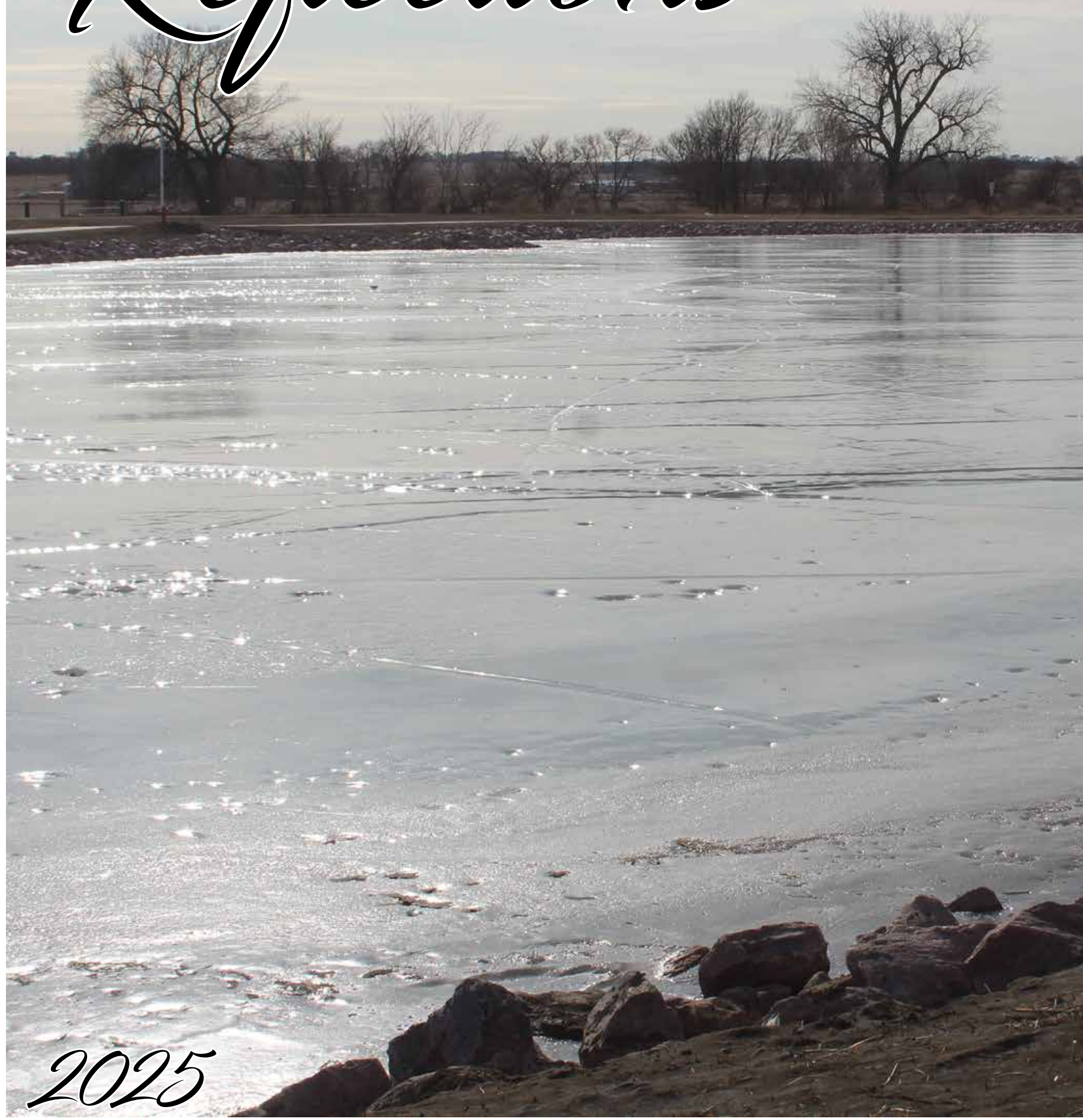


# *Reflections*



*2025*



# Larson now part of White Farmhouse Realty

While Sarah Larson officially received her real estate license on Jan. 1, 2025, she has been learning the ins and outs of the real estate business for more than a year.

Larson has been with White Farmhouse Realty, LLC. since June of 2023 and since that time she has done a variety of jobs as she worked with owner Trisha Peters.

She completed the necessary classes to become a real estate agent online and passed state and national exams.

She said after working in daycare, she decided it was time for a change.

"I like helping people and like seeing older homes that are on the market," Sarah said of her desire to become a real estate agent.

"Everyone deserves to find the house that they love," she added.

She said that she is open to selling different types of real estate and not specializing in any one particular type.

While working to get her real estate license, Sarah was able to work with Trisha and sales associate Marie Janke to learn different aspects of the real estate business and what goes into buying and selling property.

Sarah and her family, husband, Lee, and daughter, Meleah, live on an acreage outside of Carroll.

When not trying to find the perfect home for a client, Sarah enjoys reading

and being outside when the weather is nice.

"I am excited for the new things that



2025 holds for all of us here at White Farmhouse Realty, LLC. Sarah's youth and optimism are bringing a new energy to the workplace. Prior to being licensed, she spent 18 months as an intern in our office, which provided many of the fundamental skills she is using in the field. She has already gained useful exposure to researching and pricing homes appropriately, going on appointments to observe the

buying and selling process, and becoming familiar with the paperwork and processes involved in the average real estate transaction. It is exhilarating to be able to share my professional experiences as well as witness her face all the firsts that I encountered 20 years ago. I offer my respect to Anne Nolte for giving me the same chance back in 2004 as a new college

graduate with zero knowledge of the real estate profession. This is truly a full circle moment being able to offer that same opportunity to Sarah," said Trisha.

White Farmhouse Realty, LLC. serves clients from throughout northeast Nebraska and anyone interested in learning more about the services they provide can contact them at (402) 375-4663.

## Wayne State grows on strength of programs and facilities

Wayne State welcomed the fourth largest freshman class in recent history last fall, with 780 new students choosing the College for their studies. The College also brought in more than 200 transfer students from around the region. Wayne State's total undergraduate population grew by 4.5 percent. Overall, when factoring in enrollment in graduate education and dual credit, Wayne State grew by 1.1 percent, making it the eighth straight year of enrollment growth.

The College has ensured the strength of its enrollment through marquee programs that directly serve the region such as the Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP), Rural Law Opportunities Program (RLOP), dynamic teacher education programs, and the Career Scholars workforce development program, which has grown to more than 300 students. Wayne State's continued growth parallels the efforts made by the College to maintain affordability, add new academic programs in response to workforce demands, and continuously improve the Wayne State experience through the renovation and addition of living and learning facilities.

### WSC Keeps Costs Manageable

Wayne State remains the lowest cost bachelor's degree in our region and continues to refine the ways the College keeps costs manageable for students and their families. And at Wayne State, all first-time freshmen who apply for scholarships are guaranteed an award. Students continue to benefit from our Tuition Guarantee, which ensures that Pell-qualified first-time freshmen or incoming transfer students can attend Wayne State tuition-free. This means families whose annual adjusted gross income as reported on the FAFSA is \$70,000 or less pay no tuition at Wayne State.

### New: Master of Arts in Teaching Program

One of the many ways Wayne State serves the state of Nebraska is through robust teacher education programs that place teachers in schools from the panhandle through Omaha and beyond. With teacher shortages across the state, Wayne State has created the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program graduate degree. This new program was specifically designed for individuals who already hold a bachelor's degree and are looking to

transition into a fulfilling career in education through Nebraska Department of Education's Alternative Program Teaching Permit pathways.

Our MAT program offers a streamlined, alternative certification route through the Nebraska Department of Education, providing a clear path to initial teacher certification. This innovative program is designed for those with a B.A. or B.S. in English who aspire to become secondary English teachers, accommodating working professionals and those balancing multiple commitments. The College will be expanding the program into math and science subject areas in the future. You can learn more about the program at [https://www.wsc.edu/homepage/469/master\\_of\\_arts\\_in\\_teaching](https://www.wsc.edu/homepage/469/master_of_arts_in_teaching)

### New: One Health Studies Program

In addition to our commitment to expanding our graduate programs, the College has added the One Health Studies Program this fall. This program is intended for undergraduate students who care about health, have broad academic interests, and a passion for learning. One Health Studies is a rigorous major combining an intentionally interdisciplinary core of diverse health, environmental, and social science foundations. A choice of four concentrations prepares students for a variety of professions or post-graduate/professional studies: Ecological Health, Health Analysis, Health Behavior and Promotion, and Social Health and Well-being. Learn more about the program at <https://www.wsc.edu/OneHealthStudiesDegree-Programs>

### New: Biomedical Science Program

In addition to One Health, the College also added a Biomedical Science Program, designed for students preparing for further study in the fields of medicine, dentistry, nursing, physical or occupational therapy, and other allied health science fields. Biomedical scientists specialize in the research, identification, and treatment of human diseases. Proficiency and confidence with scientific tools, gained from Wayne State's outstanding lab facilities, are important as graduates will work with computers, automated equipment, microscopes, and other advanced laboratory instruments.

Learn more about Biomedical Science at [https://www.wsc.edu/info/20498/biomedical\\_science](https://www.wsc.edu/info/20498/biomedical_science)

Let our *HomePlace* help you find yours

**Trisha Peters**  
Broker/Owner  
(402) 518-0675

**Marie Janke**  
Sales Associate  
(402) 369-2182

**Sarah Larson**  
Sales Associate  
(402) 369-3421

**219 Main Street, Wayne**

**(402) 375-HOME (4663)**

**www.whitefarmhourealty.com**



# Variety of projects undertaken throughout Wayne in 2024

From the southeast to the northeast, from the southwest to the northwest and somewhere in the middle, projects of all types have been completed, are nearing completion or are in the works in the city of Wayne.

Several of the larger ones include the fact that the Prairie Park Apartments on East Fourth Street have come online and



**The lake at the new Prairie Park area will be open for visitors this spring.**

several of the buildings in the complex are now occupied.

Progress was made in 2024 on Prairie Park in the southeast portion of Wayne. Several grants of various amounts have been received by the city to assist with funding for the project.

The lake has been filled with water. The

bridge and pier were completed and the lake has been stocked with 3,000 blue gill and 500 bass. Parking areas have been completed.

City staff hopes to hold a grand opening for the Park on May 30.

Remodeling efforts continued throughout the year on the former Ameritas building at 513 Main Street. This building will

soon be home to the city offices and the Wayne Police Department. It is anticipated that both the city offices and the police department will be moved into their new locations sometime in March and an open house for the public to view the facility will take place yet this spring.

Construction was started in 2024 on



**Work is nearing completion on the new City Council Chambers.**

the Parks and Recreation facility at Prairie Park. It will allow for the Parks and Rec department to have their vehicles and equipment in one location.

Arrowhead Development purchased property in the northeast part of Wayne and plans to finish Vintage Hill 4th Addition and add 27 lots to Wayne. Wayne native Shane Baack has been working with the city to create these lots, which are currently available for purchase.

A project that will take several years to complete is that of an electric substation to be located north of 14th Street, north of Great Dane Trailers.

The substation design has been submitted and bids for transformer/switch gear have been accepted.

Power generation discussion continues and City purchased 60+ acres for a future Energy Center that would allow for the sub station and generation. Additional land for future development was also part of the purchase.

Millions of dollars in new infrastructure investment projects created by local leaders in the City of Wayne have earned recognition from the State of Nebraska.

Early last fall The Department of Economic Development (DED) announced the community's recertification in Nebraska's Economic Development Certified Community (EDCC) program. DED's Northeast Business Development Consultant, Deb Poehling, presented the award to city officials at an October City Council meeting..

"While all the projects culminating at once can cause many challenges, from financing to logistical coordination, I

wouldn't want it any other way. Many communities are not seeing this same growth and private investment," said City Administrator Wes Blecke.

In 2022 the City of Wayne received federal Community Development Block Grant funding to expand the Wayne Pedestrian Trail System. The funding will help connect the system from residential areas to the major retail corridor, which will create additional trail accessibility. The trail improvements are inclusive to mobility-constrained users in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

After years of planning and revision, creating a trail along west Highway 35 from Western Ridge to Pheasant Run is becoming a reality.

Mayor Cale Giese credits collaborative community attitudes in the tremendous impact of growth within the community.

"Over the past five years, the City of Wayne has experienced tremendous success and has seen first-hand the benefits of strong partnerships within the community, Mayor Giese said. "From local investments in education, finance, health care, housing, infrastructure, recreation and tourism to major business expansions in wind energy, manufacturing and retail, nearly every sector of Wayne America has been impacted. With partners like Wayne County, Wayne State College, Wayne Community Schools, Providence Medical Center, Wayne Community Housing, Wayne America, Inc. and our entire business community, we look forward to another five years of collaboration and growth," Giese said.

## Wayne State College delivers a \$573.1 million boost to Nebraska's economy

Wayne State College (WSC) significantly contributed to Nebraska's economy in fiscal year 2022-23, adding \$573.1 million in income and supporting 7,940 jobs across the state, according to a newly released economic impact study.

Wayne State creates a significant positive economic impact on the business community and generates a return on investment to its major stakeholder groups — students, taxpayers, and Nebraska as a whole. Using a two-pronged approach involving an economic impact analysis and an investment analysis, this study calculates the benefits received by each of these groups. Results of the analysis reflect fiscal year (FY) 2022-23.

### Driving Economic Growth

The study revealed that WSC's operations, construction projects, student expenditures, and alumni contributions collectively generated a substantial economic impact:

**Operations Spending:** WSC employed 991 faculty and staff, with a payroll of \$35 million, contributing \$36.3 million in income to the state economy.

**Construction Investments:** Capital projects provided \$3.4 million in added income through short-term spending and job creation.

**Student Contributions:** Relocated and retained students contributed \$3.8 million to the local economy through living expenses.

**Alumni Impact:** Former students employed in Nebraska added \$529.5 million in income, demonstrating the long-term value of a WSC education.

### Investment Benefits for Students, Taxpayers, and Society

The analysis also highlighted the return on investment for key stakeholders:

**Students:** For every dollar invested in their education, WSC students can expect \$4.90 in higher lifetime earnings, with an average annual return of 17%.

**Taxpayers:** With \$30.4 million in state funding, taxpayers will see \$65.1 million in benefits, equating to \$2.10 in returns for every dollar spent.

**Society:** Nebraska's total investment of \$114.3 million will yield \$893.7 million in economic growth and \$130.3 million in public and private sector savings, translating to \$9.00 in returns for every dollar invested.

"Wayne State College continues to be a powerhouse of economic and social growth for Nebraska," said Marysz Rames, president of Wayne State. "From supporting local jobs to empowering students with high returns on education, WSC is proud to create lasting value for our state."

For the full report for the Nebraska State College System, as well as the full Wayne State report and executive summary, please visit <https://www.nscs.edu/workingforNE>



**Several of the Prairie Park Apartments are now occupied.**



# New owners plan to keep the legacy at Tom's Body Shop

After nearly 50 years of ownership by the Rose family, Tom's Body & Paint was purchased by Mike and Becky Brudigam on Dec. 31, 2024.

While the ownership changed, the name of business will not.

"I worked with Tom (Rose) and re-

planning to go into the business, but after college, I decided this is what I wanted to do," Doug said. "Dad taught me everything about the business."

Mike attended a tech school in Omaha before joining Tom's Body in March of 1990. He said that among the changes he



Mike and Becky Brudigam are the new owners of Tom's Body & Paint.

spected him a lot. Even after he 'retired' in 1995, he still came into the office nearly every day. It was very important to me to be able to keep the name the same as it has been for all this time," Mike said.

Tom Rose, who started in the auto body business in 1955 with Coryell Auto, started his own business in 1976. Tom's Body Shop expanded its business in 1978 and again in 1986.

At that time, Tom was the president of the company; son, Dan, was the vice president; son, Doug, was the vice president and Tom's wife, Helen, was the receptionist.

Doug said he has been at Tom's Body since his father opened the business.

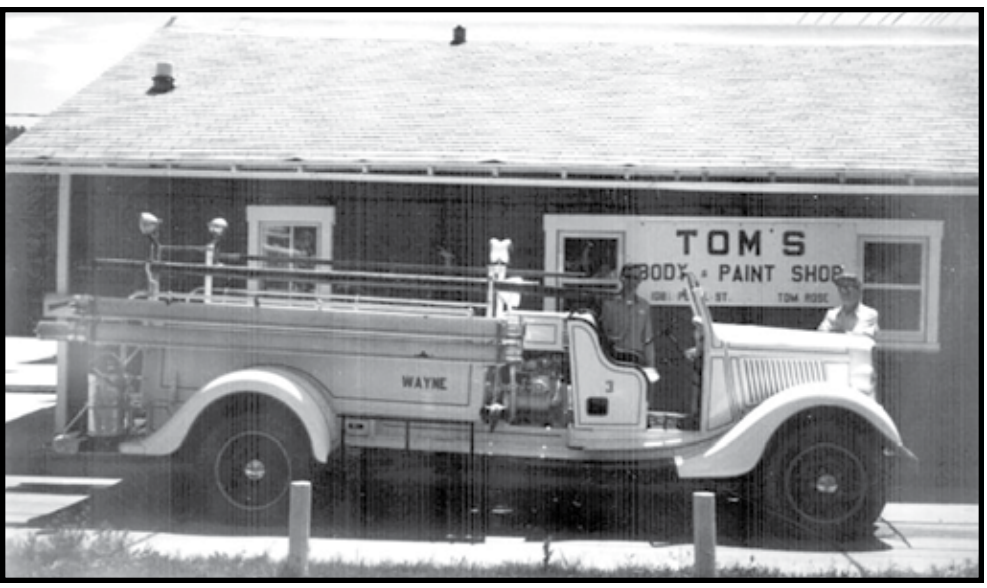
"I was in junior high at the time and have been here since the beginning in one way or another through high school and college. I went to Wayne State, and wasn't

has seen is the fact that when he started, "everything was handwritten. We didn't get computers until later on. Now there is a lot of computerization and lots more materials on cars that we have to work with."

At the present time, Mike Brudigam, is the paint technician; Doug Rose performs the estimates at the business; Ryan Heiser is the body technician, Lori Carollo is the office manager and Austin Heiser is employed part-time.

The Brudigams hope to update some of the equipment in the future and create an active website with a Facebook presence.

"We would like to thank the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District (especially Loren Kucera) and the city of Wayne (for LB840 Revolving Loan Fund.). Their financial assistance helped make this purchase possible," Becky said.



Wayne's 1936 fire engine is among the vehicles restored by Tom's.

In addition to auto body work, Tom's Body has painted refrigerators, signs, lockers, sports helmets, door and even "The Chicken" that is part of the Wayne Chicken Show celebration. Many years ago, Tom's Body restored the city's 1936 fire engine that many young children have had the opportunity to ride on each October during Fire Prevention Month.

Among the projects Doug is proud of is the family heirloom vehicle, a 1976 Olds Regency 98. The car originally belonged to his uncle and when he died, Doug took ownership and has worked to keep the vehicle in excellent condition.

Mike and Becky said they "are really excited to continue the legacy of Tom's Body Shop in Wayne."



Dan, Tom, Helen and Doug Rose, previous owners of Tom's Body Shop.



# PRIME STOP

CONVENIENCE STORES

1330 East 7th • Wayne, NE • 402-375-1449



# Carhartt

LUMBER CO.



105 Main Street  
Wayne  
402-375-2110



# SEBADE

CONSTRUCTION

CONCRETE ROOFING NEW CONSTRUCTION

402-369-0467

For all your  
Construction  
Needs,  
Call Chad!



# Tom's

## BODY & PAINT SHOP

Mike & Becky Brudigam, Owners

We specialize in:

- Collision Repair
- Glass Repair & Replacement

Serving Northeast  
Nebraska for over  
45 years!

108 N. Pearl Street  
Wayne, NE • 402-375-4555



# Wayne Country

# CLUB

## 2025 Membership Fees

Send dues to Wayne Country Club, PO Box 185, Wayne, NE 68787

<b>Family membership (Wayne address)</b>	<b>\$960</b>
\$200 discount for first-year membership	\$760
\$100 discount for second-year membership	\$860
<b>Family membership (mailing address other than Wayne)</b>	<b>\$910</b>
\$200 discount for first-year membership	\$710
\$100 discount for second-year membership	\$810
<b>Single membership (not married and no children)</b>	<b>\$820</b>
<b>Under-30 membership family or single</b>	<b>\$670</b>
\$200 discount for under-30 first-year membership	\$470
\$100 discount for under-30 second-year membership	\$570
<b>Driving range family pass (unlimited) - member</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Driving range single pass (unlimited) - member</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Driving range family pass - non member</b>	<b>\$300</b>
<b>Driving range single pass - non member</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>College membership (full-time student)</b>	<b>\$300</b>
<b>High school/youth membership</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>High school/youth membership (non-local)</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>New cart sheds</b>	<b>\$405</b>
<b>All other cart stalls</b>	<b>\$360</b>
<b>Off-course cart use fee</b>	<b>\$325</b>
<b>Men's league</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>Women's league</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>Cart lease fee (includes tax)</b>	<b>\$620</b>

**Club House Rental**  
**Members — \$180**  
**Non-Members — \$230**

- Memberships are now being accepted with pricing listed above.
- Those paying in full by May 1 will receive two green fee passes.
- Those wishing to make installment payments should contact Kevin Peterson to make arrangements at 402-375-2600 or 402-297-1771 (cell).
- As always, members are encouraged/invited to attend any WCC board meetings. They may also contact any board member if they have concerns or comments.

Please remit to WCC, Box 185, Wayne, NE 68787 or by dropping off at the Wayne Herald or Wayne Country Club.

## Board Members

President: Mike Varley

Vice President: Alex Koch

Megan Finn

Adam Endicott

Ryan Dahl

Dave Hix

Andi Diediker





Investing in Wayne with Pride

MAIN BRANCH



CAMPUS BRANCH

Run by the same family for five  
generations, we're the only  
bank locally owned in Wayne.

STATE NEBRASKA BANK & TRUST

HISTORY | PEOPLE | COMMUNITY SINCE 1892

MAIN BRANCH 122 Main St CAMPUS BRANCH 1010 Main St Wayne, NE statenebank.com



Ty (center) and his parents Tom and Maria Wittler recently opened Witt's Jewelry on South Pearl Street in Wayne.

## Witt's Jewelry provides personalized service to every customer

By Sarah Naeve,  
For the Herald

Maria Wittler has always had a special dream in her heart. While in college at Wayne State, she started working for Randy Pedersen at the Diamond Center. Her dream involved diamonds and sparkling jewelry everywhere.

Her dream was not to become a princess but to own a jewelry store one day. She continued to work in the jewelry industry in Wayne, serving customers with excellent service for 15 years. The dream continued to grow.

Maria is married to her loving husband Tom and to this marriage they are blessed with an adorable son, Ty. Tom is a farmer and raises cattle. Maria has been an amazing wife and supported her husband's dream for farming. She helped her husband with his dream of farming since the Diamond Center closed eight years ago.

Maria has a strong faith. She has many questions for God but truly believes He is always faithful. Maria continued to dream about her future in the jewelry business, waiting for His perfect timing. She believes God said to be patient my child, now is not the time.

One day Maria and her mother were taking a concealed carry class. She said to her mom in a very confident demeanor, "When I own a jewelry store, I want to be safe." The idea continued to cross her mind, and her husband said one day that Maria had helped him with his dreams and now it was time for him to help her.

They started looking for property for the dream to become a reality. The business started with only an office, then a website and then a wonderful building at

100 South Pearl Street.

Once the building was located, everything started moving without anything stopping them. Many doors opened and everything fell perfectly into place according to Maria.

Maria said working with Randy at the Diamond Center gave her such great experience, she met some amazing people in the industry. Because of the connections and relationships, she built over the years, she continues to do business with them now.

Maria said she loves being a part of people's journey when designing engagement and anniversary rings. Each piece truly does tell its own story whether it's a piece of jewelry for someone just because or something that becomes a family heirloom.

Items sold in the store are engagement and anniversary rings, diamond and gemstone pendants, allergy free earrings, watches and fashion jewelry. In addition jewelry repair, laser engraving services and so much more are available to customers.

Maria's favorite part of owning a jewelry store is helping design custom pieces. Because each one is strategically crafted to exactly as the customer dreamed.

The store opened on Dec. 2, 2024, and held its grand opening on Jan. 31.

Maria said without amazing friends and family everything wouldn't have happened. She is so thankful for everyone's help and support.

Maria has amazing strong faith, a love of people, a kind heart and can't wait to help other people to make their dreams come true.



# Laurel sees year of growth, community and support

By Daniel A. Kuhlman,  
Laurel City Administrator

As we reflect on 2024, Laurel, Nebraska has been buzzing with growth and a strong sense of community pride. This year, the town witnessed several significant milestones that have left a lasting impact on its residents, businesses, and future generations.

One of the standout moments for the community was the groundbreaking of the Building Blocks Early Childhood Center in July. The project, long in the making, promises to provide essential early education services for our youngest residents. The center's opening in early 2025 marks a new chapter for Laurel's future, offering a safe, nurturing environment that will help lay the foundation for the success of future generations.

The Laurel Tree Board had a busy



**A ground breaking ceremony was held in 2024 at Building Blocks Early Childhood Center in Laurel.**

year. Over 60 new trees were planted throughout the community in 2024. This environmental initiative not only beautifies Laurel, but also promotes

sustainability, helping to improve air quality, provide shade, and create green spaces for our families to enjoy. It's a testament to the Tree Board's dedication to creating a welcoming and eco-conscious community.

The community also rallied around Laurel's Hometown Market, and owners James Roberts and Brenda Whalen. They were in the process of painting the exterior of the building when James suffered an accident. The community rallied support and threw a

"painting party" for the grocery store. Nearly 30 community members took time out of their busy schedules to help finish the exterior upgrades.

This support has been critical in ensuring the grocery store's continued success and sustainability, and it's a shining example of the strength and commitment of Laurel's great residents.

The Laurel-Concord-Coleridge High

**See LAUREL, page 8**



**The Laurel Tree Board was instrumental in planting trees throughout the community last summer.**



## WINTZ

FUNERAL HOME

**116 EAST 2ND STREET**  
**• LAUREL •**  
**402-254-6547**

**DIRECTORS:**  
**JIM, JERRY, PAUL,**  
**STEVE, & JASON WINTZ**

**WWW.WINTZRAYFUNERALHOME.COM**



## HANSEN BROTHERS

### Parts & Service Inc.

506 W. Industrial Rd. P.O. Box 825 Laurel, NE 68745 USA  
 BUSINESS PHONE: (402) 256-8785



## Laurel

CHAMBER COMMUNITY CLUB

EST. 1902

**Annual Events in Laurel, NE**

**Chamber/FFA Banquet:**

*January*

**Easter Egg Hunt:**

*Saturday before Easter*

**Ag Days Celebration:**

*Father's Day Weekend*

**Cruise Night: August**

**Night of Lights: December**

**402-256-3112**


Check out [www.laurelne.com](http://www.laurelne.com)  
for more information.

Contact us for all  
your plumbing,  
electrical and  
HVAC needs

## Campbell's Service LLC

108 East 2nd • Laurel

**402-256-3572**



- **ACT Scores Above State & National Averages**
- **Diverse Dual-Credit and Work-based Learning Programs**
- **Modern State-of-the-Art Learning Environments**
- **1:1 Technology for Learners at All Levels**
- **Outstanding Extracurricular Opportunities**
- **Preschool, Before/After School & Summer Programs**





## Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School

**402-256-3133**

**[www.lccschool.org](http://www.lccschool.org)**





# H.I.S Baking Company serves more than pastries

By Sarah Naeve

For the Herald

For 109 years, a bakery at 309 Main Street has served Wayne with fresh baked goods. Johnson Bakery, Vel's Bakery, and H.I.S Baking Company have all occupied this location.

New owners Chris and Jaclyn Beach from Allen opened H.I.S. Baking Company in Wayne in 2024, carrying on the tradition of serving northeast Nebraska with delicious tasting items.

H.I.S stands for Heavenly Inspire Sensations. The story behind their bakery goes all the way back to their high school days. Chris grew up in Martinsburg and Jaclyn in Dixon. Both are Allen High School graduates. Jaclyn said her husband helped her find her faith.

Faith in Jesus is what their lives are all about. This not only flows through both of them, but Jesus cannot be denied in their bakery. They both say this is his (Jesus's) bakery. Their business started as a mission.

One Sunday, a few years ago they were sitting in their church in Concord listening to Pastor Todd Thelen praising God and telling a story about finding a Christian tract that affected his life. They left church thinking about how they could promote God's way. They both loved baking. They said that everything from birth

to death includes food. They decided they could share God's love with their love of food and baking.

In 2021, they opened their cottage bakery in Allen, while they both continued to work in the busy corporate world. Last year both of them were laid off from their jobs. They had to make huge changes while keeping their strong faith in God.

Jaclyn said one of her friends told her about Vel's Bakery being for sale. They went to visit Vel's Bakery. They walked in and asked Sue Temme if the bakery was for sale. Immediately she said 'yes.'

The Beaches both prayed to God asking him if this was his will. Immediately everything fell into place and doors started opening. Renovations started before opening. A refinished wooden front countertop has many stories to tell. It was the original prep table used by Vel Temme to prep all of his wonderful items. They also found depression stamps from WWII while renovating and included them into the front countertop.

H.I.S. Baking Company provides all home-made goods. The Beaches believe in using clean ingredients to make their food. They use honey instead of corn syrup. Everything is made from scratch, from the sausage gravy to the sourdough breads.

On the bakery's Facebook page, the

business is described as a Christian Bakery that wants to spread the good news of Jesus.

Every item that leaves the bakery has a Bible scripture attached. The Beaches say positive attitude matters. This is definitely reflected with the décor of positive sayings seen everywhere in the bakery. Jaclyn said, "We should walk like our teacher. Love people because Jesus loves us all."

The Beaches have a desire to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

The bakery provides catering, hot breakfast, pastries and specialty items. They can make most any bakery item from personalized cookies to wedding cakes.

They have bakery items at Quality Foods and Laurel Hometown Market. They will soon reveal their expansion with specialty coffees.

The Beaches enjoy sharing their love for Jesus and baking for all their customers. They provide a 10 percent discount for all clergy, Wayne State College students/employees, military, and emergency medical service workers.

The walls of this bakery are rich with history, memories, and the shared love of baking. The H.I.S Baking Company is committed to continue making history and carrying on the tradition of a hometown bakery.

## Laurel

(continued from page 7)

School art class has left a lasting imprint on the town, too, with the completion of a stunning mural on the underpass of Highway 20. The artwork, which brings together elements of local history and modern creativity, has become a symbol of the town's artistic spirit. It's a beautiful reminder of the students' talents and the community's desire to celebrate culture and creativity in public spaces.

Lastly, the LCC School Community Cleanup Day held in October, 2024, was a shining example of collective action and care for the town. Students,

teachers, and local volunteers gathered to clean up public spaces, rake leaves, and tackle various maintenance projects. It was a heartwarming display of teamwork and a reminder that, as a community, we are all responsible for keeping our environment clean and inviting for future generations.

Looking back, 2024 has been a year of tremendous progress for Laurel. With each project, tree planted, and piece of art created, our community has proven that when we come together, we can make a lasting difference. The future looks bright for Laurel, and we can't wait to see what 2025 brings.



Laurel-Concord-Coleridge art students used their skills to paint a mural on the Highway 20 underpass.



Jaclyn and Chris Beach are the owners of H.I.S. Baking Co.





# New dorm open on Wayne State College campus

An open house for Stearns Hall, Wayne State College's new residence hall took place just before the start of the Spring 2025 semester.

Stearns Hall is located on the east side of campus, across the street from the Center for Applied Technology building.

Stearns Hall is the first residence hall built since the construction of Bowen Hall in 1966. The four-story structure can accommodate 276 new and returning students and feature 168 suite-style beds and 108 traditional beds. The main lobby has an open

kitchen, two televisions, a lounge area, pool table, and a front desk reception area. Each floor above the main lobby has a smaller lounge area. There will be an exercise area on the second floor.

Wayne State named the new residence hall in honor of Dr. Sheila M. Stearns' distinguished leadership of the college from 1999 to 2003. Stearns served as the 10th president of the Wayne State and was the first woman to lead the institution. Stearns passed away May 23, 2023.



306 Pearl Street  
[www.waynene.org](http://www.waynene.org)



IN 2009, DOWNTOWN WAYNE WAS LISTED ON THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
 INTERIOR REGISTER OF NATIONAL HISTORIC PLACES.

# VISIT HISTORIC DOWNTOWN WAYNE



# Wayne's Ford dealership under new ownership

Area residents may have noticed new temporary signage on both the building and vehicles at the former Arnie's Ford dealership at the corner of Third and Logan Streets in Wayne.

Ryan Davis purchased the dealership from Bill Reeg. The Reeg family has owned the business since 1978. Joining Ryan at the dealership is Andrew Griffith, the general manager and Davis' business partner.

Davis, who grew up in the Cedar Falls, Iowa area, said he has been in the car business since he was 20 years old.

He moved to the Kearney, Nebraska area in 2006 and ran the Midway dealerships there for approximately nine years.

"I also worked as a dealership consultant and got connected with Wayne as I was recruiting finance managers from Wayne State and other colleges," Davis said.

Ryan and Andrew have been working together since 2008 and recently moved their families to Wayne from Columbus, where the two worked together at Ernst Toyota and Ernst Chevrolet Buick GMC since 2018.

Davis began looking for his own store in 2023.

"When I looked at Wayne, I saw that it is a progressive, supportive community, one my family would love to be a part of. We also had the opportunity to keep the Ford

store in Wayne," Davis said.

Davis and his wife, Traci, have two daughters - Addison, who is a freshman in college and Norah, who is a sophomore at

Upgrades have been made to the service area and the technicians are able to service all makes of vehicles.

"We have an amazing staff and have had

We are here and we want to be a part of the community in any way we can," he added.

Davis Ford is open from 7:30 a.m. to 6



Wayne High School.

Griffith and his wife, Melissa, have a five year old son, Dash.

Davis Ford has a total of 13 employees. This includes three new technicians.

five new families move into the Wayne community since we took ownership of the store," Davis said.

"Our goal is to take care of our employees, our customers and the community.

p.m. Monday through Friday and the sales department is available from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

To contact the dealership, call 402-375-3780.

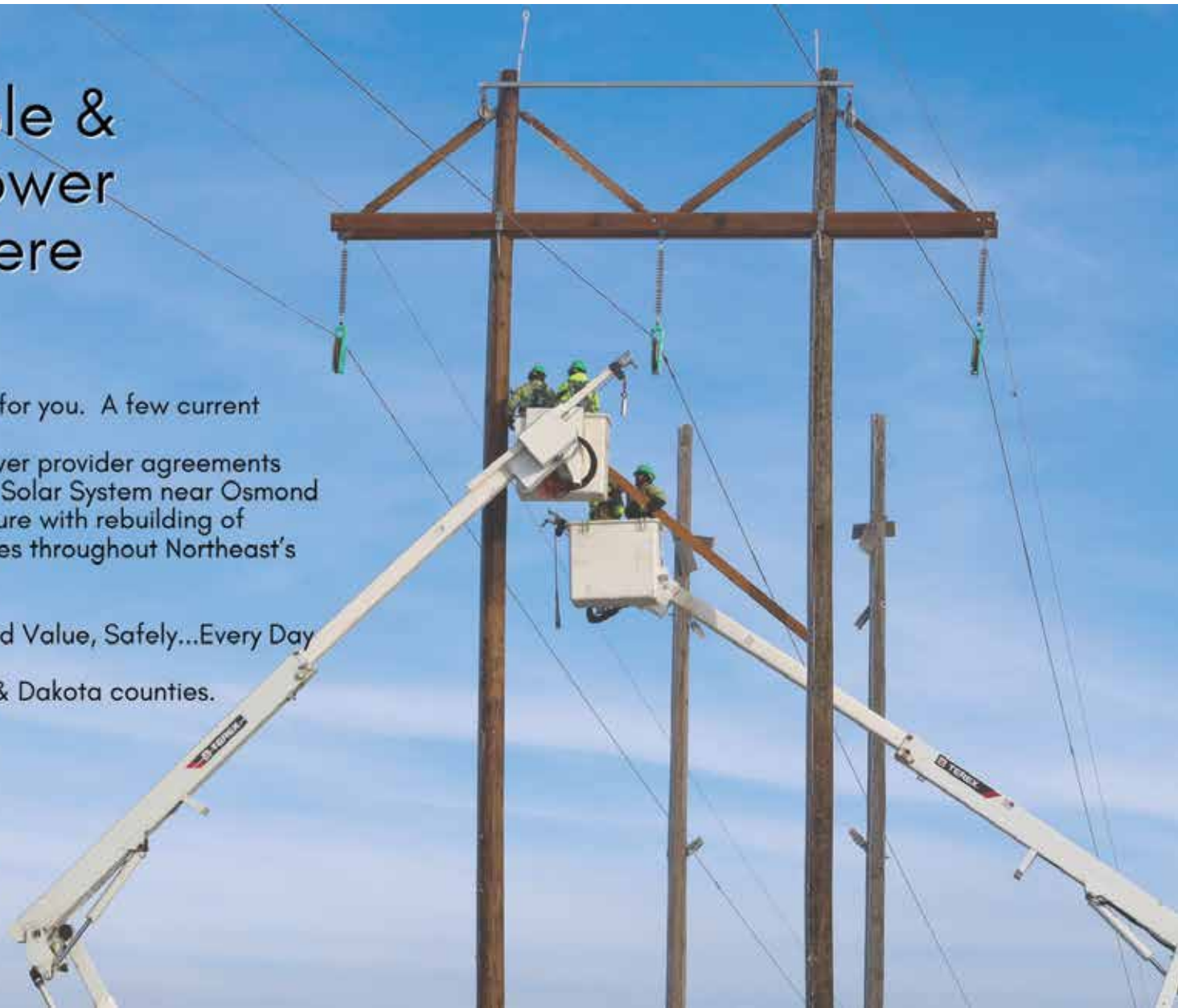
## Working to provide reliable & affordable power when and where you need it!

Northeast Power continues to work for you. A few current projects include:

- Negotiating new wholesale power provider agreements
- Planning installation of 2.5 MW Solar System near Osmond
- Improve reliability of infrastructure with rebuilding of transmission and distribution lines throughout Northeast's service territory

Delivering Electricity, Excellence and Value, Safely...Every Day

to Wayne, Pierce, Thurston, Dixon & Dakota counties.





# Wakefield holds numerous activities to promote the community

Celebrations, anniversaries and updates were some of the activities that took place in Wakefield during the past year.

These events helped showcase the community and bring in guests from throughout the area.

Among these were the fact that the

nament, bringing hundreds of players and fans to Wakefield. As an added bonus, the Wakefield team finished as runner up.

Legendary baseball coach Paul Eaton was honored as he retired from coaching after 57 years.

During the year the Wakefield Com-



**Wakefield Eaton's Field.**



**2024 WakeFest grilling activities.**

Wakefield Health Care Center celebrated its 50th year of operation. A variety of activities for both the residents and the community were held to celebrate the past and those who are part of the facility's future.

The Wakefield Party drew crowds from all over the tri-state area and helped raise funds for the Little Red Hen Theatre.

The annual WakeFest was a success. Festivities included a parade, a variety of games for children, numerous vendors, a car show and the traditional wing cook-off.

A total of 720 lbs. of chicken wings were cooked throughout the day before being served to hungry crowds. The celebration helped raise over \$3,000 for the Wakefield Volunteer Fire Department.

Miller Building Supply changed ownership from Brian Miller to Chad Mackling and Nick Miller.

Sidelines Bar and Grille changed ownership from long-time owners, AJ and Diane Johnson to Jessy Ramirez and Denise Tello

On the sports side, Wakefield hosted the 2024 Class C Senior Legion Baseball Tour-

munity Redevelopment Authority established "Paint the Town," which is a program that offers paint to property owners wanting to paint their homes.

The community is looking forward to an event-filled year in 2025, building on the successes of the past, while preparing for the future.



## WE ARE CVA

EMBRACING THE COOPERATIVE SPIRIT.

COMMUNITY FOCUSED.

VOLUNTEERS. TEAM MEMBERS.

OUR PEOPLE ARE CVA.

#WEARECVA



cvacoop.com



## Pat Lunz Real Estate Broker

305 Main Street • Wakefield  
Office: 402-287-9177

[www.patlunz.com](http://www.patlunz.com)



Pat Lunz,  
Real Estate  
Broker

Cell: 402-369-1455  
[patlunz@abbnebraska.com](mailto:patlunz@abbnebraska.com)

*Miller  
Building  
Supply  
Under New  
Ownership!*



[millerbuildingsupply.wake@gmail.com](mailto:millerbuildingsupply.wake@gmail.com)

**205 Main Street • Wakefield • 402-287-9032**

**Nick Miller 712-389-5004 • Chad Mackling 402-301-9978**



# New year, new additions for Winside Public Schools

By Sarah Naeve

For the Herald

The Winside Public School is under construction. Men with hard hats are seen on every level. Through all the dust and noise, the students continue to learn and achieve high levels of success.

Dr. Andrew Offner, superintendent, is very excited about all the changes, improvements and how the transition is coming together for the Winside Public schools. He said his focus is always about the students, what is best for them. The additional classrooms and resources will enhance the student's learning experience.

When walking up the steps into the front of the school, the new, fresh sights are very exciting. The central offices are located immediately after entering the school. Natural lighting brightens up the office from large windows. All administrative offices are located together in the central part of the school.

The new cafeteria area comes with a lot of natural lighting and a vast, open space. Students utilize this area for dining, Team-Mate meetings, extra classes and gathering in the morning.

The spacious new kitchen was very much needed and has the kitchen staff very excited.

Lori Finn, Food service manager, reported they have been in the new area since late last semester. She said having new ovens, a very nice walk-in cooler and everything up to standards is wonderful. The kitchen shines with newness and spacious areas to prepare two meals daily for all the hungry students. Nutrition is highly important in the learning process.

The library has undergone exciting

transformations. The previous library was very small, and it was hard to accommodate a large group of students. The new library is very large, open, and welcoming area.

Karen Boehmer, Librarian describes the library with enthusiasm in the following description: "The new space allows for books to be organized into easy to find sections and levels, making it simpler for student to discover their next book. The library's design reflects the school's colors and features built-in benches, creating cozy nooks perfect for reading and studying. The ceiling is adorned with light clouds, combined with an industrial aesthetics, which contributes to a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Natural light flows in through the high window on the outer wall and beautiful picture window. Prominently displayed on the main wall are the inspiring words: READ, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, reminding students of the power of literacy and learning in their educational journey."

One very important part of the renovation was the installation of an elevator for students and anyone needing assistance from the first floor to the second floor of the high school area.

Offner is excited about the new Career and Technical Education (CTE) building. He reported this dedicated space offers a range of cutting-edge resources and equipment, allowing students to explore various career pathways in a hands-on environment.

One new difference is the students will no longer be required to walk over a block in all kinds of weather to participate in classes.

Jeff Kollath, Industrial Technology



teacher said, "I'm very appreciative of the community and the school for supporting such a great new facility for not only the industrial tech program, but for Winside's Agricultural program. The building is kind of overwhelming just looking around inside."

He said the increase in overall space compared to the current building will be welcomed since the school has seen an increased interest in both agricultural and industrial technical classes. Safety will be improved with much better fume extraction for welding and a central dust collection system for woodworking. The building will allow for growth as the landscape of career and technical education is always evolving with new and different tools and technologies.

In the fall of 2022, Karlee Johnson was hired as the Agricultural Educator/Future Farmers of America (FFA) advisor. This program is moving into the CTE building also. Johnson said the idea is to create school-based enterprises to allow students to gain employable skills that will benefit them both now and in the future. She also added with the incredible community support and Winside FFA Supporters group the school was able to purchase a laser machine. With this machine students will be able to design, produce, and market different products to the community. She looks forward to the continued growth of the FFA chapter, serving the community and creating positive differences in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success.

New to the administrative staff is David Schmit. He is the 7-12 grade principal. He is also busy being the new head boys' bas-

ketball coach. Along with all the new additions happening, he is wanting to open up opportunities for the students to attend career fairs and tour businesses that may appeal to the students for future career choices. He said, "We want to extend what we do in the school building to area businesses and look at those as ways for our students to get hands-on experience." He gives credit to James Gubbels, the new school counselor, for the effort he gives to the students.

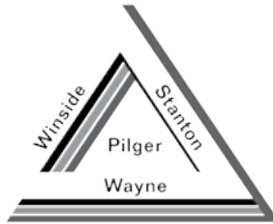
Gubbels will be starting an after-school club call the Science Olympiad. This is a program of exploring the world of science. He will be the sponsor of the program. Students will participate in activities and events that focus on various fields of science. He is hoping to have it started in the near future.

In the fall of 2025, Marshawn Gubbels will be joining the Wildcat family, coming in with almost 25 years of experience in special education. She will be implementing an elementary life skills program to support students in special education with moderate to severe disabilities. These students require a functional curriculum to achieve success. The program will combine school-based and community-based learning. The program offers instruction in academics, social skills, executive functioning, and leisure skills. When the students transition to high school they will receive vocational training. The curriculum will be adapted to meet each student's unique and diverse needs, ensuring a highly individualized approach to their education.

The next school year may include a lot of cheering as cheerleading will be added to the activities already offered at Winside schools. There has been an interest according to Offner. He is hoping to have this up and running in the fall.

At the beginning of the school year, Offner reported he is incredibly grateful for the dedicated teaching staff and two new principals, whose leadership and passion inspire the community. He is excited to see how our collective efforts will continue to shape Winside schools into a nurturing and dynamic education space for all.

Eventually all of the renovations will be complete with a new playground, fitness center with community access and many other either finished or almost complete projects. Someday soon, the work trucks, hard hats, dust, and noise will disappear, and everyone will be able to enjoy and learn in the completed new environment.

**Farmers Co-op**  
**FARMERS**  
**COOPERATIVE**  
*"Dependable Service Since 1918"*  
 Pilger-Winside-Stanton-Wayne



**FRAHM & SONS**  
 TREE & YARD SERVICES, LLC  
 SHANE FRAHM | 402.851.0524  
 Tree Trimming • Tree Removal • Stump Grinding  
 Yard & Brush Clean-up • Storm Damage Clean-up • Fence Line Clean-up  
 Bucket Truck Services • Landscape Removal



**DNT**  
**REPAIR**  
 WINSIDE, NE  
 402-286-4616



# Providence Medical Center receives the 2024 Women's Choice Award® as one of America's 100 Best Hospitals for Patient Experience

Providence Medical Center was named one of America's 100 Best Hospitals for Patient Experience by the Women's Choice Award®, America's trusted referral source for the best in healthcare. The award signifies that PMC has been ranked



cific Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey results and primary research about women's healthcare preferences.

The Women's Choice Award collects the data for the following HCAHPS survey measures and uses a weighted average to award the best hospitals for patient experience:

- Effective communication with nurses and doctors
- Responsiveness to requests for help
- Providing patient recovery information
- Explanation about medications before being administered
- Bathroom and room cleanliness
- Peacefulness of room at night

- Patient recommendation rating

"By raising your standards to meet the highest expectations – which studies show tend to be held by women – you're giving everyone the best you have to offer. The Women's Choice Award is so much more than an award. As one of America's Best Hospitals for Patient Experience, your entire hospital and all your service lines are lifted for the exceptional experience you provide – not only for women but all patients. What a great achievement!" said Delia Passi, founder and CEO of the Women's Choice Award. "To help women simplify their choices, the 100 Best Hospitals for Patient Experience are awarded because they excel in the patient's willingness to recommend, as well as doctor communications, staff help,

cleanliness, providing recovery information, explanation of medications, communication by nurses and peacefulness of the room at night."

For the full list of Best Hospitals for Patient Experience, please visit <https://womenschoiceaward.com/best-patient-experience>.



within the top 100 hospitals of similar size based on number of beds, of which there were five categories.

Patients today are more involved in their care and demand a more significant experience throughout their entire care journey, putting more pressure on healthcare providers to find ways to become more patient-centered to meet these demands.

According to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, good patient experience positively correlates to disease management, adherence to treatment plans, and health outcomes. Providing a good patient experience is also suitable for business as it results in more excellent employee morale and satisfaction, thereby reducing turnover and helping recruit top talent. It also keeps patients loyal and happy and less likely to change providers or systems again, helping the bottom line. A strong correlation exists between providing a good patient experience throughout her journey and improved clinical quality measures, including increased HCAHPS scores, investing in a win-win for all. According to a survey of healthcare consumers, 82% would switch to a healthcare provider because of a bad experience. And 86% of women would travel up to 50 miles for a hospital rated the best inpatient experience.

PMC is one of 100 award recipients representing the hospitals [under 25 beds] that have met the highest standards for patient experience in the U.S., as determined by the Women's Choice Award.

"We are deeply honored to have received the award for overall patient experience from the Women's Choice Awards. This recognition is a testament to the patient-centered care our dedicated team provides to everyone we have the privilege to care for," stated Nicole Haglund, Interim CEO.

The unique methodology used to select PMP as one of the 100 Best Hospitals for Patient Experience. It evaluates spe-

**we protect your  
business. because  
you've worked hard  
to build it.**

**simple human sense**

## Northeast Nebraska Insurance Agency

Wayne 375-2696 • Wakefield 287-9150 • Laurel 256-9138 • Pender 385-6500

***Auto-Owners***  
**INSURANCE**

LIFE • HOME • CAR • BUSINESS



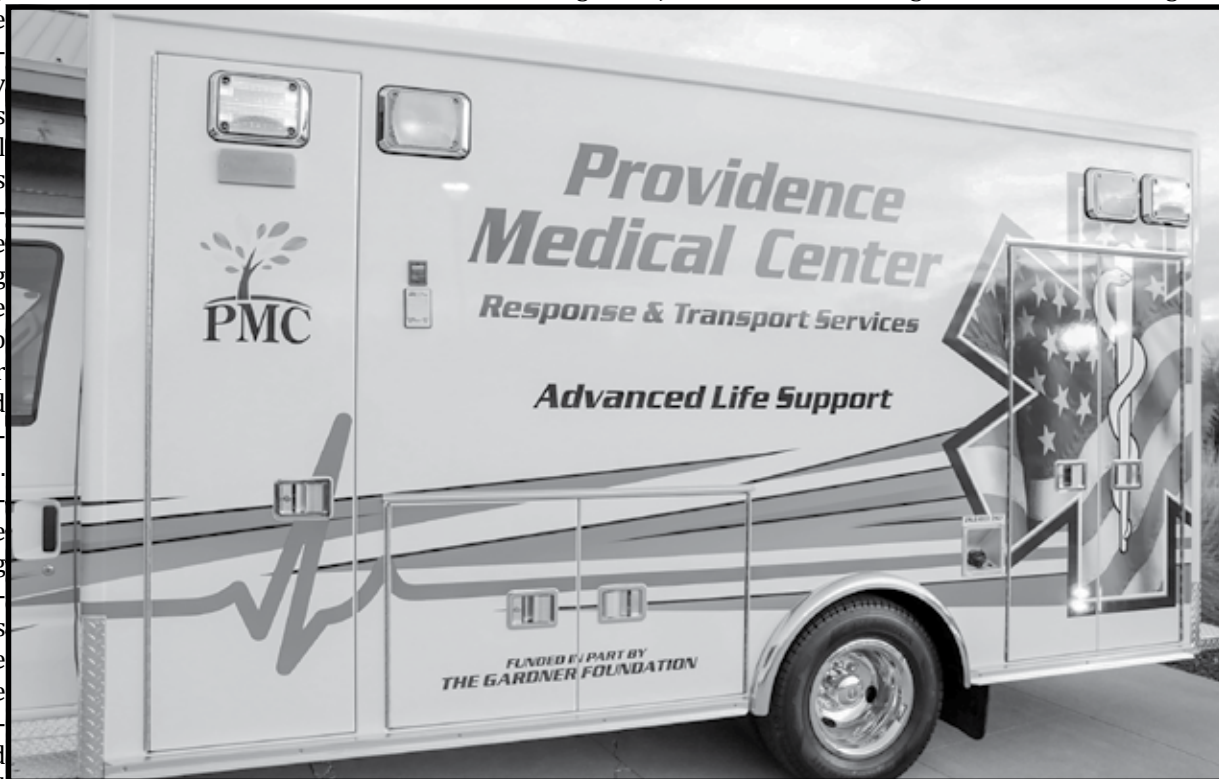
# Providence Medical Center Foundation hosts 4th Annual Jewel Gala

In early December, Providence Medical Center (PMC) hosted its 4th Annual Jewel Gala, a glittering evening dedicated to celebrating generosity and community spirit and raising funds for vital medical services. The festivities began Friday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the 10-year completion of construction and renovations. Interim CEO Nicole Haglund highlighted the hospital's growth and progress, followed by a heartfelt naming dedication honoring long-time PMC supporter Randy Pedersen. Pedersen, owner of Diamond King Jewelry and The Diamond Center, was recognized for his unwavering contributions to the Jewel Gala over the past four years. In honor of his dedication to PMC and the community, the Rock Steady Boxing Room, a program championed by Pedersen to raise awareness for Parkinson's disease, was officially renamed the "Randy Pedersen Rock Steady Boxing Gym: Dedication to the King of the Ring." The dedication was presented by Foundation Director Sami Scheffler, commemorating Pedersen's impact on health and wellness, along with his outstanding contributions and support for PMC and the Foundation. Foundation Director Sami Scheffler shared, "It was easy for the committee to come together and want to recognize Randy Pedersen for his years of dedication and support for PMC. The

trick was how we would do it. The connection to Rock Steady Boxing was perfect." Pedersen's recognition carried into Saturday's Gala, where Dr. McCorkindale highlighted his generosity during the evening's auction. The final "jewel" in Pedersen's legacy—a dazzling diamond—was sold to the highest bidder, adding extra brilliance to the night. The evening also honored Dr. Martin for his years of dedicated service as he transitions into retirement. These moments of gratitude underscored the community's enduring support of PMC's mission. Gala Attendees were reminded of the Gala's core purpose as a brand-new medical ambulance parked outside the venue and taking center stage. The ambulance is partially funded by a Nebraska State Grant and the generous Gardner Foundation—whose name is proudly displayed on the vehicle—and the ambulance significantly

enhances the hospital's emergency services. Foundation Director Sami Scheffler reflected on the event, sharing, "The Jewel

a memorable evening." Sami added that she and the committee are already back at the drawing board, brainstorming the



Gala's success would not have been possible without the extraordinary support of numerous donors, community members, and hospital employees who contributed their time and talents to ensure

hospital's next big fundraiser. To learn more about supporting Providence Medical Center Foundation's efforts, please get in touch with Foundation Director Sami Scheffler at 402-375-7922.



*Let us be your local,  
fine jewelry destination*



402.375.1804  
100 S. Pearl St | Wayne, NE



# Fundraising started for new Dixon County fairgrounds building

Plans have been made and fundraising has already started for a new exhibit hall and office building for the Dixon County Fairgrounds with hopes to have the building constructed for the 2025 season.

Dixon County Ag Society member Jason Fischer reported last week that the Board has received quotes for a 40'Wx120'Lx10'H Exhibit Hall with a 40'x20' office space inside the building and that they have already received a few donations to move toward the project's final stages and construction. This building will be replacing the old office building that was removed a couple years ago due to a mold issue in the building. The new building will be located on the west side of the grandstand where the old office was located.

"To date we have received a \$100,000.00 grant from the Gardner Foundation, a \$20,000.00 grant from the Dixon County Convention and Visitors Bureau, a \$30,000.00 commitment from the county and we have raised a little over \$17,000.00 doing a quilt raffle, as well as a gun and grocery raffle, and private donations," said Fischer. So far, we have a total of roughly \$167,000 from grants, private donations, and fund raisers."

The Board has estimated that the new building with an updated quote by the time construction is ready, will be around \$250,000 total, so there is room for donations, pledges or more assistance to come before the building can be completed.

We have also applied for a \$25,000.00 grant from Farm Credit Services but have not heard anything back on it yet. "Our initial projected cost was roughly \$200,000.00 but that was a projected estimate from about three years back, with the new updated costs the project will be closer to the \$250,000.00 range. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. We plan to break ground on the project in the spring of 2025, said Fisher."

Donor levels include:

Grand Champion \$10,000+;

Reserve Champion \$5,000.00-\$9,999.99;

Purple Ribbon \$2,500.00-\$4,999.99;

Blue ribbon \$1,000.00-\$2,499.99;

Red Ribbon \$500.00-\$999.99;

White Ribbon up to \$499.99.

The Dixon County Ag Society is a non-profit 501© company and can be used for charitable tax donations and deductions under the Society's Tax ID 001-003157393.

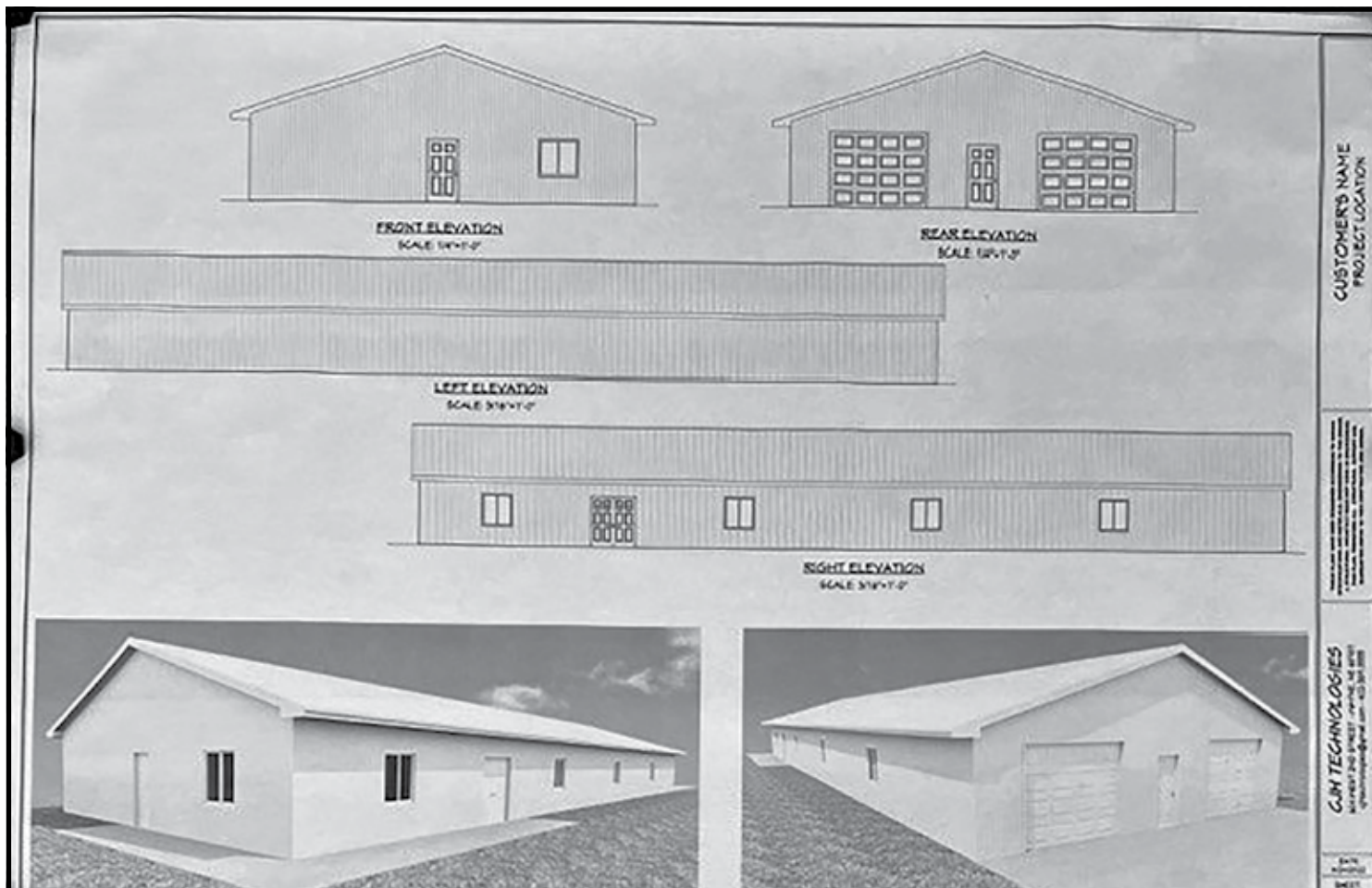
Anyone wishing to donate to the project can contact a Board member directly or send their donation to:

Dixon County Ag Society, P.O. Box 6, Concord NE 68728

Board members include: Mark Muller, Heath Roeber, Jason Fischer, Kirt Cunn

ningham, Caleb Samuelson, Robert Nelson and Jacob Stewart

Associate members include: Anita Eckert, Bailey McCoy, Brooklyn Dvorak, Craig Bathke, Jeremy Kneifl and Amanda Fischer.



**Bob's  
BAR**

5205 Main St.  
Martinsburg, NE  
402-945-2995

**Countryside  
Gas 'N Grocery**

101 N. Hwy. 9  
Allen, NE  
402-635-2195

**Allen  
Consolidated  
Schools**

126 E. 5th St. | Allen, NE  
402.635.2484  
[www.allenschools.org](http://www.allenschools.org)

**Dixon  
County Feed  
Yard Co.**



58351 Hwy. 20  
Allen, NE  
25 Miles West  
of Sioux City

402-635-2411



**THE WAYNE HERALD**

402.375.2600

114 Main Street | Wayne, NE 68787 | [thewayneherald.com](http://thewayneherald.com)



# Local citizens, groups recognized

With the theme of "Springing Up in Wayne," the 2024 Annual Banquet was held at the Beaumont Event & Concert Hall in early April.

Recognized as the 2023 Patron of the

The Business of the Year was Johnnie Byrd Brewing Company. Greg and Kelly Ptacek, owners of the business, as well as several others connected to it, were recognized for the positive impact they have

for more than three decades.

The final award, Citizen of the Year, was presented to Matt Ley, CEO of State Nebraska Bank. He was recognized for both his business contributions to the community and his volunteers efforts in many aspects.

powerment, such as the donation matching program for employees and the establishment of the Blue Devil Branch, a pioneering educational endeavor aimed at fostering financial literacy among our youth.

"Matt's philanthropic endeavors are not confined to the boardroom; he is an active participant in community life, serving as a volunteer coach, mentor, and advocate for various youth sports programs and community organizations. His passion for youth development and community building is a testament to his unwavering commitment to Wayne's success."

Kim Hix, the 2022 Educator of the Year, shared information on Joyce Hoskins, who was selected at the 2023 Educator of the Year.

"It is with immense pleasure and pride that we gather here today to honor and celebrate an exceptional individual who has dedicated her life to the betterment of education, athletics, and community spirit. Joyce Hoskins, esteemed educator, coach, mentor, and leader, has been named the Wayne America 2023 Educator of the Year, and it is truly a well-deserved recognition of her tireless efforts and unwavering commitment.

"Joyce's journey in education and coaching spans over three decades, starting as a teacher at Wayne Middle School in 1991 and transitioning to Wayne Elemen-



**Greenwood Cemetery Association members accepted the Patron of the Year Award from Luke Virgil. They include Coleen Jeffries, Shelley Gilliland, Jay OLeary and Marta Nelson.**

Year was Greenwood Cemetery Association. The cemetery has been a part of the community since 1883.

had on the community.

Educator of the Year was Joyce Hoskins, who taught at Wayne Elementary School

Information on the recipients includes the following:

The 2023 Citizen of the Year - Matt Ley.

In remarks during the presentation, Gary West, 2022 Citizen of Year shared the following information:

"This accolade celebrates individuals who embody the very essence of community spirit, selflessness, and dedication to the betterment of Wayne America.

"Matt Ley, as many of you know, is not only the CEO of State Nebraska Bank & Trust but also an exemplary leader, philanthropist, and advocate for our community's prosperity and well-being.

Matt's impact on Wayne is profound and multifaceted. As the steward of State Nebraska Bank & Trust, spanning five generations, Matt has cultivated a legacy of service and excellence. The bank's steadfast commitment to our community is evident in its employment of 25 local individuals, whose collective efforts contribute over \$1.2 million annually to our local economy.

"He has championed initiatives that promote community engagement and em-



**Now  
Showing...  
A Beautiful  
Smile**

If your dentist has recommended braces, see us first. We're committed to providing straight, beautiful smiles with minimal discomfort or inconvenience.

*Call us to schedule your appointment today.*



**Daniel L. Kaler, D.D.S., P.C.**  
Practice Limited to Orthodontics  
617 Pearl Street, Suite 2  
Wayne, Nebraska 68787  
(402) 833-1333 | (712) 276-2766



**Matt Ley (right) was chosen as the 2023 Citizen of the Year. Presenting the award was the 2022 recipient, Gary West.**



# during annual Chamber Banquet

tary School in 2010, where she has been a beacon of inspiration for sixth-grade students in the subjects of math and language arts. Her passion for teaching and her dedication to her students are evident in her exemplary track record. Joyce has consistently gone above and beyond, running an after school math assistance group for an astounding 30 years, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to excel and reach their full potential. It is no surprise that under her guidance, her students' math scores have consistently been among the highest in the district.

"Beyond the classroom, Joyce's impact extends to the realm of athletics, where she has served as a coach and mentor for numerous student-athletes. From her tenure as the Junior High Volleyball Coach to her role as the High School Varsity Volleyball Coach, Joyce has been instrumental in shaping the lives of young athletes, instilling in them values of discipline, teamwork, and perseverance. Her efforts have led several teams to state championships, and her athletes have received numerous accolades, a testament to her exceptional coaching prowess.

"In every aspect of her life, Joyce embodies the values of dedication, compassion, and leadership. She is a shining ex-



ample of what it means to be an educator, a coach, and a community leader. Joyce Hoskins is more than deserving of this prestigious award, and we are honored to celebrate her remarkable achievements.



**Joyce Hoskins(right) was surprised with the Educator of the Year Award. Making the presentation was the 2022 recipient, Kim Hix.**



**Kelly and Greg Ptacek (left) accept the Business of the Year Award from Wayne America, Inc. Director Luke Virgil.**



**Commercial, Community, Education,  
Healthcare, & Housing**

521 Centennial Road, Wayne NE 68787 ■ (402) 375-2180  
www.otteconstruction.com

**GENERATIONS OF EXCELLENCE**



# — Reflections 1925 —

## Sixteen compete In Wayne today

April 2, 1925

Sixteen high school pupils, representing Carroll, Sholes, Wakefield, Wayne, Wausa and Winside, will take part in one of the 11 elimination declamatory contests of this part of the state this Thursday evening at 7:30 in the State Normal auditorium. 57 schools, with 802 pupils, are included in the N.N.H.S.D.A. Winners in the 11 elimination contests will come to Wayne for the final district program April 17 and the best in the district compete with other districts of the state.

W. S. Cook of West Point, president of the association, estimates that 40 will take part in the April 17 contest in Wayne. Mr. Cook has charge of the 11 elimination contests also and he will provide out-of-town judges for the program here this evening. He has chosen Mr. Misner of Omaha, and Miss Alice Howell of the University of Nebraska, to be judges for the district competition.

Contestants in the oratorical class for this evening are: Dorothy Green of Wakefield, "The Unknown Speaker"; Byron Johnson of Wausa, "The Call to Arms"; Everett Robins of Sholes, "The Call to Arms," and Genevieve Wright of Wayne, "Grit and What It Will Do."

Dramatic selections will be as follows: Ruth Anderson of Wakefield, "The Last Word"; Mabel Follette of Sholes, "The Man Who Found Christmas"; Annabel Hillier of Winside, "Laddie"; Signe Johnson of Wausa, "The Going of the White Swan"; Mazie Mitchell of Carroll, "Laddie," and Aulda Surber of Wayne, "Mercedes."

The humorous group of readings will be as follows: Frederick Berry of Wayne, "The Abandoned Elopement"; Lillian Erickson of Wakefield, "The Reading Class"; Mabel Lewis of Winside, "A Letter to a Friend"; Alice Robins of Sholes, "Over the Banister"; Vivian Tunberg of Wausa, "Mother Gets Back on the Job," and Frances Whitney of Carroll, "Jane."

Honors will be awarded in each of the three classes and those taking first place in each class will participate in the district contest.

### Silk Sale

\$2.10 Dress Taffeta Silks in black and colors .....	98c
\$2.35 New Printed and Fancy Silks, at .....	\$1.89
\$3.95 Novelty Dress Crepes, plain colors .....	\$2.98
\$2.50 Roshanara Crepes, navy and brown .....	\$1.98
All our Crepe de Chines of superior quality and the wanted soft pastel shades, at .....	\$1.98
75c Plain Sheer Voiles in new bright shades .....	48c

### Extra Special!

\$1.90 French Ratines, novelty plaids at a price that will sell every yard. Choice, per yard.....	59c
\$1.00 Snow Flake Ratines, can go at only .....	29c

No Better Wash Goods Ever Were on the Market.

## Training School footings are laid

June 25, 1925

Excavation work for the new training school at the Wayne State Normal School had been completed and the concrete and gravel footings on which the building is to rest have been laid. Next Monday eight brick layers will start on the walls. Cement, brick and other materials for the new building are arriving every day by the carload.

More than half the students now attending summer school plan to remain for the second six-week term so that with others who will enroll then the number is estimated at about 600. Young women are being assigned rooms in Terrace and Kingsbury Hall for the second term and young men from West Hall are being assigned to East Hall. West Hall is to be torn down after the first six-week term.

Dr. J. T. House has received 100 copies of the deluxe autographed edition of Dr. J. G. Niehardt's epic poem, "The Song

of the Indian Wars." There are 500 copies autographed. The deluxe edition is a beautiful book with illustrations by Allen True, noted for Indian drawings. Members of the Niehardt Club in Wayne and others are securing copies from the ones sent to Dr. House.

Robin Miller of the class of 1923 visited Wayne Wednesday. He just returned from the University of Florida at Gainville, where he attended school this year. He reports that Prof. John Gray who was head of the biology department at the Wayne Normal a couple of years ago is studying at Columbia University this summer and will teach again next year in the Florida university.

Ray K. Immel of the University of Southern California will be here today and Friday on the lecture course. He will read two plays, "The Devil's Disciple" and "Nathan Hale." He is president of the National Association of Teachers of the Spoken Word.

## Club decides to erect monument

July 30, 1925

The Niehardt Club plans to erect in the Bressler Park in Wayne a monument to the achievement of Dr. John G. Niehardt as the epic poet of America, and the laureate of Nebraska and of the prairies. It is planned that the program dedicating the monument will be held at the park Wednesday, August 19, when speakers of note will take part. The Greater Wayne Club, Kiwanis Club, and other citizens of Wayne will be invited to participate in honoring this author who spent his boyhood days in Wayne. The Niehardt Club alone has sufficient funds to erect a modest monument. If other clubs express a desire to assist in the tribute to Dr. Niehardt they may do so. The matter will be presented by Dr. J. T. House to the organizations for consideration.

The Niehardt Club is a national organization and has many enthusiastic members in Nebraska, some of whom will be asked to speak here August 19. Pres. U. S. Conn of the Wayne State Teachers College, will be invited to represent the school which Dr. Niehardt attended years ago. Keene Abbott, dramatic critic for the Omaha World Herald, will be asked to represent the Nebraska Writers Guild of which he was president the past year. Will Owen Jones, editor in chief of the Lincoln State Journal, will be invited to represent the state press association. Chancellor Samuel Avery of the University of Nebraska will be asked to represent the university. Prof. John Blievernicht of Newcastle, first president of the Niehardt Club, will speak for the organization. Governor Adam McMullen will be invited to represent the state which made Dr. Niehardt officially laureate. Dr. Niehardt

### Lowest Excursion Fares in Years

## \$2.25 Round Trip To Omaha

Sunday, July 26, 1925

Excursion tickets good only on Special Train leaving 6:07 a. m. Returning special train will leave Omaha 7:30 p. m.

No reduction for children. No baggage checked.

*A Fine Day's Outing* There is plenty to see and do in Omaha and you may easily arrange a busy day. Bathing, Dancing, Krug Park Amusements.

### Chicago & North Western Line

of Branson, MO., will also be here and will be asked to read some of his poetry. Mrs. Paul Perryman of Broken Bow, president of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs, will be invited to preside at the program and a local speaker will represent Wayne.

Besides the program the day's plans will either include a picnic dinner in the park at noon or a banquet in the evening at the Boyd Hotel. Committees to make arrangements will be stated next week.

The nature of the monument is not yet exactly determined. If the Wayne organizations decide to assist the Niehardt Club a more impressive memorial will be erected. The club appreciates the enthusiasm and courtesy the council showed in allowing the monument to be placed in the park. The more interest taken locally the larger will be the memorial. One side will be inscribed with the following:

To John Gneisenau Niehardt, epic poet, laureate of Nebraska and the prairies, author of "The Song of Hugh Glass," "The Song of the Three Friends" and "The Song of the Indian Wars," this monument is erected in the home of his boyhood by the Niehardt Club and citizens of Wayne as a perpetual reminder of the glory of our country as revealed in the poetry of him who has honored us and whom we honor, August 19, 1925.

The other side of the monument will bear the following lines written by Dr. Niehardt:

"Once in a cycle the comet  
"Doubles its lonesome track  
"Enriched with the tears of a thousand years  
"Aeschylus wanders back  
"Ever inweaving, returning  
"The near grows out of the far  
"And Homer shall sing once more in a swing  
"Of the austere Polar Star."

As is well known Dr. Niehardt spent many years of his boyhood in Wayne. He graduated from the Nebraska Normal College here and it was in this community that he began to write the poetry which has already made him famous in two continents. The monument will be due recognition by his home community.

## FAMILY 1ST DENTAL

"At Family 1st Dental...Your Family Comes First!"



### NEW PATIENTS WELCOME

Call Today To Schedule Your Next Appointment 402-375-2889

1108 W 7th St - Wayne, NE | Dr. Knudsen | [www.ffdwayne.com](http://www.ffdwayne.com)



# — Reflections 1935 —

## Card maneuvers baffle Wayne men

February 7, 1935

Kiwanians were introduced to the mysteries of the "Swedish Snuff Box," the "Four-Ace Trick" and the poker players' sure win when Harry Larson, Wakefield attorney, performed card tricks following luncheon meeting Monday. While his audience closely watched every move, he picked certain cards out of the deck with uncanny precision, pulled them out of pockets, and from up his sleeve to the wonderment of his watchers. Original was the "Swedish Snuff Box" in which he struck the deck as one taps a snuff-box and an extracted card leaped into place among its fellows.

W. R. Ellis introduced Mr. Larson.

Coach Robert Gibb sang "We Hoose Mang the Heather" and "Doona," Scotch and Irish selections, accompanied by Kermit Stewart. Carl E. Wright reported for the road committee, stating that a delegation had gone to Lincoln on Wednesday last week and consulted the state engineer and Senator J. C. McGowan, and Representative Aug. Biermann regarding road projects, receiving encouraging reception.

Fred S. Berry of the education committee instructed a new member, Rev. Fay

Mills, into the responsibilities and privileges of Kiwanis. "Never has there been a time when at least one or two pastors were not members of this club," he stated. "Probably pastors are natural-born Kiwanians, for fundamentally Kiwanis is spiritual in scope."



## Historical play will be enacted

March 21, 1935

"Moor Born," the best play concerning historical characters since "The barrets of Wimpole Street," will be presented Thursday, March 28, at the college under the direction of Miss Florence Drake. The local production promises to be outstand-

ing in characterization of the Bronte family, with whose lives the drama deals.

Charlotte Bronte, author of "Jane Eyre," will be portrayed by Katherine Bacon of Randolph, with the understanding and charm she showed as Nellie Custis Lewis in "Happiness Day" and Lady Anne in "Berkeley Square."

Barbara Hagey of Orchard, high school girl in "Another Beginning" and slave girl Zonula in "The Most Foolish Virgin," will show her ability and versatility as Anne Bronte, timid and youngest sister.

Emily Bronte, child of the moors, strong-willed in all but her love for her brother, will be characterized by Vera KaDell of Norfolk, who portrayed Old Marm in "The Wander Weed."

Barnwell Bronte, brother of the three who has none of their genius, will be played by Ralph Higbee of Meadow Grove. He has been in many plays. The role requires quick changes of mood, sudden flares of temperament and utter despondency, all of which Mr. Higbee portrays wonderfully.

Alvin Giese of Wayne, interprets the part of Reverend Bronte, the father who has faith in his son. Mr. Giese also appeared in several plays, and portrays the role in this exceptionally well.

Cathryn Craven of Wayne, will play the old Scotch maid of the house. The younger

maid is acted by Rose Mary Canfield of Neligh. Royall Barnell, of Wayne, is farm hand. These have also had leads in other college plays.

## World events

September 5, 1935

President Roosevelt has approved additional funds for the completion of Mount Rushmore Memorial in the Black Hills.

Ethiopia deeded rights to half of its territory to Standard oil Company for exploitation by this American and British concern.

Mrs. Harold Ickes, 61, wife of secretary of the interior, was killed in an automobile accident near Sante Fe, N. M., Saturday night.

Will Rogers, in the will written two days before he left for Alaska where he met death, leaves his estate of two and a half to five millions to his wife. At her death the property is to be divided equally among the three children.

John Hamilton, chief machine gunner with the Dillinger Gang, was found slain in Illinois. It is thought Hamilton was fatally wounded April 23 near St. Paul by officers who were on the trail of the gang, dying

See 1935, page 20

## Providence Medical Center Home Health & Hospice

### A Year of Compassionate Care

Providence Medical Center Home Health & Hospice

**3,927 Visits in 2024** – Providing expert, compassionate care where it matters most: at home.

#### Home Health Services

- Skilled Nursing & Therapy
- Medication Management
- Wound Care & Chronic Disease Support
- Personalized Recovery Plans

#### Hospice Care Services

- Pain & Symptom Management
- Emotional & Spiritual Support
- Family & Caregiver Guidance
- Comfort & Dignity in Life's Final Journey

*For over 40 years, Providence Medical Center has been dedicated to serving the Home Health and Hospice community with compassionate, high-quality care.*

## SERVED WITH A

## 527 E 7<sup>TH</sup> ST | WAYNE, NE

Download our APP, get \$2 off.  
\*New users only.



1935

(continued from page 19)

several days later, probably in Chicago. His body was placed in a shallow grave near Oswego.

Queen Astrid of Belgium, 29 years old, was instantly killed last Thursday when the car in which she and King Leopold were riding crashed into a tree near Lucerne, Switzerland. Queen Astrid, of Swedish birth, took oath as queen Feb. 23, 1934, after King Albert fell to his death while mountain climbing. Crown Prince Baudouin, Princess Josephine and a year-old son named for King Albert survive.

## Corn hybrids displayed

November 14, 1935

Corn from the hybrid and variety tests conducted the past summer at the Ernest Peterson farm northeast of Wayne, are on display this week at the State National Bank. Corn displayed is from the more promising of the 35 varieties planted at the Peterson farm in cooperation with the University of Nebraska and United States Department of Agriculture.

Some of the varieties have matured remarkably well considering the distance the seed was moved. Others have not done so well in the climate. The ears on display at the State Bank are not exhibition ears

but are shown for the purpose of information of farmers in selecting seed corn suitable to this country. The seed was planted May 27 with the first killing frost coming early in October. Ears displayed were selected from 15 hills of husked corn for comparison between varieties. Many of the ears are from hybrids.

Corn displayed is as follows: Iowa State College, Iowa 931 hybrid, for commercial purposes; University of Nebraska, Nebraska 362 hybrid, for commercial purposes; University of Nebraska, Nebraska 238 hybrid, for commercial purposes; Sioux City Seed Co., Iowa 3425 hybrid, for commercial purposes; University of Nebraska, Krug variety, widely grown; University of Nebraska, Nebraska 231 hybrid, for experimental purposes; Iowa State College, Iowa 939, commercial hybrid; University of Nebraska, Nebraska 234 hybrid, for experimental purposes; University of Nebraska, Nebraska 360, experimental hybrid; E. P. Svec, Schuyler, Reid hybrid, good variety; C. Y. Livingston, Weeping Water, St. Charles white, good red cob variety; Funk Seed Co., Funk 220 hybrid, commercial variety; University of Nebraska, Nebraska 465 hybrid, experimental hybrid; Henry Field, Iowa, Mule corn, commercial hybrid; Gus Sumnick, Waterloo, hybrid variety; Sioux City Seed Co., Iowa 3425, commercial hybrid.

Seed for the Peterson farm experiment was secured through the university college of agriculture. Foundation seed is seed coming directly from the college of agriculture. It usually consists of single cross, first generation hybrids which may be used for either for the production of commercial hybrid seed or advanced generation hybrid seed stock for producing commercial hybrid seed.

Commercial hybrid seed corn refers to seed produced by growers in natural crossing plats. A natural crossing plat is an isolated plat or field where two or more lines or hybrids are planted alternately, and where but one is allowed to tassel, furnishing pollen for the others.

A "selfed line" is one produced by inbreeding for a series of years. A "single cross" is the result of crossing two selfed lines. "Three-way cross" is the result of crossing a single cross with a selfed line, and a "double cross" is the result of combining two single crosses. The "male par-

ent" is the one used to furnish pollen; "female parent" is the one which is detasseled and from which the hybrid seed is obtained.

Tests show that good hybrids outyield open pollinated varieties from 10 to 15%. If an ordinary variety yields 40 bushels to the acre, a good hybrid might be expected to yield 45 bushels to the acre or more.

We Do Only One Kind of

# CLEANING

And That Is the Best

UNTIL SATURDAY NIGHT WE WILL CLEAN TWO SILK OR RAY-ON DRESSES FOR —

## \$1.50

Free Call and Delivery Service

### JACQUES

Cleaners - Tailors - Dyers - Hatters

Wayne PHONE 463 Nebr.

## — Reflections 1945 —

### Sheriff J. H. Pile passes suddenly

February 1, 1945

Sheriff James H. Pile, nearly 57, son of the late J. M. Pile who founded Wayne State Teachers College in 1891, died Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock at his home here from heart trouble. Sheriff Pile had been ill since October and his condition became serious shortly before Christmas. He suffered a sudden attack early Tuesday.

Funeral rites are planned for Sunday afternoon at 3:30 at the Presbyterian Church with Rev. O. B. Proett and the Beckenhauer mortuary in charge. masonic committal will be conducted at Greenwood Cemetery.

James H. Pile, son of J. M. Pile and Ella J. Meek Pile, was born at Fenton, Mich., April 21, 1888. When he was three years old his parents came to Fremont, the late J. M. Pile to teach in a private normal school. J. M. Pile was invited to Wayne to conduct teachers' institute in 1889 and his services were so well liked that he was invited back in 1890. At that time Wayne business men cooperated with Mr. Pile in establishing a normal school which was incorporated here in 1891. The college developed under his able guidance and the institution was sold to the state in 1910.

Deceased, who came to Wayne with his parents in 1891, was graduated from the training school and attended the college. He was in the University of Nebraska in Lincoln in 1907-08, and returned to teach in his father's school in 1909-10. Mr. Pile was employed with the Barrett & Daley Hardware in Wayne afterward.

Mr. Pile enlisted in June, 1916, and was first stationed on the Mexican border.

After returning, he served as guard at the Missouri River Bridge at Sioux City. When the First World War broke out, Mr. Pile was sent to Deming, N. M., where he was with the 134th Infantry. While there he attained the rank of captain. The officer later was with the 127th Field Artillery in the 34th Division at Camp Llano Grande, Tex., and Fort Sill, Okla. He received his honorable discharge in November, 1918.

After returning to Wayne, Mr. Pile was employed in the hardware store here about 18 years, first with the Carhart company and later with L. W. McNatt. He was also with the late H. H. Hachmeier a year.

In 1931 deceased was chosen to serve as Wayne postmaster to fill the unexpired term of the late Grant Mears. He was elected sheriff in 1934 and had served in that capacity since.

Sheriff Pile was a member of the Nebraska Sheriffs' and Peace Officers' Association. He was also active in the Masonic Lodge and American Legion. He attended the Presbyterian Church. He had assisted in Boy Scout work, was a volunteer fireman and belonged to the recently organized chapter of War Dads.

Sheriff Pile married Miss Rhea Chaney of Dallas, Tex., at El Paso, Tex., December 23, 1917. Besides his wife, he leaves five daughters and three sons, Mary Ella, now Mrs. R. E. Romberg of Rochester, N. Y., who has been here a couple of months; Ensign James M. Pile with the Naval Air Corps. reserve at Pensacola, Fla., who expects to arrive Friday; Elizabeth Ann who is with the FSA office in Lincoln and who came Tuesday; Jessie Lou, Helen, Eugene, Fredericka (Tootie) and Robert.

See 1945, page 21

YOUR NEXT SKID STEER IS HERE!



GET 3.99% FOR 48 MONTHS\* USED JOHN DEERE SKID STEERS

PARTNER UP

Grossenburg.com

Get more muscle for your money at Grossenburg with great low-rate financing on the used equipment you need to succeed! Stop by in-store or shop online to complete your fleet for less today.

Winner, SD 605-842-2040	Pierre, SD 605-224-1631	Philip, SD 605-859-2636
Belle Fourche, SD 605-892-2621	Beresford, SD 605-763-5020	Bloomfield, NE 402-373-4449
Hartington, NE 402-254-3908	Wayne, NE 402-375-3325	Sundance, WY 307-283-2971

\*Based on approved credit and 30% down payment required, offer ends 2/28/2025.



GROSSENBURG  
IMPLEMENT INCORPORATED



1945

(continued from page 20)

The grandchildren are Mary Beth and Patty Romberg. Pvt. Romberg, the son-in-law, is stationed at Fort Riley, Kan., and may come for the funeral. Sheriff Pile also leaves one brother, Fred, and a sister, Mrs.

Helen Newton, both of Rochester, N. Y. Both are unable to come.

Paul Hunton of Omaha, a cousin of the deceased, and Mrs. John Larabee of Chicago, and Mrs. Don C. Lamb of Ardmore, Okla., sisters of Mrs. Pile, will be

here. Mrs. Larabee came Wednesday. Miss Anna Meek and Miss Kate Meek of San Marino, Cal., aunts of deceased, may come. A number of state and county officials, Legionnaires and Masons plan to attend the rites.

## Co-Pilot is safe, messages state

May 24, 1945

Lt. Vernie R. Brockman, 28, in a German prison camp since April, 1944, cabled to his wife in Wayne this message, "Am well and fit; hope to see you soon." The word came Tuesday morning. Mrs. Brockman had received a telegram through the Red Cross Monday notifying her of the safety of her husband. Lt. Brockman had been in Stalag Luft 1. It is expected that he is in England and will be home in a few days.

Lt. Brockman, co-pilot on a B-24 based in England, had gone down over Germany April 8, 1944, after about eight missions. A buddy of the Wayne flier wrote Mrs. Brockman to tell her that the ship in which the Wayne officer flew was seen leaving the formation and the plane seemed to be in a controlled glide. Later Mrs. Brockman had word that her husband was a prisoner of the Germans.

Lt. Brockman enlisted May 18, 1942, and first trained at Camp Crowder, Mo. He earned his wings and commission October 1, 1943, at Columbus, Miss. The officer went to England in February, 1944.

Mrs. Brockman, the former Eva Ream, has been making her home in Wayne while her husband has been overseas.



## — Reflections 1955 —

### Cornhusker Caravan features 'better crops - more profits'

January 27, 1955

"Better Crops - More Profits" is the theme of the agronomy portion of the Cornhusker Caravan - large agricultural exhibit to visit Wayne city auditorium.

The crops section of the caravan will highlight irrigation, crop drying, insects, diverted acres, pasture management and grain sorghums and soybeans.

Accompanying the traveling exhibit to visit with farmers, ranchers and urban folk will be agricultural extension specialists. For example, farmers interested in irrigation will have an opportunity to



inspect irrigation equipment and discuss their management problems on a personal basis with an irrigation specialist. There will be no formal speeches.

This same arrangement exists for the other four sections of the caravan - solving livestock problems, 4-H and young men and women organizations, student opportunities at the college of agriculture and a home economics planned storage unit.

Within the agronomy unit, the panel on sorghums and soybeans promises to hold much interest. Sorghum acreage increased from 182,00 acres in 1953 to 260,000 acres in 1954. Average yield of 29 bushels per acre was 13 bushels higher than the previous year and was the highest on record. Agronomists contribute much of the increase to a more favorable year with a late fall for maturity.

Many farmers are showing an interest in grain sorghums as a replacement feed crop for corn and wheat. During the past year, grain sorghum yields compared favorable with corn, made better use of available moisture and was not as severely damaged by periods of drought.

Farmers worrying about those "diverted acres" will want to visit with specialists at this exhibit. The latest information concerning grasses, legumes, soybeans and

sorghums will be discussed. As compared with corn and wheat, the production of these crops demands better weed control, more thorough seed bed preparation and more critical planting dates.

For instance, extension agronomists will point out that both grain sorghum and soybeans need to be planted in warm soil for quick emergence. The planting of these crops at an earlier date may result in the seed rotting and also permits weeds to make a faster growth than the sorghum or soybeans.

For those interested in grass land farming or fitting pasture into a rotation, the pasture management section of the agronomy exhibit features the latest information at the college of agriculture. Specialists will help livestock men figure pasture and foliage needed during the year and which of the grasses and legumes are best suited to their soil and their particular livestock program.

In the crop storage section of the agronomy exhibit will see a model corn crib with its exterior made of clear plastic. This permits the viewer to see the method of construction and the arrangement for drying of either shelled or eared corn.

Sample building plans will be on display at this panel for farmers to inspect. These

plans of nearly every building found on the farm can be had by writing the number and the name of the plan on your registration card and leaving it with County Agent Harold Ingalls.

The agricultural engineers stress the need for having plenty of storage space for early harvest and storage drying equipment. The normal harvest loss at the earliest safe cribbing time is about three percent without drying facilities. Experiments have shown that losses increase at the rate of three percent per week during the next four weeks of harvest.

With corn borer damage in Nebraska estimated at \$28 million, the panel on insect control promises to be a most popular one. Not only will control of the European corn borer be featured and discussed by an entomologist but other troublesome insects such as the corn rootworm will also be a topic of discussion when farmers visit this panel. In one south-central Nebraska county last year the corn borer damage was estimated at \$254,000.

Latest information from the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture concerning the use of many insecticides will be available for the asking. Although the

**See 1955, page 22**

## LOWER ELKHORN

### Natural Resources District

*Protecting Lives, Protecting Property, Protecting the Future*



#### Education



#### Forestry



#### Recreation



#### Soil



#### Water



#### Wildlife



*The LENRD is Proud of its Major Accomplishments in Preserving Northeast Nebraska's Natural Resources Over the Past 45 Years.*

#### Helping The Public With:

Conservation Tree & Forestry Programs  
Free Nitrate Testing for Irrigation Wells

#### Outdoor Classrooms for Schools

Wildlife Habitat Cost-Share Assistance  
Groundwater Quality Management

#### Outdoor Recreation Facilities

Protection with Flood Control Levees  
No-till Incentive Programs

From the largest city to the most remote Sandhills ranch, you're never far from a public outdoor recreation area. Many of these area were provided by Natural Resources Districts. Dams that are build for flood control to protect towns often develop into recreational areas, providing lakes, trails, wildlife areas for hunting, and much more!

We have programs to fit both urban and rural life-styles.

Contact your local NRD for more information on preserving Nebraska's precious natural resources.

[www.lenrd.org](http://www.lenrd.org)

(402) 371-7313

[lenrd@lenrd.org](mailto:lenrd@lenrd.org)

1508 Square Turn Boulevard Norfolk, NE 68701



# — Reflections 1965 —

## Surfacing of airport runway approved

February 11, 1965

The city council of Wayne formally approved an airport runway surfacing project application and an agency agreement at the Tuesday night meeting. Notice to bidders will be published at once, bids let in March and construction started as soon as possible.

Calling for a runway of bituminous mat 2900 feet long on the present northeast to southwest runway, the project would cost an estimated \$66,000. Of this, the federal government will pay \$30,000 or \$33,000, the state would pay \$15,000 and the city would pay the rest.

Wayne has the money on hand to pay its share of the costs. A mail levy had been set up earlier to help cover the financing.

The city's lighted airport has been in use for several years. Surfacing of a runway has been considered ever since the lights had been put in and state and federal agencies have been contacted regarding the project and have approved the plans and cost-sharing.

On-street parking was the other major item to come before the council at the Tuesday session. The council ordered

signs erected in two areas to allow limited or no parking.

One resolution calls for no parking at any time on the south side of Fifth Street between Lincoln and Douglas Streets. This is a residential area with many driveways south of Redeemer Lutheran Church where parked cars have consistently blocked one or more driveways.

In an area near the college signs calling for no parking midnight to 5 a.m. will be put up. Other blocks in the general area already have such signs. The new restricted parking area will be on the south side of Ninth Street between Windom Street and Walnut Street (not to be confused with Walnut Drive).



**One building destroyed, two damaged in blaze**

April 8, 1965

The first fire in months in a Wayne structure gutted the Liveringhouse Trucking Service building Friday night and damaged two adjoining buildings, the city power plant and the Marra Home Improvement company building. Two trucks from Winside and two from Wakefield joined the entire local fire department and their four trucks to fight the blaze.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Liveringhouse, owners of the destroyed building, said the fire had apparently started in a short in ceiling wire. A mechanic in their shop, Don Nelson, was working in the shop when he noticed particles of fire falling from the ceiling about 8:30.

Liveringhouse said the building was just a shell after the roof caved in. He said

**See 1965, page 23**

## 1955

**(continued from page 21)**

use of insecticides is one of the most valuable tools in controlling many insects, the other control measures are important and should figure in the overall control program, entomologists point out.



ers injured.

Mrs. Luschen was caring for her niece and two nephews when the storm hit. They all took refuge in the storm cave and escaped injury.

The children, Kathy Ann, Gordon and Kenneth Jorgensen, were staying at the farm while their parents were in town.

The Mark Stringer farm, two and a half miles east of Wayne, was next to feel the strength of the wind. Mark Jr., 14, was getting in the cows when he saw the black funnel approaching. He laid down in the field and was not injured.

As it passed through farm buildings, the wind damaged a corn crib roof, wrecked a windmill, blew down fences and feed racks, broke windows in the barn and outbuildings and broke trees.

As it crossed the Harris Sorensen farm the tornado damaged a windmill and went on to the Leland Herman farm where it riddled trees and damaged a cattle shed and other buildings.

Heavy rains followed in the wake of the wind, ranging up to two inches in spots.

Early Friday morning friends and neighbors arrived at the damaged farms and started clean-up work and moving livestock to better barns and pens. By the weekend most of the debris had been cleaned up.

## Tornado damages five farms in Thursday evening's storm

June 2, 1955

The season's first tornado damaged several farms south and east of Wayne last Thursday, but injured no one.

Striking about 5:30 p.m. the twister first hit the Elmer Harrison farm operated by LeRoy Grimm three and a half miles southeast of Wayne, then went to the Herman Luschen place a mile northeast.

After damaging buildings there it continued its northeast path through the Mark Stringer, Harris Sorensen and Leland Herman farms northeast of Wayne.

At the Grimm farm a garage was lifted from two cars and demolished without damage to the cars. Also destroyed were a brooder house, chicken house, machine shed and granary along with a porch and part of the roof.

Mrs. Grimm was in the house and her husband and son, Vern, were in the barn when the storm struck.

Trees in the grove were topped and broken branches strewn about the place.

At the Luschen farm the house was damaged and windows blown out. A machine shed, garage, chicken house and hog house were destroyed. The roof on the barn was damaged and several pieces of wood were blown into the side of the building. A hog was killed and several oth-

## Board approves new dormitory at WSC

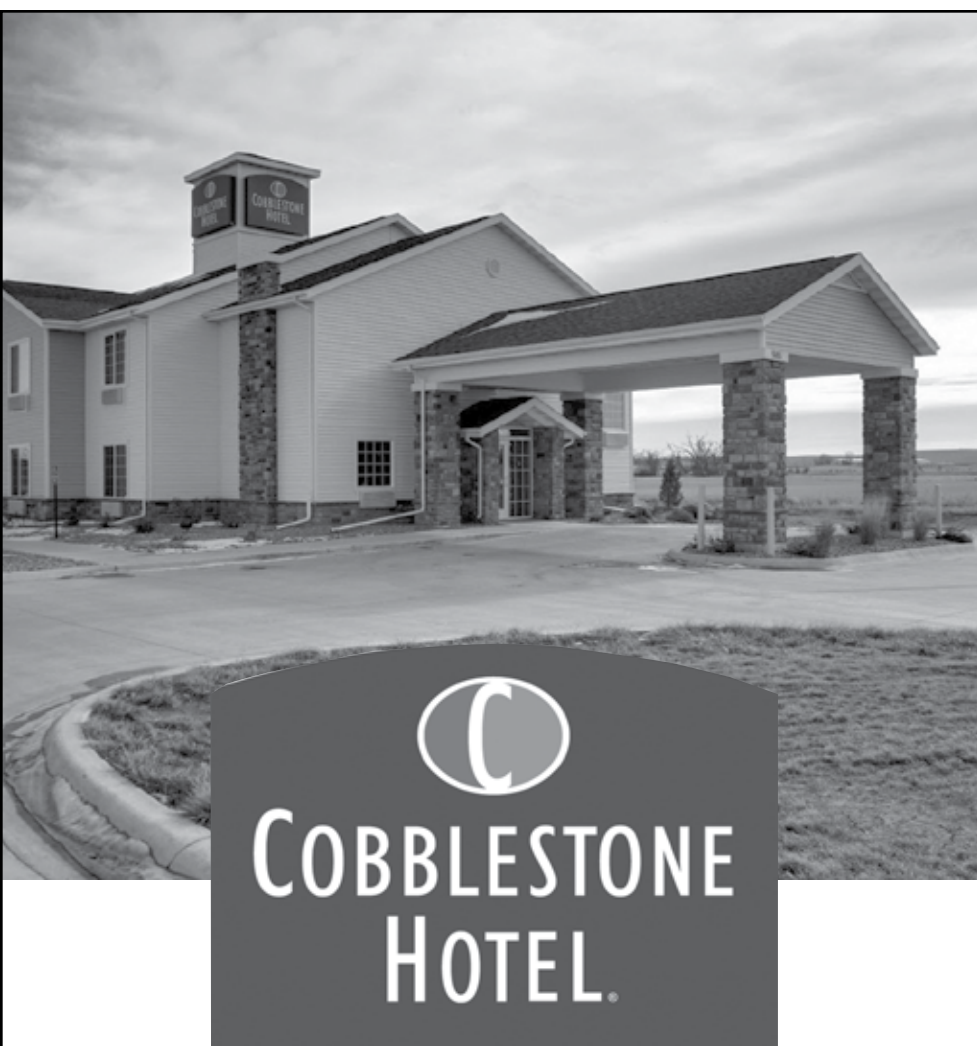
October 27, 1955

Approval of a new residence hall on the WSTC campus was made by the State Normal Board at a meeting in Lincoln Friday.

The new hall, which will be of the same general size and style as present dormitories, will be planned to accommodate either men or women as the need arises, President John D. Rice said.

Location of the new structure has not been decided, but prospective sites include the area east of Pile Hall and the plot north of Neihardt Hall.

The board instructed architects to prepare detailed specifications for the auditorium-gymnasium so bids for that building can be let shortly after the first of the year.



**staycobblestone.com • 402-833-1300**  
**505 Tomar Dr • Wayne, NE**



# 1965

(continued from page 22)

in addition to the total loss of the building he also lost a diesel truck, 30 tires, mechanical equipment, tools, office equipment, files and all the company's records. He estimated his loss at \$30,000 with insurance on the building and truck but not the other items.

Firemen fought to keep the blaze from spreading to the light plant and the Marra building. A substation at the power plant did suffer some damage and Marra's structure was damaged but the firemen did manage to confine the major damage to the one building.

It was around 2 a.m. before fire equipment was finally returned to the fire station. However, firemen remained all night to see that the fire did not break out again and other structures were not endangered.

Liveringhouse said he operates 12 trucks out of Wayne with four of them being in the shop at the time of the blaze. Firemen and volunteers managed to get three trucks outside during the fire.

He said he will continue doing business and is working on a plan for a new building to replace the one destroyed. At this time he is not sure whether he will build at the same site or in a new location.

Praise was given firemen for the work they did. One qualification was the fact

that Liveringhouse was not notified of the fire until the well after the blaze had been noticed. He felt that had he been called he could have saved much of the equipment and records in the front of the building.

Wilmer Marra said, "The firemen did a marvelous job. I know their first job was to protect the power plant but they did more than what we thought was humanly possible to save our place too." He said insulation helped prevent the fire from dropping down from the ceiling into the shop.

Marra Home Improvement suffered a \$14,000 loss, mostly covered by insurance. Damage was from smoke and water to the contents and fire, smoke and water damage to the building.

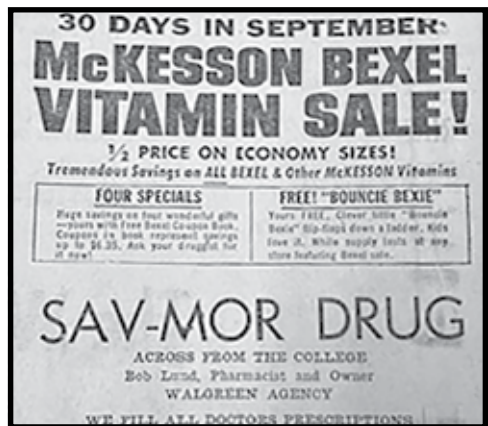
He said the ceiling and roof of the building were damaged and contents consisting of siding, roofing, insulation and other building materials were lost to some extent. He and his wife were out of town at the time of the fire.

The municipal power plant had damage to a substation which was serving water pumps, the WSC campus and the entire north part of town. Some electric service was out in the area of the fire for 15 minutes or so but Norbert Brugger and other city light power plant employees made switches which restored service quickly.

It was necessary to tear out part of the

ceiling in the shop at the plant to get to the fire and put it out. That damage and the damage from smoke, heat and water brought the city's damage bill to about \$2,500.

Ivan Beeks said a record fireless period was ended by the blaze. He believes Wayne could have a record for a city this size for no fixed property fires. The last fire the department had previously was a car fire on the WSC campus.



## Bid time nears, board may start condemnation actions

September 9, 1965

With the advertising for bids on construction of a new high school less than 30 days away, the District 17 School Board has passed a resolution authorizing condemnation proceedings on land needed by the district.

Meeting Tuesday night, the board learned the architect's final plans and specifications for the new school will be shown within a month and bids can then be asked. There have been no major changes made for weeks and the only minor changes are on landscaping due to existing geodetic markers and on some electrical outlet locations. Alternate plans are being prepared for the bid-letting.

Unless negotiations are completed immediately, the board adopted a resolution to go ahead with condemnation action to obtain the Rohrke property. This land adjoins present school land and land acquired from the Kemps.

Basketball fans will be interested in arrangements for the 1965-66 schedule. WSC has arranged its schedule so that almost all home WHS games can be played in Rice Auditorium. Fans will pay more to get in, however, as the admission prices for all WHS athletic events have been raised to a dollar for adults and 50 cents for students in line with other schools. Student activity tickets cut admission cost in half.

# — Reflections 1975 —

## Commissioners give nod to county-wide law program

March 20, 1975

Wayne County took its first official step toward county-wide law enforcement Tuesday when the commissioners voted 3-0 to go ahead with it if federal funds are available.

The commissioners voted in favor of a county-wide setup after hearing representatives from three towns in the county say they were in favor of it.

Represented at the meeting were Hoskins, Winside, and Carroll.

"We're ready for it," commented Vernon Hill, board member at Winside.

County-wide law enforcement has been in the wind in Wayne County for about the past two years, according to officials, but Tuesday's action is the first concrete step toward putting it into effect.

If the county and three communities go ahead, each town would pay \$9 per resident per year to help finance it. The cost of the program above the contributions of the communities could be financed 75% with federal funds, according to Steve Martin, director of the Mid Elkhorn Valley Council of Governments.

Martin told the commissioners and the

eight representatives of the three communities that there would be little difficulty in getting the program federally financed the first year and possibly after that.

He said it was "almost automatic" that funding would continue beyond the first year.

However, County Sheriff Don "Butch" Weible said obtaining federal funding through the state crime commission for the first year is not as easy as it may sound. He also noted that funding might not be available beyond that first year, forcing the county and the communities to finance the program by themselves if funding is not available.


Weible, who has held meetings with representatives of area communities on the subject of county-wide law enforcement in the past couple of years, said he was in favor of it.

"I think it's the coming thing," he noted.

Weible pointed to Kearney County as having a county-wide law enforcement program that seems to be working efficiently.







Kearney County, slightly larger than Wayne County but with a smaller population, has four men working under the sheriff in policing the county and five towns. Not involved in the program is Minden, the county seat, according to Weible. The

See 1975, page 24




## A Year of Impact & Care

At Providence Medical Center, we are proud to reflect on a year dedicated to providing compassionate, high-quality healthcare in the **Spirit of Christ**. Our commitment to excellence is reflected in the thousands of patients we've served across our many departments.

 Laboratory Test 26,502	 Emergency Room Visits 2,582	 Therapy Visits 12,681	 Ambulance Response/Transfers 548
 Outpatient Appointments 18,397	 Operating Room Procedures 730	 Radiology Visits 6,460	 Home Health & Hospice Visits 6,460

Behind every number is a **patient, a family, a life impacted**. We extend our deepest gratitude to our dedicated healthcare teams and our community for trusting us with your care.



As we enter 2025, our mission remains the same:  
**Providing Quality Healthcare in the Spirit of Christ.**

1200 Providence Road | Wayne, NE 68787 | 402-375-3800



# 1975

(continued from page 23)

program in Kearney County has been in effect for about the past two and a half years.

Although total cost of such a program in Wayne County was not detailed in the meeting, cost to the individual towns apparently would be based on their populations as of the 1970 census.

Winside would pay \$4,077, Hoskins \$2,439 and Carroll \$2,115 each year based on their populations of 453, 271 and 235 as of 1970, according to county clerk Norris Weible.

Each community is now expected to sign an inter-local agreement committing them to participating in a county-wide law enforcement program, according to Martin. Then federal funds can be applied for which would help finance the cost of the program above what the communities would contribute to it individually, he said.

## Visitors tour airport

October 23, 1975

About 300 Wayne-area residents took time Sunday afternoon to visit the Wayne Municipal Airport and view aircraft displays.

The open house event was sponsored by the city airport authority and airport manager Al Robinson, to provide interest in general aviation. October was proclaimed General Aviation Month in Nebraska by Gov. J. J. Exon.

Robinson said about 30 aircraft were on display for the event. The machines included two Bell helicopters, five home-built experimental airplanes, twin-engine



executive models and a host of conventional modern light airplanes, most of which are used for business and transportation purposes by fliers in northeast Nebraska.

A special exhibit was an N3N biplane, used by the U.S. Navy as a trainer at the start of World War II. The antique aircraft is owned by Jim Battern, a flying friend of Robinson, hailing from Port Byron, Ill.

Although plane rides weren't included in the official open house plans, Battern did provide a few impromptu sorties for fliers who showed a special interest in the biplane.

Included was Keith Wickett of Laurel, a veteran World War II Navy pilot who trained in one of the venerable open-cockpit aircraft.

According to Battern, Wickett hadn't

lost his touch on the N3N controls. "Keith gave me the ride," Battern explained. "It was fun watching someone go back 30 years."

While crowds showed interest in the novel aircraft, the main purpose of the show was to promote interest in the everyday flying undertaken by local private pilots as part of their business and Robinson said visitors were interested in that aspect of flying.

Ten of the aircraft displayed belong

to pilots using the Wayne airport as a home base and a majority of the remainder were flown in from other airports in northeast Nebraska, including Pender and South Sioux City.

Owners were present to answer questions about their aircraft and how they use them. In addition, a film about general aviation was shown in a hangar.

"It was a pretty fun day," Robinson said. "We were trying to stir up some interest in flying, and I think we were successful."

## — Reflections 1985 —

### Four Wayne State students will study in Denmark

January 17, 1985

Four Wayne State College students are about to begin what could be the most unusual, yet exciting, semester of their college careers.

The students will spend the spring 1985 semester earning 12 hours of credit at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark as a part of the Danish International Study (DIS) program.

The four are Diane Kuhl, Newcastle; Lisa Fish, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Shari Dyer, Omaha; and Shane Prill, Stuart.

They will leave Jan. 20 and will fly from Omaha to Copenhagen via Chicago. The 12 credit hours each student will earn will transfer back to Wayne State. Dyer will study a liberal arts program at the University of Copenhagen, while the other three will study business.



This is the sixth year Wayne State has participated in the DIS program, according to WSC Director of International Education Chuck Kay.

Kuhl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kuhl of Newcastle. She is a junior and a member of the Wayne State Marketing Club, Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity and the WSC marching band.

Prill is the son of Robert and Brenda Prill of Stuart. He is a senior studying business administration with a finance concentration and is a member of College Republicans.

Dyer is the daughter of Elaine M. Dyer of Omaha. She is a junior working on a double major of art and business administration with a marketing concentration.

Fish is the daughter of Evelyn Fish of Council Bluffs, Iowa. She is a junior majoring in business administration and fashion merchandising. A graduate of Plainview High School, she is vice president of the Wayne State Marketing Club.

During their stay in Copenhagen, the four WSC students will live with families. The three students studying business will also travel beyond the Iron Curtain to East Berlin and Poland.

The Wayne State students are scheduled to arrive back in the United States May 30.

### 'Mac' calls it quits after 31 years

August 15, 1985

When the 1985 school year begins at Wayne-Carroll later this month, a familiar face will be missing.

After 31 years of teaching and coaching in the Wayne school system, Harold "Mac" Maciejewski has decided to retire.



leonardmcd.com



LEONARD  
MANAGEMENT

**Proud to serve  
the Wayne Community.**

**Find our locally owned and operated  
restaurants in Wayne + Norfolk.**

**Wayne - 617 Tomar Dr.  
Norfolk - 813 S 13th St.  
1205 Riverside Blvd.**



# — Reflections 2005 —

## Peterson to accept publisher position

February 24, 2005

Kevin Peterson of Plattsmouth has accepted the publisher's position at the Wayne Herald in Wayne.

Peterson has previously served as sports editor and general manager of the Herald before accepting the publisher's position at the Plattsmouth Journal in July of 2003.

"For our family, this is a great move as we know the town and the area. When I came to Plattsmouth in 2003, it was

for a variety of reasons, including being publisher. Now I am coming back to a solid establishment with an office full of capable professionals," Peterson said. "I feel the Wayne Herald is one of the best newspapers in northeast Nebraska."

Peterson will begin his duties on March 21.

He and his wife, Shannon, have two children, Brittney, 11, and Jared, 9.

## Sok to be honored guest of Japanese government

May 12, 2005

This June, Paul Sok of Winside will depart for Tokyo as a participant in the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund (JFMF) Teacher Program. Sok, from Winside Public, was selected from a national pool of over 2,500 applicants by a panel of educators to earn this honor. This program allows distinguished primary and secondary school educators in the U.S. to travel to Japan for



three weeks in an effort to promote greater intercultural understandings between two nations.

Sok will be among 200 educators visiting Japan in June. They will begin their visit in Tokyo with a practical orientation on Japanese life and culture and meetings with Japanese government officials and educators. They then will travel in groups of 20 to selected host cities outside of Tokyo where they will have

See 2005, page 26

## 1985

(continued from page 24)

Although it may seem strange not having Mac directly associated with Wayne-Carroll athletics this year, retirement is all that's left for the 65-year-old because since his teaching/coaching career began in the 1940s, he has accomplished almost every goal men of similar positions would desire.

Mac's teaching/coaching career all started in Arkansas after he graduated from Henderson State College in Arkadelphia, Ark. in 1942.

He was a member of the 648th



Topographical Battalion in Australia and the Philippine Islands during World War II from 1942-45. During his stay in the Philippines, he was scheduling chairman for 18 football teams that played in Manila and he also coached one squad there.

As a high school football player, he was recruited by Henderson State to play football and received a scholarship to attend the teacher's college. His college career was so successful that he returned to his hometown, Loup City, to train for a tryout with the Los Angeles Rams.

It was during this training period that Mac decided to teach in the Loup City school system.

"I still wonder how I would've done with the Rams. I was 5-10 and 210 pounds and back then that was big enough to play pro ball. But the job opened up at Loup

City and I thought it would be fun and challenging to teach at the same place I went to school so I took the job," Mac explained.

Mac's teaching duties at Loup City were English and Social Studies, but he was also named football, basketball and track coach.

And it didn't take him long to turn Loup City athletics into a respected program. In addition to directing a successful football team, Mac guided Loup City to the state basketball tournament his first year as the school's mentor in 1949.

After six years and a lofty 39-15 basketball record at Loup City, he decided to take an insurance job. However, it was during his brief insurance career that he decided to get back into teaching and took the job at Wayne.

"I was working with New York Life Insurance but decided to get back into teaching. When I took the job at Wayne I just loaded the car up with my belongings and drove here without even visiting first," Mac said.

But he obviously liked what he saw as his career at Wayne spanned more than three decades.

Mac's first year at Wayne was during the 1953-54 basketball campaign. As he did at Loup City, he quickly became a success at Wayne by ending his first year as cage coach with a 14-6 record, a co-championship of the West Division of the Husker Conference and a district title.

District championships came easy for Mac. Basketball teams he guided qualified for the state tournament each year from 1954 through 1960, but the squad that went the farthest was his 1956 state champions.

The '56 title didn't come easy. After stopping Loup City 65-50 in the semifinals, Wayne had to overcome a halftime deficit and by outscoring Hebron 19-11 in the third quarter pulled out a 61-56 victory.

"That '56 title is one of the most memorable moments of my coaching career," Mac said as he reflected back to the 1956 Blue Devil season. "All those years of quali-

fying for state was great but beating Loup City and winning it all was just fantastic."

Mac continued to enjoy more success after the '56 season. In 1959, Wayne's football team finished the year 6-1 and won the Husker Conference championship. And after his 1961-62 basketball team finished 16-1, he directed the 1963-64 Blue Devil cagers to a 15-6 mark and another berth to the state tournament.

Over the 37 years as coach, Mac finished with a 285-96 win-loss record in basketball and a 76-7-44 football mark. But perhaps his most impressive statistic as coach is his .760 winning percentage while coaching Wayne High basketball.

But winning ball games wasn't the only achievement that Mac accomplished. In 1956, he was named Siouland Coach of the Year, in 1980 he won the Nebraska Athletic Directors Outstanding Service Award and in 1982 he received the Wayne Blue Devil Booster award in appreciation for 29 years of service to athletes and students of Wayne-Carroll schools.

Even during his last few years he remained very active in Wayne athletics and in 1985, he steered Wayne's golf team to the Class B state championship and won Nebraska's Athletic Director of the Year award in 1984.

After nearly 40 years of coaching everything from cross country to basketball and teaching different subjects from physical education to social studies, Mac admits he's ready for retirement.

"I've been teaching and coaching for a long time and I'm kind of looking forward to taking it easy," he said. "I really haven't made any specific plans, but I do plan on playing a lot of golf. I'm still healthy and that's good because I'm looking forward to retirement."

# SHARP

CONSTRUCTION

**Residential Construction,  
Remodels & Additions,  
Light Commercial Construction,  
Custom Homes & Drafting**

**Nick Hochstein • Owner  
208 Logan St. • Wayne, NE  
402-369-0220  
www.sharp-construction.com**



# STATE NATIONAL

INSURANCE COMPANY

**BRIAN BOWERS & MARY JENKINS**  
1010 N Main Street | Suite 110 | Wayne, NE  
402-375-4888



# AUTO ANATOMY

alternatives LLC

**Painting - Bodywork  
Glass Repair &  
Replacement  
Frame & Unibody  
Straightening**

**1320 W. 7th Street | Wayne, NE 68787 | 402-833-1117**



## 2005

(continued from page 25)

direct contact with Japanese teachers and students during visits to primary and secondary schools as well as a teachers' college. They will also visit culture sites and local industries in addition to a brief homestay with a Japanese family.

The Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund, based in Tokyo, oversees all aspects of the Teacher Program. The program is sponsored by the government of Japan and was launched in 1997 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the U.S. government Fulbright Program, which has enabled more than 6,000 Japanese citizens to study in the U.S. on Fulbright fellowships for graduate education and research. The Institute for International Education acts as the agency for the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund to coordinate the recruitment and pre-departure activities of the Teacher Program in the United States.

Six hundred educators from all 50 states and the District of Columbia will be invited to visit Japan in June, October and November of 2005 (200 in each group). To date, more than 4,600 primary and secondary educators visited Japan through the JFMF Teacher Program. Upon their return, program participants share what they have learned about Japan with their students and communities through a variety of outreach projects.

Primary and secondary school educators throughout the United States can apply to take part in one of the three trips to Japan scheduled for 2006, as guests of the Japanese government. Teachers of all disciplines, including art, physical education, English, ESL, history, geography, math, science, and special education, from every region of the United States, are encouraged to apply. Applicants are not required to have previous knowledge of the Japanese or Japan.

## Israel trip is insightful

September 1, 2005

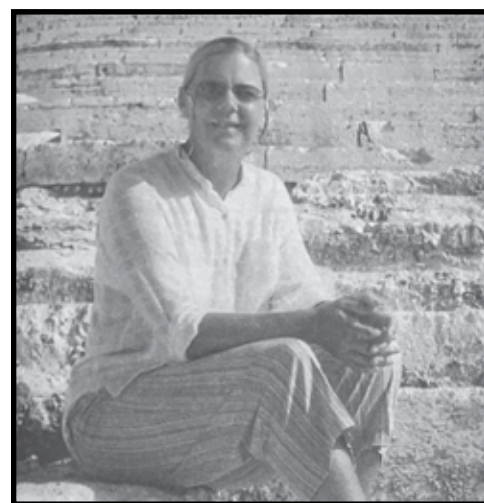
Early this year Nancy Endicott read an announcement in her church bulletin about an archeological dig to Israel

planned for this summer and thought it might be something she would be interested in.

"After that, I read an article in the 'Lutheran Witness' about the work done by this same group last year and decided to get more information," Nancy said.

Endicott then made plans to be part of the trip which was led by Dr. Mark Schuler, a professor and Doctor of Theology at Concordia University in St. Paul, Minn.

Dr. Schuler led this, his fourth group of volunteers, to Hippos, Israel, which is located near the sea of Galilee. Those involved in this year's dig included college students from St. Paul, graduate students from Hawaii and North Dakota, a soil scientist from Moorhead, Minn., a retired



Air Force meteorologist from Illinois and Nancy Endicott, a grocery store owner from Wayne.

Due to airline difficulties, Mrs. Endicott was unable to travel with the rest of the group, but instead, arrived on July 5.

"We stayed at Kibbutz En Gev, which is something like a small college campus. It consists of room for about 100 people in a communal living arrangement. The facilities were fairly modern and all public buildings had air-conditioning," she said.

The group was involved with digging to uncover a church that had been built during the Byzantine era (approximately 300-400 A.D.). The church may have been used as a monastery or a holy place with

women in charge before an earthquake hit the area in 749 A.D.

"We went to the dig site Sunday through Thursday as in Israel, Friday and Saturday are part of the Sabbath. The majority of the people in the area are Jewish and lots of people are dressed in traditional Orthodox Jewish clothing," Mrs. Endicott said.

She said that the people were glad to have them there and for the most part, had no language problems. She did note there are different terms for certain items and everything in stores and other places was written in Hebrew.

"There were a lot of things that were the same. For example, we saw Quaker Granola Bars, Skippy Peanut Butter and Sure Deodorant," Endicott said. She noted that prices were relatively competitive and as a store owner, it was interesting to see the merchandise available in the stores.

During her trip, Endicott and her group visited Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

"Even though we had to go through check points on our way to these places, I never felt threatened anywhere. While visiting these places, we were encouraged to wear moderate clothing and be considerate of the customs of the places we visited," she said.

While digging, Mrs. Endicott found a nearly complete small oil lamp and another member of her group found a black medallion rimmed in gold.

"We were told that this medallion was worn to ward off stomach ailments. It was the first time gold was found in this area in the four years of digging," she said.

Food during her stay in Israel was 'very different.'

"We had no pork while we were there and the main meal was served at noon. We were served lots of vegetables in different ways. At every meal we had a mixture of cucumbers and tomatoes. For breakfast, we had food such as fried onions, olives, hard boiled eggs, bread and fruit. Supper was cold cereal, eggs, soup, bread and cheese and more like our breakfast," she said.

Although Endicott said it was difficult being away from home for four weeks, "it was a very worthwhile trip."

## Dr. Lyle E. Seymour, WSC President Emeritus, dies at 83

December 8, 2005

Memorial services will be held in Wayne next spring for Dr. Lyle E. Seymour, Wayne



State president emeritus. Seymour, 83, died Dec. 2 in Chicago, where he had undergone two surgeries following a heart attack last month.

A family funeral service was held Tuesday, Dec. 6 in Grayslake, Ill., home of Seymour's daughter Pamela Johnson. Cremation will follow. A public memorial service will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Wayne next spring, on May 26, 2006. Burial will be in Wayne.

A majority of Seymour's life was intertwined with Wayne State College. After moving to Wayne with his family as a young boy, he graduated from Wayne High School and attended Wayne State College for two years before receiving a bachelor of science degree from Iowa State University. He then attended the University of South Dakota where he earned a Ph.D. in biochemistry. During World War II, he served as a bomber pilot in England for the U.S. Air Force.

Seymour joined the Wayne State faculty as a chemistry instructor in 1953. In 1961 he became chairman of the division of mathematics and science, and in 1967 was appointed dean of faculties. He served as interim president from March 1, 1973 to April 5, 1974 and served as president from 1974 to 1982.

Among all administrators of Wayne State, Seymour is unique in one respect. Not only had he been a teacher in the school he now headed, but he had also been a student there. In March 1982 Seymour announced his retirement, and later that summer became the executive secretary of the Wayne State Foundation, a position he held until December 1983.

**402-375-3440**  
**1002 Industrial Drive**  
**WAYNE, NEBRASKA**  
**SINCE 1951**

**Steve - 402-369-0283**  
**Mark - 402-369-0284**



•GPS TECHNOLOGY •TREES •TERRACES •DAMS  
•WATERWAYS •BLADES •SCRAPERS  
•FEED YARDS •SITE DEVELOPMENT  
•DOZERS •HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR



**Sports Club  
Motel**

**900 East 7th Street**  
**Wayne, NE 68787**  
**402-375-4222**

Magnuson-Hopkins Eye Care is Evolving...



*Evolving*  
**EYECARE**

*Joshua J. Hopkins, OD*  
*Scott Ronhovde, OD*  
*Rachel Sindelar, OD*

**1112 West 7th Street • Wayne • 402-375-5160**



# — Reflections 2015 —

## A partnership that defied doubters

February 26, 2015

By Clara Osten

Dr. Bill Path, former President of Northeast Community College remembers "that there were many people across the state who doubted if it could be accomplished, but partnering with Wayne State

being underserved and who deserved convenient access to educational opportunities at an affordable rate," Dr. Path said.

Frye said that having the College Center in South Sioux City allows students the opportunity to take two years worth of classes through Northeast Community College and then, through the transfer program, receive the rest of their education through Wayne State College. The

opportunity for both Wayne State College and Northeast Community College," Frye said.

Northeast continues to provide additional associate degrees, diplomas, certificates and classes in a number of areas such as academic transfer, accounting, administrative assistant, basic nurse aide, business administration, criminal justice, elementary education, emergency medical technician - basic, human services - counseling, medical coding, medication aide, nursing, office management, pipe welding, and social science. Technical education includes drafting, truck driving and welding.

Wayne State College offers courses in business administration - professional studies and accounting, criminal justice, elementary education, and human services - counseling. Wayne State also offers Master's degree programs in education - curriculum and instructional leadership, and education-administration.

"Northeast Community College and Wayne State College are dedicated to providing affordable and accessible higher education in South Sioux City," Chipps said. "We continue to look forward to working with area school districts, including South Sioux City Public Schools, the City of South Sioux City, Dakota County and Wayne State to build a full future of

opportunity for the communities and surrounding area for generations to come. I extend my appreciation to all of them for recognizing the value of this partnership and its impact on Siouxland."

"I am so proud to see that the College Center is thriving still today with expanded program offerings and increasing number of students. We all felt from the very beginning that if this type of unique educational partnership was to work anywhere, it would be in a visionary community like South Sioux City. This is a



College for the creation of the College Center in South Sioux City, was one of the most gratifying accomplishments of my presidency at Northeast Community College."

That partnership celebrated 10 years on Feb. 16 at a joint meeting of officials from South Sioux City, Dakota County, Northeast Community College and Wayne State College.

The interlocal agreement between the two public institutions allowed for the joint ownership and operation of the facility and created a true higher education "one-stop" center for area residents. City and County officials as well as numerous area business owners and private citizens from Siouxland came together and strongly supported this endeavor.

"A lot of two and four-year institutions have collaborative agreements, but the memorandum of understanding between Northeast Community College and Wayne State College is the only one in the nation in which two institutions jointly own the facility," said Wayne State College President Curt Frye, who was serving as the interim president of Wayne State when Dr. Path presented the proposal 10 years ago.

"The idea for the College Center originally came about when I reviewed the 2000 Census data for northeast Nebraska and saw the growing population trends happening in Dakota and Thurston Counties and noticed the lack of higher educational offerings in this region from Nebraska. It was obvious to me that there was a large group of taxpayers who were

facility offers the opportunity for both distance education and face-to-face classes.

Both colleges offered courses and programming in the South Sioux City area for decades prior to this agreement, but it was this partnership that lead to the creation of the College Center.

"This concept was truly visionary for its time. I commend both the boards, administration and others for creating this partnership which allows for seamless transfer for our students to attend Wayne State without having to travel far from home," said Dr. Michael Chipps, Northeast president. "I am pleased that after a decade of service through this partnership, we are committed more than ever to continue meeting the needs of our constituents in the Siouxland region."

"I was pleased to be involved with the conceptualization and planning for the College Center," said WSC President Frye. "I was the interim president when Dr. Path presented me with the concept of a joint facility in South Sioux City. Wayne State College has been offering college courses in South Sioux City and Siouxland for more than 40 years in conjunction with the local public schools. The ability to construct a building specifically to support these efforts was attractive."

Planning continued until 2009 when construction on the College Center began. The first classes there were held in March 2011. The two colleges began offering joint programs of study in elementary education, criminal justice and business administration.

WSC President Frye remembers that just after completion of the College Center, the area was threatened by flood waters from the Missouri River and the dikes were built to protect the newly constructed building.

Frye noted that in the last 10 years, the College Center has served students in the tri-state area (Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota), including many non-traditional students, due to the favorable tuition rates.

"This partnership has been a great

**New Items on our Menu**

- Meat & Potato Burrito w/Gravy
- Grilled Chicken Ranch Sandwich
- Spicy Hot Buffalo Chicken Strips

Order Shamrock & Easter Cookies

**NOW!**

Try Our Twinkle Candy Suckers  
(many to choose from)

**3 for \$1.00**

**TACOS & MORE**

Open Daily at 7 a.m. • 375-4347

See 2015, page 28

**the HIPPIE CHICKEN**



**HUGE Selection!**

**Vapes & E-Liquid**

**Wide range of cigars**

• Candles • Incense • Fun socks  
• Tees & Hoodies • Bags & Purses



Scan for our website!

**402.833.1500**

**311 Main Street | Wayne, NE**

<b>Rain Tree</b> 421 Main • Wayne, NE • 375-2090 <b>Coors Light</b> 24 Pk. Cans <b>\$15.45</b>	<b>Busch Light</b> <b>\$9.99</b> 18 Pk. Cans	<b>Michelob Family</b> 6 Pk. Btl. <b>\$4.88</b>	<b>Mike's Hard Lemonade</b> 6 Pk. Btl. <b>\$6.85</b>
<b>Bud &amp; Bud Light</b> 12 Pk. Btl. <b>\$8.99</b>	<b>Lindeman's Shiraz</b> 750 ML From S.E. Australia <b>\$6.49</b>		



2015

(continued from page 27)

wonderfully progressive community that is now benefiting from being a real college town," Dr. Path said.

## 'Weird' veteran delivers speech for Veterans' Day



**Recycling • Refuse • Roll-offs**

S2rolloffs.com | 439 N Main St. • Fremont  
402.727.6806 | 402.719.2995




Size	Dimensions
40 yd.	20' x 8' x 8'
30 yd.	20' x 8' x 6'
20 yd.	16' x 8' x 4'
15 yd.	14' x 8' x 4'
12 yd.	14' x 8' x 3'
8 yd.	14' x 8' x 18"



November 12, 2015

By Clara Osten

Labeling himself as the "weirdest veteran who ever spoke at a Veterans' Day program," Fr. Mark Beran spoke to the students and guests at Wayne Community Schools' Veterans Day program on Wednesday.

Fr. Beran, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne, served as chaplain for the Nebraska National Guard from 2004-2008, including time in Iraq from 2006-2008.



Fr. Beran said he was the only soldier who "never carried a gun, and even though I was an officer, I could not give anyone orders."

Instead, Fr. Beran's role in the military was to ensure religious liberty of all soldiers.

"The soldiers have to sacrifice a lot when they are serving in the military, but the one thing they should not have to sacrifice is the ability to practice their faith, whatever faith that may be," he told the veterans, students and guests at the program.

Fr. Beran spoke of various roles he played while in Iraq and noted it was a "great privilege to be a counselor for soldiers who had any struggles while serving their country."

He said that while in Iraq, his battalion lost four soldiers and "the hardest thing I ever had to do was to send the soldiers home; but it was also a tremendous honor."

He concluded his remarks by challenging his audience to always welcome soldiers home with the "dignity, honor and respect they deserve."

Also during Wednesday's program, a number of students took part in the program, including Jenessa Kardell and Danica Schaefer, Wayne High seniors, who thanked and recognized those veterans in the audience and all who made the sacrifice to serve their country.

Natalie Bentjen, a seventh grader, and Brock Hopkins, an eighth grader, read patriotic poems during the program and the Wayne High School Band performed several selections, including a salute to the various branches of the military.

Taps were played by Jacob Abraham and Mikayla Bartos.

Colors were presented by three Wayne High School students who are members of the Nebraska National Guard, Colby Keiser, Jorge Vergara and Jasen Davis, along with Wayne High teacher Brendan Dorsey, who is also a member of the guard.



**Providence Community Pharmacy**

-  Friendly Faces
-  Convenient Drive-Thru
-  Curbside Deliveries

1200 Providence Road Suite 101  
402-375-8862

Monday-Friday 9:00am- 6:00pm.  
Saturdays  
9:00am- 2:00pm



**We're proud to serve our community!**



**Stadium Sports**

120 S. Logan St. • Wayne  
402-375-3213

[www.stadiumsportswayne.com](http://www.stadiumsportswayne.com)  
[sales@stadiumsportswayne.com](mailto:sales@stadiumsportswayne.com)



# Discount Furniture has 90 year history in Wayne

Ray and Leona Surber traveled from Davenport, Nebraska to Wayne to start a family-owned business in 1934. Little did they know the business would thrive, expand and stay in the family over 90 years.

Prior to 1934, the Surbers were an agricultural family. At the time, Ray's best friend was a mortician and sold furniture. During this era, morticians were also cabinet makers, who usually made their own coffins. The Great Depression was in full swing when the couple opened Surber's Furniture on Main Street. The store was located in the same building where today's Discount Used Furniture Store resides. They rented the building for \$12.50 a month. They couldn't afford to buy the building; renting was their only option to start their business. They lived in the back of the building in an efficiency apartment with their family. They delivered furniture in the back of a 1926 Model A converted into a flatbed pickup truck.

The Surbers eventually bought the business and moved it to West Third Street. In 1959 a fire destroyed their business. In 1960 they bought land north of Wayne on the highway where Discount Furniture is located today.

Chuck Surber and his younger brother, Harold, who had always helped with the family business assisted their father to build the new building. Chuck eventually went into the clothing business and Harold moved his family to Omaha. He worked at Nebraska Furniture Mart as a buyer.

In 1971 Harold and his wife, Marian, moved their family back to Wayne and took over the family business. They changed the name from Surber Furniture to Discount Furniture.

Harold and Marian were parents to two daughters and one son. Randy, their only son, started helping with the store when he was a freshman in high school doing

deliveries. He said, "I have always liked being out in the truck instead of in the store."

In 1995, Randy started buying for the store, working as a salesman and continued delivering furniture.

Randy's wife, Sarah, came along side and joined the business in 2004. His mother, Marian, also loved to work at the store. Randy said she loved to deal with people. She had an amazing attitude and continued to work while dealing with breast cancer for seven years until she passed away in 2005.

Randy and Sarah officially took over the business in 2006. Randy has worked at the furniture store for 52 years.

He said he has so many wonderful memories. He said his happiest memory is the day in 1976 when they got an enclosed truck to haul furniture. He said previously he had his worst memory while driving back from Sioux City with a truck bed full of mattresses. He said the wind came up and mattresses were flying all over the highway like kites. He has no idea how his grandfather did it back in 1934.

Not only did the transportation change but so did the furniture business. Back when his grandfather had the business, they had two styles of sofas and five different kinds of fabrics. Today there are 40 styles of sofas, and the styles are changing constantly along with 1,500 types of fabrics.

The Surbers had a very successful business. Randy attributes it to customer service. They have always taken care of their customers and offered free delivery and guaranteed satisfaction.

A revolutionary invention in the furniture industry has been the lift chair. They have sold thousands of lift chairs. Currently there are 4,000 active lift chairs the Surbers provide service for. He said if he was younger, he would continue to expand. He loves how he has had every

space with furniture on display because most customers want to actually see the item they are buying.

On Dec. 31, 2024, Randy and Sarah turned over their business to Jacob Sherman. Jacob has worked at Discount Furniture for 10 years. The Surbers are still working at the store to help with transition of ownership.

The Surbers decided to retire while they were still able to do things. They plan to take it easy, possibly take future vacations. While owning the business, they worked six days a week. Family is the most important thing to them. They will be spending more time with their daughter and three grandchildren and enjoying more Sunday family night dinners.



**Randy and Sarah Surber sold Discount Furniture to Jacob Sherman.**

## — 2024 Wayne Community Ribbon Cuttings —



Although not an official ribbon cutting, ground was broken in 2024 for the new home to the Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department (NNPHD). City officials, NNPHD staff, county representatives and contractors were part of the event.



# — 2024 Wayne Community Ribbon Cuttings —



Blends and Boards was among the new businesses that held a ribbon cutting in 2024. The business is owned by Breland and Jennifer Ridenour and offers more than 300 board games for those visiting the business.



Jessie and Jody Denny are the new owners of the former Tacos & More and have changed the name to Hometown Cafe, Tacos & More. A number of changes have been made to the menu in addition to keeping many of the traditional items.



In September, the Wayne Ambassadors took part in a ribbon cutting at Wildcat Lanes. Jessi and Darin Jensen are the new owners of the bowling alley and have done considerable remodeling since purchasing the business.



A ribbon cutting marked the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Providence Wellness Center. It also provided an opportunity to name a portion of the facility after Randy Petersen, who was instrumental in bringing Rock Steady Boxing to Wayne.



**19:1**  
student  
-to-  
faculty ratio

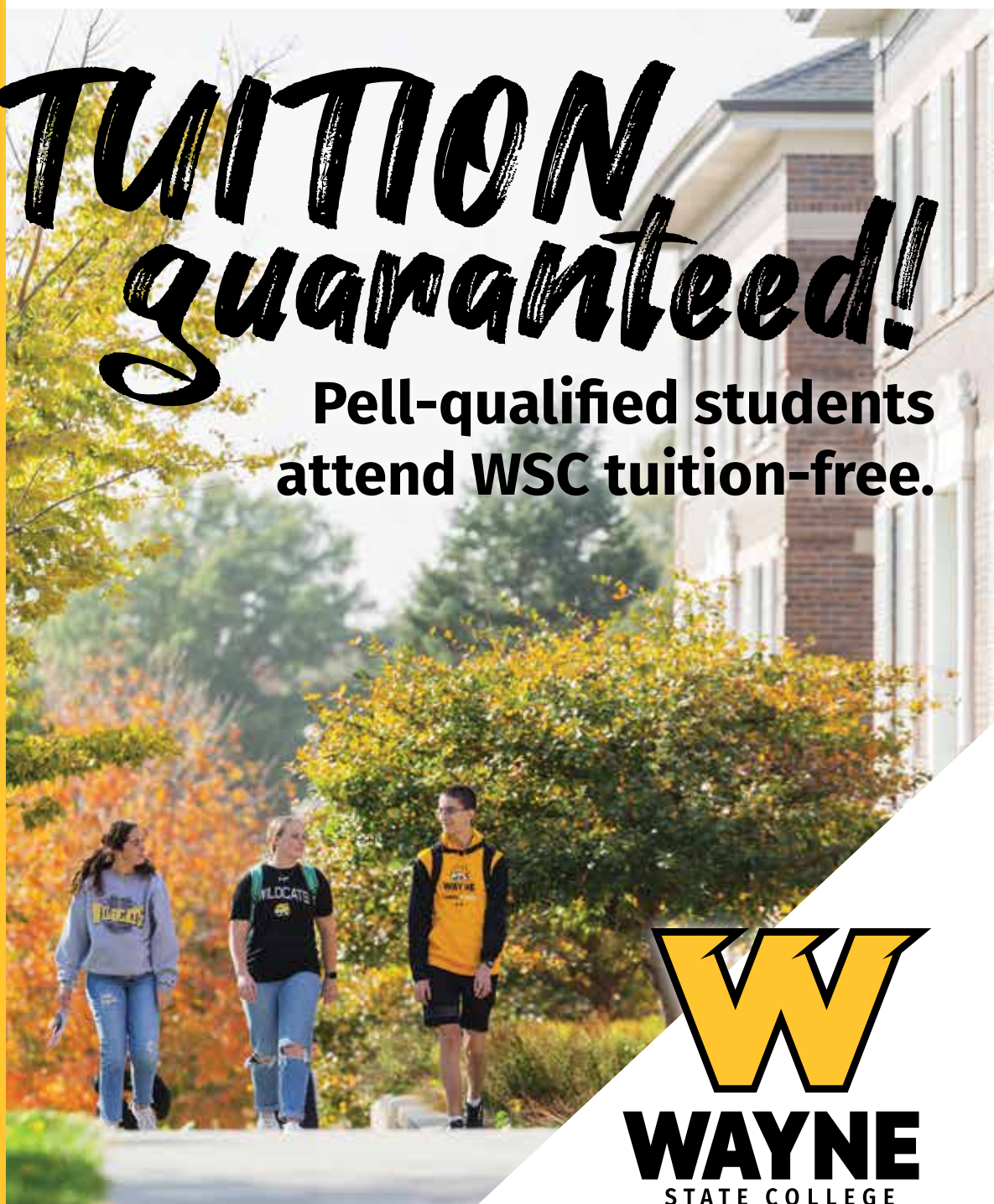
**130+**  
undergraduate  
programs of  
study

**93.1%**  
job/grad school  
placement rate  
within six months  
of graduation

*based on the most recent  
graduate survey of 566 students  
from 2021-22 (85% response rate)*

**TUITION  
guaranteed!**

**Pell-qualified students  
attend WSC tuition-free.**



**Connect with us!**



**Schedule your  
visit today at**

[www.wsc.edu/visit](http://www.wsc.edu/visit)

**Wayne State College**

1111 Main Street  
Wayne, NE 68787

402-375-7234  
1-866-WSC-CATS



Check us out at **[explorewaynestatecollege.com](http://explorewaynestatecollege.com)**

*Wayne State College is a member of the Nebraska State College System*



# 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW



## EMBRACING CHANGE

As we started 2024, our organization launched a new brand, Wayne America, Inc. The rebrand was needed to reflect the bold new partnerships for our organization and the expanded scope of services we now provide: fostering economic development, supporting chamber members, improving housing, and attracting visitors throughout the City of Wayne and Wayne County.

Despite all the changes in our office, we still had a responsibility to serve our partners, Members, patrons, community, and county. While we know these highlights might not be comprehensive or all-inclusive, we hope our year in review is a testament to how hard the Wayne America Team works to serve our stakeholders.

Change is never easy, so we'd like to thank everyone for embracing ours. We'd like to thank our Members who took a leap of faith by investing in our untested brand and for trusting our Team. We will always need your input and support in order to provide progressive and unified resources to enhance Wayne America. We are proud to serve you and look forward to continued success in 2025!

- THE WAYNE AMERICA TEAM



### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- OU Economic Development Institute, Orlando (Luke)
- Heartland Economic Development Institute (Rachel, Brayden)
- 6 Regions, 1 Nebraska Regional Initiative (Luke, Rachel, Jen, Brayden)
- National Rural Ec. Dev. Association, Annual Conf. in Omaha (Luke)
- Neb. Ec. Dev. Association, Annual Conf. (Luke, Jen, Rachel, Brayden)
- Neb. Ec. Dev. Association, Legislative Day (Luke)
- Neb. Ec. Dev. Association, Board of Directors (Luke)
- Nebraska State Chamber Banquet (Wes, Luke, Rachel, Brayden)
- Nebraska Chamber Association Annual Meeting (Luke, Rachel)
- Leadership Nebraska, Alumni Advisory Council (Luke)
- Nebraska Main Street Network, Board of Directors (Luke)



### BUSINESSES TRANSITIONS

- American Family Insurance - New Business
- Blends & Boards - New Business & Ribbon Cutting
- Davis Ford (Arnie's) - New Owners & Branding
- Discount Furniture - New Owners
- Galaxy Smoke & Vape - New Business
- HIS Baking Co. (Vel's) - New Owners & Branding
- Hometown Cafe - New Business & Ribbon Cutting
- Pearl Street Steakhouse & Lounge - New Branding
- Polish Me Pretty Nails - New Business
- Prairie Park Apartments - New Construction & Ribbon Cutting
- Property Exchange Partners - New Location
- S2 Refuse & Recycling - New Business
- Serenity School of Massage - New Location
- Tom's Auto Body - New Owners
- Wild Moon Massage & Ink - New Business
- Wildcat Lanes - New Owners & Ribbon Cutting
- Witt's Jewelry - New Business

### WAYNE AMERICA, INC. ACTIVITIES

- FAM Tour - US Senator Deb Fischer
- 2 Town Halls ft. Gov. Jim Pillen
- 3 Candidate Forums (1 Primary; 2 General)
- Corporate HQ Visit - Williams Form Engineering
- Federal Reserve Community Dev. Roundtable
- FAM Tour - K.C. Beltz, Neb. Director of Ec. Dev.
- B&I Lunch & Learns - Great Dane Trailers & Wayne State College
- FAM Tour - Queen City Development
- Childcare Advocacy - Connecting First Five Nebraska & Rainbow World
- WSC Week of Welcome/City Stroll
- WSC Homecoming Parade
- House Flip by WCHDC - 1012 La Porte Street
- City Sales Tax Ballot Initiative Campaign
- New awning & building façade updates at Wayne America Office (108 W 3rd Street)
- Updated branding that includes new logo, unified social media handle (@WayneAmerica) & new website (www.WayneAmerica.org)

### MAJOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Wayne State College - Added a 103,000 SF air-supported structure that houses a 300m synthetic track and artificial turf as part of the ongoing construction on their \$30M Athletics & Recreation Center (ARC) Project
- Wayne State College - Stearns Hall, a \$20M residence hall addition to campus, neared completion and was officially opened for the 2025 Spring semester
- Prairie Park Apartments - Completed construction on 144-unit apartment complex and hosted their ribbon cutting
- Arrowhead Development - Finalized subdivision agreement and plats for Vintage Hill 4th Addition, which adds 27 new residential lots to the community
- Wayne Community Schools - Construction continued on the new Early Learning Center (ELC), and is on track for a June 2025 completion
- Wayne Community Schools - Held an Open House to showcase their renovated Auditorium & new STS Labs
- NNPHD - Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department hosted a groundbreaking for a new Public Health facility located at 801 Milo Drive
- KCAU Community Proud Campaign - Spotlights community assets and projects around Wayne
- City of Wayne - Awarded Recertification via Nebraska's Economic Development Certified Community Program
- Leadership Wayne - Class XV Graduation in April & Class XVI commenced in September

### ANNIVERSARIES

- Wayne County Courthouse - 125 years
- Timberlyne - 20 years
- Providence Pharmacy - 5 years

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Wayne America Annual Banquet
- Annual Sculpture Walk
- Cruise Main in Wayne
- Wayne Farmer's Market
- 44th Annual Wayne Chicken Show
- 37th Annual Vendor Golf Invitational
- 102nd Wayne County Fair
- 8th Annual BresslerFest
- Taste of Victory Tailgate
- Shop Small Saturday
- Christmas in Wayne: Parade of Lights & Festival of Trees



## WHO WE SERVE

### INDUSTRY PARTNERS

Agriculture | Education | Finance | Services  
Healthcare | Hospitality | Non-Profit | Retail  
Manufacturing | Government

9,874 RESIDENTS

### WAYNE COUNTY

Wayne | Carroll | Hoskins | Winside

### TOURISTS & VISITORS

Arts | Events | Recreation



PROVIDING PROGRESSIVE AND UNIFIED RESOURCES TO ENHANCE WAYNE AMERICA