dismissed as 'The Great American Desert,' Nebraska is now known for its agricultural bounty and natural wonders. Throughout 2022, Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts (NRDs) are celebrating 50 years, commemorating breakthroughs, and achievements in conservation.

"The NRDs have faced many changes in the last 50 years, affecting the ways we protect our natural resources for the future," said Mike Sousek, general manager for the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District (LENRD), which covers all or parts of 15-counties in northeast Nebraska.

The LENRD is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, July 13 at their office in Norfolk to celebrate their 50th Anniversary. The day will begin with coffee at 10 a.m. with the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited to stop by anytime between 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. for refreshments, giveaways, groundwater demonstrations, and more. At 7:30 p.m. the NRD will host the final "Stars, Strolls, & S'mores" event of the season at the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Verges Park.

After the devastation of the Dust Bowl, special purpose districts were developed across the nation to solve local soil and water-related problems. But the overlapping of authorities and responsibilities created some confusion, which sparked Nebraska legislators to form a new plan for their state.

In 1969, Senator Maurice Kremer introduced legislative bill 1357 to combine Nebraska's 154 special purpose entities into 24 NRDs by July 1972. The 24 district boundaries were based on the river basins, allowing for better management



In 1969, the 80th Unicameral created the Natural Resources Districts (NRDs) with the passage of legislative bill 1357. From left, Chester Ellis, President of Nebraska Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Sen. Maurice Kremer, Chairman of the Nebraska Legislature's Agriculture and Recreation Committee; Gov. Norbert Tiemann; Warren Patefield, Immediate Past President of Nebraska Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Milton Fricke, Director of the National Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts; and Warren Fairchild, Executive Secretary of the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

practices to be applied to similar flood control projects, implement soil conservation programs, offer technical and financial assistance to landowners for natural resources management as well as forestry and recreational development. When necessary, they enact regulations to protect our resources.

While all NRDs share 12 main responsibilities, each district sets its own priorities and develops programs that best serve and protect their local area. They are led by a locally elected Board of Directors, uniquely positioned right in their own communities. Sousek said, "Funding for district projects and programs comes from leveraging collected property tax dollars to obtain grants, which account for nearly 50% of expenditures. In most cases, your local NRD typically uses 1-2 percent of all property taxes collected in the district."

Across the state, NRDs construct

depleted aquifers. Sousek said, "Nebraska's NRDs work with irrigators to monitor water use, establish groundwater recharge projects, and implement water-wise programs."

Groundwater quality is another responsibility of the NRDs. In northeast Nebraska, the LENRD builds partnerships with various agencies and organizations to address water quality issues, including the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, other state and federal agencies, municipalities, counties, and private organizations. "Nitrate levels are increasing across the state. We are working together to identify measures used to preserve quality groundwater for the future," said Sousek. Visit our website www.nitrateinwater.org for more information.

The LENRD's major accomplishments over the past 50 years include multi-purpose structures across the district.

One of those is the Willow Creek State Recreation Area (SRA) just southwest of Pierce. This flood control dam protects landowners downstream on Willow Creek, to just north of Norfolk. The dam held back over 18,000 acre-feet of water during the historic flood of 2019, totaling over 5.86 billion gallons, preventing monumental damages further downstream. The area is owned by the LENRD but is managed by the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission as a state recreation area.

A park sticker is needed to enter the area, which boasts 124 campsites, half of which can be reserved at www.OutdoorNebraska.org.

The Logan East Rural Water System is another project administered by the LENRD. This system is the largest of its kind in the state, providing quality water to approximately 1,200 customers in portions of Burt, Dodge, and Washington counties, including the villages of Herman, Uehling, and Winslow. The system has three wells and three towers with over 600,000 gallons of water storage and 800 miles of pipeline to rural customers. The office for the system is in Oakland. The advisory committee is currently looking to expand the system to provide quality water for other areas in need.

The Wau-Col Regional Water System is another large project owned by the LENRD. This system provides quality water to the villages of Belden, Magnet, and McLean. Water is purchased from Coleridge and sent to Belden, and water is purchased from Wausa and sent to 16 rural customers as well as Magnet and McLean. The name "Wau-Col" is derived from

Wausa-Coleridge. The system travels across three county lines – Knox, Cedar, and Pierce Counties. The \$3.1 million project was made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture – Rural Development and area sponsors including the LENRD and the Lewis & Clark NRD. The project was dedicated on Aug. 11, 2012, at the tower site in Wausa.

In the past 50 years, the LENRD has distributed over 4 million trees across its boundaries through the Conservation Tree Program. Community Forestry and Urban Development programs also assist communities with tree planting and recreational projects.

Today, Nebraska's unique system of locally controlled, watershed-based conservation is widely admired throughout the nation. In recent years, at least 11 states have inquired about applying a similar system for natural resources management.

Sousek added, "After 50 years, Nebraska's NRDs continue to adapt to the local needs of our communities to meet the challenges of today. Join us at our Norfolk office for an Open House on July 13 to celebrate this milestone."

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Involved in the check presentation were (left) Foundation Board Member Dr. Mark McCorkindale, Foundation Director Rachel Miller, Radiology Director Stacey Hawkins, Radiology Tech. Holli Knudson, COO and Interim CEO Kris Giese.

PMC Foundation donates funds

The Providence Medical Center (PMC) Foundation recently presented a check for \$84,976.47 to the Providence Medical Center Radiology Department to go toward the purchase of a new MRI.

The new piece of equipment will provide a better patient experience

and new technology that will deliver higher quality imaging.

PMC is anxiously awaiting the opening of their brand new Radiology and Outpatient Specialty Services wing.

"It was such a great feeling to hand over the official check to

our radiology department. These funds were raised from our 2021 Jewel Gala. I would like to thank everyone who attended the Gala for their donations and support to make this possible." Rachel Miller, Foundation Director, said.

Candidates file for re-election

Filings received at the Wayne County Clerk's Office in recent days include:

Carroll Board of Trustees – Dalton Dunklau, Incumbent.

Hoskins Board of Trustees – James Miller, Incumbent.

Hoskins Board of Trustees -- Richard Doffin Jr., Incumbent.

The filing deadline for incumbents for Village Trustees and Noxious Weed Board city or village position is July 15. The filing deadline for non-incumbents is Aug.1.

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Health

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About 50 people attended the meeting, each offering their own crucial and unique perspective.

The facilitators of the event, including John Beranek from Sioux Falls, began by having each table discuss notable patterns that lead to poor health outcomes. Beranek continued to emphasize the goal of just naming the problems, not fixing them.

The intention was to avoid falling down a path of specifics that might prove insignificant in the long run. To gain a comprehensive view of the problems affecting everyone, the meeting focused on big picture ideas.

Between each session, participants moved around the room to encourage conversations and spark ideas with new people.

The first document that the prominent community leaders discussed compared local negative health issues with national statistics. Other reports summarized the surveys completed by community members earlier this year regarding their thoughts on local health and the countless organizations outside the network that contribute to overall health.

Stemming from analysis of each document, each table named three



Attendees at last week's Rural Health Network meeting in Wayne list their main health concerns. Information will be shared in hopes of better responding to the needs of the community.

main health concerns to be addressed by the network in the near future.

When these ideas filled up the board in the front of the room, five core categories arose. These included Mental Health, Chronic Disease,

Health Behavior Education, Social Determinates of Health and Availability of Resources.

Each person then had to put a sticker next to the one category they felt strongly about. Health Behavior Education took the lead with Mental Health and Chronic Disease not far behind.

After identifying these central health issues of Northeast Nebraska, the network feels prepared to advance to the next step.

Lori Steffen, Director at the NNPHD, said the network will now focus on re-establishing coalitions formed on the priorities found. They will continue to develop initiatives, conduct meetings with residents and community leaders alike and revise their plan to make this area

healthier and safer.

Steffen and the other leaders of the event also disclosed their understanding of the importance of all the main health categories that surfaced during the meeting. However, to make lasting solutions, they understand each organization cannot tackle five concerns at once.

Through careful selection of two or three problems, the network will be better equipped to respond to issues, resolve core obstacles and support the other organizations in their journeys.

The meeting ended with each person offering both a practical contribution they can make towards the cause and one negative thing they will work to avoid during the process.



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Blood drives held in Wayne

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Over the course of June, four blood drives were hosted to support Providence Medical Center and 120+ other local hospitals that LifeServe Blood Center serves. Organizers successfully collected 120 units of blood that have the ability to save up to 360 local lives.

Special thanks were extended to

Logan Miller and Brooklyn Kruse, incoming seniors at Wayne High School, for collecting their 200th unit of blood during their fourth blood drive. They also introduced 10 people to blood donation in this month alone. Donors are being asked to mark their calendars for a fifth blood drive to be held Friday, Dec. 23.

The following donors hit milestones with their most recent donation:

Heidi Armstrong and Braydn McCorkindale – one gallon; Dayton Bell, Cody Talbott and Andrew Bose – two gallons; Brian Petzoldt – six gallons; Betty Mitchell – seven gallons; Sheryl Grone and Kelly Isom – 10 gallons; Darin Greunke – 12 gallons; Michael Wurdeman – 14 gallons; Robert Ensz – 17 gallons; David Woslager – 18 gallons; Larry Hansen – 23 gallons; Harold Fleeer – 26 gallons.

There are two upcoming blood drives in Wayne for the month of July:

Wednesday, July 20 at Providence Medical Center (12:30 – 4:15 p.m.)

Wednesday, July 27 at the Wayne Fire Hall (noon – 5 p.m.)

"Thanks to everyone who came out to show their support. Be sure to text 'LIFESERVE' to 999-777 to make your next appointment and we look forward to seeing you next time!" said Allison Brumels, LifeServe Blood Center Territory Representative.



'Hard Hat Junior' stands guard

At the corner of North Pearl and West 2nd Streets, a sculpture of a boy, aptly named "Hard Hat Junior," squints into the sun.

Created by Lee Leuning and Sherri Treeby of Aberdeen South Dakota, the bronze sculpture features a young man with fine details.

Sherri serves as a lead judge for the South Dakota High School Activities Association's State High School Art Competition.

She hosts free art clinics for children and for adults several times a year at Sioux Falls and Lake Richmond Studios, providing her vast knowledge over many media and art materials.

Twice, she was selected as "Sculptor of the Year" by American Mothers, Inc.

Lee works on developing wildlife habitat through native prairie grass and wildflowers, shrubbery and trees on the four acre Lake Richmond studio grounds.

He is a 4-time Tennessee Wildlife Officer of the Year for Region 3.

Lee and Sherri reserve a portion of their time away from commissioned artwork to produce two original bronze sculptures of a Norman Rockwell type realism to enter into community year-long sculpture walk venues.

They excel in humorous, and insightful sculptures that have a hidden story, so that when the viewer figures it out, they feel good about themselves.

Their ability to connect with the common man and make viewing sculpture as fun has led to their

winning a Sioux Falls Sculpture Walk Award or a purchase of their art for 16 years straight.

They are the only artists to have been juried in each and every year.

What is truly notable of this achievement is the national status of Sioux Falls Sculpture Walk.

It acts as the largest yearlong exhibit in the US with 56 major artworks downtown, 25 at Avera complex and 20 at Sioux Falls University.

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They are selected every year to appear on television and radio coverage of the opening day of the Walk and to give sculpting demonstrations at the Walk's major fundraisers.

They have been accepted into all of the major Midwest cities.

They include St. Louis Springfield, Chesterfield, St. Joe, Marysville, Missouri; Salina and Hutchinson, Kansas; Mason City and Sioux City, Iowa; Decatur, Indiana; Mankato, St. Cloud, Stillwater, Bemidji, Victoria-Minnesota; Sheridan, Wyoming; Golden, Colorado; Castlegar, B.C. Canada; Watertown, Yankton, Milbank, South Dakota.

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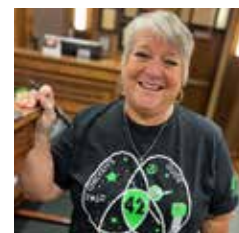
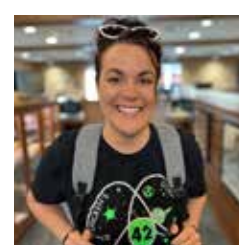
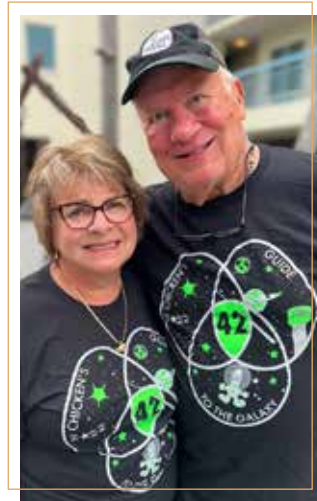
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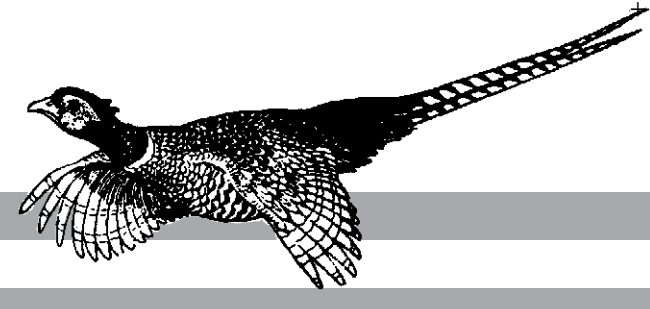


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Sports

— Wayne Baseball Results —

Wayne White Didgets vs Emerson Hubbard

Emerson-Hubbard scored three runs in the fifth inning. Emerson-Hubbard scored its runs on a double by G.A.

P.S. got the start for Emerson-Hubbard. P lasted four and two-thirds innings, allowing two hits and two runs while striking out 12.

Dreu J. toed the rubber for Wayne White Didgets. The pitcher lasted three and a third innings, allowing three hits and three runs while striking out five. Benjamin P. and Hudson K. entered the game as relief, throwing one inning and two-thirds of an inning respectively.

Isaiah Z. and Brayden M. each collected one hit to lead Wayne White Didgets. Wayne White Didgets didn't commit a single error in the field. Benjamin had seven chances in the field, the most on the team.

G. went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Emerson-Hubbard in hits.

Wayne Blue Didgets vs Howells Dodge

Tuesday's game against Howells/Dodge was a heartbreaker for Wayne Didgets Blue, as they lost the lead late in a 3-2 defeat. Howells/Dodge was down 2-1 in the top of the sixth inning when Vinny F.

Wayne Didgets Blue. The righty allowed two hits and one run over five innings, striking out 12 and walking zero.

Brayden W. led Wayne Didgets Blue with two hits in three at bats. Wayne Didgets Blue stole four bases during the game as two players stole more than one. Harley P. led the way with two.

Emmett went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Howells/Dodge in hits. Howells/Dodge didn't commit a single error in the field. Dillon B. had 14 chances in the field, the most on the team.

Wayne Broncos

Wayne Blue vs Wayne White

Wayne White Broncos ran off with the lead late in the game in an 8-7 victory over Tri-County Wayne Blue-Endicott Broncos on Wednesday. The game was tied at four with Wayne White Broncos batting in the top of the fourth when an error scored two runs for Wayne White Broncos.

Wayne White Broncos collected six hits and Tri-County Wayne Blue-Endicott Broncos had eight in the high-scoring affair.

After Wayne White Broncos scored two runs in the top of the fifth, Tri-County Wayne Blue-End-

run.

Blake S. led things off on the mound for Wayne White Broncos. The pitcher allowed four hits and four runs over three innings, striking out one and walking zero.

Easton toed the rubber for Tri-County Wayne Blue-Endicott Broncos. The hurler allowed one hit and six runs over four innings, striking out nine. Jackson M. threw two innings out of the bullpen.

Wayne White Broncos tallied one home run on the day. Will went yard in the fifth inning.

Aiden P., Will, Noah M., Tate H., Sam L., and Blake all had one hit to lead Wayne White Broncos.

Jackson led Tri-County Wayne Blue-Endicott Broncos with two hits in three at bats.

Wayne Blue Ponies vs North Bend

Wayne Blue Pony nabbed the lead late in the game in a 12-8 victory over Blacksox on Tuesday. Wayne Blue Pony trailed 6-5 in the bottom of the fifth inning when Jaxon Kneifl homered on a 2-0 count, scoring two runs.

Blacksox scored five runs in the fifth inning, but Wayne Blue Pony still managed to pull out the victory. The big inning for Blacksox came thanks to a single by Braxton Wisnieski, a groundout by Ethan Kluck, and a double by Preston Scott.

Wayne Blue Pony captured the lead in the first inning. Chase Sturm grounded out, scoring one run.

Brodrick Tiedtke pitched Wayne Blue Pony to victory. Tiedtke surrendered zero runs on zero hits over two-thirds of an inning, striking out one and walking zero. Kneifl and Dylan Jensen entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief.

Kluck led things off on the mound for Blacksox. Kluck went one and one-third innings, allowing three runs on two hits. Wyatt Swanebeck threw four and a third innings out of the bullpen.

Sturm started the game for Wayne Blue Pony. The righthander lasted four and two-thirds innings, allowing five hits and five runs while striking out 11.

Wayne Blue Pony smacked one home run on the day. Kneifl went deep in the fifth inning.

Wayne Blue Pony tallied 11 hits on the day. Tiedtke and Herwin Bernal each racked up multiple hits for Wayne Blue Pony. Bernal and Tiedtke each collected two hits to lead Wayne Blue Pony. Wayne Blue Pony tore up the base paths, as two players stole at least two bases. Adrian Contreras led the way with two.

Blacksox collected seven hits. Colin Stephenson, Swanebeck, and Wisnieski all managed multiple hits for Blacksox. Blacksox stole seven bases during the game as two players stole more than one. Swanebeck led the way with two.

Wayne Blue Ponies vs Pierce

A walk-off double propelled Wayne Blue Pony to a decisive, dramatic victory over Pierce, 6-5. The game was tied at five with Wayne Blue Pony batting in the bottom of the eighth when Adrian Contreras doubled on a 1-0 count, scoring one run.

Pierce opened up scoring in the



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Aiden Liston lines a base hit for the Wayne Juniors during their 6-2 win over Pender in Saturday's Ralph Bishop League championship game.

Wayne White Ponies. Nelson went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Tri Co. Wayne White Ponies in hits. Tri Co. Wayne White Ponies stole seven bases during the game as three players stole more than one. Sam Etter led the way with two.

Foust led Logan View with three hits in three at bats.

of an inning, allowing three runs on four hits.

Tri Co. Wayne White Ponies racked up eight hits in the game. Drew Reinhardt and Anderson each collected multiple hits for Tri Co. Wayne White Ponies. Anderson and Reinhardt each collected two hits to lead Tri Co. Wayne White Ponies. Reinhardt led Tri Co. Wayne White Ponies with four stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with nine stolen bases.

Howells Dodge collected seven hits on the day. #13 and #6 all managed multiple hits for Howells Dodge.

Wayne White Ponies vs Howells Dodge

Despite seeing its four-run lead whittled down by the end, Tri Co. Wayne White Ponies still held off Howells Dodge for a 7-6 victory on Friday. Howells Dodge scored two runs in the failed comeback on an error and a groundout by #7.

Both pitching staffs had their hands full, frequently dealing with runners on base. Tri Co. Wayne White Ponies collected eight hits and Howells Dodge had seven.

Tri Co. Wayne White Ponies took an early lead in the first inning when Mason Heikes singled on a 0-1 count, scoring one run.

Tri Co. Wayne White Ponies took the lead for good with four runs in the fourth inning. In the fourth Parker Patefield doubled on a 0-1 count, scoring two runs, Gavin Anderson singled on a 2-1 count, scoring one run, and Zander Liston drew a walk, scoring one run.

Anderson was the winning pitcher for Tri Co. Wayne White Ponies. Anderson went four innings, allowing three runs on four hits, striking out ten and walking one. Blade Nelson threw three innings in relief out of the bullpen. Nelson recorded the last nine outs to earn the save for Tri Co. Wayne White Ponies.

#7 took the loss for Howells Dodge. The hurler went three innings, allowing four runs on three hits and striking out five.

#5 started the game for Howells Dodge. undefined went two-thirds

Juniors vs Pender

Wayne Junior Legion Blue Devils jumped out to an early lead over Pender and took home a 6-2 victory on Saturday. Wayne Junior Legion Blue Devils scored on a single by Aiden Liston in the first inning, a double by Wyatt Heikes in the second inning, and an error in the second inning.

Wayne Junior Legion Blue Devils pulled away for good with four runs in the second inning. In the second Heikes doubled on a 3-2 count, scoring one run and an error scored three runs for Wayne Junior Legion Blue Devils.

Gavin Redden got the start for Wayne Junior Legion Blue Devils. The righthander allowed four hits and two runs over seven innings, striking out five and walking one.

Paulsa was on the mound for Pender. The pitcher surrendered six runs on six hits over three and a third innings, striking out three. Olson threw two and two-thirds innings in relief.

Heikes led Wayne Junior Legion Blue Devils with two hits in three at bats.

Kelly went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Pender in hits.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Wayne Juniors' second baseman Ryan Karsky catches a pop fly to end a Pender rally during Saturday's 6-2 win in the Ralph Bishop League championship game.

singled on a 0-2 count, scoring two runs.

The pitching was strong on both sides. Howells/Dodge pitchers struck out 13, while Wayne Didgets Blue sat down 14.

Vinny was the winning pitcher for Howells/Dodge. The fireballer allowed three hits and two runs over two and two-thirds innings, striking out four. Reid M. and Emmett O. entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief.

Merrick M. took the loss for

icott Broncos answered with two of their own. Wayne White Broncos scored when Will P. homered on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring two runs. Tri-County Wayne Blue-Endicott Broncos then answered when Easton E. grounded out, scoring one run and an error scored one run for Tri-County Wayne Blue-Endicott Broncos.

Wayne White Broncos took the lead for good with four runs in the fourth inning. In the fourth Karter H. drew a walk, scoring one run and Trecyn O. grounded out, scoring one



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Tournament champions

The Wayne Juniors are the 2022 Ralph Bishop League tournament champions. Team members are: (seated) bat boy Caysen Gamble, (front) Devin Anderson, Ryan Karsky, Will Leseberg, Jameson Meyer, Gavin Redden, Kaleb Moormeier, Kasen York, (back) assistant coach Reid Korth, Calvin Ankeny, Zach McManigal, Jase Dean, Kaden Keller, Aiden Liston, Wyatt Heikes and head coach Robbie Gamble. Not pictured are Alex Rodriguez and Keegan Rubendall.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Gavin Redden threw a complete-game victory to lead the Wayne Juniors to the Ralph Bishop League tournament title Saturday with a 6-2 win over Pender.



Special honor

Tanner Walling, a 2022 graduate of Wayne High, was among those selected to participate in the 20th annual Nebraska Lions High School Senior All-Star Golf Tournament. The event, which was held at the Meadowlark Hills Golf Course in Kearney, was sponsored by the Nebraska Lions Foundation. In addition to two days of golf, the event included a cook-out for all participants and their families. Tanner placed second at the event, shooting a 77 on the first day and a 79 on the second day. Walling (far left) is pictured here with several of the other golfers who were invited to participate in the event.

Wayne Softball Results

Wayne Dirt Devils 10u vs Tractor NT Rowland
Wayne Dirt Devils 10U watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 6-0 loss to Tractorhouse NT-Rowland 10U on Friday. Tractorhouse NT-Rowland 10U took the lead on a double in the first inning.

Wayne Dirt Devils 10U lost despite out-hitting Tractorhouse NT-Rowland 10U three to two.

Tractorhouse NT-Rowland 10U got things moving in the first inning. Lorelai S threw a wild pitch allowing one run across the plate for Tractorhouse NT-Rowland 10U.

One bright spot for Wayne Dirt Devils 10U was a single by Chloe K in the third inning.

Lorelai was in the circle for Wayne Dirt Devils 10U. The pitcher went four innings, allowing six runs on two hits and striking out 12.

Chloe, Madison O, and Hadley D each collected one hit to lead Wayne Dirt Devils 10U.

Wayne Dirt Devils 10u vs Adrenaline
Wayne Dirt Devils 10U had all cylinders firing on offense on Saturday, winning big over Adrenaline 10U 10-1.

Jessa M pitched Wayne Dirt Dev-

ils 10U to victory. Jessa surrendered one run on zero hits over four innings, striking out six.

Wayne Dirt Devils 10U saw the ball well today, racking up ten hits in the game. Jessa, Chloe K, and Nevaeh H each managed multiple hits for Wayne Dirt Devils 10U. Jessa went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Wayne Dirt Devils 10U in hits. Wayne Dirt Devils 10U didn't commit a single error in the field. Hadley W had the most chances in the field with six. Wayne Dirt Devils 10U stole nine bases during the game as two players stole more than one. Nevaeh led the way with four.

Ainsley W went 0-for-2 at the plate as Ainsley led the team with one run batted in.

Wayne Dirt Devils 10u vs Pender
Wayne Dirt Devils 10U out-hit Pender two to one, but it wasn't enough in a 6-5 loss on Saturday.

Wayne Dirt Devils 10U opened up an early lead in the first inning when.

Pender took the lead for good with four runs in the second inning. In the second Player singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring two runs.

Jessa M was in the pitcher's circle for Wayne Dirt Devils 10U. The pitcher surrendered six runs on one hit over four innings, striking out 11.

Madison O and Jessa each collected one hit to lead Wayne Dirt Devils 10U.

Player led Pender with one hit in one at bats.



Member-Guest

Wayne State baseball coach Alex Koch switched his baseball cap for a golf cap and captured top honors at the Wayne Country Club's annual member-guest tournament recently. Koch teamed up with former Wayne native Luke Christensen to win the two-day event, surviving a nine-team shootout. The duo of Joel Jorgensen and Jason Jorgensen along with Ryan Hix and Chris Nissen were the last three teams standing before the champs were crowned. Sixty-six teams competed in this year's event.

Senior Center Congregate Meal Menu

(Week of July 11 - 15)
The Wayne Senior Center will be open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Meals are being served at the Senior Center at 11:45 a.m. Staff will still be providing Meals on Wheels, which go out at 11 a.m. and curbside pickup meal service from 11:15 to 11:30 a.m. for noon meals. Please call the Senior Center staff at (402) 375-1460 for details or email them at dbertrand@cityofwayne.org for information. Staff will be available between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Monday: Pulled pork sandwich on homemade bun, au gratin potatoes, cole slaw, frozen fruit with yogurt.

Tuesday: Ham balls, baked potato, butter beets, whole wheat dinner roll, strawberry applesauce.

Wednesday: Special drawing. Oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, creamed corn, dinner roll, peaches.

Thursday: Scalloped potatoes with ham, green beans with almonds, fresh sliced potato, Hawaiian dinner roll, cherry crisp, tomato or grape juice.

Friday: Goulash, lettuce salad with assorted vegetables, mandarin oranges, garlic bread stick.

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Team 10 .. 26.5	Team 31..... 33
Team 11 .. 33.5	Team 32..... 26
Team 12 28	Team 33..... 31
Team 13 19	Team 34....36.5
Team 14 19	Team 35..... 31
Team 15 ... 37.5	Team 36....21.5
Team 16 .. 22.5	Team 37..... 36
Team 17 37	Team 38..... 24
Team 18 37	Team 39....41.5
Team 19 ... 30	Team 40....25.5
Team 2 23	Team 41....38.5
Team 20 41	Team 42..... 34
Team 21 .. 30.5	Team 43....23.5
Team 22 .. 26.5	Team 44..... 32
Team 23 28	Team 45..... 27
Team 24 38	Team 46....21.5
Team 25 38	Team 47..... 20
Team 26 36	Team 48..... 30
Team 27 .. 25.5	Team 49..... 30
Team 28 .. 29.5	Team 50....25.5
Team 29 .. 26.5	Team 51....31.5
Team 3 ... 28.5	Team 52....25.5
Team 30 23	Team 53....21.5
Team 4 ... 41.5	Team 54....36.5
Team 5 ... 25.5	Team 55....28.5
Team 6 ... 31.5	Team 57..... 29
Team 7 ... 35.5	Team 58..... 30
Team 8 ... 27.5	Team 59..... 37
Team 9 22	Team 60..... 28

A players: Kyle Schellpeper 35, Charlie Wych 35, Matt Eischeid 37, Kelly Hansen 37, Andi Diediker 37.

B players: Justin Dean 38, Keith Jarvi 38, Billy Delano 41.

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Plants defend themselves in several ways

There is a great line in the first Jurassic Park movie when Ellie, the character played by Laura Dern, says, and I'm paraphrasing here, "Plants can be pretty but will defend themselves if threatened."

Assuredly, not all plants are sweet and accommodating. Of course, there are plants that throw in their lot with humans, giving

people fruits and vegetables for food, fiber for textiles, and medicines for health. We manipulate plants to get what we need, and we aid their survival by saving seed and propagating plants. It begs the question, though, are we manipulating plants or are they manipulating us?

Poison ivy (*Toxicodendron ryd-*

bergii) is a great example of a plant that defends itself. Urushiol, the highly viscous oil found in poison ivy, causes contact dermatitis. It gives people a rash, in some cases a quite severe one. Anything with fur is oblivious to the effects of poison ivy, but pets can get it on their fur and transfer urushiol to humans. Deer will eat leaves and birds will eat the fruits of poison ivy with no ill effects. Never burn any part of poison ivy because the smoke can carry the toxin to lungs.

Rhubarb (*Rheum x cultorum*) are plants that give and take away. The stalks are not high in sugar but impart a pleasant tartness to pies, cobblers, and crisps. The leaves, however, contain poisonous oxalic acid. Humans should steer clear of eating the leaves.

All parts of pokeweed, *Phytolacca americana*, are poisonous, with the roots having the highest

concentration of saponic glycosides and the berries having the least. It is often mistaken for chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana*) which is edible. Birds eat the seeds of pokeweed with no poisonous effect, but humans and livestock have died from ingesting all or parts of pokeweed. Indigenous cultures have passed down from one generation to the next very specific methods for safely preparing pokeweed stems and leaves for eating—but no one should attempt this without a thorough understanding of how to do it.

Rue (*Ruta graveolens*) is a perennial herb historically used for medicinal purposes. Though native to southern Europe, it has escaped cultivation here in the U.S. and can be found along roads and in ditches. In addition to its toxicity when ingested, rue also is phototoxic. Sunlight, in combination with the presence of sap from rue,



Pokeweed, used with permission from forestryimages.org

will cause serious and painful welts on the skin. The saying "to rue the day" came from the negative effects the plant causes.

Not all plant defenses have impacts on humans. Trees communicate with one another through the production of pheromones. This helps to spread the message when an invasive insect is on the hunt for leaves. Healthy nearby trees have receptors that take in the odorless message and produce more defensive compounds, making the trees less tasty and reducing edibility for the invading insect.

Walnut trees secrete a herbicide, juglone, into the soil to discourage neighboring plants from developing in the walnut's root zone.

Then there are thorns (think cacti), prickly hairs (like stinging nettles), and a host of other defenses. The list goes on. Some plants play nice, some don't.

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July 5, 1962
Kiwanis installs Gum Ball Machines
Kiwanis Gum Ball Machines have been installed in local stores about three weeks ago. These machines sell penny Ford gum. Revenue from their sales will go for boys and girls club work. This project began nationally in 1939. Since its beginning, over \$6 million has been collected and used to aid local welfare projects. Members of the gum ball machine committee of the Kiwanis Club in Wayne are Eldon Seyler, Russell Johnson, Karl Meyer and Cal Comstock.

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July 3, 1972
Over 350 attend Wayne Horse Show
Ben Ivener loves horse shows. But that doesn't make his any different than the 350 people who attended the Wayne saddle Club Horse Show. Except that he was probably the oldest competitor there. The 72-year-old Hinton, Iowa native, along with his favorite horse, Tomea, showed the audience and participants what horsemanship was all about. "I've been riding horses ever since I was a little kid, Ivener said, wearing his straw cowboy hat and a pair of sunglasses. Ivener and his horse took first place at the 10th annual event at Wayne in the Rocking Chair Class and came back in the next event, pole bending, also to take first. A total of 93 riders entered the show, coming from South Dakota, Iowa and around Nebraska.

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July 9, 1992
Winning Chicken Show window
Jan Magnuson and Wendy Huemme are shown with the winning window they decorated in the Chicken Show Window decorating contest. The window at Zach Oil was judged the best, with the business winning \$100 in advertising at both the Wayne Herald and KTCH radio. Sandy Bartling, chairperson of the contest, said 13 businesses participated.

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July 4, 2002
Winside students take biology trip
Twelve students from Instructor Paul Sok's Advanced Biology Class spent five days in the Black Hills and western Nebraska. Those students include Julie Longnecker, Stacey Rabe, Stephanie Topp, Becky Krause, Shane Jaeger, Mike Hawkins, Travis Koll, Josh Harmer and Chris Hansen. The group left from Winside High School at 5 a.m. on June 17. The first major stop for the day was at an original sod home settlement north of the Badlands. The house was originally build by a couple from Pierce in the late 1800's. The students then hiked and drove through the badlands National Monument. The second major stop for the day was at the Blackhills School of Mines in Rapid City, South Dakota, where they toured the Geology museum. This is the eighth year Mr. Sok has sponsored a trip to the Black Hills. "The students are especially thankful to the Gardner Foundation of Wakefield and the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resource District for grants which covered half the expenses," Mr. Sok said.

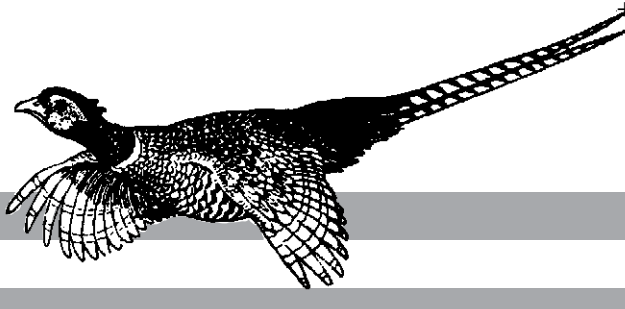
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Opinion

Nebraska Secretary of State returns from trade mission

Nebraska Secretary of State Bob Evnen recently returned from a one-week trade mission to Bulgaria. This was a follow-up to a 2019 trade mission which focused on dry edible beans.

Dry beans are a staple of the Bulgarian diet but Bulgarians only raise about 10 percent of what they consume. Relationships were built in 2019 to promote the sale of Nebraska dry beans. A 25 percent retaliatory European Union tariff on agricultural commodities, however, made Nebraska dry bean price uncompetitive. This year the E.U. removed its retaliatory tariff.

On the trade mission, a representative of the Nebraska dry bean industry met with several Bulgarian importers and processors. The importers and processors expressed an immediate readiness to establish commercial relationships for the importation of Nebraska dry beans.

The trade mission this year was expanded. Also represented was Nebraska's center pivot irrigation technology industry. As a result of the trade mission, a Nebraska irrigation technology engineer will follow up with the largest agricultural land operator in Bulgaria, who has about 100,000 hectares in agricultural production (about 250,000 acres).

Meetings with the Bulgarian Minister of Agriculture also were productive, where the Nebraska delegation was informed about existing programs to help defray the investment cost in irrigation technology and the cost of providing infrastructure for water delivery.

Beef from Nebraska also figured prominently on the trade mission. Dr. Chris Calkins, Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Science from the University of Nebraska, participated in the trade mission. Dr. Calkins talked with two groups about what makes Nebraska beef superior, and he gave a cutting demonstration to the HRC Culinary Academy in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Secretary of State Evnen met with all of these groups and with a number of other current and former elected officials of Bulgaria. "We made maximum use of our time in Bulgaria," Evnen said.

"We were warmly welcomed and we made great progress in all three areas - dry beans, beef from Nebraska and irrigation technology. We will continue to follow up to partner with Bulgaria for the mutual benefit of Bulgarians and Nebraskans," he concluded.

Major funding for the trade mission was provided by a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture Emerging Markets Program. The grant was awarded in 2019 and was used for both the 2019 and 2022 trade missions. Grant funds remain for a planned reverse trade mission later this year, when it is hoped that Bulgarian representatives will travel to Nebraska.

The trade mission was organized by Cindi Allen, Nebraska Deputy Secretary of State for International Trade.

Gov. Ricketts announces appointments to Boards and Commissions

Governor Pete Ricketts announced recent appointments he has made to fill Nebraska's boards and commissions.

The following local appointees are unpaid and are not subject to Legislative confirmation:

Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards:
James A. Litchfield, Wakefield.

Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees:
Brett Gehrig Hilbers, Wayne.

"Thank you to the many Nebraskans that give generously of their time and talent to make a difference in our state. These appointments will provide crucial insight and expertise to their respective boards, committees, and commissions," Ricketts said.

To learn about openings and apply to serve on a board or commission, go to <https://governor.nebraska.gov/board-comm-req>.

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Capitol View

How about a little tolerance for a change?

Commentary by J.L. Schmidt
Statehouse Correspondent
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News Item: A Subway sandwich customer allegedly shot two employees after he reportedly became angry over too much mayonnaise on his sandwich, police said. One employee died and the other is in critical condition.

As my son and daughter-in-law often say to their 6-year-old, "use your words."

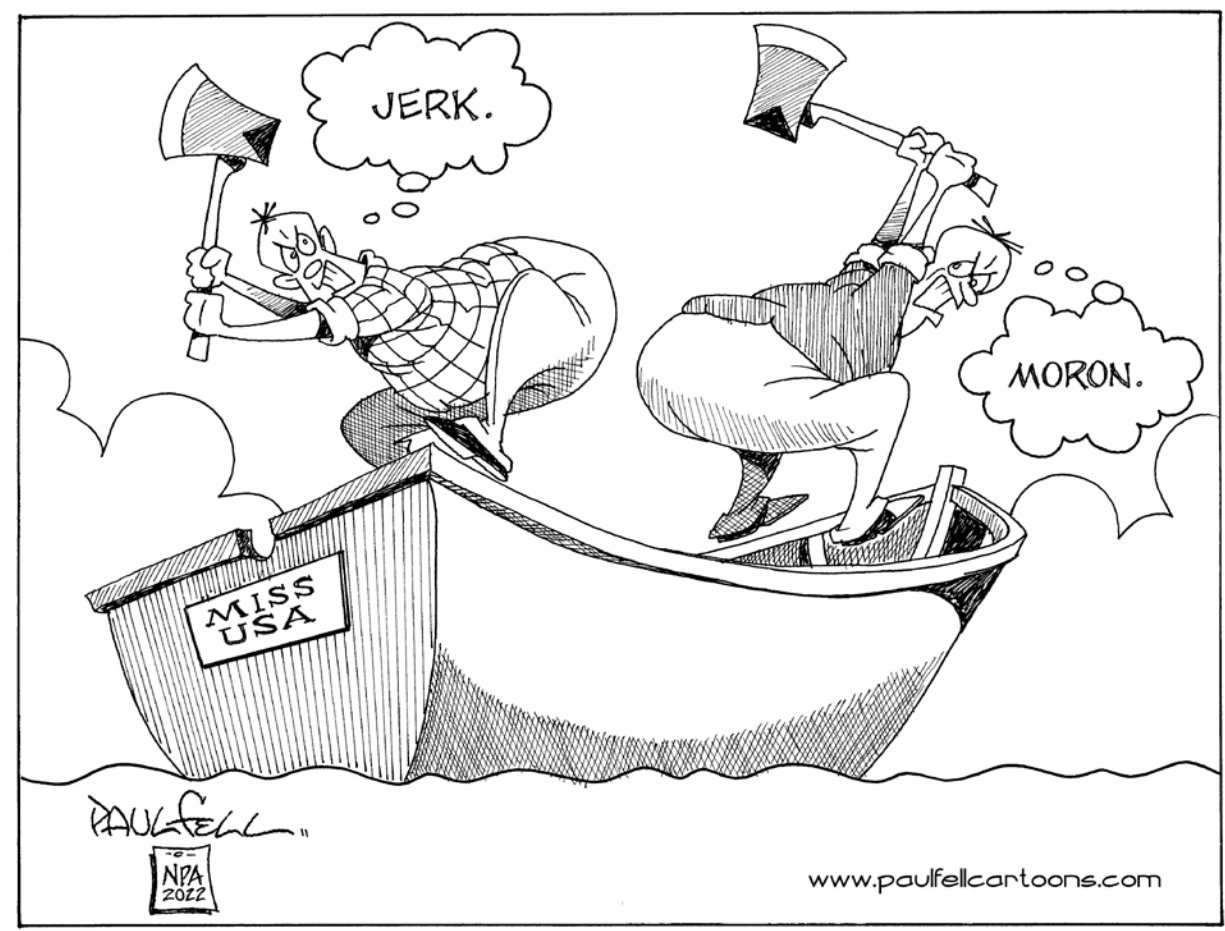
Could I get a different sandwich? Could you scrape some mayo off this, please? Could I get a refund?

That's communication, defined by the Oxford English Dictionary as "the transmission of information, ideas, or knowledge, whether verbally or mechanically, through a medium such as music, writing, or e-mail." Have we lost that ability to communicate? That's both speaking and hearing in my book.

Sure, the sandwich shooting was in Atlanta, Georgia. That's a big city nearly 1,000 miles from here. But that doesn't mean senseless violence can't happen here. In the last month, there have been three young people (ages 17-24) shot at a high school parking lot just 10 blocks from my house. Nobody's dead, but lives have been changed by the two separate incidents.

We're not talking anymore. We're yelling and chanting and shaking fists and waving protest signs. We're still dredging up the past, like the January 6 events in Washington, DC, more than 18 months ago. The only break we got from that rehash by the national media has been three controversial U.S. Supreme Court opinions on guns, abortion, and prayer.

More yelling and not the least shred of tolerance visible. The Oxford English Dictionary defines tolerance "(of/for somebody/something) as the quality of being willing to accept or tolerate somebody/



something, especially opinions or behavior that you may not agree with, or people who are not like you."

Many states are scrambling to enact laws to address the abortion issue which the high court says now is clearly a matter of state's rights. It's yet unclear whether the Nebraska Legislature will call a special session to do so since a so-called trigger bill (to ban abortion once the high court has ruled) failed during the regular session.

It appears unlikely that the group of senators who filibustered that bill off the agenda a few months ago have changed their mind or are willing to negotiate. Proponents of the measure say they are uncertain just what kind of compromises

would have to be made to ensure passage.

There was a time when repentance, "the fact of showing that you are sorry for something wrong that you have done," would have been an important part of the solution to addressing grievances. But it appears that reparations, "the making of amends for a wrong one has done, by paying money to or otherwise helping those who have been wronged," have become the popular redress.

In a country that has been deeply divided for several years, unity, "the state of being in agreement and working together," seems like a distant dream. I believe it is attainable, but it's going to take communication, tolerance, and repentance

to make it happen.

I recently read a national commentator who said she thinks we are on the brink of a civil war.

It was five years ago this month that I quoted Charles Kuralt from a 1976 Dateline America piece about the Nebraska Interstate 80 Bicentennial Sculpture Project in which he said, "It's not likely that tolerance will soon break out in Nebraska."

Let's prove him wrong!

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

Legislative Update

Celebrating 85 years of the Nebraska State Patrol

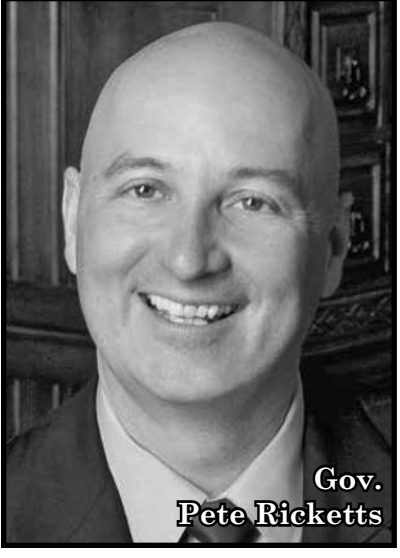
In 1937, the Nebraska Safety Patrol was formed to address the rising problem of crashes on our state's roads.

Eighty-five years later, that organization still stands—now known as the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP). Their mission to help keep our communities and citizens safe hasn't wavered. But they continue to adapt the ways they carry out that mission to meet the needs of Nebraskans. As we celebrate 85 years of the NSP, let's recognize all they do for our state. They keep us safe on the roads, protect us from crime, stop online predators, and take dangerous drugs off our streets.

Many Nebraskans are familiar with the work the NSP does to keep our roads safe. In Nebraska, severe weather can come on suddenly. Blizzards, thunderstorms, and extreme winds create treacherous driving conditions with little warning. Every season of the year, our Troopers perform life-saving rescues of stranded motorists. NSP made 163 rescues during the historic floods of March 2019. Later that year, in July, NSP made over 100 additional rescues as rapidly rising floodwaters inundated Gibbon, Kearney, and Wood River.

State Troopers also secure our roadways by responding to traffic accidents. They help clear crash

scenes quickly to avoid secondary accidents and to get traffic moving again. Troopers work to determine what caused an accident, and their findings help prevent future



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crashes.

In August 2021, the NSP launched an innovative drone program to improve how it manages crash sites and performs accident investigations. The drones capture aerial footage and take measurements from the sky, quickly gathering data needed for the investigation. By using the drones, NSP has reduced the time to investigate an accident from 2 1/2 hours to just 45 minutes. This makes for a safer, more efficient response. Every minute saved at a crash site is a minute that motorists aren't detouring around a crash and our first responders aren't at risk standing on the roadside.

One of the most important duties our Troopers perform is responding to crimes in progress. Troopers

are willing to risk their own safety to protect those in danger. In January, NSP received word from law enforcement in Indiana that an armed suspect and kidnapping victim were likely headed westbound on I-80 through Nebraska. A warrant had been issued for the driver's arrest. Troopers located the vehicle near Grand Island and attempted a traffic stop. The driver crossed the median and tried to head back east on I-80. Troopers quickly made a tactical vehicle intervention to stop the fleeing pickup. An NSP SWAT team took the suspect into custody without incident, locating several firearms in the cab of the truck. They also rescued the kidnapped female passenger who reported that she had been handcuffed by the driver during the journey from Indiana to Nebraska.

In June, the State Patrol assisted Indiana law enforcement on another case to intercept a human trafficker passing through Nebraska. Indiana police notified NSP to be on the lookout for a missing 13-year old girl in a Ford F-150. Troopers located the vehicle near Kearney and made a traffic stop. They found the young girl hiding in the pickup and arrested the 20-year old driver. He was later charged with numerous crimes, including sexual trafficking of a child.

As more illegal activity moves online, NSP has also ramped up its efforts to fight cybercrime. In June 2019, the agency launched a Technical Crimes Division (TCD). It protects Nebraska's state and business infrastructure, conducts child exploitation investigations, and provides forensic assistance to agencies throughout the state. TCD

received more than 2,000 cyber tips in 2021, which it has used to successfully investigate cases of enticement and child pornography.

Just last month, NSP arrested a man from Roca for child enticement. He had used social media in an attempt to arrange a sexual encounter with a girl he believed was only 14 years old. In reality, the man had been in correspondence with an undercover NSP investigator. When he showed up expecting to meet her, he was arrested by NSP investigators.

Drug interdiction is another main focus of the State Patrol. The NSP works tirelessly to keep drugs off our streets and out of our communities. This is more important than ever as illicit drugs stream into America across our broken southern border. In 2021, the NSP seized about 2 1/2 times the amount of fentanyl as it did in 2020. The amount of cocaine seized by NSP more than tripled from 2020 to 2021.

Nebraska has the second-lowest drug overdose mortality rate in the country according to the CDC. WalletHub ranks Nebraska as having the 4th-lowest "Drug Use and Addiction" in America. NSP deserves credit for contributing to these strong rankings through its vigilant drug interdiction.

On behalf of all Nebraskans, thank you to the NSP for the 85 years of service to keep our communities safe. Their mission has been successful because of the thousands of men and women who have answered the call to serve. I invite Nebraskans to consider a career with our state's premier law enforcement agency. Applications for NSP Basic Recruit Camp 67 open on July 7th and will remain open for about three months. Prospective candidates can visit NebraskaTroopers.com to learn more about the application process, the benefits of working for the NSP, and the job opportunities available.

As always, please share any comments or concerns with me by emailing pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov or calling 402-471-2244.



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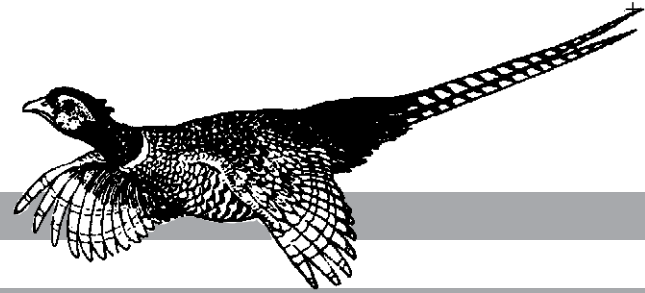
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Healthy behaviors: A day - by - day commitment

Many Americans make resolutions regarding fitness, healthy eating or both.

Almost as many people cannot take advantage of the benefits associated with these lifestyle changes because they give up before reaching their goals. Benefits associated with physical activity and healthy eating include weight management, decreased risk of heart disease, diabetes, hypertension and certain cancers, and improved bone health. People tend to be busier today

than 20, or even 10, years ago. And, American adults are more overweight (68%) today than in the late 1980's and early 1990's (56%). Why? It is easier to be physically inactive than to be physically active. It is more convenient to consume high-calorie, low-nutrient foods from a vending machine or fast-food restaurant than to plan and prepare healthier meals and snacks.

Are you one of many people who is faced with the challenge of making healthy decisions on the go?

Does the following scenario sound only too familiar? You are running late for work and do not have time to eat breakfast, so going through the drive-thru seems like a wise decision. A cup of coffee and hash

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browns do not seem so bad. Oh, but wait, you didn't have time to pack a lunch. That's okay. Grabbing something out of the vending machine will tide you over until dinner. After all, potato chips, cookies, donuts, and a soda will not hurt this one time! As the day goes on, you realize you will be late getting home so going to the gym is out of the question. You grab something quick at a fast-food restaurant so that you can get home to see your favorite TV show.

Remember, this is just one day so you can make healthier choices and be physically active tomorrow. The next day comes and you are off to a late start again. Still, it is only one day. You promise yourself you will do better the next day. However, your "next" day never really comes because it appears you just do not have enough time in the day to act on those healthier decisions.

Incorporating physical activity and selecting healthier food items on a daily basis takes true commitment, but not really that much extra time. It's not too late to commit to making healthier choices, and you can start today by making small changes. For example, have a piece of fruit, low-fat yogurt or string cheese, bagged vegetables, or whole-grains crackers as a mid-morning or afternoon snack. If these items are not available to you during the day, add them to your grocery list so you will have them on hand at home.

Plan time to be physically active for 5-10 minutes two to three days a week. Stand while talking on the phone or during commercial breaks. Over time, try to increase the amount of time and frequency until you are being physically active for at least 30 minutes on most days of the week. Forget about the "all or nothing" rule. If you cannot squeeze 30 continuous minutes of physical activity into your day, do three short 10-minute intervals to total 30 minutes.

Honor your commitment to yourself by identifying the reason(s) for wanting to change a particular behavior. Set personal goals by acknowledging what you want. Make a plan to divide the overall goal into smaller specific goals. List practical steps to achieving those goals and monitor your progress along the way. Be patient as you make gradual lifestyle changes, as you may slip off course once in a while. Re-evaluate your plan(s) and make changes as necessary. Reward yourself for your accomplishments. After all, this is a lifetime commitment, one day at a time, so you might as well start enjoying a lifetime of rewards.

We each grieve

The Fourth of July is a time of remembrance, of celebration, of family. It's a time that means so much to so many people. And I wish you all a safe and Happy 4th!

But as I am a history buff, I was starting to think about this holiday and the original meaning of it in light of these words from Psalm 33:12, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance."

The Fourth of July above all is about freedom. Freedom from an oppressive government. And freedom to rule ourselves.

We may all be able to say that we are patriotic to one degree or another. We may all love flying the American Flag, saying the Pledge of Allegiance, and singing hymns and songs like America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee). It's when we compare ourselves to the men who signed the Declaration of Independence, that we can compare how patriotic we truly are. The reality is most of the time we don't hold a candle in comparison to their burning passion for this country. Even the most patriotic of us all would have to say that, because I was reminded of what these brave men went through again just the other day by a great friend.

I was reminded that Thomas Nelson Jr. at the battle of Yorktown, urged General George Washington to press on the attack. To fight for complete freedom no matter the cost since a foreign general occupied it. I was reminded that Thomas McKean served in the First Continental Congress without pay while hiding his family for fear that the enemy might capture them. I was also reminded that out of the Fifty-Six original signers of the Declaration of Independence a total of five were captured and tortured by the British as traitors before they died. Twelve had their homes burned, two lost their sons in battle, and another had two sons captured. Nine fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War, and several lost their immense wealth to die in complete poverty. To say they gave their all for their dream of being free would be an understatement.

For us to set aside one day of remembrance of these men and their families hardly seems satisfactory. It seems like we should do more to remember where we have come from, and the tremendous sacrifices that have gotten us to this point. But sadly, for most of us, July 4th was just another three-day weekend. It was just another time to shoot of fireworks, eat pie, and go on a camping trip. Perhaps a quick prayer was said, or you did tip your hat to all those we have lost in any war. But I find we, as Americans, can and are drifting further and further away from the principles on which our nation was founded. This drift teaches us one thing. It teaches us that we should never and can never truly relax in the protection and preservation of our freedom.

Our nation, it seems, is on the verge constantly of losing its founding principles. I believe we have gotten good at being divided. Divided on all sorts of things. Especially on the question of whether we are a good nation at all. But in spite of all the trouble that we are living

A Word In Faith

By Erik Christensen
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through, it is telling that this is still a place people from all around the world are risking all they have just to come inside. To live right here in our borders.

And that same struggle doesn't just happen in the political realm of Democrats and Republicans. It happens in our spiritual lives too! It happens with our Christian heritage and our Christian beliefs. And just as we need to protect and be diligent in preserving our American freedom. We need to protect and be even more diligent in preserving our freedom in God's love. But that protection and preservation does not mean we take up arms, storm the bastille, or seek revenge. It means that we seek to live lives that are bold in witness and strong in grace and mercy. It means we strive to follow Christ's command to love one another to the bitter end. It means we learn from His words, His life, and yes even His death. But it also means that we understand and cherish why He did those things in the first place.

You see no matter what type of freedom you are talking about... freedom from oppression, freedom from tyranny, or especially freedom from sin... freedom is never free. There is always a cost. A cost that someone has to pay. But in Christ that cost does not fall on you or me. It falls on Him. It is paid in full by the blood that is shed from His broken body upon a cross. A cross that stood over two thousand years ago. But a cross that still brings a tidal wave of freeing love into all of our hearts. The beauty is that this faith now becomes a free gift. A gift that is given to us without cost or a swipe of a credit card.

But just as we can't rest on our laurel's when it comes to our political freedoms, we can't be the frozen chosen when it comes to our faith either. Not when it means so much to so many! And yet more and more people are becoming indifferent to Christianity.

Our Christian way of life is on the decline even here in Nebraska, and here in Wayne. And if it continues to decline, it will someday reach a tipping point. A point where Christianity will once again be outlawed. Be silenced. Be condemned for being too old fashioned. Too outdated, too passé. But even though it might happen here, it doesn't mean this will spell the end of the Christian Church. The world won't win. The devil won't win. Our own sinful flesh can't win.

Jesus promised Peter in Matthew 16:17-19 that "upon the rock (of faith in Him) He would build His church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Not matter how hard they try. No matter what schemes, plans, or attacks they bring. God's church will stand for-

ever. But there is only one way for us to be included in that number. We must believe. We must participate. We must come back to His house. We need what is offered here in His church. His body and His blood. His baptismal river. We need freedom. The freedom He sacrificed everything to win. And the freedom He assumed again. Assumed when He walked triumphantly out of the grave! It is here, and it will always be here. In His word and in His teaching.

But we have to join around His word to be reminded of it. To be lifted up by it. To be forgiven through it. And we also need to join together for the sake of our country.

Begin to listen again and slow to speak. Quick to understand and slow to condemn. Quick to rejoice and slow to blame. Because each of us needs one another. We need the entire family God wants us to be. But we need to be able to point out truth in love knowing that Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation as He is and will forever be "The Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except" through Him! (John 14:6)

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Senior Center Calendar

(Week of July 11 - 15)

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: Toe Nail Clinic, 9:15 to 10:45 a.m.; Morning Walking; FROGS; Quilting; Pitch; Pool.

Tuesday: Health Clinic, 9:45 to 11:45 a.m.; Morning Walking; Quilting; Afternoon Bridge Club; Pitch.

Wednesday: Special Drawing with Countryview; Morning Walking; Quilting & FROGS; Music by Bob Doughty; Hand & Foot; Pitch; Pool.

Thursday: Morning Walking; Quilting; Magnuson Eye Clinic, 11:15 a.m.; Nutrition talk with Ann Fenton, 11:30 a.m.; Afternoon Bridge Club; Pitch; Skip-Bo.

Friday: Morning Walking; Quilting & FROGS; Pitch; Bingo.

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Graduation held at Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

The Class of 2022 of the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis represented graduates from December and May, said Larry Gossen, NCTA dean.

NCTA has one commencement ceremony each year. On May 5, at the Curtis Community Center, 76 of the 80 graduate candidates participated before a packed gymnasium.

They received diplomas for Associate of Science degrees or Associate of Applied Science degrees in Agribusiness Management Systems (AMS), Agricultural Produc-

tion Systems (APS) or Veterinary Technology Systems (VTS).

Options in the APS program included Agricultural Equipment, Agricultural Education, Agronomy Industry Management, Animal Science, Equine Industry Management and Livestock Industry Management.

Eight certificates were awarded for one-year or two-year programs in Irrigation Technology, Equine Training Management, Agricultural Welding, Diversified Agriculture or Agricultural Production. Some graduates had multiple degrees and/or certificates.

Class valedictorian was Rylie Borgerding of Blue Rapids, Kansas, and salutatorian was Olivia Nyberg of Stromsburg. Both were animal science majors who completed their degree programs in December and will be continuing studies to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree at a four-year college.

Area graduates include:

Ag Management Systems (AMS) and/or Ag Production Systems (APS):

Wayne - Meghan Spahr, APS Animal Science and certificates in Agricultural Production and Beef Production.

Veterinary Technology Systems: Carroll - Taylor French, Veterinary Assistant.



Honored members

Larry Hansen (40-year) and Gene Barg (30-year) were recognized as continuous members of the American Legion Post 252 Winside. Larry and Gene received their certificates from Post Commander Dan Jaeger at the June meeting.



Wayne County District 4-H Horse Show results released

The 2022 District 4-H Horse Shows were June 6-10 in five locations across the state with a total of 269 exhibitors and 967 entries.

The 4-H Horse Program is an educational program designed to encourage 4-H members to learn about equine science, care, management, and career opportunities related to horses.

Youth increase their knowledge of safety precautions needed to prevent injury to themselves, others and their mounts. They learn skills in horsemanship and an understanding of the business of breeding, raising and training horses. They experience the pride of owning a horse or pony and become responsible for its management.

Horse competitions teach good sportsmanship through a friendly, competitive atmosphere while developing leadership abilities, building character and assuming citizen-

ship responsibilities. These events also promote future horse industry development and expansion while promoting a greater love for animals and a humane attitude towards them.

The following youth participated in the district shows held at the Albion and Raymond locations. Results are as follows:

Raylyn Behmer, Hoskins: Junior Barrels - Blue, Junior Poles - Red, Junior Ranch Pleasure - Red.

Riley Haschke, Wayne: Senior Western Pleasure - Blue, Senior Western Horsemanship - Blue.

Jacen Hasemann, Wayne: Western Pleasure Ponies - Reserve Champion and Purple, Junior Western Horsemanship - White.

Kate Hill, Wayne: Senior Hunter Under Saddle - Blue, Senior Hunt Seat Equitation - Blue, Senior Western Pleasure - Blue, Senior Western Horsemanship - Blue.

Ella Leseberg, Wayne: Senior Hunt Seat Equitation - Purple, Senior Hunter Under Saddle - Blue, Senior Western Pleasure - Blue, Senior Western Horsemanship - Blue, Senior Ranch Pleasure - Blue.

Audrey Lutter, Carroll: Junior Hunt Seat Equitation - Champion and Purple, Junior Hunter Under Saddle - Reserve Champion and Purple, Junior Western Horsemanship - Purple, Junior Western Pleasure - Blue.

Claire Lutter, Carroll: Junior Ranch Pleasure - Purple, Junior Western Horsemanship - Purple.

Lanee Rethwisch, Wayne: Junior Western Pleasure - Champion and Purple, Junior Western Horsemanship - Purple.

Reese Rethwisch, Wayne: Junior Hunter Under Saddle - Purple, Junior Hunt Seat Equitation - Blue, Junior Western Pleasure - Blue, Junior Western Horsemanship - Red.

Aden Sellin, Hoskins: Junior Barrels - Blue, Junior Poles - Red.

Hadley Sellin, Hoskins: Junior Barrels - Blue, Junior Poles - Blue, Junior Ranch Pleasure - Red, Junior Western Horsemanship - Red.

Quin Sellin, Hoskins: Elementary Ranch Pleasure - Reserve Champion and Purple, Elementary Western Horsemanship - Blue, Elementary Barrels - Blue, Elementary Poles - White.

Riggins Sellin, Hoskins: Junior Barrels - Blue, Junior Poles - Blue, Junior Western Horsemanship - Red, Junior Ranch Pleasure - Red.

Addyson Sherbeck, Norfolk: Senior Ranch Pleasure - Champion and Purple, Senior Western Horsemanship - Purple.

Elise Sherbeck, Norfolk: Elementary Ranch Pleasure - Champion and Purple, Elementary Western Horsemanship - Reserve Champion and Purple.

Youth who enter and earn purple or blue ribbons at district shows are then qualified to enter the State 4-H Horse Exposition, which will be held at Fonner Park in Grand Island July 10 - 13.

Allen News

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Allen Senior Center Information

Weekly Menu
Thursday, July 7: Kielbasa, potato wedges, sauerkraut, watermelon.
Friday, July 8: Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, cantaloupe, grapes.

Monday, July 11: Baked pork chops, baked potatoes, corn, watermelon.

Tuesday, July 12: Chicken casserole, broccoli, rice, peaches.

Wednesday, July 13: Spaghetti, meat sauce, green beans, grapes.

Events
Thursday, July 7: FROGS.
Friday, July 8: Health Presentation.

Monday, July 11: Monthly Birthday dessert; Legion/Auxiliary Meeting.

Tuesday, July 12: FROGS.
Friday, July 15: Health Screening (Starts 8 a.m.).

Friday, July 29: Game Day (Family Feud).

Allen Community Church News

First Lutheran Church
Events
Sunday, July 17: FLC Annual Picnic.
Birthdays
Friday, July 8: Ann Carr.

Items sought for 4-H memory/picture/exhibit at the fair

The Wayne County Fair is celebrating its 100th Fair on July 21-24.

The Nebraska Extension Office in Wayne County is looking for current or past 4-Hers to share a 4-H memory/picture from the Wayne County Fair. These photos will scroll the in the 4-H Building during the 2022 Fair.

Items can be emailed to wayne-county@unl.edu, mailed or dropped off at the Extension Office at 510 N. Pearl Street, Suite C. Please include name/s and year in 4-H.

The Extension Office would also like to display past 4-H projects of Wayne County alumni and 4-Hers.

If you have a past project, please include your name and year of the project and bring it to the 4-H Building by noon on Wednesday, July 202.

If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 402-375-3310. We are looking forward to the 2022 Wayne County Fair and celebrating the educational experiences of our current and past 4-H members.

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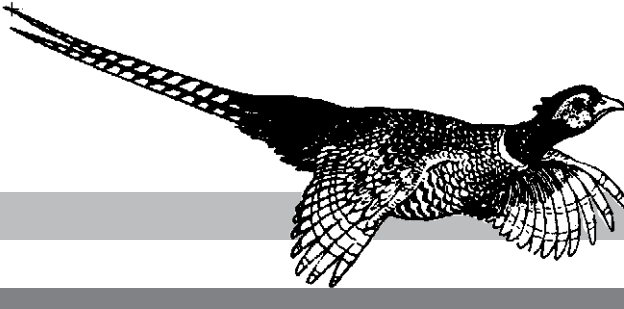
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Fireworks and cheerleading stories shared

The fireworks are still going off, and it's after 10 p.m. Last night, I heard a loud one at 1 a.m.!! That is too late! A three day weekend is also too long for the Fourth! But no one asked me, and next year, it will be on Monday. Right?

(News flash! It helps to take out hearing aides!)

We had a great supper here; Allan cooked a brisket, and there was watermelon and a red, white, and blue salad, and red velvet cake. The best part: I did not prepare a thing!

I was reminiscing about the Fourths we observed on Apex Farm. We usually had one or two families who also had kids come for a pot luck and shared fireworks. In later years, we attended the show at Skyview Lake. But for the Big Farmer and me, the most memorable was at the Luethje farm at Roca, in about 1990 or thereabouts.



The Farmer's Wife
By: Pat Meierhenry

chased a BUNCH of fireworks. It was safely in a pasture to the south of the house, in an old van.

After we had eaten, and heard the customary salutations, a couple of Jen's brothers began the show. One particular "bomb" went up in the air and came down into; you

guessed it; the van! Oh, my, was that a show!

I thought at first it was planned, but then I saw someone running towards the van with a garden hose. Someone else called the local volunteer firemen, and the bride was seen running towards the pasture because she suddenly did not know where the groom was!

Well, none of us who were there will ever forget it; no one was hurt, and it was just a really great pyrotechnical show! Not planned that way, but sometimes, things just happen.

That couple now has a couple grandkids, and I met a daughter at the recent Waco alumni function. She was wearing a very familiar pep club sweater; it had been her aunt's, who was a grade ahead of me. It made me wonder where mine was!

My parents moved to York when I was in nursing school, and my mother was not a sentimental soul. I have a hunch that sweater, and the skirt that went with it, went to a good cause somewhere. Yes, we had

organized pep clubs in those days, complete with matching outfits. My friend, Marlyce, and cousin, Lyn, were cheerleaders, and their skirts were huge round swaths of satin. VERY shiny, and classy; at least, we thought so. Their poor mothers had to figure out how to make them.

But believe me, when they lead the cheers, and twirled those round satin skirts, it was a beautiful sight! And, they came below the knees!! We were modest, if nothing else. And somehow, I've come to the end of this epistle; from Independence Day to girls and their cheers of sixty years ago.

Which reminds me; as we observe fifty years since Title IX, we reflect on women's sports. Our conference had them, and we were supported by the fans every bit as well as the guys. So, we didn't know just what the fuss was about. But reading about it has been enlightening. Just as the noisemakers out my window are also enlightening, and noisy! Hope your celebration was fine!!

Nebraska Extension Board - Wayne County meeting planned

The Nebraska Extension Board in Wayne County will meet on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at the Wayne County Courthouse. The 6:15 p.m. meeting is open to the public. An agenda is available at the Extension Office, 510 N. Pearl Street, Suite C in Wayne for public inspection during normal business hours.

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Benefits of ag industry discussed

Why Are We In Ag?
 By Brad Schick

This Independence Day makes me reflect on agriculture and why we do it. There is no arguing that we currently make good money in agriculture, but it goes beyond that. We find comfort and joy in the first breath of a newborn calf, the tender shoot of a resilient corn plant, and the smell of freshly cut alfalfa.



Some say it takes us back to simpler times. Some say seeing the creation of life every year is our connection to the creation of life thousands of years ago. In agriculture, we are stewards and caretakers of the resources we have been blessed with for just a short time while on this earth. Even so, we want to have some say and some influence on our lives. We want to control our outcomes and not have someone mandating or restricting the decisions that affect our cattle, crops, and family even while understanding that we really have little control over our lives.

Forages Following Wheat

By Jerry Volesky

Wheat harvest is right around the corner and that leads us to be thinking about some forage opportunities after harvest is complete. There is plenty of growing season left this year and there are several forage possibilities.

If the cropland is not irrigated, receiving some rains after wheat harvest is, of course, going to be necessary to grow that forage crop.

For example, with good moisture an early maturing corn is one possibility for silage if you plant it thick. A better dryland choice might be a high grain producing forage sorghum if chinch bugs and other insects are not a problem.

Sunflowers can be a surprisingly good choice for a short-season silage. They survive light frost and yield well under many conditions.

If hay is preferred, plant sorghum-sudan hybrids, teff, or pearl or foxtail millet. A hay crop exceeding two to three tons per acre can be grown easily if planted soon after wheat harvest. Another hay or silage alternative is solid-seeded soybeans. A couple tons of good forage can be grown from taller, full season varieties planted after wheat.

Oats planted in late July to early August is another option. Yields over two tons are common when moisture is good, fertility is high, and your hard freeze comes a little late.

Definitely consider turnips, as well as oats, for fall pasture planted into wheat stubble in late July or early August. With a few timely rains in August and September, both oats and turnips produce much high-quality feed in a short time. And, they are relatively inexpensive to plant.

Don't automatically let your wheat ground sit idle the rest of the year, especially if you could use more forage.

Grazing to match current conditions is key. Are you shifting your management to meet recent weather?

Stocking and grazing management are not static things. When production is limited, especially during a drought period, stretching forage resources is a high priority. By this point in the year, our pastures have produced the vast majority of forage that we will get. Using temporary electric fence to cross fence can increase utilization, slowing down a grazing rotation and stretching forage considerably.

This is especially true when plants become dormant due to lack of precipitation or heat. Typically, utilization seeks to balance animal demand and plant health, but taking more of a dormant plant without damaging the crown has little impact on overall plant health.

On the flip side, grass that is getting tall and lanky, ahead of a grazing rotation, could benefit from flash grazing. Moving animals on and off quick can help keep plants from getting over mature. Keep up this fast pace while growth is rapid. Once growth slows, then the rotation can slow down as well.

Speeding up grazing when things are wet and slowing down during dry times is a great strategy to use as we adjust to the weather Mother Nature throws our way. Doing so can help you find the perfect balance for your pasture and animal health.

NDA to award grants for meat processor assistance

Nebraska livestock producers and meat processors continue to work diligently to strengthen the nation's food supply.

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) will award approximately \$9.8 million in Independent Processor Assistance Program Grants to support projects designed to improve and/or expand Nebraska's meat processing capabilities. The money was designated for this program through Governor Ricketts' recommendation to utilize a portion of Nebraska's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. NDA began accepting grant applications on July 5. Applications are available at https://nda.nebraska.gov/promotion/meat_processors and must be received by the Aug. 12, 2022 deadline.

"Nebraska is a leader in meat production and processing which is a vital part of our nation's food supply," said NDA Director Steve Wellman. "Our livestock producers and meat processors have already faced many unique challenges cre-

ated by the pandemic, and yet they continue to find solutions to keep the food chain operating. These grants will help Nebraska meat processors implement projects that will benefit meat processing today and strengthen the industry for tomorrow."

The Independent Processor Assistance Program Grants are available to new or existing meat processors to facilitate improvements, enhancements, or expansions that will increase harvest capacity and/or product throughput. Eligible processors must operate as either a USDA-FSIS facility or a federally regulated custom-exempt slaughter and processing facility, while also complying with federal regulations. To be eligible, existing operations must be domiciled in the State of Nebraska and be registered in good standing with the Secretary of State to conduct business in Nebraska. Additionally, the processing facility's existing sales revenue must be less than \$2.5 million, and it must employ

fewer than 25 people.

Application information and frequently asked questions about the grants are available on NDA's website at nda.nebraska.gov. Individual grants could be awarded up to \$80,000 for eligible expenses incurred after August 28, 2021. Recipients may not receive the entire amount of funds they request. Grants will be distributed in a series of rounds until funding is depleted. Previous recipients of grant funding will be eligible to apply in subsequent rounds, but preference will be given to applications not previously awarded funding.

Completed applications may be submitted via email to breanna.wirth@nebraska.gov or mailed to Nebraska Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 94947, Lincoln, Neb. 68509. For additional questions, contact Breanna Wirth, NDA Legislative Coordinator, at 402-890-1509 or by the email listed above.

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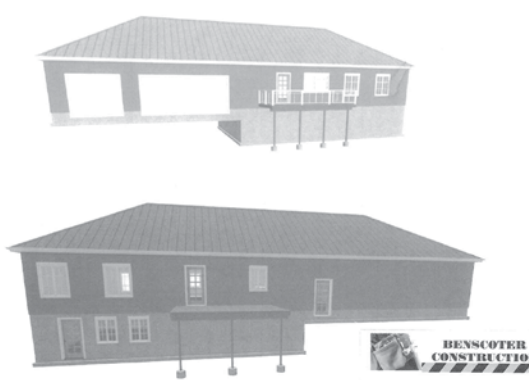
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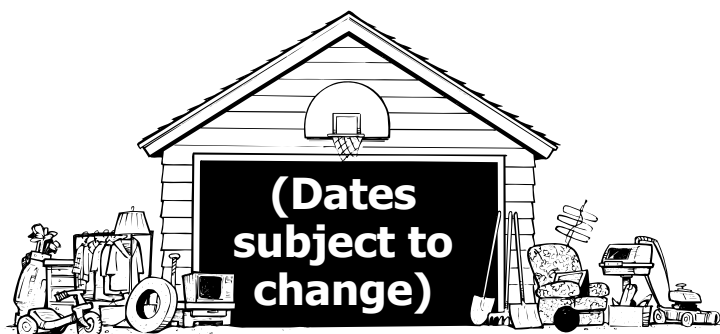


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