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Library ~



Plans are complete for the fall “Expand Your Horizon” series. The focus for this series is Glad You Asked, and will feature sessions with a computer specialist, a representative of the State Labor Department demonstrating NE Works, and personnel from the City of Wayne answering questions about city ordinances. Come to one, come to all, this series will offer something for everyone. Dates are October 8th, 15th, and 22nd. All programs will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Senior Center.

On Thursday, November 8th, at 1:00 p.m., the library will sponsor an hour-long event for area businesses and industries. Darlus McWilliams with the Nebraska Department of Labor will demonstrate NE Works from the employers’ aspect, including how to enter a job, labor market information, viewing resumes, and basic employer information

available to registered employees. McWilliams has been with the Nebraska Dept. of Labor for a year and a half, prior to which she spent 8 years with Tyson Foods and Affiliated Foods in HR management.



The Holiday Wreath Silent Auction is back this year. Wreaths donated by area businesses, organizations, and individuals will be displayed in the library and senior center from November 24th through December 4th. Bids can be placed throughout this entire time. Winning bids will be announced on December 5th. All proceeds will go to the Wayne County Food Bank to assist area families in need.

The library will close at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 5th, for staff in-service. The doors will reopen at the normal time on Saturday, October 6th.

Story hours will not be held on Tuesday evening, October 16th,

and Wednesday morning, October 17th due to the Nebraska Library Association fall conference.

All events are free and open to the public. The library is located at 410 N. Pearl Street and open hours are 10-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10-6 p.m. Friday, 10-4 p.m. Saturday, and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. If you would like additional information about any of the library programs and services, please stop by or contact us at 402 -375-3135.



The library is offering Food for Fines during the month of October. Each item brought in for the Food Bank will erase \$1.00 in current or back fines and replacement costs. Food items cannot be outdated. For more information, please contact the library.

~Lauran Lofgren
Library Director

WISE WORDS

“Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all.”

~Sam Ewing



FUNDRAISING EVENT

1 Mile Mutt Strut / 5K Dog Jog on Saturday, October 6th, starting at the Fairgrounds!

You can check the event that's been created on Facebook or contact the Wayne Chamber office for more details!

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!!

Green Notes ~



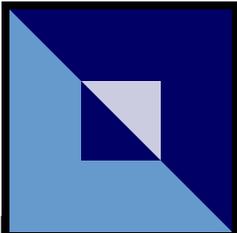
Is your yard buried with leaves this fall? Instead of putting them in your garbage, take them to Garden Perennials where they'll be turned into

compost for plants. Just dump your leaves, but not your bags, and feel free to bring lawn clippings so long as no chemicals were used on them. Call or

visit Gail Korn at Garden Perennials with any questions, 85261 Highway 15, (402) 375-3615.

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ENERGY-WISE TIP ~

“Insulating Existing Homes”



You might be enjoying the last warm days of summer by finding the temperature just right and opening windows. Or, summer might still be smiling a little too warmly for your comfort, prompting you to turn on the air conditioner. In any instance, it will not be long before Nebraska comes around to our longer season: winter.

So what will it take to keep the heat “in” when snow is swirling outside your windows? Insulation! While you may think your home is adequately insulated, recently, the president of the Council of the North American Insulation Manufacturers Association stated that an estimated 45 million American homes have inadequate amounts of insulation. According to the U. S. Census Bureau, about two-thirds of all homes in the Midwest are more than 30 years old. That is important to note because, unless these homes have added insulation after their original construction, they likely could realize huge energy efficiency savings by adding insulation!

In fact, after weatherizing your home by caulking, weather-stripping, and installing appropriate vapor barriers, adding insulation is usually the most cost-effective energy improvement

you can make. Could your home be needlessly costing you hundreds of dollars in energy costs each year?

Insulation is any material that restricts heat flow through the home's envelope, keeping heat in during winter and out in summer. Even though insulation materials themselves do not use energy, or heat or cool, they have a big impact on home energy bills and comfort.

In most Nebraska homes, almost half of the home's energy use goes towards heating and cooling, so improvements involving insulation are often good investments.

Your home's insulation levels are measured in R-values. The R-value identifies the amount of resistance the insulation provides to transferring heat. The higher the R-value, the harder it is for heat to transfer. Insulation comes in a wide variety of materials, including mineral, organic, fibrous, and reflective, and in many forms, such as batts, blankets, loose fill, rigid and spray foam. The R-value for each of these varies depending on their thicknesses and their type of material.

Interested in saving energy? Your first step is to identify how much insulation (R-values) your home currently has and compare these with

the recommended R-values for Nebraska. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, existing Nebraska homes should have a minimum of R-49 in attics, R-13 in exterior frame walls, R-30 over unheated, uninsulated crawl spaces (or R-25 on crawl space walls), and R-15 on basement walls. While verifying existing insulation levels, confirm that appropriate vapor barriers surround your home.

To help make insulating affordable, your local electric utility provides the residential EnergyWiseSM attic insulation program. If you have little insulation in the attic (six inches or less on average), have a heat pump or electric furnace or electric heat (baseboard, radiant, etc.) and add at least six inches or R-19, you may be eligible for an incentive of up to \$300 per existing residential dwelling.

For more detailed information on how to ensure your existing home is adequately insulated, as well as other ideas on how you can become more EnergyWiseSM, visit with your local electric utility or go to www.nppd.com/save-energy.



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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

October 2nd
October 16th

REMINDER TO PET OWNERS:

Remember to pick up your dog's waste — don't leave it in parks where kids play or other private and public areas!!

