



Spoke Newsletter Wednesday April 17, 2019



Attendance: 25 (63%) Attendance with make ups: 26 (65%)

Program Wednesday, April 24, 2019 Joe McCabe arranged by Chuck Erickson

Program Wednesday, April 17, 2019 Dale Wellman, Nebraska Wesleyan Basketball arranged by Chuck Erickson



Dale Wellman came from upper New York to Nebraska Wesleyan University (NWU) as their basketball coach. Dale received his bachelor's degree in history in 1999 from The University of The South in Sewanee, TN. He earned his master's degree in physical education (sports administration) in 2006 from Eastern Kentucky. He started is collegiate coaching career in 2002 as an assistant coach at Kenyon (Ohio) College. One year later he was appointed an assistant coach at Union College in New York. He spent

two seasons as an assistant coach at NCAA Division I Eastern Kentucky University. Before coming to NWU was head coach at Alfred University, which is a NCAA III Institution located in Alfred, NY. When Dale applied for the coaching position at NWU he did not tell his wife about the application. One reason she was born and raised a New Yorker, never traveled to the Midwest. She did go with him to Eastern Kentucky. One reason for applying was that Lincoln is similar to Lexington, KY, and there is no pro athletics in Lincoln. He thought it would be a great place to raise a family too. When NWU Athletic Director contacted him about checking on his references, he thought he had better tell his wife. Today, she loves Lincoln and so do their two children.

Dale explained the difference between the NABC/NCAA Division III and the NCAA Division I schools. The Division III schools have 442 teams compared to 347 teams in the Division I. Dale likes to have his offense on a fast pace, with lots of scoring. He prefers an efficiency offense where you can score 90 points per game. In 2016 his NWU team scored 97 points per game. He likes for his players to have length and height.



In 2018 the Prairie Wolves won the NABC/NCAA Division III Championship, which was the schools first ever championship. They had 30 victories and only three losses. Dale was named the 2018 NABC/NCAA Division III National Coach of the Year. This year the team ranked #1, and made it to the tournament for the NCAA Division III, but lost their game. When they won the Championship in 2018, and celebrated at Virginia, they figured that was the end of the celebration, but they still are celebrating it at each game. When they lost their chance to repeat this year, the coach said that life lessons were being taught no matter how victories or losses you have, you still can be accountable for your actions and your hard work for the next year.

One of Dale's players, **Ryan Garver** was named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) NCAA Division III All-American team when the selections were released on Thursday (March 14) by the NABC. Garver was voted a 2019 2nd-Team All-American, one of only 24 players across the nation selected as a NABC Division III All-American.

The NABC All-American team represents the most outstanding basketball players across American in their division. One player from each of the eight regions is placed on three different All-America teams. Garver represents the West Region on the 2nd-Team.

Garver now joins elite company at Nebraska Wesleyan becoming only the fourth player in program history to earn All-American honors in two seasons.

Dale told us that NWU each summer hosts two-day camps and one overnight camp for kids who want to learn to play basketball. If you want to go to a NWU basketball game plan on spending only \$5.00 at the door and you can sit anywhere in the stands and enjoy a good basketball game. Dale told us that the cost to go to NWU is \$42,000 and many alumni help through scholarships and other types of help. There are no athletic scholarships for any players. Dale likes to teach each student individually because everyone has a different personality.



April 30 at Cornhusker, 11:30 a.m. — Cost \$35.00

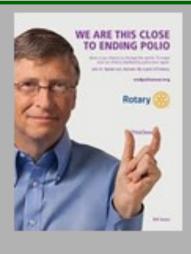
Please make sure you return your Survey this next Wednesday, April 24th to Paul Horton, Barry Selk or Paul Horton.



Anniversaries & Birthdays

Week of April 18—24 Birthdays: None **Anniversaries** None





Happy Dollars

Barry Selk	\$ 5.00
Darrel Huenergardt	\$10.00
Chuck Erickson	\$ 1.00
Dennis Duckworth	\$ 3.00
Greg Schnasse	\$ 2.00
Paul Horton	\$ 5.00
Duane Tappe	\$ 2.00
Mike Carr	\$ 5.00
Dean Douglas	\$ 1.00
Dick Cumming	\$ 3.00
Dale Lloyd	\$ 1.00
Total	\$38.00



NOTE:

Total Happy Dollars to date: \$1343.00



Greeter Duty

April — Duane Tappe

Make Ups

Football Concessions Wayne Casper



Cashier Duty

April — Gordon Bair **Contact Dick Cumming**

Guests & Visitors

Dale Wellman Speaker Pat Grosserode Guest of Steve Grosserode Eric Christensen Guest of Jerry Christensen Guest of Dennis Duckworth Ross Dirks

Lincoln East Rotary Club—April and May Speakers Schedule

April 24 — Joe McCabe, arranged by Chuck Erickson

May 1 — Brandon Bonilla, Head coach, Nebraska Wesleyan Soccer, arranged by Melodie Jones Pointon

May 8 — Suzanne Wise, Director, Nebraska Arts Council, arranged by Darrel Huenergardt

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