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Speaking of Chicken

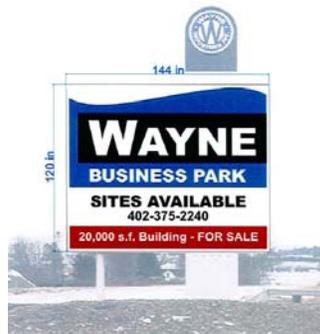
By: Wes Blecke

You have likely heard that many times people don't volunteer simply because they have never been asked. Therefore, the logical thing to concentrate on is asking for help with whatever you need to have assistance with. However, recently I have heard from a few people who would like to volunteer with groups and activities, but they simply don't know who to ask or how to get involved. So our issue has come full circle. If you know of anyone who desires to volunteer for something in the community, please direct them to the appropriate person or group. If you don't know who that is, contact our office and we will find out for you/them.

I am excited to see the new look of a few landmarks in Wayne this spring. The old Antiques on Main building is getting an exterior facelift. The WAED office will be getting a new awning and new signage in the near future. And to help dress up the Wayne Industrial/Business Park, a new "skin" will be placed overtop the existing sign. I am excited for this sign to be quickly outdated as it will advertise the 20,000 sq ft Opportunity Building for sale. Remember to direct anyone interested in opening a new business in town or looking to expand their existing business to our office.

Wayne will be hosting a busi-

ness prospect from out of town during the first part of March. I want to thank everyone who has taken an interest in this and has helped to make it a successful visit. There are 3 other active projects that have come from DED or NPPD that we are waiting to hear about. Many times in attraction projects, it is a "hurry up and wait" type of process. And while business attraction/recruitment is important to the local economy, we still focus on a four-legged approach to economic development: ATTRACTION; RETENTION; EXPANSION; & ETREPRENEURSHIP (START-UPS).



Continuing education is very important in any profession. Irene has just attended the Nebraska Summit on Entrepreneurship (Feb 25) in LaVista. The entrepreneurial spirit is the building block to innovation and business success in this country. I will be attending my second session of Economic Development Institute

in Dallas the middle of March (there are 3 total sessions, with a basic course required prior to beginning sessions). My session in March will focus on Business Retention and Expansion as well as Real Estate Development. If you'd like to know more about what Irene and I learn from these educational events, don't hesitate to ask.

So why is the title of this article about chicken? As a young boy I remember being at a family get together here in Wayne (at the late Willard and Joy Blecke's house, if anyone remembers them) where my father interrupted a conversation with "speaking of chicken." We weren't talking about chicken at all and it was completely off subject. But the point is my family still remembers this phrase and we frequently use it today, to remember the past. First, this helps rationalize my stream of consciousness that I used to write my previous thoughts (I apologize for that), but more importantly to remind people to cherish the times in your life that matter, however big or small they might be. You never know what memories will hang on forever. I hope Wayne works for you to capture these memories at work, at home and at play. Let us know if we can do anything to help make Wayne a place that works for you! Now, speaking of chicken...

Wayne Works for me because...

It is small enough for the small town boy in me and I'm able to get a quality education.

~ Chris Weddel


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**Wayne Area
 Relay For Life**
 Monday, March 21st
 First National Bank South
 Conference Room
 Team Captain Meeting 5:30pm
 Committee Meeting 6:30pm
**Silent Auction Baskets and
 Team Registrations are due!!!
 New teams or team members
 are wanted & accepted!!!!**

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Membership Update

We appreciate the investment of all our members at each of the investment levels and encourage you to take advantage of the member benefits offered to you and your business.

The 2011 Current Investors list has been published two times so far this year. Once in last month's newsletter and another publication that went out last week in the Wayne Herald's Progress Edition.

If you haven't already returned your membership commitment for 2011, please

make every effort to do so as soon as possible so that your member benefits do not lapse and you are represented on future membership lists.

If you have questions about this or are interested in becoming a member, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

On Friday, WAED sent out letters to all of the individuals and businesses that invested in 2010, but have not renewed in 2011. This letter included an invoice for the amount invested

in 2010 and a reminder about investing for 2011. The invoice was included, but is by no means a requirement for payment. If you have questions about this letter, please feel free to contact us.

There are several advantages to being a part of Wayne Area Economic Development. Do not miss out on the opportunities that are available for you and your business. Please contact us at 402-375-2240 or email us at info@waynetworks.org.

Wayne County Jaycees to Host Super Shooters

The Wayne County Jaycees will be hosting Super Shooters at the Wayne Community Activity Center on Sunday, March 6th. Registration starts at 2:30PM and the event begins at 3:00PM. Super Shooters is a basketball ball shooting competition where kids demonstrate how well they

can shoot from 5 spots around the basket as well as 2 layups. Boys and Girls, ages 6-13 are invited to attend. New this year, following the Kids Super Shooters, an Adults Super Shooters event will take place. So Dads and Moms, Bring you're "A" game! This is a free event. For more information

contact Nate Beltz at (402) 750-1198.

Come out to the activities center and enjoy an afternoon of free basketball with your family and friends!!

1st Quarter Congeniality Awarded

On Friday, February 18th, the Ambassadors gathered for Chamber Coffee at Runza and for the presentation of the 2011 1st Quarter Congeniality Award. The First Quarter Congeniality Award for 2011 went to Rick Chavanu.

Rick is currently employed at Quality Foods/IGA as the assistant manager. Rick always greets customers by name and with a "How are you doing today?" He even seems to know his customer's interests and hobbies to strike up a conversation. When his employers were told he would be getting this award they were very excited and stated that he is a great role model and trainer for the staff.

Congratulations to a well deserving individual!

The congeniality award is presented quarterly throughout the year. If you have nominations for the congeniality award, please fill out a nomination form and return it to the Wayne Area Economic Development Office.

The Ambassadors are always open to nominations from everyone in the community.

A nomination form is included in this month's newsletter. Please contact us with any questions or concerns. We look forward to receiving your nominations!



Rick Chavanu (left) poses with his employers Pat and Amy Riesberg Quality Foods/IGA.

Up and Down Main Street

By: Tony Kochenash

Basketball season is in its last weeks and baseball season has started. As the basketball season closes we want to congratulate all our local teams and thank them for all the entertainment and excitement they have provided for us. The WSC girl's basketball team has had a fabulous season and as I write this column early the team is in the running to participate in their district playoffs and possibly the national championship. Good luck and I hope you do it. While I am on sports, I would like to thank Jeff Zeiss for the great work and leadership he has provided our community as Recreation and Leisure Services Director and I wish him the best in his new job with Stadium Sports. He will be missed at the Community Activity Center, but thankfully he still will be working in town and we will have the benefit of his baseball coaching with the high school and the Legion teams. Good luck Jeff.

When I am in town I am a frequent user of the Activity Center and I am very appreciative of the facility and the opportunity it provides us. But I do have concern that there are users who do not share the same appreciation and concern that I have. More and more I am seeing damage by abusive customers and I am puzzled why anyone would want to damage or destroy anything at the center. Many mornings when I arrive at the center and use the dressing room I find a variety of garbage on the floor of the dressing room apparently from members who have difficulty walking several feet to put their trash in a wastebasket. But the thing that bothers me most is the damage to various things in the facility. In the last month a night spot light has been damaged by someone practicing their rebounding skills by jumping as high as they can to give the spot light

a good bang until it breaks apart and hangs by electrical wires. This has happened twice in the last month and there is no excuse for that kind of behavior. The place belongs to us and we pay taxes and membership fees to keep the place going and in good shape. Lets cooperate in this matter.



At our last Revitalize Wayne Main Street Committee meeting, Irene shared with us info on the Northeast Nebraska Legislative Day March 23. There is room for 20 more people on the bus which will leave for Lincoln about 1:30 p.m. and return about 10 p.m. The chartered bus stops in West Point and Fremont to pick up passengers and when in Lincoln the group will host a social for our state senators and spend some time expressing their concerns and listening to those who represent us in Lincoln. If you are interested call Irene for more info and to make reservations.

The committee is in the process of collecting nominations for Heritage Nebraska/Main Street Annual Awards. There are about 10 award categories including our local Business of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. Serving on the committee with me are Kurt Schrant and Lois Shelton. If you have any suggestions do not hesitate to contact one of us. We plan to complete the nominations

in mid-March before the April 1st deadline.

Other topics of discussion included the placement of three new benches on the downtown sidewalks; design and installation of the historic district plaques; walking tours, and pocket maps of Wayne and local attractions; window displays for vacant storefronts; and the 2011 Spring/Easter retail promotion which Nana and Marie will be unveiling in the next few weeks. Each of the four-point Main Street areas of focus could use more help to complete their projects. If you are inclined and want to help your city and these projects, please don't hesitate to call Irene or contact one of the names you read about in this article.

You may want to join the Ambassadors in the Wisner St. Patrick's Day parade, or join the Chicken Show Committee which meets on the second Monday of the month. The WAED office is also looking for help in conducting the Synchronistic Business Retention Visits. Training is provided and volunteers are partnered with a staff member to make on-site visits and conduct interviews with our local businesses.

Revitalize Wayne/Main Street meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 8 a.m. for an hour or less in the South Meeting Room of the City Auditorium. Please join us March 8th and get involved with us to help Wayne in various projects. Some of us can be lots of fun and you may enjoy it.

2011 Revitalize Wayne Committee

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The National Trust Main Street Center's mission is to empower people, organizations, and communities to achieve ongoing downtown and neighborhood revitalization based upon the principles of self-determination, resource conservation, and incremental transformation represented through the comprehensive

Main Street Four-Point Approach™.

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Wayne Groups Visit Lincoln

The Leadership Wayne Class, joined by the Mayor's Youth Council, visited Lincoln on February 3rd. In Lincoln, they were joined by several other Leadership and Youth Council groups from around Nebraska. The groups enjoyed various activities throughout the day, beginning with a tour through the capitol. The group also had the opportunity to meet with Governor Dave Heineman and ask questions about upcoming bills and decisions that are being made in the State of Nebraska.

Other activities included listening to a floor debate, attending hearings on proposed bills and touring the Governor's Mansion. The group also had the opportunity to meet several different senators from around Nebraska.

The Nebraska State Chamber hosted the Annual Legislative Caucus and Hall of Fame Banquet, also on February 3. The caucus speakers focused on budget issues and how the legislature is working to maintain

a balanced budget. The Government Affairs committee sponsored a table and hosted District 17 Senator Dave Bloomfield and his administrative assistant, Beverly Neel, at the banquet. Northeast Nebraska was well represented as Clayton Andrews of Norfolk and the late Harold and George Wimmer of West Point were inducted into the hall of fame, which recognizes Nebraska business leaders whose contributions to Nebraska's economy and business environment is deserving of public acclaim.



Leadership Wayne and the Mayor's Youth Council tour the Nebraska State Capitol in Lincoln. Students witnessed Leadership skills and their application to public service.



Attending the Banquet were Irene Fletcher; Lowell Johnson; Beverly Neel, Senator Dave Bloomfield, Nancy Braden, Annette Junck, Kevin Petersen and Wes Blecke, photographer.

Food Check-Out/Ag Day

The Ag Task Force will recognize Food Check-Out Week and Ag Appreciation Day simultaneously with special activities on Tuesday, March 15. Grocery certificates will be given away and information will be provided to shoppers regarding the affordability and safety of our food. Self registration for the drawings and educational materials will be available all day at Quality Foods/IGA and Pac N Save. Ag Task Force members will be on hand from 5-7pm to visit with customers. Drawing winners will be announced at Chamber Coffee on March 18.

Food Check-Out Week celebrates

the affordability of our food and the fact that it takes Americans just 5 weeks of disposable income to pay for 52 weeks of food. On average, Americans spend only 9.5% of personal disposable income for food, far less than most of the world.

Ag Appreciation Day is a day to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture. Agriculture provides almost everything we eat, use and wear on a daily basis. One key to that abundance has been a steady supply of people choosing careers in the agriculture industry. By building awareness, the Agriculture Council of



America encourages young people to consider career opportunities in agriculture. Each American farmer feeds more than 144 people ... a dramatic increase from 25 people in the 1960s, demonstrating that American agriculture is doing more and doing it better. As the world population soars, there is an even greater demand for the food and fiber produced in the United States.

Red Cross to Host Chamber Coffee and Soup Luncheon

The Northeast Nebraska Red Cross will be hosting Chamber Coffee on Friday, March 4th at the Wayne Vet' Club.

Following the Chamber Coffee, The Northeast Nebraska Red Cross will be hosting a soup luncheon from 11:00am-1:00pm. The luncheon will also take place at the Vet's Club, 220 Main

Street. Chili and potato soup will be served, along with dessert bars. Cost for the event is a free will donation. The Red Cross will also be able to deliver soup that day. If you are interested in having your soup delivered, simply call the Vet's Club and put in your order, (402) 375-9944.

The Red Cross is very active in our community and does so much for us! It is our turn to give back to them. So come out and support the Northeast Nebraska Red Cross on Friday, March 4th.



2011 Marketing Committee

Melissa Urbanec
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Cindy Brummond

Mick Kemp

Dan Wibben*

Marketing Committee

The Marketing Committee has been working on a number of projects over the past months. This group is charged with marketing the community of Wayne to attract new residents. The marketing projects are both internal, selling the community to ourselves so that we spread that enthusiasm outward, and external to areas outside of the state.

Projects you may see are a new community brochure. This is the third brochure in a series that included targeting Housing and Business. If you would like copies to distribute, contact the office.

Working with Wayne State College Service Learning and the Art Department has resulted in the printing of a Folded Pocket Map of the community that includes a month by month listing of general community events. The map is intended to be worked into a wall mural that will be installed downtown to be used as a locator map.

The Marketing Committee is partnering with KTCH/KCTY to have a booth at the Norfolk Home and Garden Show on March 18, 19, and 20. The Norfolk Area Home Builders, in cooperation with Northeast Community College will host the Home Show at the NECC Ag Complex in Norfolk. The show is open Friday, March 18th from 6-9pm; Saturday from 10am - 8pm; and Sunday

11am - 4pm. The Marketing committee will staff the booth, but welcome anyone interested in representing the community to contact the office to volunteer for a shift. Wayne Works trade show bags will be filled with community information and provided to those visiting the booth. Member businesses are welcome to provide information to be added to the bags or made available upon request at the booth. Contact the office for details.

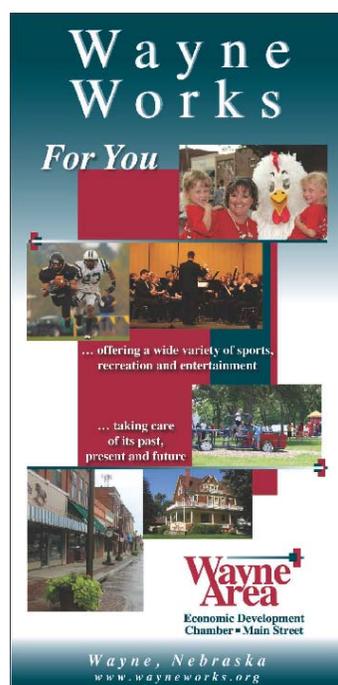
The Chicken Show committee has been working with the

marketing group to update the Chicken Show Billboard, west of Wayne. The billboard will feature a new chicken design and invitation to attend our annual Chicken Show.

Working with former Mayor Lois Shelton and current Mayor Ken Chamberlain, the group is preparing a letter that can be sent to prospective Wayne State students and their families, inviting them to attend Wayne State College and letting them know that the community supports the students while they are in Wayne.

You will continue to see the two Wayne Works commercials air on Cable TV. They had previously run on KTIV and the Yankton Cable network. As a member benefit, two pull-up banners are available to display in your place of business or for special events. Contact the office to schedule the use of the banners.

The Marketing Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at the Max. Meetings are held to one hour and anyone is welcome to participate. If you are unable to attend the meetings, do not hesitate to contact any of the members listed in the side bar to share your thoughts and ideas.



2011 Organization Committee

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Kathy Berry (W 2)

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Brian Frevert (W 3)

Jon Haase (W 4)

Kaki Ley (W 3)

Jim Van Delden (W 1)

City Administrator:

Lowell Johnson



County Officials

Commissioners:

Dean Burbach (D 2)

Jim Rabe (D 3)

Kelvin Wurdeman (D 1)

My New Job

Well, after a couple months here's what I've figured out. My patience, my respect for Mayor Shelton, my admiration for City staff, and my gratitude for the citizens of Wayne have multiplied.

Yes, I was met at the door of my new job with a barrage of new responsibilities and challenges, and no they haven't stopped coming yet, but I am relishing the chance to turn all of these challenges into opportunities.

One of the real treats of my new job has been the 'Mayors Youth Council' that Mayor Shelton started about a year ago. This is a really great group of young people that are working to put their mark on the landscape of Wayne. This group is truly an inspiration to me, and I cannot thank them enough for doing what they do.

There are a couple of goals I have been excited to get started on with my new job. They are: Relationship building with the WSC student population, and initiating an 'Advocating Business Labor Education' or ABLE program.

Working on the relationship with WSC students is not a new or fresh idea. However, I believe it is important for me to get to campus and get in front of students on a regular basis. My first student forum took place shortly after I took office, and it generated several opportunities for us to create a friendlier Wayne for the WSC students. The challenge will be getting their ideas on how to change opportunities into realities.

The ABLE program is not something that I dreamed up on my own either. I got the inspiration for this last fall at the League of Municipalities Conference. It is a program run in another part of the

By: Ken Chamberlain

state designed to educate the youth on the variety of business and industry in the area in hopes that some will choose a career path that leads them home. I have met with Wes, Jason Barelman from WSC, Melody Hill from Wayne Public Schools, Lois Shelton and Lowell Johnson to make them aware of what I'd like to accomplish and get their input on how to make this successful. I am still unsure what shape this program will take, but I am hopeful we can get this started.

So, although there have been a couple sleepless nights, and a few grinding headaches, I am loving every minute of my new job. I thank you for the opportunity to serve you, and work with you to make Wayne such a wonderful place.

Wayne Arts Festival Scheduled

Fly away home to the
Wayne Arts Festival



The Wayne Arts Festival is scheduled for March 20 at the Wayne National Guard Armory from 11AM-4PM. The Arts Festival is a day filled with eclectic vendors, artists and crafters, live music, kids' art activities, and

plenty of other food and fun. Plan to stop by for a day filled with many activities for people of all ages. Bring your family and friends! This event is sponsored by the Wayne Community Theatre.

Thank You

Thank you for all you do for the community. Thanks for a very nice chamber banquet, very well run and informative.

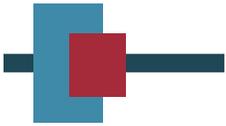
Again, I am very humbled by this award. Never in my wildest

dreams, from a sophomore in high school pushing a broom and cleaning toilets at a ford dealer in West Point (my first job which lasted 5 years), to standing before 200 + people accepting such a distinguished award. Dreams can

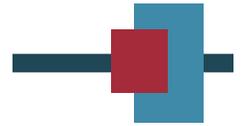
come true and hard work does have a purpose.

Your work is greatly appreciated.

Scott Hasemann



WAYNE WORKS EXCHANGE



March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1</p> <p>8am Organization Committee @ SMR</p> <p>9am Wayne County Commissioners</p> <p>5:30 pm City Council</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11:30am Marketing committee @ the Max</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10am Chamber Coffee hosted by Red Cross @ Vet's Cub</p> <p>11am-1pm Red Cross Soup Lunch @ Vet's Club</p> <p>12pm B & I Exec @ WAED office</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:30am Gov't Affairs @ Coffee Shoppe</p> <p>8am Revitalize Wayne Committee @ SMR</p> <p>9am-3pm Leadership Wayne @ WSC Gardner Hall</p>	<p>9</p> <p> ASH WEDNESDAY</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:30am Exec Board @ WAED office</p> <p>12:45pm B&I Committee @ Taco's and More</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10am Chamber Coffee hosted by United Way @ First National of Omaha-First Bankcard</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Begins</p> <p></p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:30pm Chicken Show Committee @ SMR</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9am Wayne County Commissioners @ Courthouse</p> <p>5:30pm City Council Meeting @ City Hall</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7am WAED Board @ SMR</p> <p></p>	<p>18</p> <p>10am Chamber Coffee hosted by Pheasants Forever @ City Auditorium</p> <p>Norfolk Home Show</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1:30 pm Wisner St. Pat's Parade</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Wayne Arts Festival @ Wayne National Guard Armory 11AM-4PM</p> <p>Norfolk Home Show</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Newsletter Articles Due</p> <p>Relay for Life</p> <p>5:30pm Captains</p> <p>6:00pm Committee Members</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8am Revitalize Wayne Committee @ SMR</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:30am-3pm Siouxland Community Blood Bank @ Wayne Fire Hall</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10am Chamber Coffee @ Wayne Senior Center</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10am Chamber Coffee @ Moments Portrait Boutique</p> <p>April</p>	<p>2</p>



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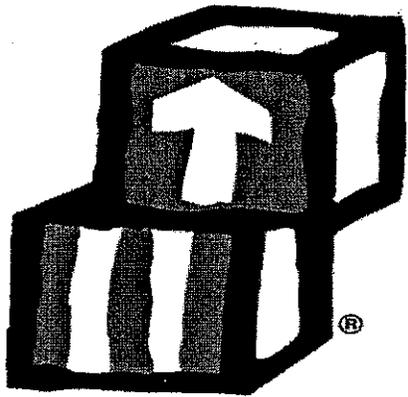
**NORTHEAST NEBRASKA
LEGISLATIVE DAY**

March 23, 2011

For more information, details, sponsorship and to sign up for the event, please contact the Wayne Area Economic Development Office.

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Wayne Head Start

1210 E. 7th Street

Wayne, NE 68787

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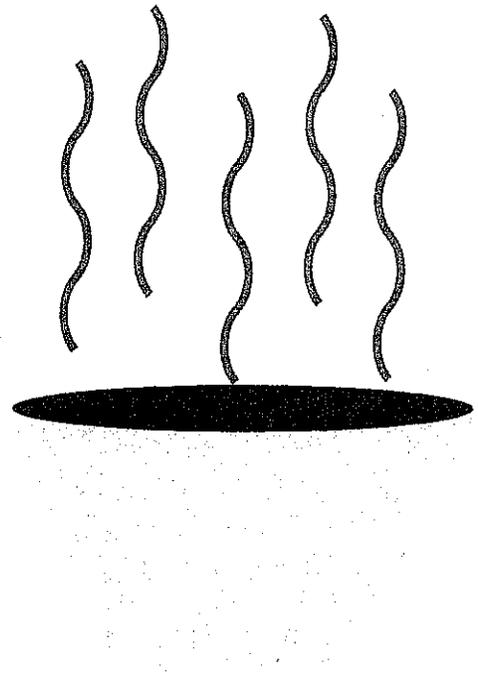
- *Now taking applications for 2011-2012 school year.
- *Full year program - Monday thru Friday
8:30 am to 12:30 pm.
- * Breakfast & Lunch served daily.
- ***FREE** - income based eligibility.
- *Transportation is the responsibility of the parent.
- *Children with disabilities are encouraged to apply.
- *Comprehensive preschool program for 3 & 4 year olds.
- *Call Shelli now for a tour or application appointment.
- *Wayne Head Start is a United Way Supported Agency*

SOUP LUNCH 2011

Come enjoy your choice of
Potato soup or Chili!

Friday, March 4th
The Vet's Club
220 Main Street in Wayne
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

*Call Vets Club for
Delivery!*



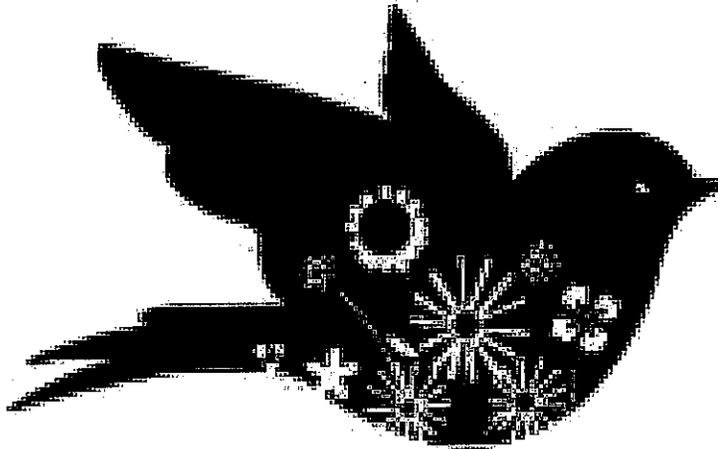
Free will donations will be accepted
Funds raised will help support disaster assistance in Northeast Nebraska



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Sunday, March 20, 2011
11 AM-4 PM
Wayne National Guard Armory

**eclectic vendors, artists
And crafters*

**live music*

**kids' arts activities*

**food*

**sponsored by the Wayne
Community Theatre*

Wayne Community Theatre is proud to be a United Way agency



WAYNE AMBASSADORS
NOMINATION FORM
CONGENIALITY AWARD

Eligibility:

Employer cannot nominate his/her employee
Nominee may not be a past honoree

I hereby nominate _____ of _____
(organization/business)
for the Wayne Ambassadors Congeniality Award for the _____ quarter of 20____.

I believe he/she deserves this recognition because:

Signed: _____ Date _____
(Nominator)

Nomination forms must be delivered to the Wayne Area Chamber of Commerce office promptly so that the Congeniality Committee may review it for completeness and satisfaction of award criteria at least two weeks prior to the regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of the Wayne Ambassadors. The Wayne Ambassadors meet on the fourth Wednesday of January, April, July, and October.

The Wayne Ambassadors vote on nominations approved and submitted by the Congeniality Committee at their regular meeting. If not selected for the award, a nominee will be automatically re-nominated unless withdrawn for one more quarter.