Winners collect

The losing team of the membership drive served a covered dish dinner Thursday night to the winning team. Mrs Dale Behrends was the chairman for the dinner at the Eagles Auxiliary meeting.

New members initiated into the Auxiliary were Lynda Reick, Mrs Darrell Arnold and Kay Barnett The Ritual team conducted the initiation ceremony

The quarterly birthday dinner will be held on June 10 at 6:30 p m Members having birthdays during the months of March, April and May will be honored. Those not having birthdays during the three months are to take a covered dish and everyone is to take their own table service

The state convention will be held in Fremont on June 24, the date of a scheduled meeting, so the meeting date has been changed to June 18.

A memorial service was conducted by the Auxiliary

Fannie Dishong and Helen Collins each received $25 in the capsule Deloris Bagley received the door prize.

The Auxiliary Past Presidents will meet on June 4 at Irene's cafe for a no-hostess dinner. The meeting will follow.

The next meeting will be June 10 at 8 p m at the hall with the birthday dinner at 6:30 p m

BOOKENDS

Someone rolled the sheet down, then moved away. She was alone with the black box. There was a heavy muted click, the black box hummed, another click, and the humming was all around her.

Twenty-five roentgens hit her pelvis in an unseen, unfelt explosion of energy Piercing skin, fascia, muscle, the rays speared through the ridge of bone to the organs They flashed around the tiny, grainy, hollow, fertilized ovum only hours old. Stabbing through the cells as they synchronized their differentiation. Inside each cell, inside each chromosome, helices twisted, locked, unlocked, twisted again; coding the billions of messages that would guide the cells from embryo to fetus, from fetus to infant to child to adult. A specialization code for each cell, how to reproduce in harmony with the tissues it would be part of, even a delayed-action message to tell the cells to stop dividing so the organism would deteriorate, then die Even the rate of the corpse's decay was coded, received, stored.

The instant of radiation added its own message as it fled past and sank away It was coded, received and stored, too, as the cells divided and the egg grew.

from The Killing Gift
by Bari Wood

By JERRY WILSON

Most novels dealing with the supernatural exist in a sort of shadow world While the events can shock you, they always seem a little bit implausible That is not the case with The Killing Gift, a first novel by Bari Wood, the editor of Drug Therapy Magazine, an important nationally circulated medical journal

The passage quoted above is the basis, a scientific basis, for some of the incidents later in the book Told in a present-past style, it details what happens to Katherine List following an auto accident and how an X-ray of her broken leg affects the future of her yet unborn daughter, Jennifer

The book seems to be a supernatural book and then turns into a police procedural story and Ms. Wood shows that she also has a deft talent for this type of story which puts her with the masters of her field Her main detective character, David Stavitsky, is both brilliant and obsessed who soon finds himself faced with an impossible killing where a black thug is murdered without a weapon — and with not a mark on him

The two stories join when we find that at the time of his death, Roberts and two other men were robbing an apartment owned by the now-40ish Jennifer and her husband Stavitsky finds himself fascinated with the woman, while he is at the same time repelled by something he senses in her The fascination becomes an obsession as he probes the murder of a man that he admits he would have killed himself, given the chance

Ms Wood paints a marvelous gallery of characters, Stavitsky's fellow detectives, Jennifer's parents, Stavitsky's wife, Jennifer's husband and a brilliant black doctor named Galeston All of them are like planets, however, as they orbit around Stavitsky and Jennifer, the two stars (in the celestial — not the Hollywood sense) of the novel

I won't reveal the book's ending, except to say what you think it is, you'll be surprised and I hope, not disappointed For the ending that Ms. Wood wrote for the novel is the only plausible one

The book is available at the Morton-James Public Library

City men admit guilt

Two Nebraska City men and a Hamburg man pleaded guilty recently to charges brought against them in Fremont county (Ia) district court at Sidney The pleas were accepted by Judge Paul H Sulhoff

William Keith Case, Nebraska City, was fined $500 after pleading guilty to a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol He was arrested and charged by Patrolman Donald Jenkins on Feb 26. Bond on appeal was set at $1,000

Another Nebraska City man, John David Reed, pleaded guilty to carrying a loaded concealed weapon in an auto He was arrested by Patrolman R D Ranck on Feb 26

Judge Sulhoff ordered a presentence investigation to be completed on or before June 7 Bond of $1,000 was continued

Francisco V Soriano of Hamburg, arrested March 19 by Patrolman James Brumbaugh, was sentenced to 10 days in the county jail on a charge of driving while intoxicated Appeal bond was set at $1,000

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The Buck Ends Here

By Ivan D.E. Beaumont

Be An Otoe County '76er

The Otoe County Bicentennial committee has come up with a unique program to get more people actively involved in the Bicentennial The Fun Score Sheet has 300 points and if you are a "winner" your name will be on a Plywood Liberty Bell in the Otoe County Museum Annex

The Fun Sheet and scoring

Dinner with friends — barbecued beef (five points), Virginia style ham (5), leg of lamb (5), leg of lamb (5), roast turkey (5) TOTAL ——

Staff of life — Boston Brown Bread (2), gingerbread (2), host cross buns (3), blueberry muffins (3) TOTAL ——.

Berries, berries — Cranberries (2), gooseberries (2), strawberries (2), raspberries (2) TOTAL ——.

Have a piece of pie — Apple (2), cherry (3), pumpkin (2), mince (3) TOTAL ——.

Drink a cup — Coffee (2), tea (3), cider (3), milk 2) TOTAL ——

Try a shore dinner — Oysters (5), clam (5), lobster (5), shrimp (5) TOTAL ——

Try old hunter's special — Rabbit (3), wild duck (4), partridge (4), venison (4) TOTAL ——

Old fisherman's special — Cod (3), halibut (3), mackerel (3), herring (3) TOTAL ——

Some puritanism — Read a Psalm (10), hum a hymn (10), go to church (10), tithe a bit (10) TOTAL ——.

Be a regular — Walk a mile (16 city blocks) (10), visit a neighbor, (5), speak to some strangers (10), share surpluses (10) TOTAL ——.

Community spirit — Join an organization (10), participant (10), contributor (10), spokesman (10) TOTAL ——.

An old time party — Taffy pullers (10), popcorn ballers (10), apple dunkers (10), story tellers (10) TOTAL ——.

Spirit of '76 — Clap dance the Virginia Reel (10), sing or whistle Yankee Doodle (5), read the Declaration of Independence (20), give pledge to the flag (5) TOTAL ——

And. . .if you display the American flag outside on July 4 you can add 25 points.

GRAND TOTAL ——.

W R. McClary distributed brochures at a dinner meeting the other night. He is co-chairman of the Bicentennial committee at Syracuse.

The county committee is Everett Reimers and Mrs Allen Dose, co-chairmen; Mrs Bob McKone, Nebraska City chairman, Arlin Auer, co-chairman at Syracuse, Arnold Kreimer, Talmage; and Robert Fey and Colleen Irland, co-chairmen at Palmyra.

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A flag salute —

Bill Berger, past commander of Adam Schellinger Post No 8 and the post's finance officer, is hopeful of a special flag display prior to the July 4 celebration in Nebraska City.

He hopes to see a solid banner display perhaps stretched from his store, Nebraska City Furniture, across the street to the Legion club of all the known flags that waved over this country

Legionnaires across the nation are pressing the importance of flag display and it seems appropriate that the banner display be revealed for the Fourth.

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And speaking of July 4 —

Is the Free Fourth celebration in Nebraska City going to die?

Yes, it appears so unless some group besides the Legion wants to take over the job

In case you've forgotten, it did die for one year, was revived and is planned again this year "The touble is," one Legionnaire told us, "we're getting older The job is getting harder We're getting tired."

The Legion doesn't finance the whole show Much of the money comes from businesses in town The Legion runs the celebration and directs the free fireworks display

Visitors to Nebraska City like it The count has been reported at 8,000 people or higher during the peak of the celebration

If anything is ever to peak then the Bicentennial year is it Next year. .is something else

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The disaster drill —

The planned disaster drill in Nebraska City was cancelled last week on the advice of the County Civil Defense Sheriff Russ Seals said the Weather Bureau reported stormy weather conditions and he decided the timing was not right for the drill.

A lot of people were involved in the drill from the volunteers who were doing the make up to the "victims" themselves In addition, law enforcement offers were briefed as were hospital personnel.

In fact, some squadsmen felt that the training effect might not have been so successful anyway because too many people knew there was going to be a "disaster."

It's pretty hard to keep a secret, but that's what the volunteers are trying to do in the programs. Squadsmen said the other night that another drill will be planned some time in the fall. If there was a date set, the volunteers were not told.

This year the volunteers were given a hint; they were told to turn their rescue radios on 24 hours a day over a five-day period regardless of whether they were off duty.

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Dandelion control —

Dig dandelions? Forget it. You're wasting your time.

The spring issue of Lawn Care published by Scotts tells the story of getting rid of dandelions the easy and sure way — with a dandelion control

You can dig, cut and pull, but chances are you won't finish off the weed. The reason is most of us leave some part of the long root in the earth. A dandelion control makes the leaves look droopy then, zippo — the entire plant will gradually disintegrate. The best time to go after dandelions is when they are in bloom

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The Union Reunion —

A celebration will be held in Union June 5-6 as part of the annual class reunion program. The annual banquet will be at the Legion hall followed by a street dance, according to Mrs Frank Strough, general chairman.

On Sunday there will be church services, special music and at noon food stands and historical booths Other events include an awards program, parade, horseshoe tournament, baseball games, barbecue and then the winner of the Bicentennial quilt will be named

That quilt has been on display at Frazier's in Nebraska City It sounds like a lot of fun and it is the result of a lot of work

Among the other volunteers are Olin Morris, banquet chairman, and Clarence Beccard, hayrack ride chairman

Our former neighbors, Jim and Carol Attebery, won't be "home" for the reunion, but they will be back for a vacation in July, according to Jim's mother, Mrs Strough

Adult FCA makes plans

A report was given on the newly formulated Prayer Breakfast meetings being held every other Saturday morning at the Midwest Federal Savings and Loan Building at the Thursday night meeting of the Adult chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at the Nebraska City Senior High

It was decided to continue the Prayer Breakfasts throughout the summer The next breakfast is June 5

Committees were named to discuss plans for the kick-off rally in September Bill Abernathy and Jim Brockhaus were chosen to set up the speakers for the event. Don Reuter and Carline Moles will head up the committee to set up the program and refreshments

The group explained this is a fledgling group and needs support from the community in getting started Any donations will be greatly appreciated, Mrs Dan Ostransky, president, reported

Plans were discussed on how to set up money-making projects to help defray the cost of sending boys to the National FCA conference at Oral Roberts University the first week in August

Mrs Abernathy, devotion leader, spoke on anxiety and worry, and told what God had to say about this by reading Matthew 6.25-34.

Mr Brockhaus closed the meeting with a prayer.

Altar Society

St Joseph's Altar Society meets on Thursday at 7:30 p.m in the parish hall, Paul.

The women of the Altar Society are to meet Tuesday at 9 a m at the rectory to clean it and get it ready for the Rev. Msgr Jerome Murray, who will be the new pastor of St. Joseph's church.

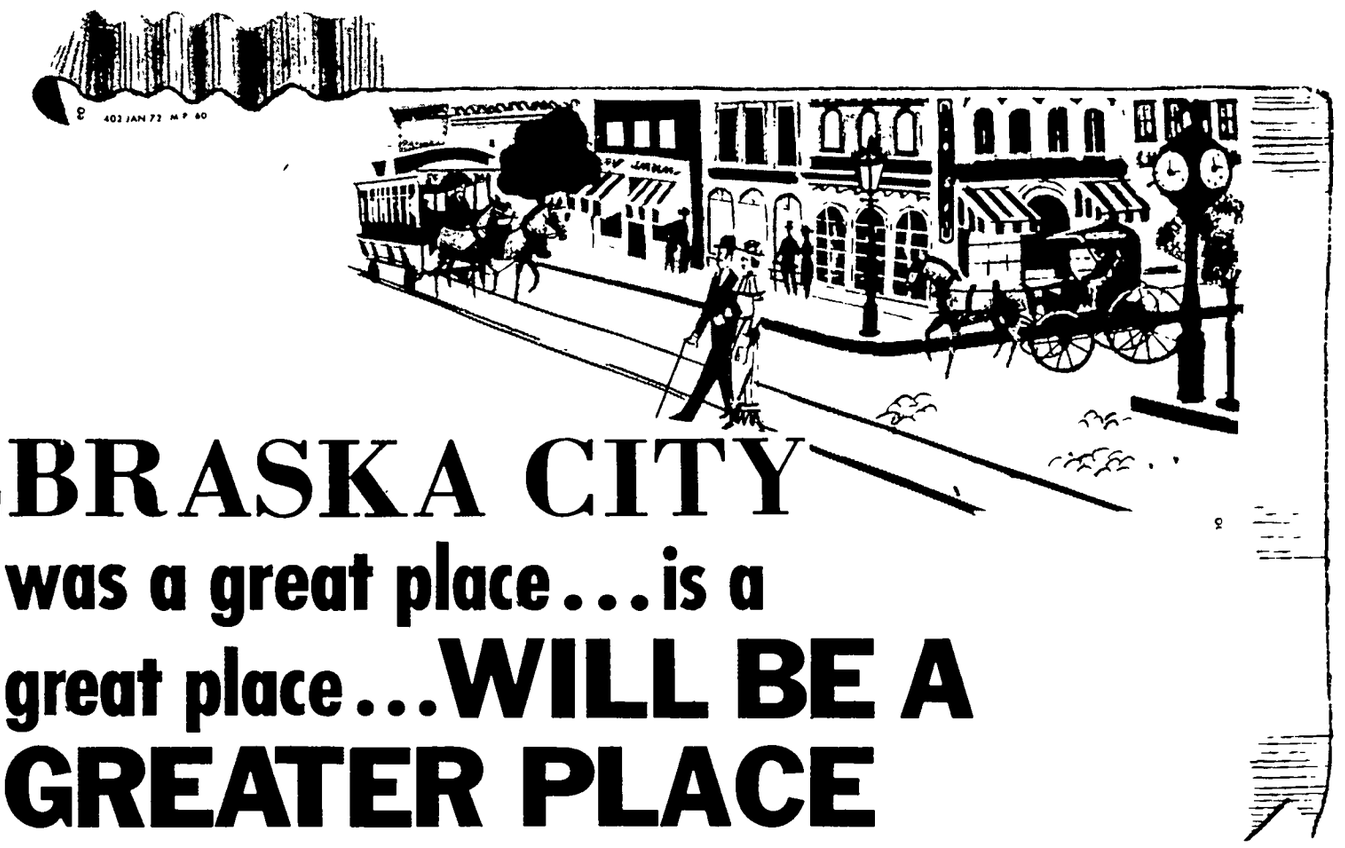
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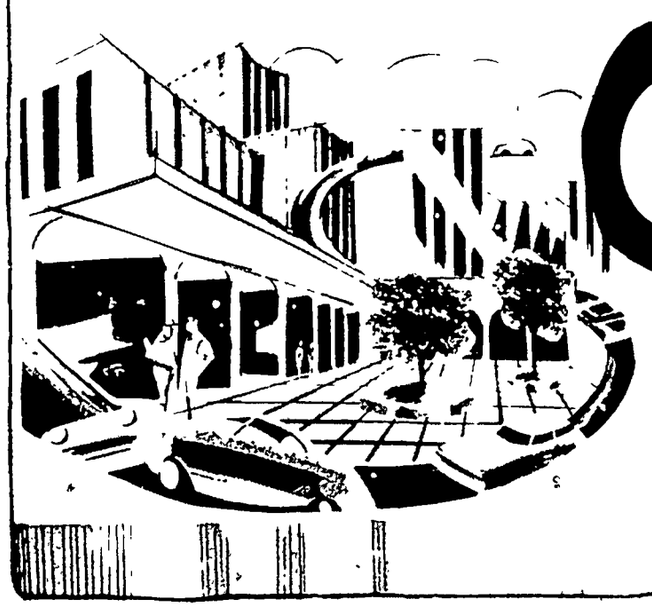


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