

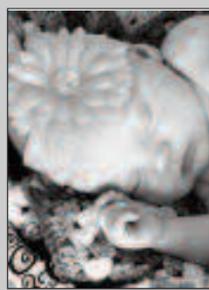
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**Correction**

In a July 17 article titled "GSS Syracuse moving to create 'softer, homier' look for residents," the following was misreported:  
 ■ The first and second phase of remodeling will not include repainting of hallways - that will be in the upcoming third phase.  
 ■ The photo used in the article was an old photo, not an updated photo of the lobby.

**Clarification**

Relative to the same article, it should be noted that during the third phase of remodeling, 12 semi-private rooms on hallways 200 and 400 will be remodeled into private rooms with larger bathrooms and some with showers. This will drop the number of beds available by 12. The center will still have semi-private rooms. Remodeling began in 2011 and the third phase is expected to be completed in the summer of 2015.

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# Local leaders speak out about immigration

**Allison Shirk**  
For the Journal-Democrat

Statements from Governor Heineman in the past week about the more than 200 illegal immigrant children settling within Nebraska state borders has added a greater narrative to the topic of immigration reform in Nebraska.

In a press release from Gov. Heineman's office, he said he will

"continue to fight" for the names and information of the children and their sponsors.

"I can't ensure that any illegal individual is not getting federal and state benefits if I don't know who they are and if they are not in our system," Heineman said. "I want to know who is going to pay for the education of these unaccompanied alien children that are being sent to Nebraska."

Diversity in education and com-

merce is what immigrants provide southeastern Nebraska.

Community leaders in Syracuse and Nebraska City, Nebraska, said their small presence has positively affected commerce and business.

A lack of educational resources for immigrant children has left community leaders wondering how immigration reform could help these children, though.

Syracuse, for one, hasn't seen a

great impact from immigration.

Carolyn Gigstad, executive director of the Syracuse Area Chamber of Commerce, said Syracuse has seen little to no increase in immigrants.

"I can't foresee immigration reform affecting Syracuse unless we have bigger industries coming in," Gigstad said. "Who's to say we won't get those industries in the

See IMMIGRATION, 10

## A Special Volunteer



Turner Zahn (age 3), his mother, Rachel Zahn and Turner's great-grandmother, Elaine Zahn delivered mail to the residents of the Good Samaritan Society-Syracuse.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Youngster delivers smiles at GSS

**Special to the Journal-Democrat**

The Good Samaritan Society - Syracuse usually honors our volunteers every April during National Volunteer Week.

But a couple of weeks ago we were blessed to have one of the youngest volunteers help deliver mail to the residents at the nursing facility and that deserves some recognition.

Turner Zahn, 3, his mother,

Rachel Zahn and Turner's great-grandmother, Elaine Zahn, delivered mail to the residents of the Good Samaritan Society-Syracuse.

The residents were thrilled to get their mail from such a handsome, sweet little boy.

Turner had fun delivering the mail, but he especially enjoyed riding on the mail cart.

Volunteers at Good Samaritan Society - Syracuse share many hours of volunteer work.

"Our volunteers inspire resi-

dents, their families, staff members and others through the simple act of sharing their gifts of time and talent," says Administrator Dianna Epp. "Volunteers help us fulfill our mission of sharing God's love in word and deed."

"Volunteers are so very important to the Good Samaritan Society," says Activity Director, Jenny Meyer. "Without them, some of the activities could not

See VOLUNTEER 10

## Board approves parent handbook

**Laramie Werner**  
For the Journal-Democrat

The parent handbook for Title One was approved at the July School Board meeting.

The "Parents as Partners" book includes ways for parents to encourage reading at home.

Title One is a federal program that supplies funds to schools for boosting reading, and this is a requirement of the program.

School Board member Tyler

Crownover expressed concern that the Syracuse K-3 reading program does not allow parents to work at home with students on the school curriculum.

Superintendent Brad Buller said that the idea is more about letting parents know what's going on and keeping communication open.

The current reading program does not affect compliance with the Title One.

The second readings on sever-

al previously discussed policies were reviewed - safe pupil transportation, student attendance, and concussions.

On the attendance policy, the wording was revised per a request from the county attorney.

The school will still notify the attorney any time a student misses 20 days in a 12 month period.

However, that report will be after notification to the parent and

See SCHOOLS, 10

## Local farmer recovering from accident

**Jim Brock**  
jbrock@ncnewspress.com

A local farmer injured in a tractor accident on July 17 is expected to recover, his wife said last Friday.

Allen Hauschild of rural Avoca was airlifted to Creighton Medical Center for injuries sustained from "falling off" his tractor," according to his wife Paulene Hauschild.

The incident occurred about 8:30 p.m., she said.

"He's doing pretty good," she said via telephone from the hospital. "He doesn't have any broken bones except some broken ribs. He got his face and arms skinned up pretty bad. They're just going to watch him for a few days, and the ribs should heal themselves."

Fire and Rescue officials who responded to the scene could not be reached for comment at the time of this report.

Despite reports that Hauschild was crushed by the tractor, Paulene

See FARMER, 10

## Council holds special meeting

**Laramie Werner**  
For the Journal-Democrat

A special City Council meeting was held Monday night to discuss the budgets by department.

Taking a proactive stance on city issues by having discussions ahead of time is a key goal of Syracuse Mayor Kc Ortiz.

The library requested a 3 percent increase on everything except magazines, phone, internet, and insurance.

These specific things have increased at a higher rate, so the proposed budget reflects that. The library budget is operating as projected and should come in within budget by fiscal year end.

Ortiz requested that they do an analysis on the cost to extend library hours. This is a common request from citizens, and it's something the city is willing to pursue if it makes sense.

The cemetery is operating well under budget. However, there are some projects that will likely use the rest of the budget for the year.

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## OBITUARIES

### Dale E. Wallen

91, of Syracuse

Dale E. Wallen, age 91, of Syracuse formerly of Palmyra passed away on July 15, 2014 in Syracuse, NE.

He was born on July 28, 1922 to Claude & Josie (Siepelmeier) Wallen.

Dale married Shirley Underhill on August 15, 1954 in Grand Island, NE.

Dale worked as a farmer around Unadilla and Palmyra his whole life.

He was a past president of the Palmyra Co-op,

Lifetime Farm Bureau member, Lion Club member and also a member of the Palmyra Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by: Children: Wayne (Mary) Wallen of Palmyra, Larry (Becky) of Lincoln, Marsha (Joe) Sand of Syracuse; Grandchildren: Katherine (Simon) Connnett, Jerry Wallen, Matt Wallen, William Wallen, Cassandra Wallen, Garrett Sand, Lauren Sand;

Great Grandchildren: John Connnett, Henry Connnett; Sister: Betty Obrist of Lincoln; Sister-in-law: Vena Pace of Grand Island, also numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by: wife: Shirley Wallen, parents: Claude & Josie Wallen, granddaughter: Christina Wallen.

Funeral Service were held on Friday July 18 at

10:30 a.m. at the Palmyra Presbyterian Church in Palmyra, NE. Burial at the Unadilla Cemetery.

Visitation was held Thursday July 17 from 3 until 7 p.m. with family greeting friends from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home in Syracuse.

Memorials are suggested to the family's choice.

Condolences may be sent to [www.fusselmanal-lenharvey.com](http://www.fusselmanal-lenharvey.com)

## Health Dept: Protect yourself from West Nile

### Staff Reports

[jbrock@ncnewspress.com](mailto:jbrock@ncnewspress.com)

With summer in full swing, the Southeast District Health Department is reminding residents to protect themselves from possible West Nile Virus infection.

"People should definitely take precautions against mosquito bites," said Kay Oestmann, Director of the Southeast District Health Department. "It only takes one bite to infect you."

Less than one out of 100 people bitten by an infected mosquito become seriously ill, but everyone should be vigilant.

West Nile symptoms include flu-like symptoms with fever, headaches, and muscle weakness, however most of those infected have no symptoms or only mild flu-like symptoms.

The more serious complications from West Nile

encephalitis include swelling of the brain and associated symptoms such as disorientation and paralysis.

To avoid mosquito bites, the Southeast District Health Department recommends:

■ Applying mosquito repellent containing DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus

■ Wearing long-sleeved shirt, pants, and socks

■ Avoiding going out at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active

■ Eliminating standing water to reduce mosquito breeding sites

The Southeast District Health Department is located at 2511 Schneider Avenue, Auburn, Nebraska 68305.

For more information, call (877) 777-0424 or (402) 274-3993 or visit [www.sedhd.org](http://www.sedhd.org).

### Donald Ray Owens

59, formerly of Arkansas City, Kansas

Donald Ray Owens, 59 formerly of Arkansas City, Kansas, passed away July 20 in Syracuse.

He is survived by his wife Darla Owens; children: Michael Owens and wife Kris of North Carolina, Raymond Owens of Dunbar NE, Crystal Fossberg and husband Luke of Lincoln NE,



Stephen Owens and wife Danelle of Syracuse NE; 18 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild; sisters Brenda Frye of Hot Springs Arkansas and Nugget (Faler) Rockwell of Omaha NE; nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents,

grandchild William Donald Lee Owens (2002), Daughter Donnell Lee Owens (2012) daughter in law Lora Jean Owens (2013).

Funeral services pending.

Contact Gude Mortuary for further arrangements.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New Baby

Clint and Jennifer (Janata) Werner of Fremont are the proud parents of a daughter, Cayleigh Adelle, born at 8:13 a.m. on May 2, 2014 at Methodist Women's Hospital in Omaha.

She weighed 9 pounds 2 ounces and was 21 inches long.

She joins older brother Justin (3) and sister Jordyn (1). Grandparents are Kevin and Mary Janata of Howells, Mary Ida and the late Joe Wisniewski of Dodge and Kenneth and the late Mildred



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Werner of Syracuse and Adeline and the late Albert Wiebusch of Nebraska City.

### 85th Birthday

Donna Belle Dettmer will celebrate her 85th birthday on August 1.

The family would like to honor her with a card shower.

Please send cards to: 340 W 9th, Syracuse, NE 68446.



### AMERICAN LEGION

Massie-Richards American Legion Auxiliary Unit 100 met at the Post Home on July 1, 2014.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the new officers for the year were installed. The installing officer was Jenice Bates.

Those installed were **Lois Johnson, President; Bev Wilhelm, Secretary; Marita Kuhlengel, Treasurer; Annette Emerson, Historian; Linda Holz, Chaplain; Sergeant-at-Arms, Barb Miesbach.**

Girls' State delegates, Sarah Antes and Kylee Werner, were guest speakers.

They told the members about their week in Lincoln for Girls' State. Dis-

trict 12 President, Linda Varejcka, was another guest speaker. She spoke about attending the Department Convention in Kearney and the new updates.

### Committee reports for the month

Poppy Chairman, Judy Moritz, has resigned from this position. Poppy Distribution Day in August has been put on hold.

Membership—Claretta Royal reported that Unit #100 has a new member, Dawn Dettmer. Welcome to Dawn.

### New Business

It was announced that U.S. Army Second Lt. Jeremy Dettmer of Syracuse was among 26 cadets in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Reserve Officer Training Corps to receive military

commissions in ceremonies in May at the Nebraska Union.

His mother, Dawn, will receive a Blue Star Banner, as she is now a Blue Star Mother.

### Announcements

The next meeting will be the second Tuesday of the month, Sept. 9 at 1:30 p.m. at the Post Home. Please note the date change for the September meeting. September hostess will be Claretta Royal.

### Dates to remember

■ August 10-13—Otoe County Fair. The theme is "Country Roots and Cowboy Boots".

■ August 11—Veteran's Parade—7:00 p.m.

■ August 13—Otoe County Fair Parade at 11:00 a.m.

### Anniversary

Bob and Leslie Cameron will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on July 29.

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**Tuesday, July 29**  
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## Syracuse FBLA team places 10th in Nashville

The Syracuse FBLA Partnership with Business team of Emily Harsin, Jameson Bennett, and Aaron Halvorsen placed tenth at the National Future Business Leader Conference at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tenn.

A report describing their project with Headwind Consumer Products was judged prior to the conference. Each team then had to give a seven minute presentation to judges and 15 teams were selected into a final presentation round.

Shelby Burr helped the team prepare the Partnership with Business report prior to the conference and competed in the Future Business Leader event at NLC. Aaron Halvorsen also competed in Business Calculations. Samantha Young was in the FBLA Principles and Procedures event and Alyssa Rippe was in Computer Applications.

State FBLA Treasurer AnnaLee Christensen helped lead meetings for the Ne-



braska delegates and attended various presentations and officer meetings. The members also attended exhibits, workshops and general sessions. The Syracuse Chapter was recognized for being a Gold Seal Chapter and increasing their membership by at least seven members.

Adviser Susan Wellman was recognized at the opening general session as Nebraska's Outstanding Local Adviser. During the Mountain Plains Regional meeting, she received a plaque and certificate for the honor.

The 2014 NLC was the biggest ever with over 10,000 in attendance. Nebraska FBLA placed in the top 10 in 30 events.

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## Talmage Day

On June 21, Talmage Day started out with 51 young fishermen casting their lines in Gritzka Pond. The largest fish of the day was a 16-inch catfish on the line of 4-year old Angel Buchanan. Winners of the longest fish in ages 6-8 year group were Kegan Woodcook and Ben Wallace, tie; and 9-11 age group was Haliegh Wallace. Winners of the most fish caught by age group were: 3, 4, 5 year olds: 1st, Jesse Patton and Justus Kreifels, 2nd, Drew Harker and Brenlee Miller; 3rd, Nicholas Nelson; 6, 7, 8 year olds: 1st: Ryan Damme, 2nd: Kegan Woodcook and Delansy Baumgartner, 3rd: Tyler Rumery and Tatam Arguello; 9, 10, 11 year olds: 1st: Cableb Lowe, 2nd: Darin Baumgartner and 3rd: Hailey Wallace; 12, 13, 14 year olds: 1st: Rylee Woodcook, 2nd: Elizabeth Mostek and 3rd: Jayden Behrends.

Pictured above, at left, Haleigh Wallace with her catch of the day. At center, kids showed up in droves for face painting in the park. At right are some of the winners of the fishing contest.

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**Weekly Scripture Reading**

Jeremiah 31:1-22	Jeremiah 31:23-40	Jeremiah 33:1-26	Lament. 3:1-24	Lament. 3:25-57	Lament. 5:1-22	Isaiah 38:1-20
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## BROCK'S BEEF

# Whose American Dream?

After watching an entertaining episode of "Last Week Tonight with John Oliver," I was compelled to do a little research of my own concerning wage disparity in the U.S.

According to a Sept. 10, 2013 report from The Associated Press, the top 1 percent of U.S. wage earners in 2012 earned 19.3 percent of total household income, while the top 10 percent earned 48.2 percent.

According to the report, this is the widest wage gap since 1928.

So if my calculations are correct, 90 percent of Americans earned about 50 percent of the nation's income. According to a March 2012 report from Forbes.com, the average annual income of the top 1 percent was \$717,000.

The top .01 percent, however, earn in the neighborhood of \$27 million on average.

That is quite a disparity, especially when you factor in how much more has been earned since then.

So let's look at the numbers.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that average weekly wages for U.S. workers rose a whopping 1.3 percent in 2013, according to AP.

In May 2013, the BLS reported the national average for annual salaries in the U.S. to be \$46,440.

But CEOs are definitely cashing in, to the tune of about \$10 million a year.

Another AP report from May 2014 reported that "the head of a typical large public company earned a record \$10.5 million [in 2013], an increase of 8.8 percent from \$9.6 million in 2012."

Most people shrug it off and say, "That's the American Dream."

But whose dream is it, really?

When the cost of everything goes up but wages remain virtually stagnant, there is a big problem.

We live in a consumer-



**JIM BROCK**

driven economy, and if companies want to remain in business, they must provide employees with a sustainable wage.

If not, the men, women and children in America will be unable to consume their products.

It's simple economics. Sending industries overseas and cutting jobs to save money might pay off short-term, but in the end, it will only create what we have now – a nation dependent on government assistance.

Sure, the right-wing rhetoric about "takers" and "job creators" works now, but eventually, that wage gap will continue to widen. To assign the term "lazy" and "incompetent" to everyone who draws government assistance is irresponsible and arrogant.

We bought into the so-called War on Terrorism for a while, but when we saw what it did to our sons and daughters in uniform, we were quickly disillusioned. Now, it's only a matter of time before our financial futures go up in smoke.

It's difficult for the federal government to pay its bills when the "job creators" skirt their financial responsibilities through tax loopholes. And it's nothing short of duplicitous when they blame on the poor, sick and elderly.

Washington has a spending problem because big business has a saving problem, and the only people they are saving are themselves.

Ponder that!



## CAPITOL REPORT

# There's no 'appetite' for politics

Federal diet recommendations are at risk of becoming the latest battleground for the Administration's creeping environmental regulatory scheme.

Every five years, the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) come together to revise federal dietary recommendations, which are supposed to be based on the latest nutrition science.

Rather than focusing solely on current nutrition and health advances to inform Americans of healthy food regimens, the discussions are skewing towards so-called environmentally "sustainable" practices laid out by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which has seemed to go out of its way to be at odds with conventional agriculture.

In other words, nutrition science and our producer's voices may take a back seat to the Administration's political agenda.

Lost in that discussion



**SEN. MIKE JOHANNS**

is the focus on the scientific nutritional values of different food options.

This marks a significant expansion from the historical scope, which Congress intended to "contain nutritional and dietary information and guidelines," as stated in the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990.

The joint USDA-HHS Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (DGAC), which is responsible for the updated guidelines, has established a "Food Safety and Sustainability" subcom-

mittee, and while it remains unclear just how far the committee will go to push an environmental agenda, I question whether their recommendations will be rooted in the latest advances in nutrition and health science.

In recent meetings, DGAC has focused discussions on environmentally sustainable diets, arguing that eating less meat will be better for the planet.

Committee members reportedly said that transitioning from a meat-based diet to a plant-based diet should be encouraged in all food sectors. DGAC also discussed how marketing new plant-based diet recommendations as environmentally friendly may attract more people to adopt changes in their diet.

This sort of costly guideline has no basis in nutrition, but it has major implications for farmers, ranchers and those who consume their products.

For years, conventional agriculture products have been deemed per-

fectly healthy by the federal agencies.

Changing the focus based on policy ideas unrelated to nutrition science confuses the message regarding healthy diets with the Administration's environmental agenda.

Improving dietary recommendations should not be a regulatory potluck, where every aspect of the President's agenda has a seat at the table.

In Nebraska, ag producers strive to produce safe and nutritious food while being good stewards of the environment.

Their livelihoods depend on it.

The Administration should stay within the scope of science-based nutrition advances when developing new diet recommendations, and save the political battles for other venues.

Rest assured, I will continue to push for objective dietary guidelines that promote healthy eating habits from healthy sources, like Nebraska's ag producers.

## AND THEN THERE'S THE TRUTH

# Burger flippers or union puppets?

I recently watched a debate about the fast food workers' protests that have been taking place around the country.

Advocates on both sides are passionate about their views but there are some things about the so called "workers' strike" that many may not know.

On May 15th some fast food workers conducted strikes in over 150 U.S. cities.

Their goal was to demand a raise to \$15 per hour and the right to unionize without opposition. Supporters trotted out extreme cases such as Luis Vasquez, a 19 year old Chipotle worker in New York. Vasquez said he earns \$9 an hour and is the main source of income for his family who collects food stamps and takes government assistance to "pay the rent."

He told CNN, "What I am trying to say to companies today is share the profit."

Jamie Branch, a Rockford, IL McDonalds worker says, "The reason I'm going on strike is because I feel like they are underpaying their workers."

That corporation is making billions of dollars in the same hour they're paying me eight measly dollars. It's



**JASON COTE**

time for me to start getting acknowledged and treated as if I matter."

Most of the statements were similar but is it entirely accurate?

Many fast food companies do make a lot of money, but according to a McDonalds' spokeswoman, about 80% of their restaurants are independently owned and operated by small business owners, as are most fast food restaurants.

Many of these stores operate on razor thin profit margins in order to keep prices low. Many would be forced to close or lay off workers if they had to hike wages very much.

The media has extensively covered these protests and for the most part they

are telling a tale of a spontaneous, united, worker-led rebellion.

In reality, very few actual fast food workers participated in any of this.

USA Today reports only "hundreds" of workers went on strike out of the roughly four million employed in the industry. It was widely estimated that less than one out of every 4,000 fast food workers actually went on strike.

If it's not the workers who are organizing this then who is?

Recently, workers and union leaders from dozens of countries met for the first global meeting of fast-food workers, organized by the International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Associations, a federation comprised of 396 trade unions, in 126 countries, representing 12 million workers.

Also, the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) hired a communications firm to create a marketing campaign to generate media activity over the strikes.

Why would the SEIU spend millions on a marketing campaign? Easy, to

get more dues-paying members.

Three strike organizers in Chicago and two in New York have spoken to the media and said that from the outset it became clear that the SEIU was directing the movement and the goal of the "strikes" was to "organize low-wage or fast food workers."

The SEIU, however, denied that they were in charge of anything.

If their effort is successful, it will allow them to potentially negotiate collective bargaining agreements, gain thousands of new members, and millions of new dollars.

Clearly inflation has not kept pace with wages and those at the minimum wage end of the spectrum have been hardest hit.

The fast food companies didn't cause this, however, but they are the target of a massive marketing campaign that is apparently being assisted by the service unions in a not so discreet attempt to get more members.

The fact that these unions would exploit these workers and in turn make it look as though they are saving them from being exploited by greedy corporations is un-

conscionable.

Many economists have gone on record saying that a pay hike of this magnitude would cause immense economic harm and job losses.

Clearly the SEIU is pushing for a pay raise so they can then siphon off some of that money for themselves.

If more members is what they want then union management should sit down with these workers and make their case for organizing.

Someone wiser than me once said, "You make more friends in the open than hiding behind a tree."

## EDITORIAL

# Pardon our mess

If you haven't already noticed, The Journal-Democrat is undergoing a transition. First and foremost, this is not your fault.

It's ours. We appreciate your patience while our new staff gets acquainted with the community, but a few things should be addressed.

We work for you – not a select few – but all of you. While some have their own ideas as to what should be printed in this publication, we know most Syracuse residents are grateful to have a newspaper that continues to serve their community.

Any newspaper that caters only to the loudest voices in a community is not a newspaper at all – it is nothing more than a community newsletter. Over the past few weeks, we have received a number of phone call and e-mails from readers, and the feedback has been both positive and negative.

We understand that not everyone will be satisfied on a weekly basis. But rest assured, we will strive to deliver the best community news product we possibly can. As far as we are concerned, the sky is the limit, and we thank you for allowing us to serve you.

Thanks for supporting local newspapers.

- The Journal-Democrat News Staff

SEPTEMBER JOURNEY

Just Noticed...

Is there anyone still living that recalls the early TV days?

Maybe someone is still living that is my age or about the age of dinosaurs. If there is, they might just remember somewhere in the dim, dark past a time when TV stations did not broadcast 24 hours a day.

Really, there was a time when the "boob tube" was dark for most of a 24 hour day.

When it got closer to the hour programming would begin, something called a "test pattern" appeared on the previously dark screen.

That black and white test pattern gave everyone watching hope that indeed there was life in that silent set and if we just had patience enough we would be rewarded with something entertaining that would appear later on that television screen.

I hadn't thought about test patterns for a long, long time.

They really weren't worth giving a lot of thought to anyway. Just a bunch of squiggly lines or bars across the screen including the number of the channel.

What started that trend of thought were some of the long skirts women of



PHYLLIS BUELL

all ages are wearing this

I don't suppose there is a lot of hope I could be considered as one of the charities, is there? Warren Buffet is the same age I am, so I wouldn't dare hope he would adopt this poor orphan child, would I?

summer. A lot of them are bold black and white bars stitched into different patterns.

Some of them are matched diagonally on the side seams, lending a lot of shape and interest to the skirt.

Of course, a lot of the skirts shape and interest depends on the wearer, as you might well imagine.

One tiny little gal would have fit perfectly on one of the old nine inch screens we used to enjoy watching. Then, there was her office mate!

Her long "test pattern" skirt would definitely have done justice to a modern day deluxe 52 inch set.

Now - just a cotton-pickin' minute before you accuse the pot of calling the kettle black - I don't own a skirt like that!

Another thing I found humorous today. . . when you live in a retirement

center, sometimes you really have to dig deep to find some humor.

At lunch two of my tablemates were discussing two residents that had been taken to the hospital.

No - that wasn't the humorous part! It was the re-

mark another tablemate made. He does not partake in any form of discussion concerning the inmates here - err, make that "residents."

He said "Did that news-flash come direct from the WGN station?" "What do you mean by that?" one of the ladies asked. He replied "I just thought it could be hot off of the Women's Gossip Network."

The rest of the meal was enjoyed in relative silence.

This evening we watched a program about some of our nation's wealthiest citizens and the decisions they were making about leaving their billions to a charitable organization instead of their children.

I don't suppose there is a lot of hope I could be considered as one of the charities, is there?

Warren Buffet is the same age I am, so I wouldn't dare hope he would adopt this poor orphan child, would I?

Oh, well, TV test patterns, Women's Gossip Network and dreams of being adopted by a billionaire at my tender age will keep me busy thinking of something less than worthwhile things for the week.

At least it will keep me from worrying about the real problems going on in our world.

DIGGING UP ROOTS

Trouble on the Reservation

Last week I told you about the Table Creek Treaty and the great celebration that occurred afterwards.

In fact, although the Indians had been pacified for awhile by the treaty, the Indian troubles were not over.

How the settlers and the Indian tribes managed to co-habit peacefully in Nebraska depended so much on the skillful management of the reservations by the agent appointed to manage them.

Most agents were political appointees. Some came from the military but often they simply got the job through their Washington connections.

Few had a formal education and kept poor records, others were downright corrupt.

William Dennison was appointed as Indian Agent in Nebraska City by President Buchanan.

At first he seemed to be doing a more credible job than his predecessor. The Otoe Chief Arkeketah knew and respected him and the Indians who visited Nebraska City were peaceful and friendly.

For the first three or four years that Dennison worked



SHIRLEY GILFERT

with the Indians things went smoothly, but in February of 1861, about forty Otoe Indians, headed by their chief, showed up in Nebraska City claiming they had not received the annuity owed them and their people were starving.

It had been a very dry summer and their crops had failed. They had not gone on their annual summer Buffalo hunt because they were tending crops they had planted, but those crops had failed and now they had neither meat nor produce.

Dennison took no action and the chief confronted him at the Hawke and Nuckoll's store at 6th and Main.

The Indian Agent tried to calm the chief down and

told him he should accompany him to a room over the store where they could talk privately. Several other Indians followed the two of them up the stairs.

When the Indian agent could provide no satisfactory explanation of why they hadn't received the annuity entitled to them, he tried to leave, but was quickly tied up and the chief demanded him to complete the negotiations.

The Otoes were becoming increasingly angry. They put on several demonstrations, which of course, frightened the white residents.

Mayor Pardee sent a telegram to Superintendent Robinson of the Department of Indian Affairs, asking him to come to Nebraska City to help solve the problem.

When Dennison found out, he sent another telegram telling the Superintendent that he needn't come because he had the situation under control.

Obviously the situation was not only under control but was escalating, so Dennison then sent a telegram to Fort Leavenworth asking for Dragoons to come and protect government property.

Lutheran Church.

Peggy Leeferers read Glenda Willnerd's funny story. The door prize winners were Verda Umland of Palmyra and Norma Jean Boettcher of Unadilla.

The next Otoe County FCE meeting will be held on October 21, and hosted by the Evergreen FCE Club.

Palmyra Country Patchwork

The Palmyra Country Patchwork will meet on July 31 at the Palmyra Presbyterian Church from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Looking forward to a fun evening of sewing, needlework, scrapbooking, or whatever your current crafty project is that you will bring.

Palmyra Community Vacation Bible School

The week of July 14 found a lot of activity in Palmyra.

SHERIFF'S REPORTS

Arrests

On July 18, the Otoe County Sheriff's Office arrested Jamie Fortney, 30, of Odell on one Otoe County warrant.

On July 21, the Otoe County Sheriff's Office

arrested Kenneth Taylor, 45, of Lincoln on an Otoe County warrant.

On July 21, the Otoe County Sheriff's Office arrested Larry Cassell, 32, of Lincoln on two Otoe County warrants.

DOUGLAS NEWS

Merlin and Connie Hartman traveled to Denison IA on Wednesday where they had lunch with Allan Hulsebus and then spent time visiting Ann Hulsebus, Connie's mother.

Wednesday afternoon Tracy and Tim Monson of Bloomington IL called at the home of Dorothy Sterns. They brought lunch which they enjoyed with Dorothy and Lance and Joan Sterns of Lincoln. They spent the afternoon visiting before going on to JoLane and Dennis Moler's for supper.

They also will visit Tim's parents in Fremont while in the area.

On Friday evening Merlin and Connie Hartman enjoyed an evening at the Lofte Theatre. The current production is "The Wizard of Oz." It was opening night so

there is time for people to go. Enough can't be said about the talent and the costuming.

Kenny and Ruth Hartman have returned from a relaxing vacation. They travel highway 20 across the state ending up in Curtiss for a few days. They described it as a relaxing vacation possibly with the night of the storm at the Callaway reservoir.

The water was active and they had parked the trailer close to the water.

Merlin and Connie Hartman were guests of Lisa Hartman and Patty Odell for a cook out on Sunday. Patty's son, Tyler, joined them for lunch.

They took in the air show at Offuit Air Base during the afternoon from a parking lot on 38th street. Lawn chairs and a shade tree made perfect watching conditions.

UNADILLA NEWS

The Unadilla Area Fund met Tuesday, 7/15, at the Community Center Library. Those attending were Bob Brandt, Peggy Leeferers, Larry Larson, Barb Wilhelm, Maureen Vogt, and Corinne Zahn. The BBQ items were reviewed and suggestions noted for next year. Dan Masters has agreed to do the BBQ again in 2015. Corinne reported the estimates were in for replacing the roofs on the gym and Community Center and they were approximately \$46,000. The members voted unanimously to give the Village \$10,000 for the roof repairs. You can read the entire minutes by going to www.UnadillaNebraska.com

While there you can also read the minutes from the last Village Board meeting

and the last Planning Commission meeting.

Bob Wilhelm would like to remind everyone to stop by the Bingo stand in the air conditioned Fair Center during the County Fair.

The proceeds help fund local youth programs. It's always lots of fun!

Friday, 7-24-1914, The Otoe Union: "William Halbasch reports 66 bushels of oats per acre." "The steel bridge one mile west of town has been completed...The bridge men are now putting a steel bridge across the same stream near the Douglas farm between here and Palmyra." Four wagons of "gypsies" passing through town caused a lot of excitement.

AVOCA NEWS

OLD AVOCA SCHOOLHOUSE NEWS

The Old Avoca Schoolhouse, in Avoca, Nebraska, is offering a TWIN FIDDLING WORKSHOP, on Saturday, August 2, from 10 AM - 12 Noon, in the Old Avoca Schoolhouse.

This workshop, led by championship fiddler and author, Deborah Greenblatt, is perfect for fiddlers who want to learn to play duets with other fiddlers. Students of all ages will learn how to construct their own harmony parts by ear, and by writing the notes down in standard notation.

Tunes will range in difficulty from easy to intermediate. Fiddle tunes from many traditions will be explored, including Irish, Swedish, Klezmer, Cajun, Scottish, etc. Enrollment is limited to 10 fiddlers, and pre-registration is required. To sign up, or to ask questions, e-mail debby@greenblattandseay.com.

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE NEWS

The next bloodmobile in Avoca will be on Monday August 11, 2014 from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

AVOCA LIBRARY NEWS

"Soups, Stews and Casseroles" is now avail-

able in the Avoca Library. America's cooking heritage is rich with recipes for soups, stews and casseroles. Many have ethnic ties to other countries, but others are uniquely American.

This book is a collection of taste-tempting recipes from the personal files of food writers across the country. Many of the recipes are regional specialties, and some have been passed down through families for several generations. Most are quick and easy to prepare and rely on commonly available ingredients. All are sure to please your palae and provide you with new menu ideas.

The Avoca Library is open on Tuesdays from 4 PM - 5 PM, and by appointment. For more information, contact debby@greenblattandseay.com, or call 275-3221.

The Avoca News is a fund-raising project for the Avoca Library. Moneys earned through this project will be used to stimulate the love of reading in our community. To submit news, or to request a correction or addition for birthday and anniversary announcements, write to PO Box 671, Avoca, NE, 68307, or call Debby at 275-3221 (leave a message on the machine, please), or e-mail debby@greenblattandseay.com by Thursday night.

PALMYRA NEWS

By Jackie Thomson-Bremer

The Palmyra community honored two gentlemen that were born and raised in the area. Wyman Stedman and Dale Wallen were prominent figures in the community.

The Palmyra Presbyterian Church sang Happy Birthday to Josie. The Storybox held a toy horse stable and the message was about experience. 'Do what you like to do and you won't work a day in your life.'

The congregation celebrated communion.

Organizations

Otoe County Family and Community Education

The evening started with a prayer and delicious salads and cookies served by the Sundowner FCE Club of Unadilla. Present were four guests and 20 Otoe County FCE

members.

The guest speakers were Leland Osten, Gordon Hopp, Elva Osten, and Shari Timm from the Bluebirds Across Nebraska (BAN) group.

Gordon has 2,400 Bluebird boxes with 350 boxes around the Unadilla area. Leland displayed pictures he's taken of the Bluebird habits and habitats. It was a very interesting program. BAN sells the boxes for people to place to encourage Bluebirds.

The ladies continued the evening with their business meeting.

The clubs divided up the days for the Otoe County Fair to monitor the Open Class Exhibition area of the fair.

The ladies have provided this volunteer service for several years. The Otoe County FCE will volunteer for the October Bloodmobile in Syracuse at Luther Memorial

# Syracuse

## Ongoing

■ The Syracuse City Council meets the second Wednesday of the month at City Hall.

■ Planning Commission Meetings are held monthly on the third Tuesday at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

## Tuesday, July 29

■ The Otoe County Extension Board will meet Tuesday, July 29 at 8 p.m. at the Otoe County Extension Office, 180 Chestnut Street in Syracuse. The agenda will be posted after July 22 at the Extension office in Syracuse and County Clerk's office in the Courthouse in Nebraska City.

## Tuesday, Aug. 5

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 11:15 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 1162 Mohawk in Syracuse. To learn more and make an appointment to donate blood, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

## Saturday, Aug. 19

■ The Otoe County Fair will be held August 9-13 at the Otoe County Fairgrounds in Syracuse.

■ 5K/1Mile Run during the Otoe County Fair Friends of the Library in Syracuse

are planning for their 2nd annual Bookin' it For the Library 5K and Dewey Decimal Dash 1 Mile Kids Run. The run will be held at 6:30 pm Saturday, August 9, at the Syracuse Library and is part of the kick off activities for the Otoe County Fair that runs August 10-13 in Syracuse. All 5K participants will receive a free ticket to the street dance Saturday night featuring the Rumbles and winners of the children's age brackets will receive tickets to the midway at the fair. Proceeds from this event will go towards children's programming for the library. To register go to the Events/Result page at [completiming.com](http://completiming.com). You can register online or print a paper entry to be mailed in. Age bracket awards will be presented. Entry fees are: 5K - \$30.00/ 1 Mile - \$12.00. To receive an event shirt must be registered by July 27.

## Saturday, Sept. 13

■ VFW Post 5547 Mid County Post and its participating sponsors invite you to join the excitement of our 4th Annual "Patriots' Day Run 2014" on Sept. 13. Three-quarters of the funds raised from this event will benefit the VFW National Home for Children, which provides help for military families, to date over \$5,700 has been donated.

## Saturday, Sept. 6

The Syracuse city-wide

garage sales will be held Saturday, September 6. For more information, contact Patty Vollertsen, 402-269-2887.

# Nebraska City

## Ongoing

■ The Nebraska City Ministerial Association Film Series will show a movie each Saturday of July and August at the sunken parking lot between eighth and seventh street on Central Avenue. Approximate start time is 9:30 p.m. Movies coming up are as follows:

- July 26: Lego Movie
- Aug. 2: Big Daddy
- Aug. 9: Pitch Perfect
- Aug. 16: The Blind Side
- Aug. 23: Heaven is for Real
- Aug. 30: Up

■ Nebraska City Elite Youth Traveling Baseball will be having tryouts for the 2015 spring season. Youth ages 8-14 (age by April 30, 2015) are eligible to tryout. Times will be from 6-8 p.m. on Sunday July 20, Monday July 21 and Friday July 25. Tryouts will be held at the Nebraska City Softball Complex. All returning players are required to tryout for 2015 season. Questions, please contact Corey Williams at 402-209-2458.

■ The Nebraska City City Council meets the first and third Mondays of the month at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

■ The Nebraska City Planning Commission meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

■ Farmer's market is held 3:45-6 p.m. each Thursday through September at the Memorial Building parking lot. Weekly sponsors often hold a giveaway.

■ The Nebraska City Alliance meets the second Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m. at the Nebraska City Chamber of Commerce building, located at 801 First Avenue. For more information, call Brian Volkmer at 402-209-0549.

■ The following activities are planned at the Morton-James Public Library:

- Computer classes are held Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. Registration required. Call 402-873-5609.
- Book Club meets the second Thursday of the month, 4:30 p.m. See library for the reserve reading list.

■ SENCA Head Start is taking applications for the 2014-15 school year. The program, for children ages 3-5 (born between July 31, 2009 and July 31, 2011), provides education, nutrition, health and disability services, transportation and family support.

To qualify, income guidelines must be met. Individual attention is also given to children with disabilities. For more information, contact Jane, family service advocate, 402-874-9060. Space is limited.

■ "Don't Tell Mother!" and

"Over the Checkerboard," will run at the Brownville Village Theatre every weekend through August 10. Tickets for all performances may be obtained by contacting the Theatre Box Office, open daily from 9-11:30 a.m. and from 1-5 p.m. The phone number is 402-825-4121. Tickets are also available online at [www.BrownvilleVillageTheatre.com](http://www.BrownvilleVillageTheatre.com) or by email: [bvt1967@windstream.net](mailto:bvt1967@windstream.net)

## Friday, July 25

■ Rebirth, a Midwest-based Christian youth band, will perform live at Calvary Community Church at 7 p.m. on July 25. The evening will include free music, skits and snacks. The church is located at 273 S. 63rd Road (on Highway 75 just south of town) in Nebraska City. For more information, call (402) 873-7205.

## Thursday, July 31

■ Grimm's Garden Center will host "Make Your Own Fairy Garden" classes on July 31 and Aug. 5. Susan will show what to use and how to put together a fairy garden. Finished fairy gardens will be on display and some miniatures will be for sale. Instructions will be given on how to use "found objects" in your gardens. The class on July 31 will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. and the Aug. 5 class will be held from 6-7 p.m. Please RSVP to Grimm's Garden Center either in person, by phone, or via email. Contact at 402-874-9340 or [tara@grimss-gardens.com](mailto:tara@grimss-gardens.com). To reserve your spot please visit the Garden Center with your non-refundable \$10 reservation fee.

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## Tuesday, Aug. 5

■ Ambassador Health will be the host site of a free informative presentation given by the Alzheimer's Association on Tuesday, August 5, 2014. Natalie Nickel with the Alzheimer's Association will be providing an informative presentation at Ambassador Health. This program provides information on detection, causes and risk factors, stages of the disease, treatment, and much more. The presentation will begin at 6 p.m. at 1800 14th Avenue, Nebraska City. Dinner will be provided for attendees. Please RSVP to (402) 873-6650 by Monday, August 4.

■ Morton Place will host complimentary coffee & donuts for seniors at Stoner Drug on Tuesday, August 5 from 8-9 a.m.

## Thursday, Aug. 7

■ The Kimmel Harding Nelson Center for the Arts will feature a reception for the exhibition "Works by Jody Boyer and Russ Nordman from 5-7 p.m., Aug. 7. The exhibition, which began July 7, features photo artwork. The center is located at 801 3rd Corso in Nebraska City. For more information, call (402) 874-9600.

## BRIEFS

### Barn Quilt Trail development under way

The Southeast Nebraska Tourism Council is developing a barn quilt trail throughout SE Nebraska. They would like to place barn quilts in Otoe County on barns or metal buildings that would be visible from the road or highway. Cost to the owner would be expenses for supplies. If interested, contact Carolyn Gigstad, 402-269-3373.

### USDA-NRCS funding available for storm-damaged crops

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service recently announced that funding is available to producers who experienced crop damage due to severe weather during the 2014 growing season. Interested applicants have until Aug. 15, 2014, to apply.

The Storm Damage Cover Crop Initiative will assist producers with planting cover crops to re-establish vegetative cover lost due to extreme weather conditions such as drought, floods, tornado, hail and high winds.

For more information about the Storm Damage Cover Crop Initiative and the other programs available from NRCS, visit your local USDA Service Center or [www.ne.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.ne.nrcs.usda.gov).

### Volunteers needed for Nebraska State Fair

The Nebraska State Fair Volunteer program is seeking additional volunteers for the upcoming fair. According to a recent press release, the Nebraska State Fair attracts more than 325,000 people. This year, the fair will be held in Grand Island beginning August 22. Volunteers may sign up at [GIChamber.com](http://GIChamber.com) or by calling 308.382.9210.

## EXTENSION UPDATES

# Establishing good eating habits can help kids fight/avoid obesity

**Sarah Purcell**  
Special to the Journal-Democrat

It's normal for some children to experience a "chubby" stage on occasion while growing up.

However, when weight is too excessive and children continue to remain overweight as they mature, such issues become a concern.

Childhood obesity has more than doubled in children and quadrupled in adolescents in the past 30 years.

The percentage of children ages 6 to 11 years in the United States who are obese increased from 7 percent in 1980 to nearly 18 percent in 2012.

Similarly, the percentage of youth ages 12 to 19 years who are obese increased from 5 percent to nearly 21 percent in the same time period.

In 2012, more than one-third of children and adolescents were overweight or obese.

Overweight is defined as having excess body weight for a particular

height from fat, muscle, bone, water, or a combination of these factors.

Obesity is defined as having excess body fat.

The good news is among 2 to 5 year olds the prevalence of obesity decreased significantly from 13.9 percent in 2003 to 8.4 percent in 2012.

Parents can encourage their children to engage in good eating habits and a healthy lifestyle in a variety of ways:

■ Teach by setting a good example. Talking about the issue usually isn't enough to get children to change their behavior.

Children are more likely to make smart food choices and incorporate fun physical activity into their daily life if they see the adults in their life making those decisions.

■ Prepare well-balanced meals and snacks for a set time each day. This will make it more likely for children to eat healthy food choices throughout the day. Ideas: select fruits, vegetables, skim or 1% milk, whole grains, and when you need a drink water instead of soda pop.

■ Familiarize kids with a variety

of foods at an early age.

Many young children are picky eaters and will need encouragement when trying new foods. Remember children have likes and dislikes similar to adults, and it may take more than one try for a child to establish a taste for a given food.

■ Refrain from using sweets and salty snacks as a reward for healthier eating. When food is seen as a reward, it is only granted a higher position on the food chain.

Instead incorporate treats into meals and snacks one or twice each week and focus on its role with other foods in a balanced diet.

■ Keep meals and snack times positive. Food is something to enjoy, whether at a family dinner or social event.

Good habits are established for the long term with positive encouragement.

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## Heitkamp will jump at Texas track meet

**Kirt Manion**  
 kmanion@ncnewspress.com

Jacob Heitkamp isn't waiting for his sophomore track and field season at Syracuse-Dunbar-Avooca High School.

In fact, Heitkamp has been extending his freshman campaign through the course of the summer and has been piling up some impressive accomplishments and results along the way.

Heitkamp capped his freshman year with the Rocket team by qualifying for the state meet and jumping 6'2".

This summer, Heitkamp has been competing on the track with the Tachyon Athletik, an Omaha track club.

In his first meet of the summer, the Nebraska State Junior Olympic

meet, Heitkamp competed in the high jump and also competed in the triple jump, an event he did not participate in during the high school season.

The Nebraska Junior Olympic meet was contested at Omaha Burke Stadium on June 14 with Heitkamp clearing a first place height of 6'4.75" in the high jump. He was also first in the triple jump with a leap of 41'.

Those numbers qualified Heitkamp for the Regional Junior Olympic meet, which was contested at Burke Stadium on July 5.

Heitkamp improved his numbers and won in both the high jump and triple jump with leaps of 6'6.75" and 42'.

With those performances, Heitkamp has

qualified to compete in the National Junior Olympic event, which is being contested in Humble, Texas this year.

Unfortunately, Heitkamp will not be able to compete in the triple jump at nationals.

He had previously planned to visit his sister in Austin and won't be able to get to Humble until after the triple jump.

Heitkamp will be competing in the high jump, which will be Friday, July 25.

In between regionals and nationals, Heitkamp earned two more gold medals while leaping at the Cornhusker State Games. He cleared 6'4" in the high jump and was also first in the triple jump with an effort of 39'9".



Photo by Kirt Manion

Seth Bayliss of the Syracuse American Legion Seniors baseball team fouls off the ball during an at bat at the Class B-1 tourney at the Syracuse ball complex.

## Seniors wrap year at home tournament

**Kirt Manion**  
 kmanion@ncnewspress.com

A rough inning and a seventh inning rally ended the season for the Syracuse American Legion Seniors baseball team during home action at the Class B-1 American Legion baseball tournament on Friday and Saturday.

The Rockets opened tourney action with a game against Falls City.

After three innings of the tourney opener, the Rockets led 2-0.

Connor Cameron reached base on a lead off double to begin the inning and Mitch Stilmock and Ty Snyder later followed with RBI ground outs.

Falls City hit a pair of fourth inning home runs to take the lead.

In the fifth inning, the Rockets had opportunities for outs, but were unable to convert.

As a result, Falls City got its offense going and ended the game early on

the 10-run rule.

Offensive leaders for the Rockets were Logan Teten, double; Connor Cameron, double; and Seth Bayliss, single.

Teten started on the mound and took the loss for Syracuse.

That defeat put the Rockets in an elimination game against Elmwood-Murdock/Nehawka.

The game came down to the seventh inning with Elmwood-Murdock/Nehawka scoring in the final frame to escape with a 7-6 victory.

Snyder started on the mound and was relieved by Bayliss, who worked 5.2 innings.

Offensive leaders for Syracuse were Teten, three singles; Bayliss, two singles; Cameron Clark, double; Stilmock, single; Snyder, single; and Jayce Cameron, single.

Counting the results from the area tourney, the Rockets end the season with a mark of 9-16.

Although the area tourney didn't produce

wins, Coach Mark Bayliss said the season represents another step forward for the Syracuse program.

Coach Bayliss said he the players in the program are making baseball a priority and working on their skills in the offseason.

And the Rockets had a young group this year.

Coach Bayliss said all of the Rocket players are eligible to return and play next year and added that he's looking forward to working with them again.

In addition to praising players for their commitment to the program, Coach Bayliss also said that his assistant coaches have been invaluable to the program.

### Correction

Mitch McWilliams was incorrectly identified in last week's legion baseball information.

Christian Fredrick was incorrectly identified in the story.



Photo Contributed

Jake Heitkamp clears the bar during the Regional Junior Olympics track meet at Omaha Burke Stadium.

### SYRACUSE SWIM RESULTS

The Syracuse swim team competed in a meet against Auburn on July 2.

#### Boys eight-and-under free

2. L. Oelke, 26.16
3. C. Caudill, 30.0
4. T. Halvorsen, 30.40

#### Boys 9-10 free

1. R. Shanks, 16.47
2. C. Mogensen, 17.5
3. K. Dowland, 20.03
4. K. Swanson, 20.47
5. E. Parde, 21.47

#### Boys 11-12 free

2. B. Cavanaugh, 43.22
3. H. Rumery, 1:10.91

#### Boys 15-18 free

1. H. Paden, 25.38
2. J. Holthus, 27.12
3. A. Johnson, 27.81

#### Girls eight-and-under free

1. L. Mogensen, 22.93
2. R. Seelhoff, 24.62
4. L. Dale, 30.19
5. H. Kirchhoff, 31.62
6. K. Dowland, 34.09

#### Girls 9-10 free

2. B. Reichmuth, 16.82
4. H. Knox, 18.75
6. Kam. Stanley, 19.37

#### Girls 11-12 free

5. C. Carlson, 37.31
4. E. Holthus, 33.65
6. E. Bjork, 37.03

#### Girls 15-18

1. S. Paden, 28.59
2. S. Zimmer, 29.78
4. G. Williams, 33.44
5. A. Rippe, 34.22
6. C. Carlson, 35.71

#### Boys eight-and-under back

3. B. Schroeder, 39.9
5. C. Wander, 42.14

#### Boys 9-10 back

1. C. Mogensen, 24.35
3. O. Wander, 26.84
4. E. Parde, 26.89

#### Boys 11-12 back

2. B. Cavanaugh, 53.78
3. H. Rumery, 1:25.6

#### Boys 15-18 back

1. H. Paden, 32.31
2. A. Johnson, 36.41

#### Girls eight-and-under back

1. L. Mogensen, 25.43
2. R. Seelhoff, 34.07
3. L. Dale, 37.22
4. M. Nannen, 43.78
5. A. McCoy, 48.89
6. H. Kirchhoff, 50.88

#### Girls 9-10 back

2. H. Knox, 22.6
3. Kam. Stanley, 22.75
5. A. Swift, 24.9
6. J. Garris, 25.0

#### Girls 11-12 back

5. S. Shanks, 52.72
3. M. Mueller, 43.75
4. E. Bjork, 46.03
5. M. Clark, 48.0

#### Girls 13-14 back

1. S. Paden, 33.87
3. M. Yunker, 40.93
4. G. Williams, 43.65
5. C. Carlson, 44.75
6. K. Mahar, 52.0

#### Girls 15-18

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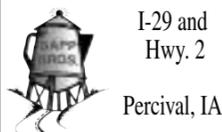
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- Fancy car
- Actor Sharif
- Peaks: abbr.
- Lays out by the pool
- Donate some money
- Cleaner scent
- Actress Keaton
- Sweet and kind
- Excursion on the water
- Go \_\_\_ for the ride
- Niagara \_\_\_
- Highway: abbr.
- Brothers and sisters, for short
- Word with tread, wind or steel
- Play to the camera
- Christmas \_\_\_
- There are four in most rooms
- Bite down on
- Trash pickup, electric, water, etc.
- Wind \_\_\_
- Clock sounds
- Billy who sang "Piano Man"
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- Valuable rocks
- "What \_\_\_ is new?"
- Actor Hirsch
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- "\_\_\_ we forget"
- Calendar squares
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- Oodles
- Societal problems
- Zero
- Giving a quiz to
- Blazed, like the sun
- Gives a salary to
- Semicircle
- Some restaurant dishes
- Children's show from 1953 to 1994

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- Tattered
- What an arrow does
- Hit the doorbell
- Bowlers and derbies
- Ten in a bowling alley
- "Guys and \_\_\_"
- Beer amounts
- Existing
- He played Mr. Brady on "The Brady Bunch"
- Fancy dances
- "Who's there?" response
- Easter candy
- Nail \_\_\_
- "Holy" fish

- TV's Dr. \_\_\_
- Candle part
- Rooted for your team
- Makes a check useless
- Freezing
- One of the Jacksons
- "The \_\_\_ must go on"
- Ripped
- "No \_\_, no fuss"
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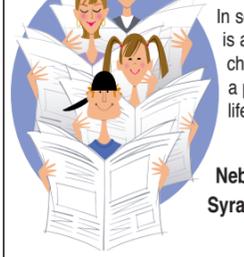


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**SCHOOL**

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include whether the absences were excused.

Policies on Student Fees, Bullying, and Local Substitutes were reviewed and approved. The school accepted a bid from B&B to supply

the school's fuel for the coming year.

Bids were solicited from Cubby's and B&B, but Cubby's did not respond. The bid from B&B includes \$.03 off of pump price.

The Hearing on the 2014-2015 Budget and Property Tax Rates will be at the regularly scheduled meeting on September 15.

**CITY**

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For ambulance services, the budget request was broken down by very specific line items. Many of them were reduced, and some increased. The cell phone cost is \$1500 a year. This covers transmission or data from the scene directly to the hospital. Some lifts were purchased earlier in the year and financed at 0% interest for three years. That item caused an overall increase in the request.

The fire department budget request was almost \$3,000 less than the current year.

There was discussion of a generator, showers, and restrooms for disaster recovery. However, those will likely not be included in this year's budget.

However, the fire department has recently operated under budget. The plan going forward is to set up a "sinking fund" allowing them to carry over some of those funds to be used at a time in the future.

The pool and programs budget was discussed. However, new director Shayna Asksamit needs more data in order to accurately project the needs of the department.

She is working with City Council to break it down for next year's budget.

The Streets department is operating within budget. Though a new project was

added this year paving the alley between Plum and Thorne and 5th and 6th Streets, it was offset by less snow-removal this fiscal year.

The new budget includes a request to buy a new skid-steer, repair some erosion areas in town, and an increase in roadway paint.

The City Council briefly discussed trees hanging over the streets and a problem with trucks making some of the turns on the truck-route.

Citizens are responsible for keeping trees 13 feet above the street and eight feet above the sidewalk. Overall, the budget request was a \$1000 increase.

The general, police, and building budgets were discussed last. The general and building departments are on-track to finish within budget this year.

Mayor Ortiz noted when discussing the police budget that he wanted citizen and council input on overall satisfaction with the contracted police through Otoe County Sheriff's Department.

The police budget is a contracted rate, and the only variance is usually animal control.

They have a three year contract for police service, and Mayor Ortiz wants to take a proactive approach to analyzing this in the coming year.

This will make contract negotiations and decisions a smoother process in the future.

**FARMER**

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said that wasn't the case. "The tractor didn't run over him," she said. "He fell off the tractor, but he was just lucky the tractor didn't run over him."

Paulene said Hauschild was attempting to get his leg over the seat to apply the brake when he fell.

Avoca, Manley and Weeping Water Rescue were among the agencies that responded to the 911 call.

**IMMIGRATION**

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future though and really need immigrants to help?" A 2012 study from the Midwest Immigration Task Force found that immigration to rural areas had a 57 percent growth from 2000-2010.

Mayor Jack Hobbie of Nebraska City said that diversity is the word that comes to mind when he thinks of what immigration has brought to the city.

He said Nebraska City currently has two Hispanic restaurants, a Hispanic grocery store, two Chinese restaurants and a Vietnamese restaurant that just opened.

"They bring businesses to diversify us and commerce to help keep us going," Hobbie said. "These places weren't things you saw here 15 to 20 years

ago." Hobbie said in the past 20 years immigrants have come mostly to fill jobs available at one of the three major employers in the area: Cargill, American Meter or Diversified Foods & Seasonings, Inc.

"I picture it a lot like our forefathers," he said. "Our forefathers came and then a brother or sister followed because of job opportunities, and they eventually established themselves in the community."

Becky Gould, executive director at Nebraska Appleseed, a Lincoln-based nonprofit that advocates for equal opportunities for every Nebraskan, said immigrants feel more at home in these rural communities.

"The way we look at immigration for our state as a

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Omaha	81	70	t-storm
Lincoln	83	70	t-storm
Nebraska City	80	70	t-storm

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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Alliance	97	63	t-storm
Aurora	85	69	t-storm
Beatrice	84	71	t-storm
Bellevue	82	67	t-storm
Blair	80	68	t-storm
Broken Bow	90	68	windy
Central City	85	69	t-storm
Chadron	98	63	t-storm
Columbus	81	67	t-storm
Falls City	84	69	t-storm
Fremont	83	69	t-storm
Gordon	96	61	t-storm
Gothenburg	95	68	pt sunny
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Hastings	87	71	t-storm
Kearney	90	68	pt sunny
Kimball	93	63	t-storm
Lincoln	83	70	t-storm
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Norfolk	83	67	t-storm
North Platte	96	65	pt sunny
Ogallala	99	67	t-storm
Omaha	81	70	t-storm
O'Neill	84	67	t-storm
Plattsmouth	81	69	t-storm
Scottsbluff	101	63	t-storm
Sidney	98	65	t-storm
South Sioux City	79	66	t-storm
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Wahoo	81	68	t-storm

**VOLUNTEER**

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whole is that in some of the rural areas we are looking to attract people to be contributors to the community," Gould said. "Immigration has been positive in that regards."

Gould said Nebraskans in these smaller communities have a sense of neighborliness who want to build a great community.

She said that is why many immigrants are attracted to Nebraska - they can create a community for themselves and their families.

She said education is always a positive and a negative whenever a new population arrives in a community, though.

Dr. Jeffrey Edwards, superintendent for Nebraska City Public Schools (NCPS), said if immigration reform could bring anything to the city it could be more funding for English Language Learners

classes (ELL).

Edwards said each student brings a set of unique challenges.

A good example of this is when a Mandarin family moved to town and the school district didn't have access to a Chinese translator.

"The Mandarin student really threw us for a loop," Edwards said.

The four Nebraska City schools - Northside Elementary, Hayward Elementary, Nebraska City Middle School and Nebraska City High School - have two full-time teachers and two paraprofessionals who divide their time among the four schools.

Edwards said there are 12 current immigrant children enrolled at NCPS.

The public school system only gets \$7,000 per year from the federal government from a No Child Left Behind grant to help

provide ELL classes for these children.

Edwards said many of the kids come from countries, like Honduras and Guatemala, where children are only expected to go to school until fourth or fifth grade.

"Sixteen or 17-year-olds who come in could be at a way lower grade level because of this educational difference," Edwards said.

He said many of them start taking elective classes right away, like gym and art class.

All of them have to take English as a Second Language classes before entering a regular classroom, though.

A big portion of the ELL resources comes from a state-aid formula, too.

Every year NCPS has to write an English proficiency plan that helps the state determine how much money to allocate to the

public school system.

Edwards said the money allowance ranges from \$80,000 - \$100,000, which allows them to hire the ELL teachers and paraprofessionals.

The unique perspective and diversity immigrants bring to classrooms has given an overall positive impact to the schools and community.

Although, an inability to provide fully for the immigrant children has left Edwards and other community leaders entertaining the idea that immigration reform could bring more resources to the schools.

"One of the things we are required to do as a public school is educate everyone that comes through our doors," Edwards said. "Our job is to continue to educate them - immigrant or non-immigrant, legal or illegal."

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