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## Wayne State College honors Outstanding Alumni at Homecoming

Wayne State College honored four graduates with the Outstanding Alumni Award and one graduate with the Alumni Service Award during homecoming on Oct. 8.

The alumni award recognizes a graduate from each of the four schools at WSC. The Alumni Service Award is given to an individual who has enhanced the college through dedicated service, promotion, financial support, and other efforts to Wayne State College.

Recipients of the Outstanding Alumni Award include Dr. Neal Schnoor '90, President at Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota (School of Arts and Humanities); Cheri (McDonald) Polenske '08, Chief Information Officer at the Nebraska State College System in Lincoln (School of Business and Technology); Dr. Johanna Barnes '97, '06 MSE, Professor of Education at Wayne State College (School of Education and Behavioral Sciences); and DaVarryl Williamson '93, 10-time national amateur champion and former professional heavyweight boxer, two-time national Golden Gloves champion, Colorado Sports Hall of Fame inductee, and owner/operator of TOS Boxing gym in Englewood, Colo. (School of Science, Health, and Criminal Justice).

The 2022 recipient of the Alumni Service Award is Dr. Donald Koeber. Koeber is a native of Wayne and is a 1970 graduate of Wayne State College. He later obtained his Doctor of Optometry degree in 1978 from Illinois College of Optometry.

Koeber is involved in the community and serves on many organizations. Currently, Koeber serves as the president of the Wayne State Foundation, where he has been a board member for 36 years. Koeber

and his wife, Claudia, also a 1970 graduate of WSC, reside in Wayne. They have been very active with the Wayne State Foundation and have supported many campus projects and initiatives.

### Neal Schnoor '90, School of Arts and Humanities

Neal Schnoor '90, Ph.D., was appointed president at Northern State University in July 2021 where he also serves as a member of the board of directors of the Council for Public Liberal Arts Colleges, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, the Aberdeen Development Corporation, United Way of Northeastern South Dakota, and the Northern State University Foundation.

Schnoor previously served as chief of staff to the president at California State University Long Beach (CSULB) and senior advisor to the chancellor at the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK). In both roles, he collaborated with campus and community leaders on strategic and capital planning, academic and student services, institutional and program accreditation, compliance, enrollment management, intercollegiate athletics, communications, marketing, and development.

Schnoor served as dean of the School of Education and Counseling at Wayne State from 2010 to 2012. He led a comprehensive renewal of undergraduate and graduate teacher education programs, initiated an online curriculum and instruction master's degree, led a revision of the undergraduate teacher education program, and implemented one of WSC's first programs at the College Center in South Sioux City, Iowa.

From 1997 to 2010, Schnoor was a mem-

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## Wayne is recipient of Economic Development block grant funds

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development has awarded \$2,034,079 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to five communities under the 2022 Public Works Opportunity to the local governments listed below. Projects include a hike/bike trail, a senior center and street improvements.

Among the recipients of grant funds is the city of Wayne.

The City of Wayne currently has an extensive trail system and CDBG funding in the amount of \$433,000 will assist to expand that system from residential areas to a major retail corridor that provides goods and services within the municipal limits of the City. The project will create approximately 0.7 additional miles in length of a six-foot-wide concrete trail that will run parallel to Highway 35/7th Street on the

west end of town between 575th Avenue and the Greenwood Cemetery Entrance. The new trail will be in compliance with the ADA and accessible for mobility constrained users.

"The trail will extend from the Greenwood Cemetery main gates to the west, connect with the existing trail/underpass, run along the "berm" of Western Ridge and continue west in the "ditch" area that will be covered with storm pipe all the way to Bomgaars," said City Administrator Wes Blecke.

A federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program, administered by DED on behalf of Nebraska's non-entitlement communities, CDBG dollars exist to help communities tackle proj-

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(Photo by Michael C. Carnes)

## We are the champions

The look on these girls' faces told the story of the day following their first place finish at the State Cross Country Meet in Kearney last week. Wayne finished edged Auburn by two points to earn the team championship. More details and photos from the event can be found in this week's Wayne Herald.

## Gifts of closely held stock can benefit Legacy Fund

When it is time to transfer business ownership, whether to create income for retirement or to pass on an inheritance, business owners have special opportunities to give something back to their hometown.

Giving a gift of closely held stock is an opportunity for an individual to help their hometown with a gift of the corporation's stock. Transferring shares of the corporation's stock to the Nebraska Community Foundation for the benefit of the Wayne Area Legacy Fund provides many benefits to the giver.

There is the satisfaction of making a gift today that can be invested in your hometown. There is also an immediate personal charitable income tax deduction and bypassing of capital gains taxes on the gift of stock. Additionally, this avoids declaration and double-taxation of dividends and allows the corporation to buy back the stock. This method of giving also reduces estate taxes and settlement costs.

A business owner who owns the majority

of stock in a family business or corporation transfers shares of his or her stock to the Nebraska Community Foundation. The Nebraska Community Foundation then sells the donated stock for fair market value. The gift of stock leaves the business owner in full control of the corporation without any personal costs. As a result of this gift, the business owner becomes entitled to a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the stock on his or her personal tax return. Plus, he or she avoids the capital gains tax on the appreciation of the corporation's stock.

There are a few things to keep in mind when considering a gift of closely held stock.

If the gift value exceeds \$10,000 the charitable gift deduction amount must be determined by a qualified appraisal of the stock. There can be no prearranged obligation for the Nebraska Community Foundation to sell the stock back to the corporation. Corporate repurchase should occur two weeks to two months after the gift is made. Last-

ly, the corporation's liquidity is needed to repurchase the stock.

A few variations of this plan of gift include the gifting of stock to a charitable remainder annuity trust to receive a lifetime income, making a gift of stock prior to selling the company to receive a personal tax deduction and avoid capital gains taxes and using a combination of the above variations to transfer your corporation to your heirs.

Individuals can visit Nebraska Community Foundation's Gift Planning website - [www.ncfgift.org](http://www.ncfgift.org) - to begin the process of donating. You can also find details on the benefits and process of making a charitable gift for other out-of-the-box giving methods beyond cash. Nebraska Community Foundation is also always available to point you in the right direction at (402) 323-7330 or [info@nebcommfound.org](mailto:info@nebcommfound.org).

Nebraska Community Foundation unleashes abundant local assets, inspires charitable giving and connects ambitious people to build stronger communities and a Greater Nebraska.

Headquartered in Lincoln, the Foundation serves communities, donors and organizations by providing financial management, strategic development, education and training to a statewide network of 1,500 volunteers serving over 270 communities.

In the last five years, 45,915 contributions have been made to NCF and its affiliated funds. Since 1994, NCF has reinvested \$423 million in Nebraska's people and places. For information, visit [NebraskaHomeTown.org](http://NebraskaHomeTown.org).

The Wayne Area Legacy Foundation harnesses the power of giving to make the Wayne area "a great place for all ages to live, work and play for generations to come."

Foundation members invite you to be a part of the legacy of promoting progress in our area by giving to the unrestricted endowment. Similar to a community savings account, unrestricted endowments are an important tool to keep hometowns across Nebraska growing, thriving and improving future generations. A portion of the income earned by the endowment is granted annually to fund projects and programs to benefit the community, the principal remains intact and grows every year.

The Wayne Area Legacy Fund (WALF) has invested over \$50,000 back into the Wayne Area community since the inception of the fund. The WALF is an affiliated fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF), a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. All contributions to WALF are tax-deductible.

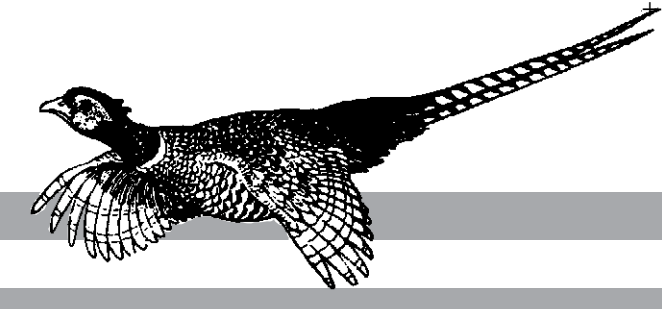
Visit [WayneAreaLegacyFund.org](http://WayneAreaLegacyFund.org), email [WayneAreaLegacyFund@gmail.com](mailto:WayneAreaLegacyFund@gmail.com), or call 402-375-2240 for additional information.



(Photos by Clara Osten)

## Creative efforts

A pumpkin decorating contest at Providence Medical Center resulted in a number of creative submissions. The winning entry was submitted by the Surgery Department and involved a decorated pumpkin advising all to get a colonoscopy. Pictured at left is the winning pumpkin and above are members of the winning team. For their efforts, they were awarded Chamber Bucks.



# Record

## Obituaries

### Aaron Lynn Schuett

Aaron Lynn Schuett, 60 died Monday, Oct. 17, 2022. Services will be held Saturday, Oct. 22, at 11 a.m. at Heafey, Hoffman, Dworak & Cutler located at 7805 West Center Road in Omaha.



Aaron was born on Oct. 11, 1962 in Creighton. He grew up in Wayne, and was a talented athlete. He participated in both football and wrestling, and immediately upon graduation, he coached at Wayne High School for both sports from 1981-2005. He also coached wrestling at Laurel High School for three years followed by Wayne State College for six years. Aaron loved coaching all of his children throughout their high school years as well. He worked as a truck driver for Nutrina Feed, followed by 31 years at Great Dane Trailers as the Shipping and Receiving Manager. He most recently served as the Facilities Manager at Lone Mountain Truck Leasing.

Aaron married the love of his life, Tamie, in 2007, and the two have lovingly shared the past 15 years together. The couple shared a love of nature and the outdoors, and often enjoyed camping, fishing, and boating. As a fisherman and hunter, Aaron caught a Master Angler Walleye and proudly shot a large 10-point buck. Aaron also enjoyed woodworking, attending Husker wrestling tournaments, and taking annual hunting trips with his son. He was an avid New York Yankees and Husker fan.

Aaron's dedication and commitment to his family was the cornerstone of his life. His wife, children, and grandchildren cherished his sense of humor, caring manner, and warmth. A man of integrity, he lent a helping hand to whoever needed him and has been described as "all the things we pray our sons will grow up to be." It isn't only his friends and family who benefited from his presence in their lives. Innumerable athletes and students profited from his guidance, and his mentorship will continue on in those who were fortunate enough to train under him.

While Aaron will be greatly missed by those who were lucky enough to know and love him, his legacy will live on in his family, friends, and the countless people that were impacted by his presence in their lives. He truly was the epitome of a great man.

Survivors include his wife, Tamie, and his children, Danika (Marie), Dana (Alyssa), Nate (Katie), and Alesha (Chad). He was the proud grandfather of six grandchildren: Alayna, Aaron, Emma, Nolan, Ava, and Bowen. He is also survived by his parents, Myron and Nancy Schuett, and his sisters, Rhonda (Monte) and Robin (John) and 15 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, August and Martha Schuett, and Bernard and Dorothy Norwood.

### Darlene A. Biermann

Funeral services are currently pending with Hasemann Funeral Home of Wayne for Darlene A. Biermann, 92, of Wayne. She died Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022 at her residence at Wayne Countryview in Wayne.

### Howard Raymond Schmidt

Howard Raymond Schmidt, 86, of Omaha, died Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022 at the CHI Health Lakeside hospital in Omaha. Private family services were held.



Howard was born in Webster, South Dakota. He graduated from high school in St. Paul, Minnesota, and attended the University of Minnesota, before joining the US Air Force. Upon returning to complete his college education at Mankato State College, he met his wife, Carole, at the University of Minnesota Lutheran Center. They were married for 59 years.

After Howard received his Doctor of Education degree at the University of Northern Colorado, the family moved to Wayne. Howard was a professor of Industrial Education at Wayne State College, and then at Moorhead State College. In retirement, they split residence between Omaha, Neb. and Sun City, Arizona.

Howard loved fixing and breaking things; building and flying planes; and traveling. He and Carole have visited all 50 states and more than 50 countries.

Survivors include his wife, Carole Schmidt; children: Rebecca (Peter Ryan) Schmidt, Brian (Theresa) Schousek and Gregory (Rhonda) Schmidt; and grandchildren: Thomas and Anna Ryan, Elizabeth and Victoria Schousek; Brooke (Charles) Peterson; and Isabelle and William Schmidt.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Walter and Margaret Schmidt; his siblings: Roger, Elizabeth and Donald Schmidt; and grandsons: Zachary and Nathaniel Howard Schousek.

Condolences can be sent directly to the family at Arboretum Village, 8141 Farnam Dr., Omaha, Neb. 68114.



### Career Day

The Northeast Nebraska Career Day was held Oct. 18 on the Wayne State College campus. More than 1,000 sophomores from 42 high schools throughout northeast Nebraska attended this year's event. A total of 87 presenters shared information about their careers. Above, Angela Abts, Extension Educator (center) helps one of the students determine the location of the next career session.

### Youth take part in pheasant hunting event

Logan Creek Chapter of Pheasants Forever's held the 22nd Youth Mentor Hunt on Oct. 16 at the Izaak Walton/ThompsonBarnes WMA.

Participants included seven youth from throughout northeast Nebraska that were between the ages of 11 and 15 years. To be eligible to take part in the event, each of these youth had to complete a Nebraska Game and Parks Hunter Safety Course.

Thanks were extended to all of the volunteers who took time out of their schedules to help with this event.

"Each youth taking part in the event received a hunting vest provided by Nebraska Game and Parks and Pheasants Forever, and a blaze orange hat. This year thanks to Nebraska Game and Parks, the Logan Creek chapter of Pheasants Forever was able to give away one lifetime hunting permit. These kids are the next generation of sportsmen and we would like to teach them the importance of firearm safety and also the importance of wildlife habitat," said Tim Reinhardt, a Pheasants Forever member who was one of the organizers of the event.

"Pheasants Forever mentored pheasant hunts are the ideal way to introduce kids and teens to hunting, as experienced volunteer hunters from Pheasants Forever coach youth on the importance of firearm safety, wildlife habitat and hunting technique," Reinhardt added.



### Assisting the project

Among the activities being undertaken by the Wayne Kiwanis Club as part of the year-long celebration of the club's 100th anniversary was the donation of more than \$100 to the Wayne Salvation Army Unit. The money will go toward the School Supply Backpack program. This past August, the Salvation Army distributed more than 100 backpacks with school supplies to local students. Members of the Kiwanis Club also helped with filling the backpacks. Involved in the presentation of the funds were (left) Clara Osten, Kiwanis member, Pastor Teresa Bartlett and George Burcum, with the Salvation Army and Megan Muller, Kiwanis member.

### Court news

#### District Court Oct. 5, 2022

Civil Proceedings  
None  
Criminal Proceedings:  
State of Neb. v. Daniel J. Maxson, Wayne. Count I: Delivery of a Controlled Substance (Cocaine), a Class II felony. Sentenced to 4-8 years in the Nebraska Department of Corrections. Count II: Delivery of a Controlled Substance (Marijuana), a Class IIA felony. Sentenced to 2-3 years in the Nebraska Department of Corrections; Count III: Delivery of a Controlled Substance (Marijuana), a Class IIA felony—Sentenced to 2-3 years in the Nebraska Department of Corrections. Sentences run consecutive. Ordered to pay costs of \$149.00

#### County Court Criminal Proceedings

State of Neb., pltf., vs. William A. Ruimveld, def., of Wayne. Complaint for Possession of Marijuana (Count I) and Driving Under Suspension (Count II). Fined \$800 and costs.  
State of Neb., pltf., vs. Mardelle I. Wiseman, def., of Wayne. Complaint for Dog at Large. Fined \$200 and costs.  
State of Neb., pltf., vs. Kole M. Fiala, def., of Wayne. Complaint for Leaving Accident. Fined \$150 and costs.  
State of Neb., pltf., vs. Diondre R. Watson, def., of Wayne. Complaint for Theft (Count I) and Forgery (Count II). Fined \$1,000 and costs and sentenced 24 months probation.  
State of Neb., pltf., vs. Justin D. Wulf, def., of Norfolk. Complaint for Driving Without Ignition Interlock (Count I), Driving During Revocation (Count II) and Speeding (Count III). Fined \$525 and costs, sentenced 90 days in jail and 48 months probation and driver's license revoked for two years.  
State of Neb., pltf., vs. Alex M. Matson, def., of Norfolk. Complaint for Driving Under Suspension (Count I), Speeding (Count II) and Careless Driving (Count III). Fined \$500 and costs.  
State of Neb., pltf., vs. Ashley J. Mulhair, def., of Wayne. Complaint for Possession of Marijuana. Fined \$300 and costs.  
State of Neb., pltf., vs. Marin Reyes Luis Gerardo, def., of Wayne. Complaint for Disturbing the Peace. Fined \$25 and costs.  
State of Neb., pltf., vs. Celicia A. Casillas, def., of Dodge City, Kansas. Complaint for Possession of Marijuana (Count I), Possessing/Using Drug Paraphernalia (Count II), Speeding (Count III) and Possessing/Consuming an Open Alcohol Container (Count IV). Fined \$575 and costs.  
State of Neb., pltf., vs. Junie Rodriguez Caballero, def., of Wayne. Complaint for No Operator's License (Count I) and Improper/Defective Vehicle Lights (Count II). Fined \$100 and costs.  
State of Neb., pltf., vs. Agustin Raymundo Reyes, def., of Wayne. Complaint for No Proof of Insurance (Count I), No Operator's License (Count II) and Speeding (Count III). Fined \$250 and costs.  
State of Neb., pltf., vs. Ayden A. Moore, def., of Elwood. Complaint for Possessing/Consuming Open Alcohol Container. Fined \$50 and costs.  
State of Neb., pltf., vs. Martha Camarillo Lopez, def., of Norfolk. Complaint for Speeding (Count I) and No Operator's License (Count II). Fined \$325 and costs.  
State of Neb., pltf., vs. Madelynn K. Miller, def., of Hastings, Michigan. Complaint for Possessing/Consuming Open Alcohol Container. Fined \$50 and costs.  
Credit Management Services Inc., pltf., vs. Jennifer McTaggart, def., of Wayne. Fined \$817.00 and costs.  
Credit Management Services Inc., pltf., vs. Douglas Broderson, def., of Wayne. Fined \$1,062.00 and costs.  
First National Bank of Omaha, pltf., vs. Jacob R. Krueger, def., of Wayne. Fined \$23,320.38 and costs.  
First National Bank of Omaha, pltf., vs. Michelle Pilger, def., of Wayne. Fined \$10,448.47 and costs.  
Credit Acceptance Corporation, pltf., vs. Sarah L. Robinson, def., of Madison. Fined \$5,603.99 and costs.  
Credit Bureau Services Inc., vs. Aaron D. Hallgren, def., of Wayne. Fined \$280.99 and costs.  
Clear Recovery Inc., vs. Sean Addison, def., of Wayne. Fined \$311.40 and costs.  
**Traffic Violations**  
Esteban Cancino, spd., \$75; Bernard J. Kneif Jr., spd., \$75; David C. Dale, spd., \$75; Shelby R. Lierman, spd., \$75; Miguel Ibarra, no operator's license, \$75; Brody N. Auen, spd., \$125; Miles C. Hessler, spd., \$125; Brandon W. Jones, spd. and no license on person, \$150; Joshua J. Bradley, spd., no valid car registration and no license on person, \$125; Colten M. Rystrom, violating stop or yield sign, \$75; Maria E. Nunez, spd. and no valid car registration, \$100; Tyler J. Schaefer, spd., \$25; Racia A. Gonzalez, spd., \$125; Wade S. Deitloff, spd., \$75; Samuel T. Korth, no valid car registration, violating stop or yield sign and no license on person, \$125.  
David W. Panowiec, spd., \$75; Brandon W. Jones, violating stop or yield sign, \$75; Noah W. Reinke, spd., \$75; Andrea P. Renteria, spd. and no operator's license, \$150.

### Holiday Choir Concerts planned

The 2022 Wayne State College Holiday Choir Concert dates have been announced.

The Holiday Dessert Concert is set for 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3 at Our Savior Lutheran Church.

The Holiday Dinner Concert is 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 at The Beau-

mont Event Center. Both events feature the diverse and talented WSC choirs.

In case of inclement weather, the Dessert Concert will take place at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10.

In case of inclement weather, the Dinner Concert will be rescheduled for 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11.

### A Quick Look

Date	High	Low	Precip	Snow
Oct. 20	43	14	—	—
Oct. 21	72	43	—	—
Oct. 22	75	36	—	—
Oct. 23	86	41	—	—
Oct. 24	93	45	—	—
Oct. 25	53	29	—	—
Oct. 26	62	26	—	—

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### Chamber Coffee

WAYNE — This week's Chamber Coffee#chamberpercs will be held Friday, Oct. 28 will be held at the Elkhorn Valley Bank meeting room. It will be hosted by KTCH/KTCY Radio. The coffee on Friday, Nov. 4 will also be held at the Elkhorn Valley Bank meeting room. It will be hosted by the Wayne Area Legacy Fund. The coffee begins at 10 a.m. and announcements at 10:15 a.m.

### MOPS fund raiser

AREA — A Chili Fundraiser will be held Sunday, Oct. 30 after the 10:30 a.m. service at Journey Church in Wayne. It will include a silent auction also. Proceeds will benefit the Wayne MOPS program.

### FFA HalloWayne 5K

AREA — The Wayne FFA Chapter will be holding a 5K event on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 9 a.m. Proceeds from the event will go to the Adam Beiderman family. Adam was injured in an accident in early August and remains hospitalized in Omaha.

### Fall Festival

AREA — The Wayne FCCLA will hold a Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 1-3 p.m. in the High School gym. Admission will include items for Haven House such as paper products and toiletries. There will be games, food and a silent auction.

### Gifts for Kids

AREA — Gifts for Kids applications are available and are due back by Friday, Nov. 11. To receive one, contact Kathy Berry at (402) 375-3066. Those applying must meet the income guidelines required on the application.

### Food Truck

AREA — The Mobile Food Truck will be at Journey Christian Church, 1000 East Seventh Street, on Saturday, Oct. 29. Pre-boxed food will be available and those wishing to receive food should be at the church at 9:30 a.m. The event is a drive-through event with pre-boxed food being handed out at that time.

**Black Adam** (PG-13)  
Admission is just \$5! (3D movies may be more)  
Ad Courtesy of **Thrift Warehouse**

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# Alumni

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ber of the faculty at UNK where he held a joint appointment and tenure in the College of Fine Arts and Humanities and the College of Education. He taught an array of graduate and undergraduate courses in music and education. As director of bands, he conducted concert and marching bands that were selected to perform at several state conferences and were the first instrumental groups in the institution's history to perform abroad. Before earning his M.M. and Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, he began his career serving as director of bands at Wakefield Community Schools, Kearney High School, and Lincoln Northeast High School.

Schnoor is married to Teresa (Travis '87) Schnoor, who taught band in Coleridge, Wisner, and Elm Creek before serving as elementary principal for the last 25 years at Franklin Public Schools and Central Elementary in Kearney.

### Cheri (McDonald) Polenske '08, School of Business and Technology

Cheri Polenske '08 is proud to call Wayne her hometown as she was born and raised in Wayne and graduated from Wayne High School in 1990. She started her higher education at Northeast Community College where she earned an associate of applied science in computer programming. Her professional career began at Wayne State College as a computer operator in 1992. As she continued to grow professionally and take on additional responsibilities at WSC, she was promoted to Director of Administrative Systems in 2007. Throughout her career at WSC, she took classes as a non-traditional student and earned her Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems in 2008.

Polenske accepted a position with the Nebraska Student Information System (NeSIS) team at the University of Nebraska in 2010, where she continued to provide services to the Nebraska state colleges. The NeSIS team manages the student information system for all the Nebraska universities and Nebraska state colleges. She worked closely with the leadership and administration at WSC to enhance and support the WildcatsOnline system, which provides WSC students the capability to manage all administrative aspects of their academic careers including enrolling in classes, accepting financial aid, and paying their bills.

### Johanna Barnes '97, MSE '06, School of Education and Behavioral Sciences

Johanna Barnes, Ph.D., is grateful for every role she has had as an educator, for it has allowed her to be a continuous learner as well. She credits her WSC professors, facilitators, and mentors during her undergraduate and graduate programs for inspiring her journey in education. She has literally followed in their footsteps, starting full time at WSC in 2009, earning her doctorate from the University of South Dakota in 2013, and now serving as a professor of education for the School of Education and Behavioral Sciences.

Barnes' first opportunity in education was as a second-grade teacher in Newman Grove, Neb. She learned much about the profession from the students and mentor teachers in her school and from WSC mentors as she served as a facilitator/adjunct instructor for the MSE in Curriculum and Instruction – Community of Learning program.

### DaVarryl Williamson '93, School of Science, Health, and Criminal Justice

A poverty-stricken childhood in Washington, D.C., did not stop WSC alumnus and boxer DaVarryl "Touch of Sleep" Williamson '93 from compiling a long list of impressive achievements and accolades – not only for his powerful punch in the ring, but for his dedication to community service and education. The two-time national Golden Gloves champion, 10-time national amateur champ, and former professional heavyweight was recently among six 2022 inductees into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame.

"I was in tears and nearly fell out of my chair when I got the call about being selected," said Williamson, who earned a bachelor's degree in 1993 at Wayne State College, majoring in recreation and minor in coaching, and a master's degree in administrative services from Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Mich., in 1998. "The Hall of Fame is the highest honor you can get in any sport. I'm in the Colorado Golden Gloves Hall of Fame, which is only for boxers. This one is for all athletes, so I'm in there with some big names like John Elway and Peyton Manning (both former Denver Broncos quarterbacks). Only three boxers have been inducted, and I'm the first one since 1988."

### Williamson closed out his career at WSC being involved in numerous sports and activities including

football, basketball, school mascot Willy the Wildcat, Yell Squad, vice president of the Minority Student Association, intramurals, lip sync contest, creating socials for the entire student body, Eric and Ju Ju dances at the City Auditorium, Riley's Night Club, and theater with lead roles such as the Generous Genie in Aladdin.

During summers at WSC, he officiated summer basketball and football camps and worked maintenance, moving beds, couches, furniture – whatever it took to be a part of the school and campus!

A relative late bloomer by the sport's standards, Williamson did not compete in his first boxing match until age 25. He was invited to train at the former U.S. Olympic Education Center at Northern Michigan University, where he became an Olympic alternate earning a spot on the 1996 team, while simultaneously pursuing his graduate degree.

Williamson was honored as the nation's "Best Amateur Boxer" by Boxing USA in 1997. A year later, he was named the U.S. Olympic Committee's Athlete of the Month for October, topping the likes of former cyclist Lance Armstrong. He compiled an impressive amateur bout record of 120 wins (103 of which were knockouts), 17 losses, and one draw. His thunderous right punch and knockout record became so renowned that he earned the nickname "Touch of Sleep" from his opponents and sparring partners.

Williamson has also become an integral part of the community, forming Touchstone Youth Program, a non-profit that teaches kids boxing and life skills. Englewood Public Schools partnered with TYP, busing in hundreds of kids to participate in Williamson's program. The effort earned him the honor of Englewood School District Volunteer of the Year in 2017 and 2018. TOS Boxing also became an official partner gym with the National Cancer Charity Haymakers for Hope.

"DaVarryl understands the innate obvious truth that if the community raises up the individual, the individual will lift the community," said Doug Ottewill, Chairman of the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame Selection Committee. "He knows this despite having largely created himself. DaVarryl prides himself on working with people from all walks of life and meeting them on their level. He has truly become a pillar of the community, an impressive role model for its youth, and an inspiration for all of those lucky enough to make his acquaintance."

Williamson and his wife, Jennifer, have five children: Dantel, the oldest, has a career in computer technology and photography; Alayana is a practicing medical esthetician; Donald is a senior at the University of Richmond studying finance; Gabriel is a sophomore at the University of Dallas studying business and has already begun a business that he plans to take public in the next year; and Nina, the youngest of the five, is a senior at Cherry Creek High School and, with any luck after touring the campus here in Wayne, could be the first to follow Williamson to his alma mater.

Other honors Williamson has received include the Martin Luther Legacy Award and a nomination for Englewood's Citizen of the Year. He repaid the latter by representing Englewood as a panelist for the National Civic League's 2021 All American Cities Award, helping it to become a top 20 finalist. He was recognized by the Englewood City Council for his efforts.

Currently Williamson is collaborating with ghost writer Oliver Stokeld on a book about his journey titled "Split Decisions: What It Takes to Become a Champion in Life," which is scheduled to be published soon. Williamson is also entertaining the idea of becoming an adjunct professor to teach the history of boxing.

## Marine Corps to celebrate birthday

The Northeast Nebraska Marine Corps Association (NNMCA) will be celebrating the 247th birthday of the United States Marine Corps on Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Norfolk VFW Post, 316 West Braasch Avenue in Norfolk.

A catered roast beef dinner will be served for \$20 per person. This is payable to the NNMCA and can be mailed to Chair Bud Neel, 57576 847th Road, Wayne, Neb. 68787-7080. Doors will open at 1700 hours with the banquet at 1800 hours.

Guest speaker will be Scott Stanton, who served in the Marine Corps and currently is the Veteran Service Officer for Cedar County.

The banquet is open to any active duty or Veteran Marine, spouse and parents. NNMCA Officers include Chair Bud Neel, Wayne; Vice Chair Steve Haselhorst, Pierce; Treasurer Ron Albin, Norfolk; and Public Relations and Secretary Sandra Hansen, Wayne.

The evening will include a raffle and anyone wishing to donate an item or two is asked to contact Chair Bud Neel with details of the donation. Please RSVP of your attendance to Chair Neel no later than Saturday, Nov. 5. Tickets will be \$25 at the door.

Polenske joined the Nebraska State College System as the Chief Information Officer in April. She is responsible for providing the vision, as well as the strategic, tactical, and operational leadership necessary to ensure that the system office has the resources (infrastructure and services) and technology solutions to optimize its performance and alignment with the strategic and operational goals of the system. Polenske works closely with the state college CIOs, campus leaders, and system office staff to align IT resources and initiatives to support the NSCS strategic goals and the educational needs of Nebraska.

Polenske has a great love for IT, higher education, the state of Nebraska, and Wayne State College. She contributes much of her success to the skills she learned from her coursework at WSC, her professional experiences while a member of the WSC administrative systems team, and the opportunity to be mentored by incredible professionals during her 30 years of working in Nebraska public higher education.

Polenske also knows she would not be where she is today without her strong support system of close family members, friends, and work colleagues. Polenske and her husband, Stan, are most proud of raising three "strong, independent, and beautiful" daughters, McKayleigh, BrookLynn, and RyAnna.

"We have always encouraged our girls to go after what they want in life and give them our utmost support," Cheri said. "One of my favorite quotes is, 'It doesn't matter what's in front of you, as long as you know who's behind you.' I have received so much support over the years and want to ensure I provide support to others to accomplish their goals!"

### Johanna Barnes '97, MSE '06, School of Education and Behavioral Sciences

Johanna Barnes, Ph.D., is grateful for every role she has had as an educator, for it has allowed her to be a continuous learner as well. She credits her WSC professors, facilitators, and mentors during her undergraduate and graduate programs for inspiring her journey in education. She has literally followed in their footsteps, starting full time at WSC in 2009, earning her doctorate from the University of South Dakota in 2013, and now serving as a professor of education for the School of Education and Behavioral Sciences.

Barnes' first opportunity in education was as a second-grade teacher in Newman Grove, Neb. She learned much about the profession from the students and mentor teachers in her school and from WSC mentors as she served as a facilitator/adjunct instructor for the MSE in Curriculum and Instruction – Community of Learning program.

Barnes additionally educates and learns through local, national, and international presentations and publications related to math education and the Community of Learning program. Overseeing the program allows her the chance to support and grow alongside teachers across Nebraska and in the country of Aruba.

Barnes' family is Wayne State proud. Her husband, Tim '95, MBA '20, manages the Wayne State College bookstore. Their daughter, Claire '20, is a social media specialist for Scheels in Omaha, Neb. Their son-in-law, Jorge Adame '20, is a sales/leasing consultant for Woodhouse Ford. Their daughter, Elle, is a freshman at WSC majoring in business.

### DaVarryl Williamson '93, School of Science, Health, and Criminal Justice

A poverty-stricken childhood in Washington, D.C., did not stop WSC alumnus and boxer DaVarryl "Touch of Sleep" Williamson '93 from compiling a long list of impressive achievements and accolades – not only for his powerful punch in the ring, but for his dedication to community service and education. The two-time national Golden Gloves champion, 10-time national amateur champ, and former professional heavyweight was recently among six 2022 inductees into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame.

"I was in tears and nearly fell out of my chair when I got the call about being selected," said Williamson, who earned a bachelor's degree in 1993 at Wayne State College, majoring in recreation and minor in coaching, and a master's degree in administrative services from Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Mich., in 1998. "The Hall of Fame is the highest honor you can get in any sport. I'm in the Colorado Golden Gloves Hall of Fame, which is only for boxers. This one is for all athletes, so I'm in there with some big names like John Elway and Peyton Manning (both former Denver Broncos quarterbacks). Only three boxers have been inducted, and I'm the first one since 1988."

### Williamson closed out his career at WSC being involved in numerous sports and activities including

football, basketball, school mascot Willy the Wildcat, Yell Squad, vice president of the Minority Student Association, intramurals, lip sync contest, creating socials for the entire student body, Eric and Ju Ju dances at the City Auditorium, Riley's Night Club, and theater with lead roles such as the Generous Genie in Aladdin.

During summers at WSC, he officiated summer basketball and football camps and worked maintenance, moving beds, couches, furniture – whatever it took to be a part of the school and campus!

A relative late bloomer by the sport's standards, Williamson did not compete in his first boxing match until age 25. He was invited to train at the former U.S. Olympic Education Center at Northern Michigan University, where he became an Olympic alternate earning a spot on the 1996 team, while simultaneously pursuing his graduate degree.

Williamson was honored as the nation's "Best Amateur Boxer" by Boxing USA in 1997. A year later, he was named the U.S. Olympic Committee's Athlete of the Month for October, topping the likes of former cyclist Lance Armstrong. He compiled an impressive amateur bout record of 120 wins (103 of which were knockouts), 17 losses, and one draw. His thunderous right punch and knockout record became so renowned that he earned the nickname "Touch of Sleep" from his opponents and sparring partners.

## Get out and vote

That was the message of Beverly Neel with the Wayne County Republican Party during last week's Chamber Coffee. Neel also highlighted a number of issues that would be on the Nov. 8 ballot

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## That Fall Thing

Youth had the opportunity to visit a number of local businesses on Saturday during the annual event known as That Fall Thing. In addition to Trick or Treating the youth had the opportunity to enjoy face painting and smore's at Ace Hardware.



(Photo by Clara Osten)



(Photo by Clara Osten) Pictured in the field that contained grain donated to the Wayne Area Legacy Fund (WALF) are (left) Karen Longe with WALF, Ellen and Eldon Heinemann.

## Legacy Fund receives donation of grain

Eldon and Ellen Heinemann recently presented a gift of grain from this year's harvest to the Wayne Area Legacy Fund. The Heinemanns said they learned about the Wayne Area Legacy Fund and the opportunity to give back to the Wayne community through articles in the Wayne Herald and on KTCH. They said they "were impressed with the choice of projects that are

funded in the local area. In regard to the process of donating grain, Eldon said "it is not too difficult, it just takes a few extra days for the process." The couple encouraged others to consider making a donation of grain as "It is not a difficult process, just plan ahead. It helps save on income taxes." The Wayne Area Legacy Fund (WALF) has invested over \$50,000

back into the Wayne Area community since the inception of the fund. The WALF is an affiliated fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF), a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. All contributions to WALF are tax-deductible. Visit [WayneAreaLegacyFund.org](http://WayneAreaLegacyFund.org), email [WayneAreaLegacyFund@gmail.com](mailto:WayneAreaLegacyFund@gmail.com), or call 402-375-2240 for additional information.

## Funds

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 Projects that enhance public health and safety, economic well-being, local vitality and quality of life. All of the funded communities demonstrated a solid approach to community development within their project designs and showed that through collaboration, much needed facility and infrastructure improvements are attainable. Other projects receiving grant funding include:  
 Ainsworth – The City of Ainsworth, Brown County, was awarded \$433,000 for street improvements. The City is preparing to improve Main Street beginning at the intersection of 4th Street/Nebraska Highway 20 and Main Street/Nebraska Highway 7, following Main Street to the north,

and ending at the entrance to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.  
 Bartlett – The Village of Bartlett, Wheeler County, was awarded \$420,279 for street improvements starting at the intersection of Randolph and Fourth Street and will end one block west of the intersection of Fifth and Randolph Street.  
 Filley – The Village of Filley, Gage County, conducted a community needs assessment in 2022 which demonstrated that street improvements were a high priority in this community of 124 persons. The Village subsequently applied for and was awarded funding in the amount of \$315,000 for improving Livingston Street, Gage Street, Lancaster Street and Johnson Street.  
 Wood River – The City of Wood River, Hall County, is taking advan-

tage of existing usable space in the community to develop a new Senior Center. The current senior center has no parking of its own and was also sharing space with the local food pantry. The center was flooded in 2019 and a Needs Assessment in 2022 showed a desire to use the vacant portion of the old Good Samaritan Center building as a Senior Center. The new Senior Center was funded for \$433,000 and allows the City of Wood River to host the Stick Creek Kids Center (also funded by CDBG Public Works), a future food bank, library and Senior Center all under the same roof.  
 For additional information on the grants, contact Community Development Specialist Aaron Boucher, [Aaron.Boucher@nebraska.gov](mailto:Aaron.Boucher@nebraska.gov).



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# Driving a culture of continuous improvement

American companies are the most innovative and customer-friendly in the world. People have numerous experiences as customers each day, and they're accustomed to the exceptional service provided in the private sector. They shouldn't expect any less from their state government.



Gov. Pete Ricketts

When I became Governor, I set out to strengthen our reputation for high-quality customer service in Nebraska state government. We've applied principles from business to our day-to-day operations to improve customer service. We've created annual business plans to work smarter. We've set performance metrics to provide greater accountability. And we've used process improvement principles—like Lean Six Sigma methods—to operate more efficiently.

We've worked to change the culture in state government to put the focus on our customers. In 2016, my team and I created the Center of Operational Excellence (COE) to lead this effort. The COE has driven a culture of continuous improvement in state government by training teammates in process improvement skills to identify waste, eliminate unnecessary steps, and deliver a better customer experience for taxpayers.

The COE awards certifications, or "belts," to state teammates who have achieved increasing degrees of competency in process improvement techniques. Through the belt award system—white, yellow, green, and black—the COE has trained more than 26,000 existing and former state teammates to improve the delivery of state services over the years. We have teammates who've received specialized COE training working as process improvement coordinators in each of our code agencies. They're identifying opportunities to improve, driving change daily, and helping to create a culture where people feel empowered to bring forward new ideas that challenge the status quo.

Since May 2016, the COE has helped facilitate around 900 improvement projects across 18 agencies resulting in over 900,000 hours being freed up to better serve Nebraskans. And the mentality it's created throughout our agencies has had far-reaching impacts.

The State's culture of continuous improvement was critical to our success responding to the coronavirus pandemic. When the virus hit Nebraska, our teams had to adjust on the fly. Because the COE mentality was already a part of our team culture, our agencies

were equipped to address new challenges head on.

For example, the Department of Administrative Services – Procurement Division built a logistics system to rapidly procure and distribute PPE statewide to hospitals, health clinics, and first responders. As a result, Nebraska was the first state to secure a 120-day supply of PPE.

Our Department of Labor streamlined operations to process the sudden influx of unemployment claims (in just four months, they received four years' worth of claims). This allowed us to better serve Nebraskans in their time of need and get them back on their feet. We had the nation's lowest annual average unemployment rate in 2020 and 2021.

Additionally, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Nebraska National Guard worked together to stand up a laboratory and set up mobile testing sites across the state under intense time pressure as part of Test Nebraska. Their process improvement skills helped us perform these critical tasks with excellence. Test Nebraska doubled our testing capacity during the early stage of the pandemic and delivered over 785,000 results. We were one of the first states in America to offer no-cost, burden-free testing to anyone. Our ability to react to the pandemic quickly and effectively across all of our agencies is one of the reasons why Politico ranked Nebraska as having the #1 COVID response in the nation.

The COE's work has also helped the State be a better steward of taxpayer dollars. Using a critical eye to implement cost savings in all areas of state government has reduced the annual growth of the State budget from 7.2% in fiscal year 2014-2015 to an average of 2.8% during my time in office. Part of these savings are a direct result of the hundreds

of process improvement projects we have deployed. In fact, by the end of this year, COE projects will have saved Nebraskans \$100 million. These savings enable the state to deliver meaningful tax relief and responsibly invest in other projects, like rural broadband projects and the construction of the Perkins County Canal.

Most importantly, COE projects have helped us put our customers—Nebraskans—first. This has real, positive impacts on everyday people.

One example is the work DHHS has done to better serve families caring for children with special needs. DHHS reimburses families in the Disabled Children's Program and Medically Handicapped Children's Program for mileage and hotel expenses when they take a child to see a specialist. Many of the families enrolled in these programs are financially disadvantaged.

At one point, DHHS had a processing time of 13-15 business days to approve reimbursement requests. For a family living paycheck to paycheck, that's outside of a two-week pay period. Having to pay expenses up front, and then wait for reimbursement across two pay periods, causes financial hardship.

DHHS enlisted the State's Center of Operational Excellence to improve the way they processed reimbursements. By leveraging electronic/fillable forms, the COE helped DHHS shorten the time to process reimbursements from an average of 13-15 business days to 2 business days. Now, the payments are being processed well within a two-week pay cycle. That's impressive improvement, and it makes a huge difference to families in Nebraska as they manage their budget while caring for children with complex medical needs.

There are always people who are skeptical that government can be run like a business. But here in Nebraska we've demonstrated that state agencies can operate with the level of service that people have come to expect from the companies they use in everyday life. Running government like a business shows our citizens their tax dollars matter and won't be wasted. It communicates that their time is valuable and will be respected. And it conveys that Nebraskans' needs come first.

If you have questions about the COE's work to improve customer service, please write me at [peter.ricketts@nebraska.gov](mailto:peter.ricketts@nebraska.gov) or call 402-471-2244.



(Photo by Clara Osten)

## New leadership

The Wayne Kiwanis Club recently installed officers for the coming year. They include (left) Jill Sweetland, Teresa Dredge, Karissa Hays, Levi Kenny, Mytzy Rodriguez-Kufner, Katie Diediker, Jeaney Harris, Dave Fremstad and Heather Headley. The Kiwanis Club meets Mondays at noon at The Table.

# B.J. WOehler

## For Mayor of Wayne

Next, I ask for your support to FLUSH the "Stool To Cool" Concept for the old Lagoon area. This was done in closed meetings with very little if any community input or data. It is an unoriginal concept that will do nothing but bring debt; not people to our community with things we already have. If elected I will move to have this start over and be a community lead effort to get a real gem that puts Wayne American on the map for more than a water tower!

Now let's talk trash, did you know that the majority of trash/recycling bins have been removed from town and they refuse to put them and pet stations on the trail? This is a basic sanitation need that the government should be doing. Recycling is a great additional step we have added but now we need to make it 24/7.

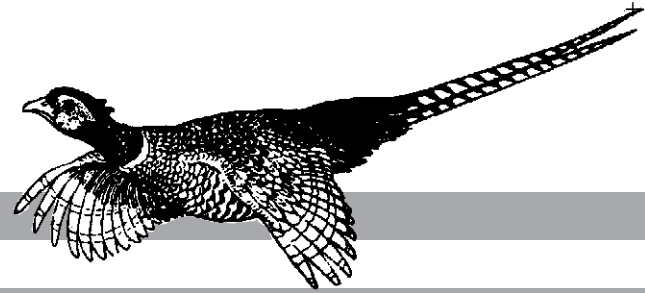
I also see electricity is finally back on the agenda after costly delays and failed alternatives. This needs to be left to the experts and figure out how to get the best deal for what we have and get back with NPPD.

More to come next week.....

[bjwoehler.com](http://bjwoehler.com)

Thanks Bj Woehler

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# Sports

## Ya' gotta believe — Wayne girls take Class C title Miller medals for 11th place boys

By MICHAEL CARNES  
For The Herald

**KEARNEY — Believe.**  
Before they took off, Wayne girls cross country coach Courtney Maas had one last word with her team and left them with a simple thought — believe in yourself and believe in your teammates.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)  
**Wayne senior Laura Hase-mann capped her career with a second individual medal and helped the Blue Devils win the team title in the Class C girls race at the Nebraska State Cross Country Championships.**

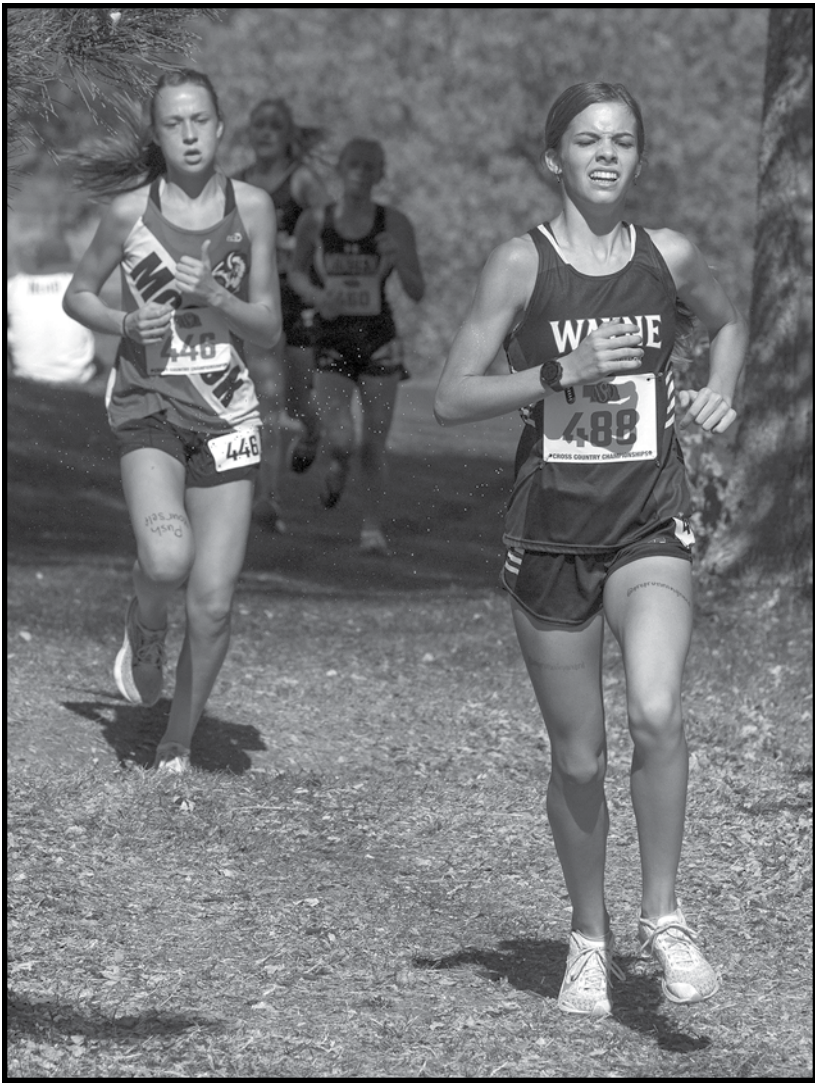
That belief paid off in the best way possible Friday at the Kearney Country Club, as the Blue Devils ran their way to the Class C state title at the Nebraska State Cross Country Championships, edging Auburn by two points in a very close team that wasn't decided until the last runners crossed the finish line.

With unseasonably mild weather conditions, Maas said each girl had a plan for how they would combat the conditions, but she wanted to make sure they were in concert with one another when it came to believing they could compete for the state title.

"The last thing I said to the girls was believe — believe in yourself and believe in your teammates," she said. "You've worked so hard all summer in training and in practice throughout the season and in every race you've competed. I know what you're capable of and you just have to believe in yourselves and focus and have fun."

Early in the race, Wayne's usual front-running trio of senior Laura Hase-mann and sophomore twins Jala and Kyla Kruse-mark weren't running in their usual pack style. While Hase-mann was among the early group of runners in the first 1,000 meters, the sisters were well back in the pack, content to save their energy for when it mattered the most.

"We wanted to run that first mile conservatively so we didn't tire out, and I think it really worked," Jala



(Photo by Michael Carnes)  
**Jala Kruse-mark ran down a number of runners to find her way to the medal stand at the Nebraska State Cross Country Championships. Her 14th place finish helped lead the Wayne girls to their first team title since 1996.**

Kruse-mark said.  
"That first hill down is a challenge and we started to push toward the middle and the end of the race," Kyla Kruse-mark added.

"We each had our own game plan to run individually, but as a team we wanted to go out and enjoy it and just trust each other to do our absolute best," Hase-mann stated.  
With 1,000 meters to go, Hase-mann was in medal contention and Jala Kruse-mark had worked her way into the top 25, with Kyla not far behind. By the time they reached the final turn, Jala Kruse-mark had passed her teammate and was among the first 15, with Hase-mann on the bubble and her sister still moving up.

"Every meet, I tell them don't settle for where you're at, go get the next one," Maas said. "We always need one more point and they were able to do that."

Hase-mann was able to catch one more runner at the finish line to place one spot behind Jala Kruse-mark, and by the time the last of the 108 runners who started the race had come home, the final team tally showed how well that strategy had paid off — the Blue Devils had 74 points to Auburn's 76, giving Wayne its first Class C girls state cross country title since back-to-back titles in 1995 and 1996.

"This feels so fulfilling and I could not be more proud of the entire team," Hase-mann said. "I had a good idea where I was and I was starting to die a bit, but I just kept going and praying and I caught her a few yards before the finish."

The Kruse-mark sisters were also thrilled to be part of a championship team.

"I can't believe we won it," Jala said. "Each place matters for us and we didn't tire out, so I think our plan really worked."

"I knew we had a good chance to place in the top three, but it's still unbelievable we got first," Kyla,

who placed 21st, added. "All that hard work makes it worth it."

Freshman Lilyan Hurner, sophomore Olivia Hanson and junior Frantzie Barner followed the threesome home. Hurner was 52nd, Hanson 57th and Barner 75th to make up Wayne's championship team.

"The beginning of the year, I told coach (Terry) Bear and he said don't jinx it," Hurner said with a laugh. "After we got first at district I think we knew this could happen."

"I thought maybe we'd get in the top three, so this is just crazy, unbelievable," Hanson stated. "Running this course before helped us out and keeping the pace we ran really paid off well."

"My dad has been talking about this all week, so I figured we had a chance," Barner added. "It feels amazing knowing our hard work paid off."

It was a bittersweet moment for Hase-mann, a four-time qualifier and two-time medalist, who credited her coach for helping her achieve the success she's had in a Blue Devil uniform.

"She's been my mentor since second grade and I'm so happy to have had her as a coach," she said. "We couldn't have done this without the entire team and I just love these girls so much."

A teary-eyed Maas replied, "She just means so much to me with the relationship we've built over the years, and to see her grow into the young woman that she is, is just wonderful. We're losing a good teammate and a great leader and she's left behind some really special things that I hope we can carry on next year."

**THE WAYNE HIGH BOYS DID** not go home empty-handed Friday, as they put an individual medalist on the stand in the form of freshman Drew Miller, who's 14th place

finished keyed the Blue Devils' 11th place finish in the 15-team race.

Like the girls, Miller was in the middle of the field and ran down a bunch of runners in the final 1,000 meters to find his way to the medal stand.

"He really had some work to do there at the end," Bear said. "He was 29th with about 1,000 to go and really kicked it in gear and showed what he's capable of."

Bear said he challenged his kids to try to run a personal best on the 5,000-meter layout and try to stay in contact with each other.

"Usually things go well if you run as a pack and the kids did a pretty good job of that," Bear said. "We wanted to stay in contact with the medals and Drew was able to finish strong and finished as one of the top freshmen in Class C."

Miller's 14th place finish was followed by Alex Frank in 41st, Easton Blecke in 92nd and Kasen York in 96th. Ethan McCraney was 99th and Adrian Klinetobe placed 108th.

Bear said that Wayne's effort Friday is just the tip of the iceberg, and being able to see their female counterparts' success will serve as fuel to drive them next season.

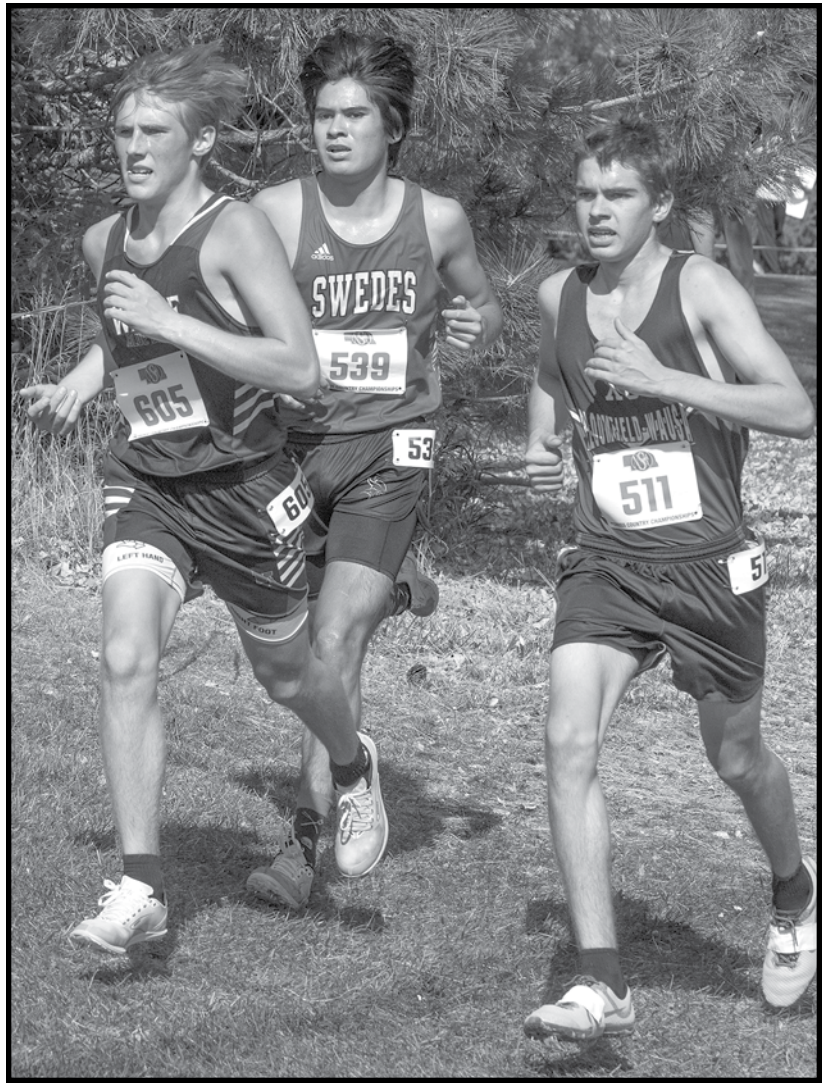
"We lose two good seniors with Easton and Ethan who have put in a lot of time, but we had a great group coming back," he said. "And winning is motivation and seeing what the girls did, the boys are happy for them and want some of that for themselves so it ended on a positive note for us looking toward next year."

### Class C Girls Team Standings

Wayne 74, Auburn 76, Lincoln Christian 86, Chadron 93, Douglas County West 96, McCook 98, Fort Calhoun 110, Arlington 120, Milford 120, Aurora 121, Minden 145, Sidney 170, O'Neill 219, Bloomfield/Wausa 247, Kearney Catholic 250.

### Area Results

WAYNE — 14. Jala Kruse-mark,



(Photo by Michael Carnes)  
**Wayne High freshman Drew Miller came back in the final 1,000 meters to finish 14th in the Class C boys race at the Nebraska State Cross Country Championships.**

20:42.5; 15. Laura Hase-mann, 20:47.9; 21. Kyla Kruse-mark, 21:16.3; 52. Lilyan Hurner, 22:48.9; 57. Olivia Hanson, 23:01.7; 75. Frantzie Barner, 23:32.1.

### Class C Boys Team Standings

Gothenburg 45, Lincoln Christian 47, Fort Calhoun 54, Milford 76, Aurora 98, Malcolm 101, Broken Bow 139, Bloomfield/Wausa 153, Holdrege 158, Hartington-Newcas-

tle 161, Wayne 169, Arlington 189, Fillmore Central 202, Sidney 206, Omaha Concordia 222.

### Area Results

WAYNE — 14. Drew Miller, 17:34.6; 41. Alexander Frank, 18:22.1; 92. Easton Blecke, 19:38.7; 96. Kasen York, 19:44.7; 99. Ethan McCraney, 19:57.2; 108. Adrian Klinetobe, 20:21.9.

## Bears 12th in Class D, Mackling reps TCNE

**KEARNEY —** Area runners competing in the Class D races at the Nebraska State Cross Country Championships made a good showing during Friday's state competition.

In the Class D boys race, the LCC boys finished 12th in the 18-team competition and were led by Tyler Olson, who finished 40th out of a field of more than 130 runners.

Following Olson was Preston Rose, who placed 65th; then Carter Korth (74th), Koby Detlefsen (123rd) and Taner Stanley (127th). Cornerstone Christian edged North Platte St. Patrick's by three points, 16-19, to claim the team title.

In girls competition, Tri County Northeast junior Rhyanne Mackling represented the area and finished 53rd in her first state cross

country race, coming home in a time of 22:53.0.

Hemingford (38) edged Ainsworth (40) and Crofton (41) for the Class D girls team title.

**Class D Girls Team Standings**  
Hemingford 38, Ainsworth 40, Crofton 41, Aquinas 49, Palmyra 62, Homer 69, Ravenna 78, Nebraska Christian 80, Doniphan-Trumbull 86, Bridgeport 87, West Holt 91, Wallace 97, Cornerstone Christian 100, Oakland-Craig 103, Cambridge 122, Elkhorn Valley 123, Elm Creek 181, Hi-Line 188.

**Area Results**  
TCNE — 53. Rhyanne Mackling, 22:53.0.

**Class D Boys Team Standings**  
Cornerstone Christian 16, North Platte St. Pat's 19, Nebraska Christian 45, Franklin 49, Tri County 59,

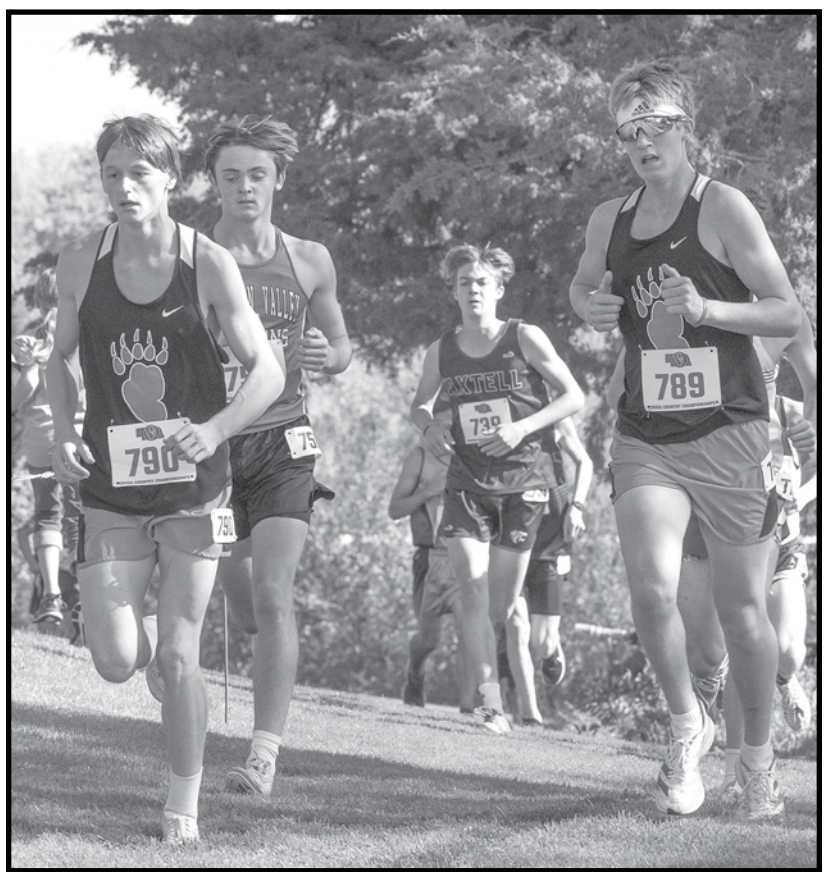


(Photo by Michael Carnes)  
**Tri County Northeast's Rhyanne Mackling was the co-op's first state qualifier at the Nebraska State Cross Country Championships. She finished 53rd in Class D competition Friday in Kearney.**

McCool Junction 76, West Holt 79, Garden County 79, Sandhills Valley 83, Axtell 91, Norfolk Catholic 98, LCC 104, Lyons-Decatur 112, Plainview 117, Bertrand/Loomis 135, Grand Island CC 145, Alma 157, Hemingford 169.

### Area Results

LCC — 40. Tyler Olson, 18:23.1; 65. Preston Rose, 18:59.1; 74. Carter Korth, 19:12.3; 123. Koby Detlefsen, 22:27.7; 127. Taner Stanley, 23:55.1.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)  
**LCC's Preston Rose (left) and Tyler Olson make their way around the course during the Class D boys race at the Nebraska State Cross Country Championships.**







(Contributed Photo)

## Hole in one

Jazmine Taylor, a junior on the Wayne State's College Golf Team, recently shot her first hole in one at Wayne Country Club. This happened on the afternoon of Sept. 13. It was on hole 12 from 124 yards with a 9 iron. It was witnessed by teammate Abbey Kurlmel.

## Blue Devils end season at subdistrict

Wayne fell to top-seeded Logan View/Scribner-Snyder in the C1-5 subdistrict tournament Monday to end the 2022 season.

Wayne opened with a three-set win over Winnebago, 25-9, 25-13, 25-14. Jaycee Bruns had five kills, Kate Hill added four and Haley Kramer and Elle Powicki each had three. Emma Forsythe and Gabbi Judd chipped in two kills apiece. Anna Kaup had 15 assists and 10 ace serves. Bruns added seven aces, Kramer had four and Forsythe had two. Faith Powicki had 13 digs, Hill added seven and Bruns had six.

In the semifinal, Wayne fell to the host Raider in three, 25-14, 25-19, 25-20. Kramer had eight kills, Hill added seven, Bruns had five and Forsythe had four, while Kaup had 20 assists. Faith Powicki led the de-

## Blue Devils light up Eagles in finale

O'NEILL — After battling a schedule that saw them face four playoff-bound teams, the Wayne High football team ended the year on a positive note with a 35-2 shellacking of O'Neill on the road Thursday.

Wayne wasted no time getting the party started. Kaden Keller found Sedjro Agoumba for a 70-yard touchdown pass on the first play of the game to make it 7-0, and the Blue Devils doubled the lead later in the period when Eli Barner scored from a yard out.

O'Neill's defense came up with the Eagles' only points of the night on a safety in the second quarter to make it 14-2 at the break, but Wayne erased any hope of an Eagle comeback early in the third when Keller hit Ashton Munsell for a 50-yard pass to make it 21-2.

In the fourth quarter, Keller put up his third score of the night with a five-yard pass to Daniel Judd, and Munsell closed the deal with a 70-yard run as Wayne finished the season with a 3-6 record.

Wayne racked up 430 yards in total offense while holding the Eagles to just 130. Keller highlighted the Wayne onslaught by going 6-of-9 passing for 168 yards and three touchdowns. Munsell added 101 yards on seven carries to go with his 50-yard touchdown reception.

Taven Ocampo added 53 yards on three tries, Garrett Schultz had 45



on five tries and Barner rushed for 32 on eight carries. Agoumba caught three balls for 94 yards, Sam Junck had one for 19 yards and Judd had a five-yard scoring catch.

Defensively, Barner had 15 tackles, Judd and Junck added eight apiece, Schultz, Munsell, Alex Phelps and Drue Davis each had seven, Zach McManigal had five, Colton Shepperd had four and Agoumba had three. Phelps also had an interception.

## Trojans in subdistrict final

After falling in the Lewis & Clark Conference championship game, the Wakefield volleyball team closed the regular season with two wins and won their first subdistrict game.

On Thursday, the Trojans (23-9) swept Homer and Winnebago in a home triangular, defeating the Knights 25-12, 25-23 and handling the Indians 25-11, 25-18.

In the win over Homer, Alex Arenas recorded 15 kills, Daveigh Munter-McAfee had seven and Ali Brown had six. Jordan Metzler had 28 assists. Arenas and Katie Borg both had 12 digs and Munter-McAfee added nine.

Against Winnebago, Munter-McAfee had seven kills, Brown

added six and Arenas had five, with Metzler picking up 17 assists. Munter-McAfee had four aces and Brown had three. Borg, Metzler and Munter-McAfee each had four digs.

On Monday, Wakefield hosted the C2-4 subdistrict and advanced with a 25-11, 25-17, 25-10 win over Omaha Nation. Munter-McAfee had 16 kills, Arenas added nine and Brown had four, with Metzler getting 31 assists. Brown had three ace serves and Makenna Decker had two blocks. Arenas had 10 digs, Metzler added nine, Borg had seven and Brown had five.

Wakefield played Pender Tuesday. Results will be in next week's Herald.



(Contributed Photo)

## 500 and counting

Kate Hill, a junior at Wayne High School, earned her 500th Wayne High School varsity career kill during the WHS win against Boone Central/Newman Grove on Oct. 20. She is pictured here with 2022 WHS varsity team following this historic event.

## Hidden injuries cause pain in more places than sports

It's well known that athletes hide injuries, but they're not the only group known to do this. Performers like dancers keep injury secrets, and so do workers in all types of jobs.

These groups might seem diverse, but they have a lot in common when we look at the reasons they hide injuries.

Stigma is the first reason people hide injuries. There have been big improvements in the culture around sports, performing arts, and worker's comp, but some people still have the old "no pain, no gain" attitude. To some people, reporting an injury is an act of weakness, or a way of letting the team down.

In addition to this internal pressure, there can also be external pressure from coaches, parents, teammates, supervisors, or fans to keep playing or working.

The second reason people hide injuries is because they're afraid of what they'll lose. With the focus on head injuries in recent years,

athletes that get hit in the head know if they report concussion symptoms, they're coming out of the game. Workers who get hurt on the job fear loss of pay, or loss of their job. Performers who get hurt might fear that their replacement will outshine them on the stage and take their place.

When it comes to reporting injuries, athletes have a third incentive not to report being hurt - competitive advantage. If an opposing team knows a player is injured, and what the injury is, they might be able to take advantage of it. For example, if a football team has an ankle injury, it will change how the opposing defense plays.

These reasons all make some sense, but they're also all shortsighted. Finishing a game, dancing tomorrow night, or working one more shift are never worth your long term health.

Hiding a minor injury can turn it into a major one. It's never weak to report an injury and you're not let-

ting your teammates, or coworkers down. If you're not up to your best, you owe it to the people counting on you to let them know. Letting a healthy player, performer, or worker take your place is the right thing to do. If you're injured, don't hide it! Let the right people know, then go to the right person for help - your physical therapist!

Karen Longe, Doctor of Physical Therapy, is the founder of KEL Physical Therapy & Wellness in Wayne, NE. She enjoys helping people get back to activities that they love to do NATURALLY using her manual therapy skills, dry needling, powerful education and instruction in corrective exercises. She is passionate about educating and provides monthly workshops open to all. For more information on her services contact her via phone at 402-999-4564, Karen@KEL-PTwell.com, or visit KEL-PTwell.com or her business Facebook page.

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# WSC soccer splits final two home tests

The Wayne State women's soccer team split two games, winning their last home game of the season to highlight last week's play.

On Sunday, Wayne State scorched the Upper Iowa nets for a 5-2 win in Wayne.

Wayne State scored in the first 70 seconds of the match with a shot from forward Regan Allen to make it 1-0. She would record her second goal of the game four minutes and 18 seconds later off an assist from Paige Pemberton to make it 2-0.

Wayne State, which outshot Up-

per Iowa 8-5 in the first half, added another goal in the 17th minute on a shot by Alyssa Ferin, but the Peacocks came out of the halftime break and found the WSC goal 40 seconds in on a shot by Rachyl Benavides to make it 3-1.

Wayne State answered with two more scores. Sydney Schnase put home a pass from Abby Sutton and Skylar Stueckrath at the 50:17 mark, then scored again nine minutes later when Sutton hit one home to make it 5-1. Grace Birdsey would add a late goal for Upper

Iowa to close out the scoring.

Upper Iowa had one more shot than Wayne State at 15-14. WSC recorded one more assist than Upper Iowa (9-8). Allen led WSC in shots with three. She was followed by Sutton, Ferin, and Stueckrath all having two shots. Goalkeeper Hayden Wallace recorded nine saves for WSC while goalkeeper Regan Ott recorded one save.

On Friday, Winona State scored two second half goals to post a 2-0 win in Winona, Minn.

The hosts broke the ice after a

scoreless first half in the 54th minute, then added an insurance goal in the 71st minute to go on to the win.

Winona State ended the contest with a 20-0 advantage in shots over Wayne State and 11-0 in shots on goal. Wallace made nine saves in the contest while allowing two goals.

The Wildcats (3-10-4, 3-8-3 NSIC) close the 2022 season on the road Thursday with a 3 p.m. contest at Augustana.

# WSC golfers close fall schedule

Wayne State placed 11th out of 17 teams battling cold and windy conditions Monday and Tuesday at the Midwest Fall Classic Women's Golf Tournament, played at Mozingo Lakes Golf Course in Maryville, Mo.

The Wildcats shot rounds of 347 and 341 for two-day, 36-hole total of 688 in their final outing of the fall season. Augustana captured the team title with a 634 (323-311), 14

shots better than second place Central Missouri at 648.

Junior Jazmine Taylor was the top Wildcat golfer, shooting rounds of 85 and 79 for a 164 to tie for 18th overall out of a field of 100 players. Sophomore Abbigail Brodersen followed in a tie for 30th at 170 following scores of 86 and 84.

Other Wildcat players were junior Abbey Kurmel tied for 55th with a 177 (88-89), freshman Safire Sayre tied for 66th with a 180 (88-92) and junior Tricia Hemann at 183 (94-89), tied for 70th.

Individually, junior Viktoria Bortkiewicz-Hamelin tied for 64th at 179 (92-87).

# Bears easily advance in D-1 playoffs

LCC racked up 450 yards in total offense and pulled away in the second half to post a 68-20 win over Mead in the first round of the Class D-1 playoffs Thursday at Haskell Field.

The Bears scored twice in the first period with a 25-yard run by Dylan Taylor and a 30-yard gallop by Dan Puppe. Taylor hit Jake Rath from 10 yards and Sutton Ehlers added a 10-yard run, but Mead found the end zone three times and made it interesting going into the halftime break, trailing 30-20.

That was as close as the Raiders would get, however, as LCC dominated the second half. Puppe ran for two scores and caught a pass from Taylor for a third, and Taylor and Caleb Erwin both added long touchdown runs to help put the game out of reach.

Puppe scored four touchdowns on

the night, three on the ground and one in the air. He led the aerial assault with four catches for 69 yards and added 54 yards on eight tries. Ehlers led the ground attack with 109 yards on 13 carries and Erwin added 81 on six tries. Taylor was 9-of-16 passing for 108 yards and two scores and ran 12 times for 93 yards and two more scores. Jake Rath had 20 yards on two catches and Carter Kvols added three for 19 yards.

Defensively, Ehlers led with 13 total tackles, Kolby Casey had eight, Kvols added six, Aaron Bloom had five and Connor Korth picked up four. Ehlers and Kvols both recovered fumbles.

The Bears are the No. 2 seed in the re-seeded 16-team Class D-1 field. They will host Weeping Water in a 6 p.m. matchup Friday at Haskell Field.

# Lady Bears end season at volleyball subdistrict

The LCC Lady Bears saw their season come to an end Monday in the opening round of the C2-5 subdistrict at Crofton, dropping a 25-11, 25-16, 25-22 decision to Ponca.

Statistics were not available at press time. LCC ends the season with an 18-13 record.

# Winside on to subdistrict final

Winside defeated Randolph 25-21, 17-25, 25-17, 25-23 to move on to the subdistrict finals in D2-3 action Monday at Wynot.

Anslee Watters led Winside with 17 kills, Micah Stenwall added nine, Aubrey Russell had seven, Rande Haase put away six and Natalie Kruger had four to go with 31 assists. Hannah Gubbels had three ace serves and Kruger added two.

Defensively, Haase and Russell both had six blocks. Hubbels led with 22 digs, Watters added 17, Kruger had 12, Stenwall and Jerzi arlson both had six, Russell had five and Samantha Gubbels had four.

In their regular season finale Friday, Winside (16-12) swept Lyons-Decatur, 25-10, 25-17, 25-13. Watters led with 24 kills, Haase added 12, Kruger had five and Skye Schultz had three. Kruger had 31 assists and Russell and Skylar Spann both had two. Kruger served up five aces while Carlson and Russell both had two. Watters led in digs with 17, Kruger and Hannah Gubbels both had eight, Carlson had five and Stenwall had four.

# Wolfpack advance in subdistrict

BANCROFT — The Tri County Northeast volleyball team swept Lyons-Decatur in straight sets, 25-16, 25-20, 25-15 to advance to the D1-3 subdistrict finals Monday.

Kiya Tornez led the attack with 13 kills, Mica Tornez added eight, Rylinn Mitchell had six and Brianna Bousquet had five. Sydney Baker had 24 assists and Brianna Novak added five. Baker had three ace serves and Getsamani Ferrusca had two. Novak and Mica Tornez both had two blocks. Bousquet led in digs with 10, Baker added nine, Kiya Tornez had eight, Ferrusca had four and Myleah Mackling and Mica Tornez had three apiece.

TCNE played Bancroft-Rosalie in the finals Tuesday. Results will be in next week.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

Alli Brown spikes the ball for Wakefield during last week's Lewis & Clark Conference championship match. The Trojans lost in four sets to Ponca.

# Wakefield comes up short in L&C final

By MICHAEL CARNES  
For The Herald

RANDOLPH — After getting down two sets, the Wakefield volleyball team made a valiant comeback effort that came up short.

The Trojans battled back from a two-set deficit and were in position to go the distance with rival Ponca, but a late rally by the Indians helped thwart the Wakefield effort as the Indians won the Lewis & Clark Conference title with a 25-21, 25-19, 22-25, 25-22 decision last Tuesday at Randolph High School.

Each of the four sets was hotly contested with the lead changing hands several times, and Wakefield struggled to maintain a consistent offensive attack in the early going.

"Our passing was just all over the place tonight and we couldn't get it done because the passing wasn't there," Wakefield coach Brittany Eisenmann said.

Ponca used a four-point run that included kills by Samantha Ehlers and Abbie Hrouda, a service ace by Elle McAfee and a combo block by Ehlers and Tierney Peterson to build its biggest lead of the set at 12-7, but the Trojans were able to rally and used kills by Brianna Martinez, Alex Arenas and Makena Decker to pull within one at 18-17.

Ponca was able to right the ship late, taking advantage of a pair of Trojan miscues and a kill by Ehlers to close out the first set.

"We knew we had to come out and start strong," Ponca coach Jessica Templeman said. "We've both beaten each other and we knew we'd have to get them out of system and keep them on defense."

Kills by Arenas and Decker and an ace serve by Jordan Metzler got Wakefield out to a 3-0 lead early, and the Trojans led by as many as seven at 10-3 before Ponca bounced back. They scored seven straight points midway through the set. Ehlers capped the rally with a tip to make it 15-13, and after Wakefield came back to tie it at 15-15, Ponca scored the net four points,

including a kill by Gracen Evans and went on to take the 2-0 match advantage.

Wakefield came out in the third set and gave Ponca a taste of its own comeback medicine. The Indians led 14-10 in the third before Wakefield rallied behind kills by Daveigh Munter-McAfee to take a 22-19 advantage, then ended the third set with a kill by Alli Brown to take the match to a fourth set.

"These girls have a lot of heart and they really wanted to win this," Eisenmann said of her team's third-set bounceback. "We just got a little timid there in the fourth and didn't finish well."

Wakefield led 16-10 in the fourth set when Ponca started its rally. A block by Evans and back-to-back hitting errors by the Trojans helped erase the lead and tie the match at 18-18. It was still tied at 20-20 when Ehlers recorded a kill and McAfee recorded an ace serve to make it 22-20. Another Wakefield miscue and a McAfee ace put it at match point, and Ehlers put down her team-high 16th kill to close out the match and give Ponca the win.

"I told them during a timeout in the fourth that we had to keep pushing because Wakefield is a great team and we just had to keep swinging," Templeman said.

Evans added 15 kills and Hrouda recorded 34 assists for Ponca, both eclipsing the 1,000 mark for their careers in their respective categories. McAfee recorded three aces and Lily Korth added two. Peterson and Ashlyn Kingsbury each had four blocks and Ehlers put away three. McAfee led the defense with 19 digs, Hrouda added 12, Evans had 10 and Kingsbury and Ehlers each had nine.

For Wakefield, Munter-McAfee had a match-high 18 kills, Arenas added 15 and Brown had eight. Metzler put up 46 assists and three ace serves. Decker added three aces and Katie Borg had two. Arenas and Decker each had two blocks. Munter-McAfee recorded 26 assists, Arenas added 20, Metzler had 16, Brown had 14 and Borg had 12.



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Daveigh Munter-McAfee puts away one of her match-high 18 kills in Wakefield's loss to Ponca in the Lewis & Clark Conference volleyball title match.

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# Opinion

## MIKE'S MIC

### Keep cooking

By Mike Renning  
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From the beginning of our little nest egg here with our children and now Grandchildren, I have pretty much always been the good guy unless one of the Darling Wife's children really pi...or upset me.

I'm in the twilight zone between when you don't care about when I take the discipline card and do it my way, or just be happy I have Grandkids

I know this has nothing to do with cooking yet, but we'll get there - maybe grab another cup of coffee.

The Darling Wife and I got married in 1985, someone do the math and tell me when I should pay attention for one of the significant anniversaries, you know, 100, 80 something like that, so it seems.

I did a lot of work as our daughters and sons were growing up and on occasion I would actually voice an opinion or parent - Lord help me...or them.

What I'm getting at is I evidently did a good enough job (with the help of the Darling Wife, of course) raising them they ALL picked great people to spend the rest of this life here on earth alongside.

Now the Grandkids are all a given, they will be adored and loved, but the in-laws are a crapshoot at best.

I'm here to say, our kids are four-for-four.

Stephanie (Mason's) and Chelsea (Max's) are as good of Gals a guy could ever hope for - remember my ramblings about marrying into another family and finding some of the gained family tolerable and some friends - like Vern? These Gals are literally like daughters without any of the baggage 20 years of rearing can entail.

I even grounded one of our kids once...for a while...I think.

Now, to my sons-in-law, Bryce and Zach are exactly what anyone would want their daughter to marry. To get just one of them would be a blessing, to get two of them is darned near a miracle.

Ironically, Zach's last name is Blessing and Bryce's last name is...well, Anderson, but I can live with that.

They both, along with Mason and Max, share my love for smoking, grilling and cooking in general.

Now with me, it was a matter of survival as the Darling Wife couldn't...better be careful here, Marsha may tell on me.

You remember Marsha, the Darling Wife's friend and co-work-



er? I know she reads this and from time-to-time she lets the Darling Wife know what I make u...er. say.

Bryce and I decided to smoke a brisket.

We have smoked several things, mostly pork and ribs but we never threw a \$90 hunk of meat on the smoker that we had actually purchased.

Talk about pressure.

When I grill, everything is timed to perfection and everything is delightful when it's done, but I didn't start grilling from day one with rib-eyes, I started with hot dogs and hamburgers.

Who cares if you screw them up, go get more hot dogs and hamburgers, this was a \$90 hunk of meat.

We were at Bryce's house, so his rules.

We both prefer wood and charcoal so we used his "other" smoker.

Twelve hours later, we had the... well wait a minute.

Hogan and Moxley were involved so during the process of creating this culinary masterpiece, we drove the electric Jeep in the backyard, played a little baseball, played a little football, washed their toy trucks, settled 27 "arguments between the two little Fellas, gave them a bath and put them to bed.

Like a couple of expectant fathers, Bryce and I didn't get much sleep that night. Hogan and Moxley slept like babies.

Bryce and I thoroughly enjoyed our \$90 hunk of meat the next day.

Tired, smoky, a touch irritated... it was the best brisket ever.

Now we know - just throw it on the smoker and go to bed. It will be fine.

I know, we'll get to grilling and smoking here in a minute.

## Capitol View

### Rich Republicans funding fight against RINOs

Commentary by J.L. Schmidt,  
Statehouse Correspondent  
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Leave it to the Republicans to pick on their own. Leave it to the short-timer Nebraska Governor to lead the charge.

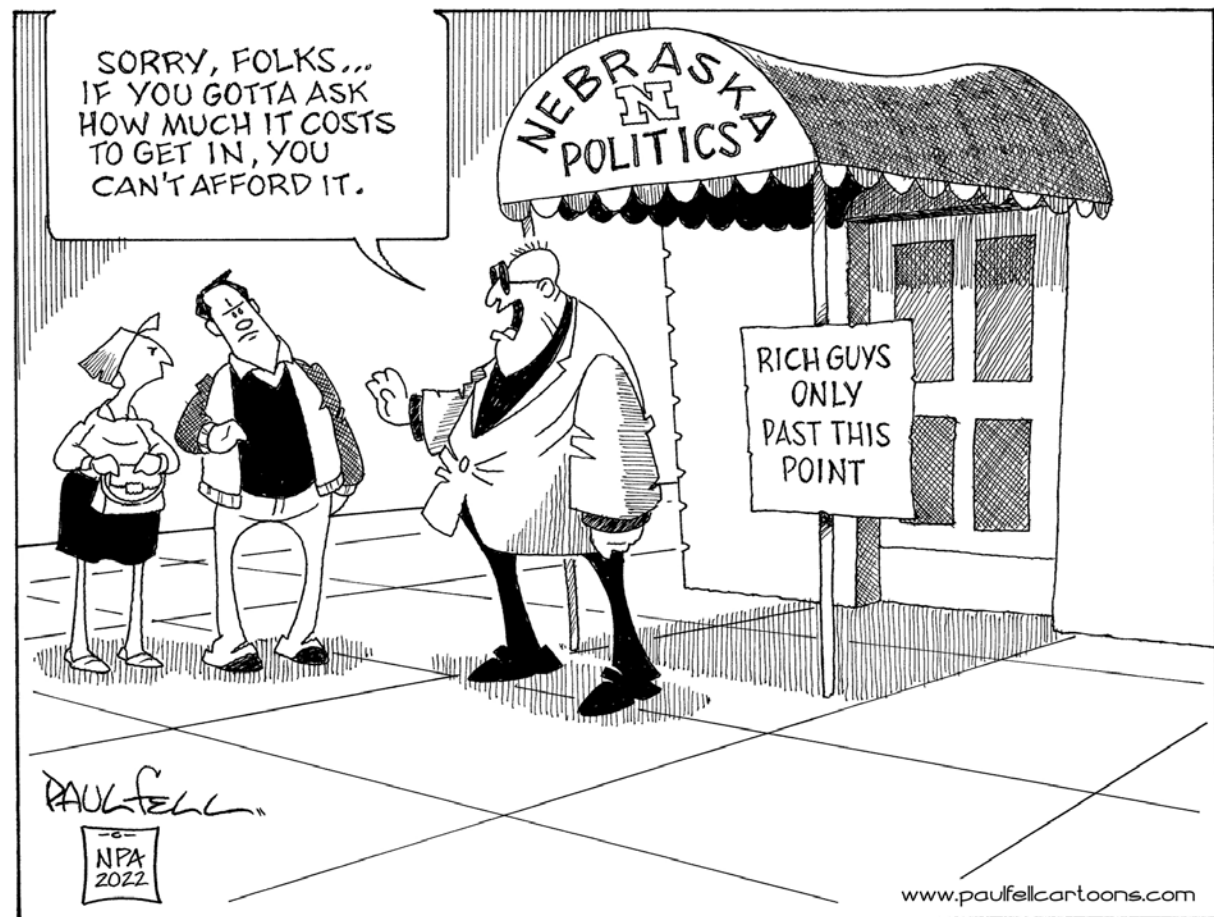
Yes folks, Governor Pete Ricketts is the first and only funder, so far, of a political action committee that is seeking to block the election of a term-limited Republican state senator seeking election as a University of Nebraska Regent. The state Accountability and Disclosure Commission said Ricketts has given \$314,000 to the Nebraska Future Action Fund.

That group has spent about \$51,000 to campaign against outgoing State Sen. Matt Williams of Gothenburg who is seeking a Regent's seat. All because, according to Ricketts or somebody, Williams is a RINO - Republican In Name Only. Political dictionaries define that as a disparaging term that refers to a Republican candidate whose political views are seen as insufficiently conforming to the party line.

The phrase, without the acronym, dates back to President Theodore Roosevelt who in 1912 left the Grand Old Party to start the Progressive Party. Political observers say it surfaced again, with the RINO label, in an article in the New Hampshire Union Leader in the 1990s.

We have no idea who determines the party line or what criteria are used to determine when someone is no longer following it. I have a pretty strong sense that in Ricketts' case it's based on a grudge linked to some vote that didn't go his way. In all fairness, Williams isn't the first to face the wrath of Ricketts' considerable wealth.

The PAC itself is shrouded in some mystery. No website yet, no spokesperson to comment. Nothing from Ricketts himself. Both Williams and his opponent Kathy Wilmot, also a Republican, said they knew nothing about the PAC's



goals. It has spent money on radio attack ads calling Williams a "liberal RINO." Ricketts directly donated \$10,000 to Wilmot's campaign. She also counts former Governor Kay Orr and failed gubernatorial candidate Charles Herbster as supporters in the nonpartisan race.

Williams recently told media that his history in the Nebraska Legislature proves he has supported conservative policies like tax relief, abortion restrictions and increasing gun access. "And those are the real facts," he said. He also believes his votes to override Ricketts' vetoes on bills: to raise the gas tax for highway construction; repealing the death penalty; and granting driver's and professional licenses to DACA recipients are what got him in trouble with Ricketts.

I've said this before, it is NOT illegal for the Ricketts' family to use their own money as they see fit.

I do have to ask if the Governor is governing or trying to buy influence and control outcomes.

Earlier this year, Ricketts contributed nearly \$1.28 million to Conservative Nebraska, a PAC that ran advertisements opposing Herbster and Sen. Brett Lindstrom - two Republican candidates for governor who challenged Ricketts' preferred candidate, and the eventual winner of the primary, Jim Pillen.

But he's not the only wealthy Nebraska political figure exerting financial force on state politics. Herbster formed Nebraska First PAC in August to oppose secret ballot voting to determine leadership roles in the Nebraska Legislature, and support permit free carry of concealed firearms.

The Ricketts family was the primary door behind efforts to get a voter ID bill on the November

ballot. Ricketts was also the major donor on the ballot effort a few years ago to get the death penalty reinstated. Ironically, he was also a major proponent of the "Choose Life" license plates. I guess that means some life.

On top of everything else, the disturbing thing in all this is the use of this money for negative attack advertising. While it's allowed under state law, it shouldn't stop people from doing their own research.

Let's hope that we can somehow break this cycle of rich, vindictive governors. It does nothing good for democracy.

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

### State senator provides update

The weather has definitely taken a turn towards winter and I am enjoying the beauty of the fall foliage. Harvest is on the downswing and the holiday season is right around the corner. Again, keep a keen eye on slow moving equipment on the roads in order to stay safe.

On Oct.17, I attended a local candidate forum in Wayne where I heard from the candidates for mayor, city council, and Wayne Community Schools Board of Education hosted by the WAED Government Affairs Committee and Craftology!, a local maker space business.

November 8th is quickly approaching and it is your opportunity to get out and vote. Most newspapers are printing a copy of your sample ballot and, possibly, a voter's guide. It's so important to research the candidates to see who you would like to represent you.

Last week I mentioned the two voter initiatives that will be on your ballot Nov. 8.

I would like to talk more about Initiative Measure 432 regarding



**Legislative Update**  
By Joni Albrecht  
State Senator, District 17

Voter ID. Most Americans support both easier access to early voting and requiring photo identification to vote, according to Monmouth University Poll.

You have an opportunity to support this change to the Nebraska Constitution by voting "FOR" this initiative. You deserve to have confidence in the election process because it ensures our entire system of democracy, which protects our freedoms. Nebraska is one of 16 states where no documentation is required to vote. "When a valid ID is required to drive or just hold Epsom or spray paint, or even see an R-rated movie," Slama said. "The overwhelming majority of states have successfully implemented voter ID systems, and we should follow their lead to make our elections as secure as possible." (from Nebraska News Service)

You also have an opportunity to oppose this change to the Nebraska Constitution by voting "AGAINST" this initiative. Opponents contend that this constitutional amendment will impose severe restrictions on your right and ability to vote. It is unnecessary and no cases of voter impersonation have ever been found in Nebraska's elections. In other voter ID states, seniors,

low-income, and highly mobile workers are often prevented from voting. Heidi Uhing, public policy director for Civic Nebraska, cited Nebraska's constitution, which says that all elections shall be free, and there shall be no hindrance or impediment to the right of a qualified voter to exercise the elective franchise. She said 54,500 qualified voters do not have valid government-issued IDs and could not vote if the initiative passed, according to a Civic Nebraska study. (from Nebraska News Service)

If Initiative 432 passes and amends the state constitution, it will authorize the state Legislature to pass laws to implement voter ID including determining what type of photo identification will be acceptable.

As always, I invite you to let me know your thoughts, ideas, concerns, or suggestions by contacting me by calling (402) 471-2716 or emailing me at jalbrecht@leg.ne.gov.

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Halloween is one of the most exciting holidays for children, and the

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1. Glow sticks can cause a stinging and a burning feeling if the liquid touches the mouth, skin or eyes. Tell children to keep these out of their mouths as they are soft and can easily break open. If this happens, rinse with water and call the Poison Center.

2. When children trick-or-treat, treats should be carefully checked by adults. Homemade treats or anything out of its original wrapper should be thrown away unless parents are positive of the identity and safety of the person from which

it came.

3. Cannabis edibles may resemble candy in their name, colors and packaging. This is another good reason to check all your children's candy when they get home.

4. Costumes should be warm, well-fitting and non-flammable. Masks should allow a child to see easily all around them and should be removed while children are crossing streets. Have a trusted adult with children and remember to take a flashlight along if it is dark.

5. Consider nontoxic face paint instead of masks. All makeup and fluorescent hair sprays should be removed before going to bed. Consider using reflective tape on costumes worn after dark.

6. Serving punch containing dry ice is not dangerous if the ice is not swallowed in its solid form. Small pieces should not be put in drinking glasses. Frostbite can occur if dry ice touches the skin or mouth.

7. Chocolate and xylitol are very poisonous to dogs. Xylitol is the sweetener found in sugar free candies and gum. Store all candy up and out of reach of dogs and other pets.

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# USDA provides payments to help keep farmers farming

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced that distressed borrowers with qualifying USDA farm loans have already received nearly \$800 million in assistance, as part of the \$3.1 billion in assistance for distressed farm loan borrowers provided through Section 22006 of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

The IRA directed USDA to expedite assistance to distressed borrowers of direct or guaranteed loans administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) whose operations face financial risk.

The announcement kicks off a

process to provide assistance to distressed farm loan borrowers using several complementary approaches, with the goal of keeping them farming, removing obstacles that currently prevent many of these borrowers from returning to farming, and improving the way that USDA approaches borrowing and servicing. Through this assistance, USDA is focused on generating long-term stability and success for distressed borrowers.

"Through no fault of their own, our nation's farmers and ranchers have faced incredibly tough circumstances over the last few years,"

said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "The funding included in today's announcement helps keep our farmers farming and provides a fresh start for producers in challenging positions."

Work has already started to bring some relief to distressed farmers. As of today, over 13,000 borrowers have already benefited from the resources provided under the Inflation Reduction Act as follows:

Approximately 11,000 delinquent direct and guaranteed borrowers had their accounts brought current. USDA also paid the next scheduled annual installment for these direct loan borrowers giving them peace of mind in the near term.

Approximately 2,100 borrowers who had their farms foreclosed on and still had remaining debt have had this debt resolved in order to cease debt collections and garnishment relieving that burden that has made getting a fresh start more difficult.

In addition to the automatic assistance already provided, USDA has also outlined steps to administer up to an additional \$500 million in payments to benefit the following distressed borrowers:

USDA will administer \$66 million in separate automatic payments, using COVID-19 pandemic relief funds, to support up to 7,000 direct loan borrowers who used FSA's disaster-set-aside option during the pandemic to move their scheduled payments to the end of their loans.

USDA is also initiating two case-by-case processes to provide additional assistance to farm loan borrowers. Under the first new process, FSA will review and assist with delinquencies from 1,600 complex cases, including cases in which borrowers are facing bankruptcy or foreclosure. The second new process will add a new option using existing direct loan servicing criteria to intervene more quickly and help an estimated 14,000 financially distressed borrowers who request assistance to avoid even becoming delinquent.

More details on each of the categories of assistance, including a downloadable fact sheet, are available on the Inflation Reduction Act webpage on farmers.gov.

Similar to other USDA assistance, all of these payments will be reported as income and borrowers are encouraged to consult their tax advisors. USDA also has resources and partnerships with cooperators who can provide additional assistance and help borrowers navigate the process.

The announcement is only the first step in USDA's efforts to provide assistance to distressed farm loan borrowers and respond to farmers and to improve the loan servicing efforts at USDA by adding more tools and relaxing unnecessary restrictions. Additional announcements and investments in assistance will be made as USDA institutes these additional changes and improvements.

This effort will ultimately also include adding more tools and relaxing unnecessary restrictions through assistance made possible by Congress through the IRA. Further assistance and changes to the approach will be made in subsequent phases.

## Background

USDA provides access to credit to approximately 115,000 producers who cannot obtain sufficient commercial credit through direct and guaranteed farm loans, which do not include farm storage facility loans or marketing assistance loans. With the funds and direction Congress provided in Section 22006 of IRA, USDA is taking action to immediately provide relief to qualifying distressed borrowers whose operations are at financial risk while working on making transformational changes to how USDA goes about loan servicing in the long run so that borrowers are provided the flexibility and opportunities needed to address the inherent risks and unpredictability associated with agricultural operations and remain in

good financial standing.

In January 2021, USDA suspended foreclosures and other adverse actions on direct farm loans due to the pandemic and encouraged guaranteed lenders to follow suit. Last week, USDA reiterated this request to guaranteed lenders to provide time for the full set of IRA distressed borrower assistance to be made available before lenders take irreparable actions.

Producers can explore available loan options using the Farm Loan Discovery Tool on farmers.gov (also available in Spanish) or by contacting their local USDA Service Center. Producers can also call the FSA call center at 877-508-8364 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Eastern. USDA has tax-related resources available at farmers.gov/taxes.

# NDA reports additional case of HPAI In Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) in conjunction with the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is announcing another confirmed case of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). This brings the total number of cases of HPAI in Nebraska this year to 12. The 12th farm is a commercial flock of gamebirds in York County.

According to NDA State Veterinarian Dr. Roger Dudley, the affected flock was humanely depopulated and will be disposed of in an approved manner. NDA will establish a 6.2-mile control zone, as is USDA policy, around the affected premises. Poultry producers should know the signs and symptoms of HPAI and notify NDA immediately of sick or dying birds.

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

Symptoms of HPAI in poultry include: a decrease in water consumption; lack of energy and ap-

petite; decreased egg production or soft-shelled, misshapen eggs; nasal discharge, coughing, sneezing; incoordination; and diarrhea. HPAI can also cause sudden death in birds even if they aren't showing any other symptoms. HPAI can survive for weeks in contaminated environments.

NDA is encouraging bird owners to prevent contact between their birds and wildlife and to practice strict biosecurity measures. If producers suspect signs of HPAI in their flock, they should report it to NDA immediately at 402-471-2351. More information for producers can be found at <https://nda.nebraska.gov/animal/avian/index.html> or <http://healthybirds.aphis.usda.gov>.

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

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

Restrict access to your property and poultry.

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

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

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

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

Report sick birds immediately to NDA at 402-471-2351; the USDA at 866-536-7593; or your veterinarian.

Early detection is important to prevent the spread of disease. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the risk to people getting HPAI infections from birds is low.

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

# Troopers complete construction zone, speeding campaigns

Troopers with the Nebraska State Patrol have completed multiple enforcement campaigns focused on construction zones and excessive

speeding in several parts of the state.

"These efforts are important, not only for the motoring public, but also for the crews working in these construction zones," said Colonel John Bolduc, Superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol. "As the summer driving season transitioned into fall driving across Nebraska, many construction projects remain ongoing. We urge all drivers to focus attention on the road at all times, avoid distractions, always drive sober, and wear your seatbelt."

Troopers in central Nebraska performed high-visibility patrols in and around construction zones throughout the summer months. The effort ran from June 1 through September 30, thanks in part to grant funding for \$41,300 from the NDOT-HSO. Troopers working in and around construction zones arrested 4 people for driving under the influence of alcohol and cited people for reckless

driving (3), speeding (100), open alcohol container (5), and no seat belt (3). 40% of the speeding citations were for motorists speeding at least 16 miles per hour above the construction zone speed limit.

Troopers in northeast Nebraska performed high-visibility patrols for more than 80 hours in and around construction zones from July to September. Troopers arrested two drivers for driving under the influence and issued 16 citations for speeding. The Nebraska Department of Transportation - Highway Safety Office supported this effort with grant funding of \$5,000.

Troopers in the Nebraska Panhandle issued 70 citations for drivers speeding at or above 90 miles per hour during a special enforcement effort focused on excessive speeding during the month of September. This effort was made possible thanks in part for a grant for \$1,770 from the NDOT-HSO.

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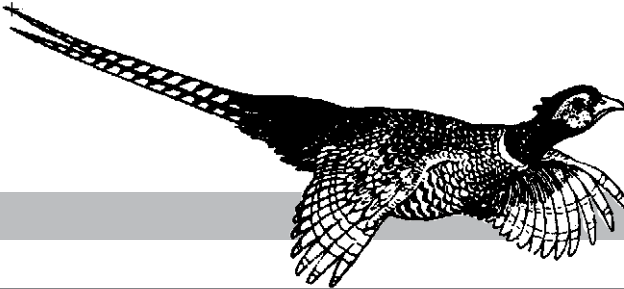
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## Week filled with lots of activity

Today, the 24th, has been designated World Polio Day by the Rotarians.

That wonderful organization has worked tirelessly towards their goal to stamp out polio world wide. I well remember when we worried all summer long about that disease and no one had a clue as to what caused it. Once they isolated the virus, it wasn't long before they came up with a vaccine. Some of us also recall going to a central large place; we went to the Norfolk auditorium, to get the oral vaccine. It was like a miracle!

Last week got a little "hairy" for me; I'm not used to having something going on every day! Unfortunately, two events were funerals; one for a cousin who had Alzheimer's, the other, for a friend from church. It seems I go to a lot of funerals; I'm guessing that has something to do with age; just like a lot of other things I've mentioned.

Some were just good visits; for instance, on Friday, four of us who used to team up to do foot care at local senior housing places got together for coffee. The foot care came



**The Farmer's Wife**  
By: Pat Meierhenry

to a halt with COVID and has never resumed, at least, not by Tabitha. Our Area Agency on Aging runs a couple monthly clinics that are well utilized.

The four of us are all capable of using our cell phones. But none of us even looked at one during the whole three hours we were to-

gether. We come from the generation that put the emphasis on face to face communication. One of the subjects we got onto was growing up on farms! Three of us did not have indoor plumbing until we were 9 or 10 years old. (The fourth grew up in town; albeit, a small town, but she had an indoor bathroom.) The three farm gals also remembered milking cows by hand, and then, having to clean the separator! One even reminisced about the dolls whose skirts were made with separator milk filters! Now, I had not thought of those for many years.

Yesterday, Sunday, I dragged this old body out of bed in order to get to the 8 am service at church.. The day's lectionary included the parable about the Pharisee and the tax collector. When we were calling a new pastor, we were surveyed as to what we wanted in a minister; I wrote I wanted one who could preach. Well, Pastor Will Miller can preach! I had heard that story many times, but never in the way he told it.

I even stayed for coffee and a doughnut because at 9:30, we were

all to traipse outside to the site of the sanctuary that will be built next year, God willing, and built an altar of stones. In the Old Testament, whenever something significant happened, the Israelites stacked stones. So, it was fitting for us to stack stones in the approximate place the new altar will be.

Of course, when I arrived home, I had a lot of the World Herald to read, and while I was reading, I got sleepy, so had a morning nap.. Morning or afternoon, a nap is always good, right? Later in the afternoon, I stepped out to water the coleus on the landing and could smell smoke. Turns out the smell was coming from the fires southwest of us around Cortland and Firth.

Dry weather with all that wind seems to lead to grass fires. Two firemen were injured, and three homes destroyed, and we were very grateful for the rain during the night. There were horses at the Lancaster Event Center. So far, that seems to be the extent of things, but it was scary to think about. And a lot to be thankful for.

## Reminder given for Wayne County Clover Kids meeting

The first meeting for Wayne County Clover Kids is Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 - 10 a.m., at the Wayne County Courthouse.

Youth ages 5-7 on or before Dec. 31, 2022, are eligible to attend. They will learn about 4-H, how to enroll, and participate in activities involving the fall season.

The purpose of the Clover Kid Program is to promote the positive development of youth to

become competent, caring, contributing citizens. The learning experience is the primary reason for involvement in the program.

Clover Kids have the opportunity to exhibit at the Wayne County Fair in a non-competitive environment.

Contact Nebraska Extension in Wayne County (402.375.3310) by 5 p.m., Monday, Oct. 31 to register.

## Controlling yucca, irrigation discussed

Reducing Yucca In Rangeland  
By Jerry Volesky

Yucca plants, which are also called soapweed, can be quite common on rangeland in western and central Nebraska. In some areas, they can be quite thick and significantly reduce grass production. There are ways, though, to reclaim those grazinglands.

Once established, yucca plants can increase on drier rangeland sites. They produce a deep taproot that competes aggressively for the limited water in these soils. With sharp leaves protecting the plant, cattle rarely eat it during summer.

Herbicides like Remedy, Tordon, Velpar, or Cimarron Plus can control yucca, but only when each individual plant is sprayed directly. General broadcast spraying to control yucca on rangeland is cost prohibitive, although small patches can and should be controlled before they expand. Herbicides are most effective when applied in spring or summer.

When yucca covers too much land to spray, the only cost effective way to reduce its impact is to winter graze. During winter, yucca of-



ten is the only green plant around. Sometimes cows actually will get down on their knees, lay their head sideways on the ground, and chew through the base of the plant to get to the moist, tender parts. It has been observed though, that it can take some time for animals to learn to graze yucca and there may be some animals in the herd that will not graze it while others can be quite proficient. After several consecutive winters of grazing, yucca stands can be reduced so grass again thrives during summer.

Now that summer range is going dormant for the winter, grazing will do little harm to your grasses. This might be a good year to reclaim some of your rangeland back from

yucca. Winter grazing is your best tool.

Late Fall Irrigation  
By Todd Whitney

Fall frosts have ended the life cycle of many annual plants. In some cases, below freezing temperatures have reduced insect numbers and finally ended the harvest challenges of extended green soybean stems and corn plants. Despite the cold nighttime temperatures, many crops are still growing.

So, the question arises: "How much irrigation should be applied in late fall for perennial and winter-annual crops like alfalfa, wheat, rye and triticale?"

Generally, the fall goal is to have adequate stored moist in the upper two feet of soil profile; while leaving enough storage room to take full advantage of off-season precipitation. For sandy soils, it may require two inches of water to fill the top

two feet of soil; while clay soils may need four inches of water to fill the two-foot profile.

When extreme dry conditions occur in the fall, irrigators will usually water after the winter-annual seeds have been sown. Ideally, fall drilled wheat and rye should have available soil water below the planted seeds. When extreme dry conditions occur in the fall, irrigators will usually apply 1.0 to 2.0 inches of water following drilling season.

For alfalfa, daily water use drops significantly in the fall to less than one-fourth-inch per day due to cooler days. Overall, alfalfa requires six to seven inches per cutting for optimum production.

More Nebraska Extension fall crop irrigation publications are available on our cropwatch.unl.edu website: NebGuide G1778 "Irrigation Management and Crop Characteristics of Alfalfa" and EC731 "Producing Irrigated Winter Wheat."

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## Rural Nebraskans not optimistic about the economy in the next year

When asked in late spring and summer about their expectations for various economic items in the next year, most rural Nebraskans surveyed believe the following will become worse: inflation (87%), gasoline or fuel prices (87%), grocery prices (86%) and interest rates (85%). In fact, more than four in 10 respondents believe fuel prices, inflation, grocery prices and health care costs will become much worse in the next 12 months.

The annual poll surveys rural Nebraskans on their views and opinions on various local, state and national issues, as well as their quality of life and access to services. Questionnaires were mailed to 6,102 households in Nebraska in May and June, with 1,105 households representing 86 of the state's 93 counties responding. In its 27th year, the 2022 Rural Poll focused on the state's economy and other issues, said Becky Vogt, the poll's manager.

According to the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, economic growth in Nebraska was steady in early 2022. However, with an increase in inflation, the impact on household budgets and businesses presents some concerns for Nebraskans.

This concern is reflected in the less-than-optimistic perspective regarding the economy over the next 12 months. This is significant because residents' expectations can impact the economic success of their communities, said Steve Schulz, associate professor of supply chain management at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

"Optimism and hope improve perceptions of successful businesses in rural communities and the ability to attract new companies in the future," he said.

The questionnaire focused on Nebraska's economy, from basic economic status to employment characteristics. Overall, 43% of rural Nebraskans surveyed believe their personal financial situation will become worse or much worse during the next year. More than six in 10 respondents with

household incomes under \$40,000 think their personal financial situation will become worse, compared to just over a quarter of those with the highest household incomes (\$100,000 or more).

"This finding is likely because lower-income households spend more of their disposable income on basic goods, such as food, gas and housing, and these are items that are particularly prone to the current round of inflation," said Brad Lubben, extension associate professor of agricultural economics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. "While folks may feel confident about their job security given workforce challenges and low unemployment, they are concerned that the living costs are currently rising faster than their compensation."

That said, few rural Nebraskans surveyed are making or considering employment changes, with only three in 20 respondents actively seeking a better-paying job.

While many rural Nebraskans are not looking to change careers, they still place a significant value on employment characteristics. Characteristics that workers value include a focus on feeling valued; the type of work; safety; autonomy; and opportunities to advance or improve.

"Connecting to our work and valuing it is a part of our culture as Nebraskans," said Cheryl Burkhart-Kriessl, an associate professor and extension specialist at the Panhandle Research and Extension Center in Scottsbluff. "I think it is in our DNA. You see this historically through our low unemployment rates and our propensity toward multiple job holdings."

The Rural Poll is the largest annual poll gauging rural Nebraskans' perceptions about policy and quality of life. The margin of error is plus-or-minus 3%. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Department of Agricultural Economics conducts the poll with funding from Rural Prosperity Nebraska and the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

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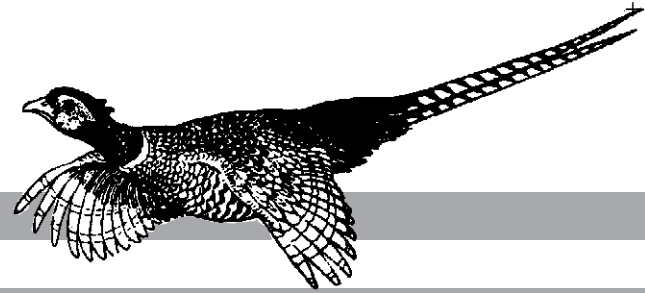
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**Jala Krusemark (14th - 20:42.42)**



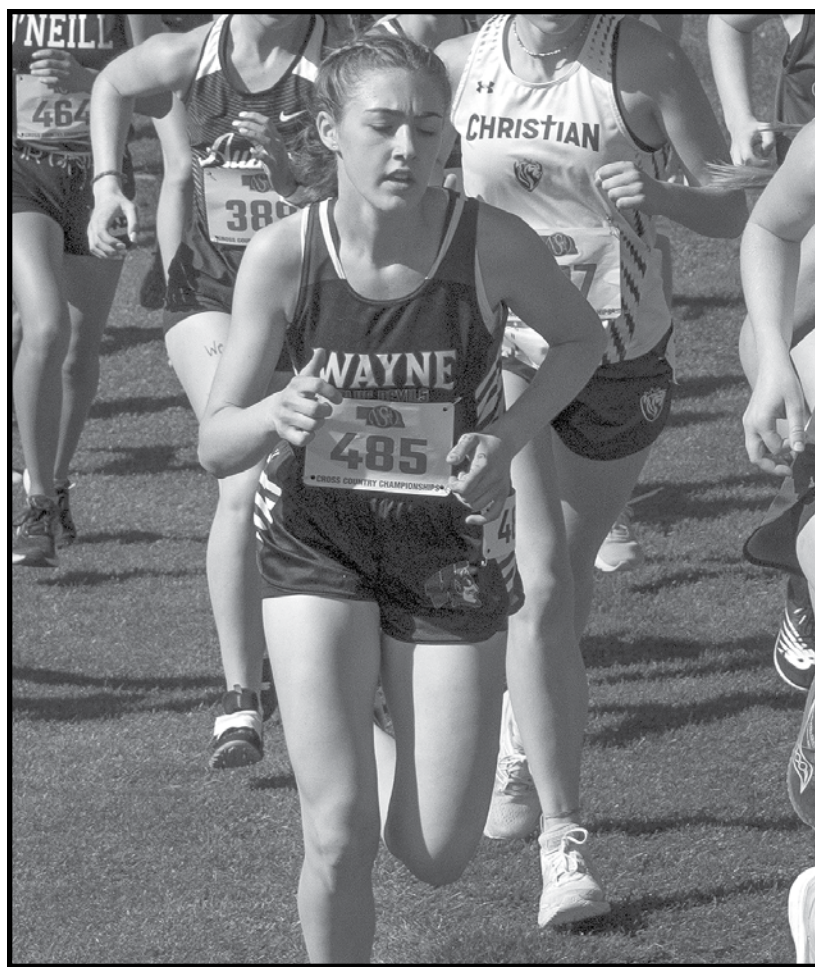
**Laura Hasemann (15th - 20:47.85)**



**Kyla Krusemark (21st - 21:16.22)**



**Lilyan Hurner (52nd - 22:48.83)**




**Olivia Hanson (57th - 23:01.63)**



**Frantzie Barner (75th - 23:32.10)**

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Tim Reinhardt, Manager

# Congratulations Wayne High

## Cross Country Teams on a Great Season!

**Wayne Boys Cross Country Team finished in 11th place with 169 points.**

**Drew Miller earned a state medal, finishing in 14th place with a time of 17:34:51**



**Drew Miller (14th)**



**Alexander Frank (41st)**



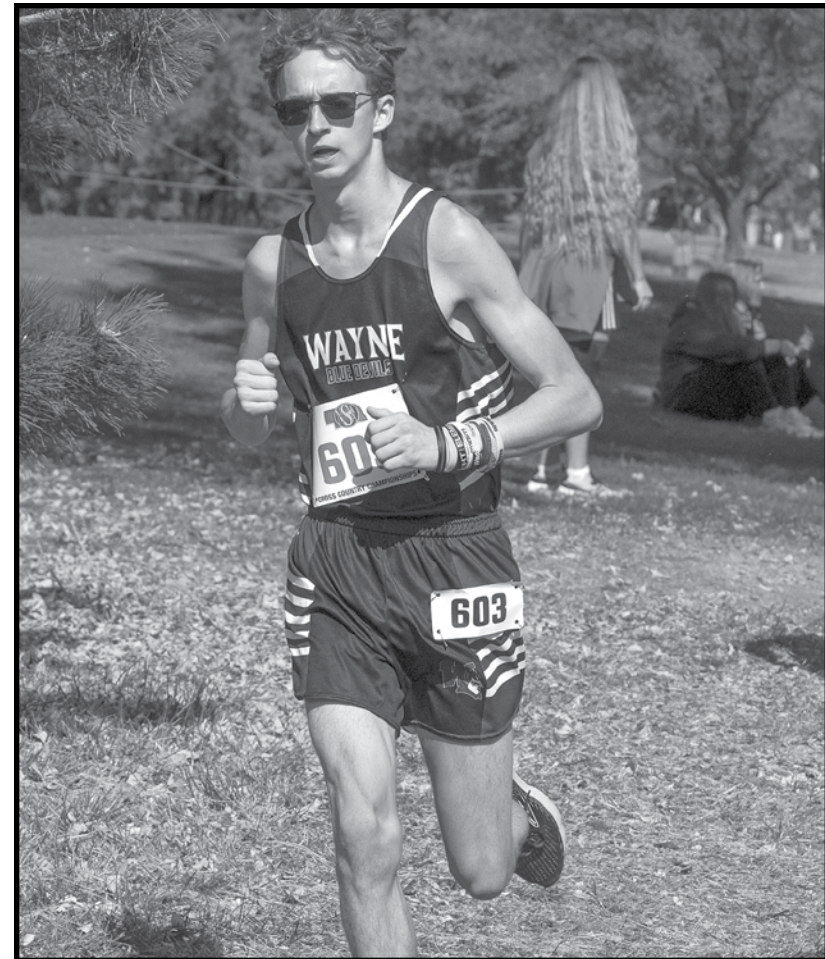
**Easton Blecke (92nd)**



**Kasen York (96th)**



**Ethan McCraney (99th)**



**Adrian Klinetobe (108)**

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Pizza Hut	Innovative Protectives Inc.	fnbo	The Wayne Herald/morning shopper
Discount Furniture		Elkhorn Valley Insurance Agency	
McDonalds			
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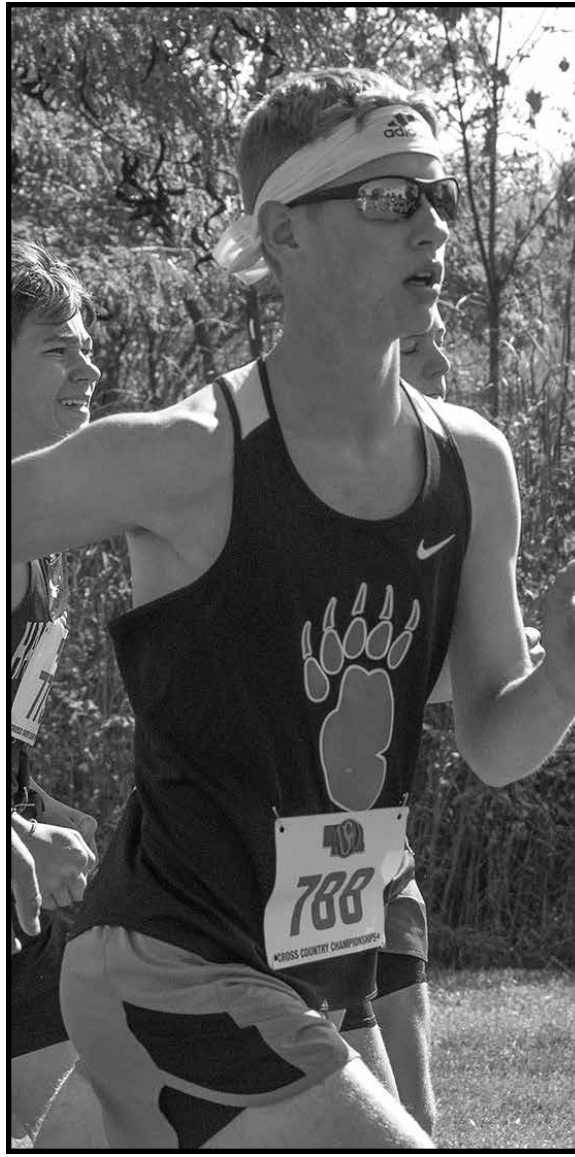
**Laurel-Concord-Coleridge Boys Cross Country Team  
Third-Place Finish in the D-2 District Meet  
12th Place Finish in the Class D State Tournament**



Tyler Olson (40th - 18:23.05)



Preston Rose (65th - 18:59.01)



Carter Korth (74th - 19:12.29)



Koby Detlefsen (123rd - 22:27.64)

Photos courtesy Mikey C Productions



Taner Stanley (127th - 23:55.07).

*These businesses congratulate the L-C-C Cross Country Team on a great season!*

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# Congratulations TCNE Cross Country Team on a Great Season!

**Rhyanne Mackling**  
**14th Place Finish in the D-2 District Meet**  
**53rd Place Finish at State Class D Girls**

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**Congratulations to Rhyanne Mackling!**  
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**Best of Luck at State Cross Country Rhyanne!**



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# Allen News

Callie Anderson  
canderson@allenschools.org

## Allen Community/ Senior Center

Menu  
Thursday, Oct. 27: Tuna & noodles, peas, corn, carrots.  
Friday, Oct. 28: French toast, oven fried eggs, sausage, pears, grape juice.

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Weekly Activities  
Friday, Oct. 28: Health Presentation.

Sunday, Oct. 30: Trunk or Treat at Methodist Church.

### Springbank Township Library

Join us for Trick or Treat at the local library.

### Allen Consolidated Schools First Quarter Honor Roll

The following 7th-12th grade students were named to the Honor Roll for the first quarter.

Seventh Grade: Aurora Collins, Emma Waldo, James Kneifl, Hailley Millard and James Warner.

Eighth Grade: Grace Ankeny, Rebecca McNear, Ethin Graves, Jude Ridenour, Blake Kneifl.

Tenth Grade: Garrett Geiger, Ben Jorgensen, Brayden McCorkindale, Aceon Graves, Alex Kneifl, Erica Niemann, Bryan Isom, Devon Lewellen and Jacob Waldo.

Eleventh Grade: Olivia DeKok, Shantel Miller, Michael Dickens and Andrew Hogue.

12th Grade: Brody Floyd, Madison Roach, Joe Grone, Joey Waldo and Jaylen Jackson.

\*Indicates all A's

### K-6 Halloween Trunk or Treat

The K-6 grade students will be parading along main street on Halloween, Monday Oct. 31 starting at 2:30 pm. Please let Mrs. Munter know if you are interested in decorating your trunk and giving out treats to the students. Her email is: bmunter@allenschools.org. See more information on the school's website. www.allenschools.org

Dental Screenings to Be Held  
The Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department will be here the morning of Nov. 9 for free dental screenings. These will take place in the wrestling room. If you filled out a consent form for your child on the back-to-school night in August, your child will be screened.

More information and consent forms will be sent home with students to complete and return if you are interested in having your child

participate.

### Wolfpack Garden Flag Fundraiser- One Act

The Allen One-Act is selling Wolfpack garden flags as a fundraiser. They will use the funds to attend the musical Annie at the Orpheum Theatre in Sioux City in November.

See the school's website to order www.allenschools.org

### TCNE Basketball Gear/Apparel Fundraiser

Order your TCNE basketball gear. The store closes at midnight on Nov. 2 See www.allenschools.org for ordering information or go to or https://fanclath.shop/Z4GVZ Home Activity Passes 2022-2023 Winter activities are right around the corner. Get your activity passes.

Student Pass- FREE (already given out to ACS students)

Individual Pass- \$50

Couple Pass- \$100

Family Pass- \$240

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\*Call the office with questions. Passes accepted at all Wolfpack Home Games\*

### Weekly Events

Thursday, Oct. 27: FFA National Convention. Red Ribbon Presentation, 8:45 - 9:15 a.m. for grades PK-6; 10 - 11:20 a.m. for grades 7-12; One-Act Practice, 4 p.m.; High School Wrestling Meeting in wrestling room in Allen for all interested, 4:05 p.m.; Youth Girls Grades 3/4 Basketball Practice at Emerson Sacred Heart Gym, 5:15 to 6:45 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 28: FFA National Convention; Sixth Grade Class Field Trip to Ronald McDonald House and Scarecrow Farm, 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 29: One-Act Triangular at Wakefield, TBA; Varsity Volleyball Districts, TBA.

Next Week's Events:

Monday, Oct. 31: One-Act Practice, 7:15 a.m.; K-6 Halloween parade along Allen Main Street, 2:30

p.m. See the school website for more information.

Tuesday, Nov. 1: L&C Conference Quiz Bowl at Wayne State College, 9 a.m.; One-Act Practice, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 2: Sioux City Musketeers Hockey Game for Grades 6-9. Game is at 11 a.m.

Allen Community Churches First Lutheran Church Events:

Looking forward to FLC Turkey Bingo on Nov. 13.

Birthdays:

Saturday, Oct. 29: Steve Keil; Barb Lund

Sunday, Oct. 30: Bonnie Kellogg

Monday, Oct. 31: Tina Boyle

United Methodist Church

Sunday, Oct. 30: Trunk or Treat- join us for a night full of games, candy, and fire pit (weather permitting)! All are welcome to compete in the trunk contest. For questions or more information contact Vicky Oldenkamp- (402) 635-2508 or Bailey Abts (402) 369-2718.



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October 25, 1962

## Double benefit obtained as 17,200 Sabin doses given

Over 17,200 doses of the Sabin polio vaccine were administered during the three Kiwanis sponsored during Oral Sundays held in Wayne.

Another side benefit was also realized from the project, according to Cal Comstock, Kiwanis Chairman of the project.

Donations of 25 cents per dose were asked and about \$4,509.39 was donated. From this total, \$2,749.72 in expenses were deducted.

The balance, \$1,759.75 was turned over to the Wayne Hospital Auxiliary. Mrs. David Garwood, Auxiliary president, accepted the check for the group at Monday's Kiwanis Meeting.

Comstock said it was impossible to give bouquets to all the people who helped with the vaccine project, but he said, "it is by cooperations such as this that these worthy projects are accomplished."

Anyone who missed any of the doses is reminded that the doses are available from their personal physicians. They are advised to take the vaccine in order to make the area population as near immune as possible.

The Hospital Auxiliary said the money would be used for hospital improvements.

October 26, 1972

## Three area musicians in recital

Three music majors at Wane State College will appear in a senior recital Thursday.

The are Bruce Linafelter, Allen; Larry Nelson, Ponca; and Bobbi Copple Ruehling, Bancroft.

Linafelter, a trombonist, and Nelson, a trumpeter, both have played in all the major instrumental ensembles at Wayne State and have sung in the choir.

Mrs. Reuhling, who will sing n the recital, plays in the bad and sings in the choir.

Linafelter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Linafelter, and Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arden Nelson, are members of Kappa Kappa Psi, national bandsman honorary, Music Educators National Conference and the Nebraska Bandmasters Association.

Mrs. Ruehling's parents are Mr. and Mrs. William Copple

October 28, 1982

## Winside tops NCIP contest

Winside Residents were proud to learn last week their community received the first place Nebraska Community Improvement award in its population category, during the 19th annual Nebraska Community Improvement Program banquet Friday night in Lincoln's Pershing Auditorium.

Accepting the plaque and \$450 cast award were, Gloria Lessmann, Curt Jeffries, Julie Kant, Don Nelson, Marvin Cherry, Marilyn Morse, Betty Thies, Ida Fenske and Ron Leapley.

Mrs. Lessmann said the Winside Community Improvement Committee will hold its reorganizational meeting at the Stop Inn.

The group will elect officers and establish goals for the 1983 year. Mrs. Lessmann said everyone is encouraged to attend and bring their ideas.

October 30, 1992

## Just for dads and daughters

Dad and daughter combinations ranging from frightful to funny were present during the annual dad-daughter Halloween costume party last Monday night sponsored by Wayne Junior Girl Scout Troop 191. The event was held at West Elementary School.

Winners in the various Halloween costume categories were: Funniest combo- Dan and Katrina Veto, first; Dennis and Kelly Mitchell, second; Chris, Heidi and Heather Headley, third.

Funniest girl- Kayla Grashorn, first; Ashley Williams, second; Heidi Headley, third.

Funniest dad- Kevin Dorcey, first; Steve McLagan, second; Dan Veto, third.

Scariest combo- Vic and Julie Reynolds, first; Kyle and Erika Miller, second; Paul and Leigh Campbell, third.

Cutest combo- Bob, Ashley and Brittney Burke, first; Larry, Jessica and Jennifer Reveling, second; Larry and Erin Manuson, third.

Cutest girl- Jill Lempke, first; Marrisa Rose, second; Lindsey Edwards, third.

Cutest dad- Chris Headley, first.

October 24, 2002

## Father, daughters run in marathon

Calling it "a once in a lifetime" opportunity, a Wayne man ran with two of his daughters in the Chicago Marathon last Sunday.

Initially, Todd Barry, who is a director of athletics at Wayne State College, was going to keep it a secret from daughters Danielle and Kristi that he was going to run the marathon.

But after some thought, he decided to tell them he was running so he could share training tips with them.

For Barry, this was his second marathon. His first, though, was nine years ago in the Twin Cities.

Barry then asked himself- should a 51-year-old man run 26.2 miles in a marathon?

"I have run in five kilometer races here and there, but a marathon is something different," Barry said.

He met with WSC Cross Country Coach Marlon Brink, who has run in several marathons, who "made sure I was fit to run."

The Chicago Marathon had a full field of 37,500 runners with an estimated one million fans watching and cheering the runners.

This was the first marathon for Kristi, who is 21.

"During the week, I would run three days, anywhere from 3-10 miles," Barry said. "On the weekends, I had my long runs, starting out with a long run of seven miles and working up to the longest of 20."

For Danielle (Barry) Pfeister, this was the fifth marathon for the 25-year-old.

Danielle's time of three hours and 31 minutes qualified her for another run at the Boston Marathon in April.

Barry's time was four hours and 20 minutes, placing 727th in his division.

When asked if he would want to run again with his daughters, Barry thought about it and said, "It would be pretty hard to say no."

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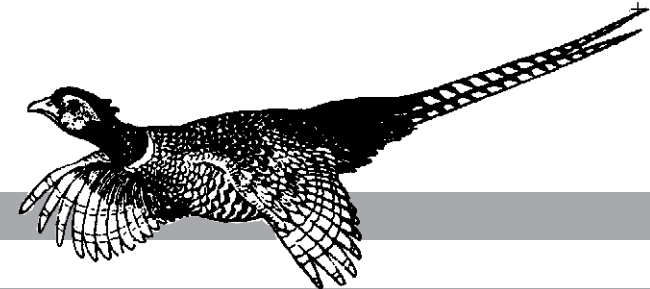
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The result is that young Nebraskans are inspired to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and math. The youth are also discovering their true passions, talents, and career opportunities. The next generation of Nebraskans are ready to enhance our workforce and become responsible commu-

**Amy Topp**  
Extension Educator  
4-H & Youth



nity leaders. In October, National 4-H Week was celebrated with the theme #Opportunity4All the United States Department of Agriculture signed a proclamation for National 4-H Week. 4-H engages, enables and empowers more than 6 million young people every day. The 2022 National 40H week celebrated access and equity for all young people.

Each year observations of youth gaining skills takes place. On Nov. 6, 2022 we will celebrate the achievements of 4-H in Wayne County and 4-H members, clubs, and volunteer leaders who contribute to the 4-H

program. It is always rewarding to take a moment to reflect upon the learnings of the past year. As families celebrate, I find it rewarding to learn about their accomplishments. There are friendships being built and I hear about the learning that has occurred over the year.

Thank you to our 4-Hers, their families who help provide opportunities for our youth, and our club leaders who help youth learn various life skills. Thank you to our event volunteers who give of their time generously to help make a 4-H event like the fair or a specific training take place.

We appreciate our local Wayne County Agriculture Society who donate many hours to helping provide a learning space for events such as the fair. Thank you to all of our 4-H donors and those who support the 4-H program in any way from the

communities in which we live to our surrounding areas. We appreciate the continued support of our local County Commissioners and tax payers. We are fortunate to live in such a caring space for youth and I want to thank everyone for contributing to the Nebraska 4-H Program.

As the 4-H year started on Oct. 1, Nebraska Extension had the opportunity to hold the Northeast Nebraska Career Day in which 87 volunteer career presenters gave of their time and talents at the Northeast Nebraska Career Day. This event has so many contributors and this makes it a success for the 1,035 sophomore students from 42 high schools in northeast Nebraska. We are also thank to the faculty and staff at Wayne State College who welcome the event to the campus and contribute in numerous ways.

### November Calendar

- Nov. 5: Teen Supremes and Clover Kid Meetings.
- Nov. 6: 4-H Achievement Program/4-H Kickoff.
- Nov. 7: Livestock Committee Meeting.
- Nov. 9: Volunteer Road Show, Concord.
- Nov. 10: 4-H Council Meeting.
- Nov. 11: Veterans Day Observed - Extension Office Closed.
- Nov. 24-25: Thanksgiving Holiday - Extension Office Closed.
- Nov. 30: Nebraska Association of Fair Manager's Senior Scholarship Applications Due.

## Senior Center Calendar

(Week of Oct. 24 - 28)

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:** Happy Halloween. Morning Walking; FROGS; Quilting; Pitch; Pool.

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

**Wednesday:** Monthly Birthday Party. Caregivers Kick Off; Music by Dan Hansen, 11:30 a.m.; Morning Walking; Quilting & FROGS; Hand & Foot; Pitch; Pool.

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

**Friday:** Senior Drawing. Certificates from Countryview. Music by Abi Hasemann, 11:30 a.m.; Morning Walking; Quilting; FROGS; Pitch & Pool; Bingo.

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

## Senior Center Congregate Meal Menu

(Week of Oct. 31 - Nov. 4)

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 curb-side 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:** Fish sandwich, carrots, Au gratin potatoes, homemade bun, cherry cheesecake.

**Tuesday:** Pork chop, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, homemade wheat dinner roll, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges.

**Wednesday:** Music by Dan Hansen. Monthly Birthday Party. Lasagna, Caesar lettuce salad, garlic bread stick, tropical fruit salad. Caregiver Month kick-off.

**Thursday:** Baked fish, baked potato, creamed peas & carrots, dinner roll, strawberry applesauce.

**Friday:** Senior Drawing by Countryview. Music by Abi Hasemann. Vegetable beef soup, crackers, blueberry muffin, Grandma's lime green gelatin with cottage cheese and pears.

## School Lunches

### ALLEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

(Oct. 31 - Nov. 4)

**Monday:** Breakfast - Uncrustable. Lunch - Calzone, green beans.

**Tuesday:** Breakfast - Chocolate donut. Lunch - Mini corn dogs, tri-tater, baked beans, tea roll.

**Wednesday:** Breakfast - Eggstravaganza. Lunch - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, tea roll.

**Thursday:** Breakfast - Pancakes. Lunch - Crisпитos with cheese sauce, green beans, tea roll, cookie.

**Friday:** Breakfast - Egg & biscuit. Lunch - Hamburger on a bun, tater tots.

All breakfast meals include a variety of cereal or oatmeal, 8 oz. of milk, fruit or fruit juice. All lunch meals include 8 oz. of milk. Salad bar will include the following options: fresh lettuce, fresh spinach, carrots/celery, tomatoes, diced eggs, bean variety, cucumbers and fruit variety.

### LAUREL-CONCORD-COLERIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

(Oct. 31 - Nov. 4)

**Monday:** Breakfast - French toast. Lunch - Breaded beef sticks.

**Tuesday:** Breakfast - French toast sticks. Lunch - Grilled chicken sandwich.

**Wednesday:** Breakfast - Egg casserole. Lunch - Crispito.

**Thursday:** Breakfast - Tomato. Lunch - Tater tot casserole.

**Friday:** Breakfast - Scone. Lunch - Hamburger.

### WAKEFIELD SCHOOLS

(Oct. 31 - Nov. 4)

**Monday:** Breakfast - Scones, eggs, mango, cereal, juice. Lunch - Pepperoni pizza, broccoli, cherry juice, milk.

**Tuesday:** Breakfast - Bacon burrito, yogurt, banana, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch - Pork chop patty, corn, peaches, roll, milk.

**Wednesday:** Breakfast - Pancake sandwich, pears, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch - Grilled cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, cinnamon applesauce, milk.

**Thursday:** Breakfast - Strudels, eggs, peaches, cereal,

juice, milk. Lunch - Cattlemen Association grilled hamburgers, baked beans, halo, cookie, milk.

**Friday:** Breakfast - Ham slices, hash browns, apple slices, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch - KFC casserole, kiwi, bun, milk.

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

### WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS and ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY

(Oct. 31 - Nov. 4)

**Monday:** Breakfast - French toast sticks. Lunch - Creamed turkey over mashed potatoes, dinner roll, cauliflower, peaches.

**Tuesday:** Breakfast - Breakfast burrito. Lunch - Hot Ham & cheese sandwich, peas, mixed fresh vegetable, mandarin oranges.

**Wednesday:** Breakfast - Cheese omelet. Lunch - Barbecue rib on a bun, sweet potato fries, baked beans, tomatoes, dried fruit.

**Thursday:** Breakfast - Breakfast sandwich. Lunch - Wayne beef burger, roasted potatoes, steamed broccoli, carrots, applesauce.

**Friday:** Breakfast - Breakfast pizza. Lunch - Pizza calzone, corn, lettuce, mixed berries.

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

### WINSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

(Oct. 31 - Nov. 4)

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**Thursday:** Breakfast - Yogurt parfait. Lunch - Cheese pizza, green beans, fruit.

**Friday:** Breakfast - Sausage links. Lunch - Hamburger, bun, fries, fruit.

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

## Winside announces first quarter honor roll

Winside Public School has announced the honor roll for the first quarter of the 2022-2023 school year.

### Grades 4-6

A Honor Roll: Kianna Rastede, Alayna Carlson and Bryce Lurz.

A/B Honor Roll: Sloane Klabenes, Graciela Naeve, Alayna Carlson, Christopher Dankert, Khloie Fuchs, Jaeger Genereux, Charlotte Marotz, Tate Petersen, Macy Prothman, Bryston Rohde, Brayden Strong, Austin Frederick, Elizabeth Jeffery, Bailey Lurz, Aftyn Schutt and Allisyn Sellin.

### Grades 7-8

Honor Roll: Raylyn Behmer, Aleah Bilstein, Miley Gnirk, Katelyn Jaeger, Carter Krause, Brayden Lurz, Anna Naeve, Tyler Paulsen, Braxton Rastede, Hadleigh Schutt, Hadley Sellin, Stratton Sellin, Elsie Topp, Baker Behmer, Kole Falk, Jayla Pekny, Riley Petersen, Shyanna Ritchison, Silas Uttecht and Payton Wylie.

Honorable Mention: Landyn Col-

### Grades 9-12

Principal's List: Hannah Gubbels, Hannah Holdorf, Micah Stenwall, Tucker Bruns, Megan Gnirk, Reagan Strong, Dane Behmer and Trevin Wylie.

Honor Roll: Jacob Bargstadt, Daxton Behmer, Mason Topp, Cooper Behmer, Zachary Bilstein, Hunter Genereux, Kaden Hunt, Natalie Kruger, Devon Offner, Cameron Bilstein, Korbin Carlson, Emily Jaeger, Skye Schultz, Skylar Spann, Lily Umbarger, Jayden Aschoff, Jerzi Carlson, Landon Carlson, Lucas Petersen, Aubrey Russell and Anslee Watters.

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## Special visitors

Students at Fishers of Kid Pre-School observed Fire Prevention Month with a visit from members of the Wayne Volunteer Fire Department. Students learned about how to stay safe and were even able to sit on a fire truck.



### WANTED .... CHURCH NEWS

The Wayne Herald would like to print information and schedules from area churches. All information submitted to the Herald by Monday at 5 p.m. (delivered to the Herald office) or emailed by 8 a.m. on Tuesday will be included in that week's edition of the paper. Articles can be mailed to P.O. Box 70, Wayne, Neb. 68787 or emailed to clara@wayneherald.com

## Events

### From Page 2D

my birthday for all two hundred and fifty passengers of our plane... with live music, traditional food, and just really made a really sweet moment in a very scary, scary time in our lives." They stayed at the Knights of Columbus Hall for 5 days, before being able to return home.

I felt as if I were immersed in the story of 9/11. At the 9/11 memorial, we saw the Memorial Pools. The square pools are located on the original site of the North and South Towers. They are the largest man-made waterfalls in the U.S. The water descends 30 feet into the square pool, and from there another 20 feet. The sound of the water helps to create a peaceful setting. Seeing all of the names engraved on the parapet touched me, it revealed just how many families, and how many lives were affected by the terrorist attacks.

I don't remember hearing about the Survivor Tree that was discovered in the rubble of Ground Zero. The Callery Pear tree had been damaged and was removed from the site and nursed back to health. It was then moved back to the site of the memorial and is a living reminder of "resilience, survival, and rebirth."

We went to the 9/11 Museum, and I was surprised to see how far we were below ground level. (70 feet). We saw many of the vehicles, fire-trucks, ambulances, that were destroyed, and many personal items including shoes and purses that were left behind on display. Some of them indicated who they belonged to. I spoke with a gentleman from California, who was there with his mother and sister to celebrate his mom's 80th birthday. Later, I was able to meet his mother and sister, and introduce them to my daughter. It was heartwarming, in the midst of all of the signs of devastation surrounding us, who had also lived through that fateful day.

Those of us who lived through the 9/11 terror attacks remember where we were when it happened. I was working in a homeless shelter at the time, and my co-worker had gone to a meeting and came back telling me that a plane had hit the World Trade Center. She assumed, as did I, that it was a small plane and was an accident. Later in the day I received a phone call from a church member asking me if we should have a prayer service at church that evening. I asked "Why." It was then that I learned that both of the towers had collapsed. We held a prayer service at the small church I was serving part-time. It wasn't until after I got home following the service that I was able to see the footage of the towers falling. Even though I knew they had both collapsed, when I saw the first tower start to collapse, my brain couldn't process it.

After 9/11 our nation came together. People from across the United States went to New York City and DC to help with the recovery efforts. People gave to the Red Cross, Salvation Army and other agencies that were helping those involved in the recovery. We were able to see signs of God bringing good out of evil. Seeing the Cross at ground zero in person, was a reminder to me of how many people saw it as a sign of hope there in the midst of the devastation. And that the Cross, which was an instrument of torture, has been providing hope to Christians for nearly 2000 years. I pray that we may continue to find ways to come together, to serve God as we reach out to serve others.

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

# Students of the MONTH



**Reagan McGuire is a freshman at Wayne High School. Reagan McGuire is helpful to other students, kind and respectful of them and their feelings, uses her time well. Reagan is a hard worker and organized. She is willing to jump in, takes initiative on projects, asks clarifying questions and wants to give her best effort 100% of the time. Reagan is also willing to volunteer her time in the community. She was nominated by the High School faculty. Reagan is the daughter of Chris and Carol McGuire.**



**Easton Nolte is a fifth grader at Wayne Elementary School. Easton deserves Student of the Month for many reasons. He is a good friend and looks out for others. He is an excellent student by being self-disciplined in all that he does. He was nominated by Phylis Trenhaile. Easton is the son of Dan and Shandi Nolte. He is also involved in football, cross country, basketball and band.**



**Nash Hansen is the son of Tom and Sandra Hansen. He is a 4th grader at St. Mary's Catholic School. Nash is a hard worker, even when concepts are hard, who always has time to help others. He will be a friend to anyone who needs it!**



**Olivia Dekok is a junior at Allen Consolidated School. Olivia always works hard in school, cares about doing her best and is always there to lend a hand with classmates and teachers. She was nominated by the Allen staff. Olivia is the daughter of Jennifer Jones and Chris Dekok. She is also in band, choir, One-Act, basketball manager, student mentor and on the honor roll.**



**Izabella Kock is a senior at at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge High School. Izabella has done an excellent job as drum major for this year's LCC marching band! She is attentive to detail, is a careful listener and follows through during rehearsals. She has an instinctive feel for whistle commands. Izabella has excellent presence with her hands for directing and the band members respond well and positively to her direction. She was nominated by Mrs. Patti Beyeler. Izabella is the daughter of John and Emily Koch.**



**Avri Carson is a third grader at at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge Elementary School. Avri is an extraordinarily hard worker and an amazing friend to others. Avri always greets our students and staff with a smile, is willing to help others and brings positivity to our school family. Avri has made tremendous gains in the classroom and has shown much grit and resilience when things are challenging. He was nominated by Stephanie Carson. Avri is the son of Stephanie Carson.**

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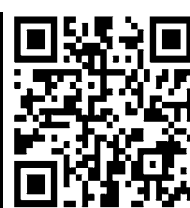
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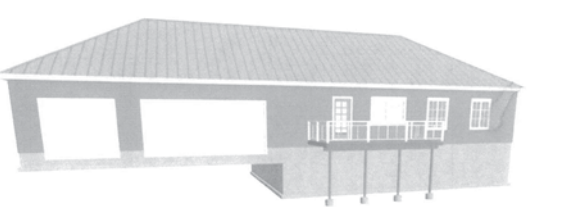
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Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes rows for 2020-2021 Actual Disbursements & Transfers (\$ 502,129.61), 2021-2022 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers (\$ 494,222.51), 2022-2023 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers (\$ 564,863.00), 2022-2023 Necessary Cash Reserve (\$ 37,327.57), 2022-2023 Total Resources Available (\$ 602,190.58), Total 2022-2023 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement (\$ 160,000.00), Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year (\$ 79.06), Breakdown of Property Tax: Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes (\$ 160,000.00), Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds (\$ -).

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND BALLOT INITIATIVES FOR GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

LEGAL NOTICE OF MEASURES TO BE VOTED UPON AT THE GENERAL ELECTION OCCURRING ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022

BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE LEGISLATURE

BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY INITIATIVES PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1

A vote FOR this amendment will authorize any city, county, or other political subdivision that owns or operates an airport to use its revenue for the purpose of developing or encouraging the development of new or expanded regularly scheduled commercial passenger air service at such airport.

A vote AGAINST this amendment will not authorize a city, county, or other political subdivision that owns or operates an airport to use its revenue for such purpose.

A constitutional amendment to authorize any city, county, or other political subdivision owning or operating an airport to expend its revenues for the public purpose of developing or encouraging the development of new or expanded regularly scheduled commercial passenger air service at such airport.

For Against

PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

INITIATIVE MEASURE 432

BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR INITIATIVE MEASURE 432

A vote "FOR" will amend the Nebraska Constitution to require that, before casting a ballot in any election, a qualified voter shall present valid photographic identification in a manner specified by the Legislature.

A vote "AGAINST" means the Nebraska Constitution will not be amended in this manner.

Shall the Nebraska Constitution be amended to require that, before casting a ballot in any election, a qualified voter shall present valid photographic identification in a manner specified by the Legislature?

For Against

TEXT OF PROPOSED INITIATIVE MEASURE 432

(underlined language indicates added language, strike-through indicates language being removed)

OBJECT STATEMENT: The object of this petition is to amend the Nebraska Constitution to require that, before casting a ballot in any election, a qualified voter shall present valid photographic identification in a manner specified by the Legislature to ensure the preservation of an individual's rights under the United States Constitution.

TEXT: Article I, section 22, of the Constitution of Nebraska shall be

amended as shown:

I-22 (1) All elections shall be free; and there shall be no hindrance or impediment to the right of a qualified voter to exercise the elective franchise.

(2) Before casting a ballot in any election, a qualified voter shall present valid photographic identification in a manner specified by the Legislature to ensure the preservation of an individual's rights under this Constitution and the Constitution of the United States.

PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

INITIATIVE MEASURE 433

BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR INITIATIVE MEASURE 433

A vote "FOR" will amend the Nebraska statute establishing a minimum wage for employees to increase the state minimum wage from nine dollars (\$9.00) per hour to ten dollars and fifty cents (\$10.50) per hour on January 1, 2023, to twelve dollars (\$12.00) per hour on January 1, 2024, to thirteen dollars and fifty cents (\$13.50) per hour on January 1, 2025, and to fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour on January 1, 2026, to be adjusted annually thereafter to account for increases in the cost of living.

A vote "AGAINST" means the Nebraska statute establishing a minimum wage for employees will not be amended in such manner.

Shall the Nebraska statute establishing a minimum wage for employees be amended to increase the state minimum wage from nine dollars (\$9.00) per hour to ten dollars and fifty cents (\$10.50)

per hour on January 1, 2023, to twelve dollars (\$12.00) per hour on January 1, 2024, to thirteen dollars and fifty cents (\$13.50) per hour on January 1, 2025, and to fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour on January 1, 2026, to be adjusted annually thereafter to account for increases in the cost of living?

For Against

TEXT OF PROPOSED INITIATIVE MEASURE 433

(underlined language indicates added language, strike-through indicates language being removed)

OBJECT STATEMENT: The object of this petition is to amend Nebraska's minimum wage law to increase the state minimum wage from nine dollars (\$9.00) per hour to ten dollars and fifty cents (\$10.50) per hour on January 1, 2023, to twelve dollars (\$12.00) per hour on January 1, 2024, to thirteen dollars and fifty cents (\$13.50) per hour on January 1, 2025, and to fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour on January 1, 2026, to be adjusted annually thereafter to account for increases in the cost of living.

TEXT: FOR AN ACT relating to the Wage and Hour Act; to amend sections 48-1203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to change the minimum wage as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 48-1203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020, is amended to read:

48-1203 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section and section 48-1203.01, every employer shall pay to each of his or her employees a minimum wage of:

(a) Seven dollars and twenty-five cents per hour through December 31, 2014;

(b) Eight dollars per hour on and after January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015; and

(c) (a) Nine dollars per hour on and after January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2022;

(b) Ten dollars and fifty cents per hour on and after January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023;

(c) Twelve dollars per hour on and after January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024;

(d) Thirteen dollars and fifty cents per hour on and after January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025; and

(e) Fifteen dollars per hour on and after January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

(2) The minimum wage established in subdivision (1)(e) of this section shall be increased on January 1, 2027, and on January 1 of successive years, by the increase in the cost of living. The increase in the cost of living shall be measured by the percentage increase, if any, as of August of the previous year over the level as of August of the year preceding that year in the consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) for the Midwest Region, or its successor index, as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, or its successor agency, with the amount of the minimum wage increase rounded up to the nearest

multiple of five cents. No later than October 15 of each year, commencing October 15, 2026, the Nebraska Department of Labor shall calculate and publish the minimum wage rate that will take effect the following January 1.

(3) For persons compensated by way of gratuities such as waitresses, waiters, hotel bellhops, porters, and shoeshine persons, the employer shall pay wages at the minimum rate of two dollars and thirteen cents per hour, plus all gratuities given to them for services rendered. The sum of wages and gratuities received by each person compensated by way of gratuities shall equal or exceed the applicable minimum wage rate provided in subsection (1) or (2) of this section. In determining whether or not the individual is compensated by way of gratuities, the burden of proof shall be upon the employer.

(4) Any employer employing student-learners as part of a bona fide vocational training program shall pay such student-learners' wages at a rate of at least seventy-five percent of the minimum wage rate which would otherwise be applicable.

Section 2. Original section 48-1203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020, is repealed.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert B. Evnen

Secretary of State

(Publish three times, weeks of Oct. 17, Oct. 24, and Oct. 31)

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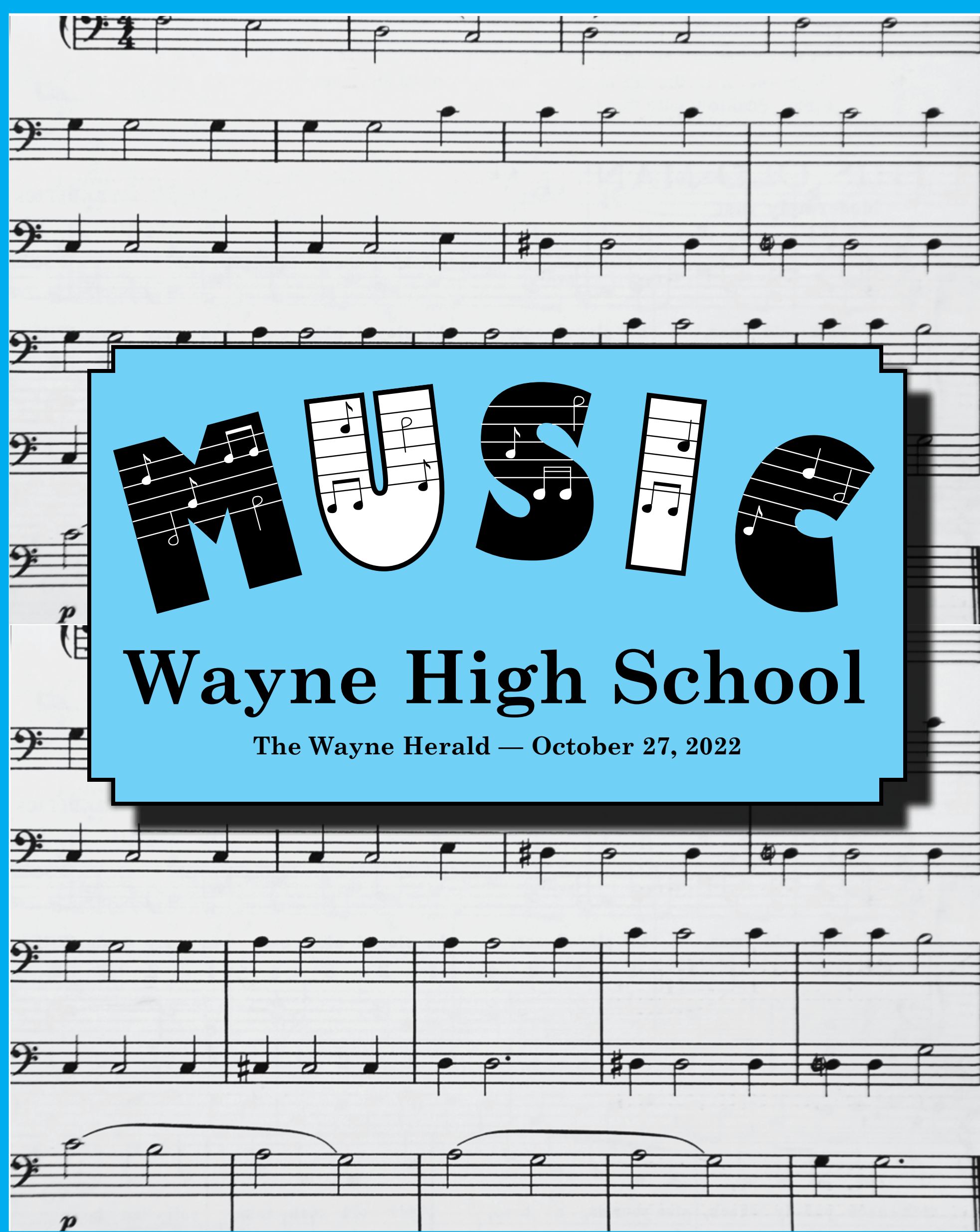


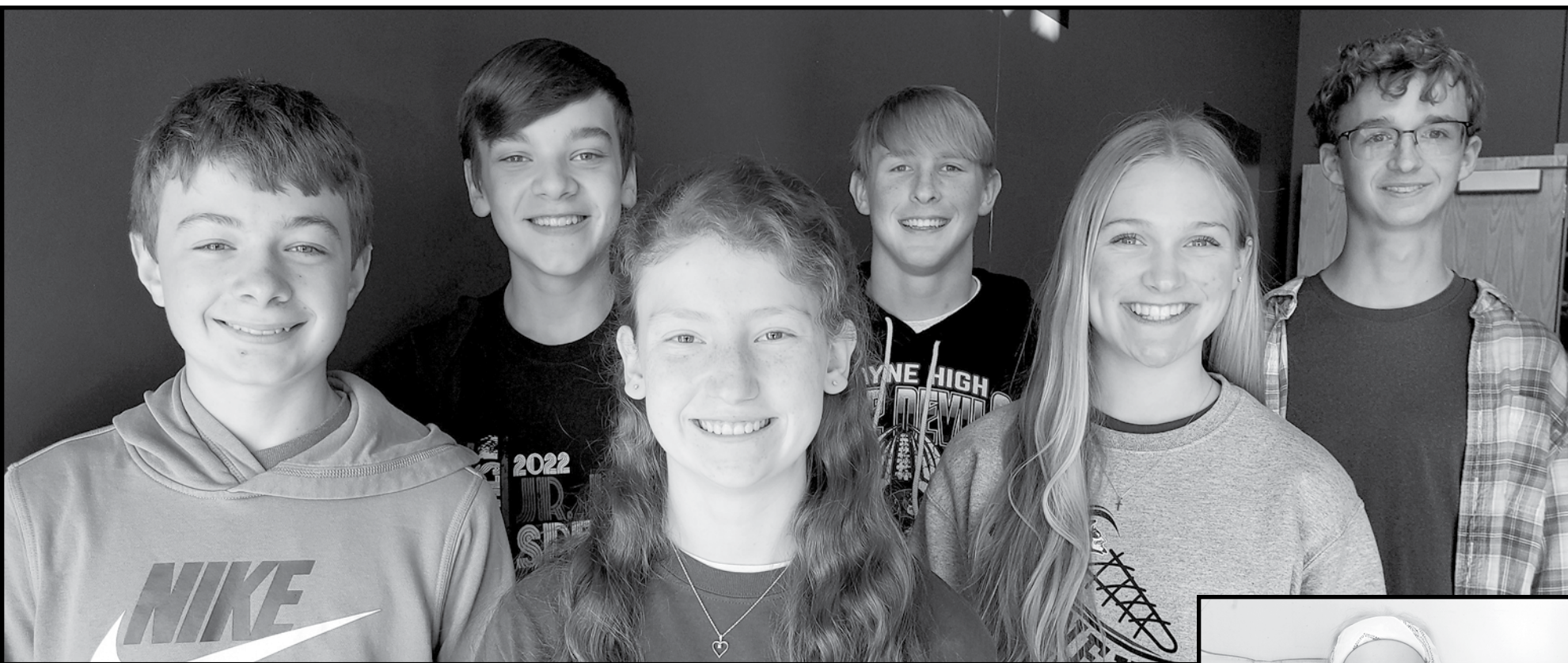
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### Jazz Choir

(Front row) Sharon Vasquez, Norah Armstrong, Grace Junck, Sienna Klinetobe, Madalyn Franta and Alondra Vega. (second row) Riley Haschke, Lindsay Niemann, Olivia Hanson, Maiah Davis, Kennasyn Blecke, Laura Hasemann, Adrienne Anderson and Frantzie Barner. (third row) Parker Kesting, Eli Barner, Colby Raulston, Alec Schaffer, Jacob Barner and Aidan Bohnert. (back row) Drew Fertig, Ben Sandoz, Easton Blecke, Orion Spieker, John Piper and Gavin Anderson. Row Three: Parker Kesting, Eli Barner, Colby Raulston, Alec Schaffer, Jacob Barner, Aidan Bohnert.

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### Saxophone

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(Front) Taven Ocampo, Lindsay Niemann and Dean Young. (back) Ethan McCraney, Liberty Titiml, Jamison Meyer and Jaden Dramse.



## Drum Majors

Evan Allemann, (left) and Matthew Kufner-Rodriguez

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(Left) Rachel Holland, Alixx Jeppesen, Gracie Jansen and Rylee Durant.



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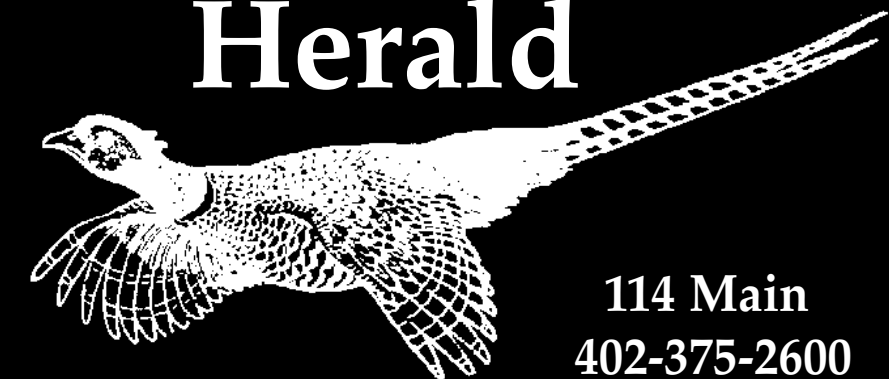
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### Sopranos and Altos

From the top:  
Katelyn Vanhorn,  
Sophia Spieker and  
Madalyn Franta.



### Band members

Other band members include (left) Ty Zach (left) and Lucas Allemann. Not pictured, Harrison Collier and Parker Patefield.



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Ethan Bohnert (left) and Gavin Anderson.



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### Percussion

(Front) Nyamalo Kantai, Francisco Jinez De La Rosa and Aidan Cliff. (back) Eli Barner, Ben Sandoz, Jace Piper and Johen Piper.



### Basses

From the top: Andy Wibben, Parker Kesting, Mason Ley, Irvin Trujillo and Dillon Hanau. Not pictured, Adrian Klinetobe.



### Basses

From the top: Alec Schaffer, Jacob Barner, Gavin Redden, Colby Raulston, Gavin Anderson and John Piper.

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From the top: Eli Barner, Calvin Starzl, Orion Spieker, Easton Blecke, Ben Sandoz and Drew Fertig. Not pictured, Martin Carillo



### Tenors

From the top: Josh Doring, Aidan Bohnert, Ceilus Ibarra, Brayden Woehler and Jaden Dramse.



### Clarinets

(Left) Kayleigh Graybeal, Madalyn Franta, Morgan Handy, Reagan Wiseman and Hannah Burris.



### Flutes

(Left) Katelyn Vanhorn, Alexis Frye, Haley Brogren, Shayanne Beatty, Sharon Vasquez Flores, Mia Kuester and Maiah Davis.



### Sopranos

From the top: Riley Olson, Rylee Durant, Olivia Hanson and Amelia Legler. Not pictured, Maiah Davis, Morgan Handy



### Altos

From the Top: Alondra Vega, Kortney Rees, Cristina Segundo Nicolas, Andrea Bard, Arianna Mulhair, Jordyn Clinchard, Laura Hasemann and Abigail Hawthorne.



### Sopranos

From the top: Norah Armstrong, Sharon Vasquez, Claire Reinke, Riley Haschke, Lindsay Niemann and Betsy Palma. Not pictured, Kira Hardy.



### Altos

From the top: Grace Junck, Jacen Hasemann, Mandy Vanhorn, Kennasyn Blecke and Adrienne Anderson.