Enjoying a fall outing at Waubonsie State Park are members of the AT&T Weoma Wheels Club. Matt Simonson, grandson of Tracy and Sharon Voege-li, is shown as he is airborne during the blanket toss. A group photo is on page 3.
WOMEN'S 170 & 450-
Evie Winters (170-493), Deb Bazis (177-496), Kathy Coffman (185-496),
Eileen Bullard (194-519), Kathie Scott (212-481).

MEN'S 200 & 500-
Al Wilson (204-533), Tim O'Connor (203-548), Dick Nighting (207-569),
Earl Miles (504), Mitch Scott (507),
Ed Dergan (540).

SPLITS-
Bob Pilus (3-4), Gene Bowman (3-9-10, 2-10), Karen Dappen (5-10, 2-7),
Charlie Newell (3-10), Jane Powers (8-10).

WEOMA CLUB NITE OWLS MIXED LEAGUE

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MEN'S 200 GAMES, 500 SERIES-
Vicki McGuire (212), Nate Jackson (213-554),
Bill Deegan (205-507), Chuck Schults (222-546),
Darrell LeBeau (218-556),
Scott Wolf (529), Walter Darden (510),
Tom Grzedziecki (521), Dave Beccard (506),
Lauren Thorner (513).

WOMEN'S 170 GAMES, 450 SERIES-
Eileen Ofman (170, 170-508), Dee Stains (213-515), Bessie Janousek (177).

SPLITS-
Helen Solomon (8-10), Barbara Frizzell (3-10),
Chuck Schults (3-10, 2-7).

WEOMA CLUB FRIDAY MORNING MIXED LEAGUE

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MEN'S 200 - 500-
Dandy Mora (213-592), Bob Roh (212-532),
Chuck Todd (525), Tank Horvath (502),
Bill Sharpe (205-558), Denny Todd (208-500),
Chuck Wigginton (512),
Bob Wrobnik (502).

WOMEN'S 170-450-
Linda Sellin (170-469).

WORKS SERVICE LEAGUE

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Pioneer Notes -

Give a Little... Get a Lot

If you are like Ann Drebot (Dept. 592-6) and her friend, Lois Vaughn; Donovan (Dept. 511) and Vernetta Dirks; Kurt Vandergrim (Dept. 742); or Darwin Fager (Dept. 577) you can receive a lot of satisfaction from a very little effort. One evening a month they provide transportation for the visually impaired to attend the monthly business meeting of the National Federation for the Blind (NFB).

Returning from the state convention of the National Federation for the Blind on October 6 are Gary and Carol Thompson and their guide dog, George. Providing transportation were Sandy and Larry Streeter, shown standing next to van.

"City bus service generally meets their needs, except during evening hours. That's where the Pioneers can help," said Fager.

The Pioneer volunteers provide rides home from the NFB meeting which usually end about 8:00 p.m. In some cases, the volunteers help with driving the handicapped to the meeting.

Fager, chairman of the Cornhusker Chapter organization, is grateful to those mentioned above and urges others, who have a free evening once a month, to fill out the form below and return it to the Pioneer office or simply call extension 3617 and say you want to help.

Fager says that the group needs at least three or four more drivers and co-drivers to operate efficiently.

Remember, it costs so little in time and money, yet means so very much to those who must rely on others.

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YES! I would like to help provide transportation for the blind!

NAME __________________________________ PHONE X ________

CO-DRIVER ______________________________ PHONE X ________

Mail to Pioneer office or call x3617 to volunteer. Thank you.

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Committee Hoping for Successful Toy Drive

Even with fewer employees due to the recent retirements, the AT&T Toy Drive committee is upbeat as they prepare for the 1991 drive.

Kitty McCant, drive chairperson, recalls that AT&T employees always have been generous and is confident that this year will be no exception. "Although cash donations are always needed, the donation of toys is greatly appreciated," she said.

McCant also noted that the Salvation Army is in need of volunteer workers. If you are interested in helping in this worthy cause contact one of the following people:

Kitty McCant, x3589 (second shift)
Grace Romero, x3589 (first shift)
Pam Amos, x3362 (first shift)

Parking Lot Sale Nov. 17

Another giant Pioneer Parking Lot Sale is scheduled for November 17 in the northwest corner of the east parking lot. The sale will begin at 10:30 a.m.

A full listing of items to be sold and auctioned will appear in the next issue of the Weoma Club News - watch for it!

TLC Fitness Classes

What "R" "U" waiting "4"?

Come to AT&T's Beginning Fitness class. The class is held every Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. in the auditorium. You do not need to sign up.

Come check it out! Do it for the heart of it! Please call Janice in the TLC office, 4920, if you have any questions.

AT&T Weoma Wheels Club Picnic

The AT&T Weoma Wheels Club held its first annual picnic on August 20 at Waubonsie State Park. Twenty-two members affiliated with the club attended the Sunday event where good food, good games and good weather were the orders for the day. Winter activities are now being planned by the club's officers.

LOTTO BULL CONTEST

There was no winner for the first week of November in the LOTTO BULL SAFETY AWARENESS contest. Next week's question will be worth a big $300 in Westroads gift certificates.

However, Edith Coker, Dept. 597-9, did know the answer to the BONUS question and won $100 in Westroads gift certificates.

Edith said she was using the money for Christmas. Congratulations, Edith!

The November FACT SHEET appeared in last week's edition of the Weoma Club News.

WIN WITH SAFETY

Winter driving dangers

Prepare for the worst

Prepare your car for winter driving long before you take to the road. A vehicle in top shape performs better and reacts better to sudden turns and stops. Pay attention to these areas:

- Everything that affects your ability to see. Check your windshield wipers. Clear all snow off your windows, headlights and taillights, hood and roof.
- The battery. The colder it gets the more power you need to start your vehicle.
- Oil. Use the type recommended for your area's temperature. Heavier-weight oils thicken as the temperature drops, and that strains your battery. Try a multi-grade type, such as 10W-30 or 10W-40. The owner's manual will tell you how often to change it, but check the level each week and add oil as you need it.
- Antifreeze. Make sure it's strong enough to prevent freezing. A concentration of 50 percent anti-freeze/50 percent water is average for most parts of the country. Replace it if it's more than two years old.
- Tires. They can give you up to 20 percent performance improvement once. Snow tires are the best bet, though radials also work on some surfaces. Make sure the tread is deep enough to take a bite off snowy surfaces. Keep pressure at the level the manufacturer recommends.

Once you prepare your car, you must prepare yourself. Tom Luther. Listen to weather reports. When you travel to someplace new, look at a map and get familiar with your route. Most important, slow your speed for winter driving.
Weoma Outdoor Adventure Club—

Club Information and Future Activities Announced

by Arnie Kelson, President

The Outdoor Adventure Club (OAC) was approved at the Weoma Club board of directors meeting held October 8. Its first official activity was a slide show on October 21 of a Yellowstone and Teton backpack trip taken by Kevin Arnold, Darwin Fager and Arnold Kelson in September.

The club is an umbrella organization for various outdoor activities such as backpacking, bicycling, camping, canoeing, hiking and cross-country skiing and is accepting memberships valid through 1992 with dues set at $2 per year. Each activity group will be run as a semi-independent unit headed by an activity group leader. Thus far, the OAC has more than fifteen paid memberships with interests in all the listed activities.

Activity groups which have leaders are backpacking (Arnie Kelson, x3188); bicycling (Chuck Meyers, x4989); canoeing (Dennis Karloff, x3117/3118 and Roger Carstens, x3456); and hiking (Darwin Fager, x5077). Contact these people if you are interested in the activity they represent. The other activity leader positions are open. If you possess a spark of community service and want to serve as a leader in camping or cross-country skiing, please call Kelson, OAC president or Carol Bloomer, x3674, Weoma Club director. If no leader is found for an activity, the group will remain inactive.

These are the activities planned for the coming year:

ENTERTAINMENT  Pam Raabe, x3154

OMAHA RACERS BASKETBALL

SAT., DEC 7, 1991 - 7:05 P.M.
AK-SAR-BEN COLISEUM

A limited supply of fifty - $8.00 tickets will be on sale for $6.50. The Racers will be playing Bakersfield and 500 KFC HOT WINGS will be given away at half-time!

Tickets may be purchased at the Weoma Club office. No tickets will be sold after Thurs., Dec. 4. Please refer questions to Pam, x3154, or Clara, x3617.

The 50 tickets will be in a block in Section J.

BACKPACKING

An easy Spring weekend backpack in an eastern Nebraska state park (may be held in conjunction with a camping trip) and a one-week backpack in one of the western national parks mid to late September.

BICYCLING

There are plans to participate in the Mt. Evans (CO) race in late June, join in various charitable rides such as MS 150 and Corporate Cup, and sponsor a multi-day tour during the summer.

CANOEING

Niobrara River on Memorial Day weekend. Outfitter will supply canoes, tents, food and shuttle transportation. About $80. (Roger Carstens).

Niobrara River in June. Also with outfitter. Details later (Dennis Karloff).

HIKING

A Spring conditioning hike in eastern Nebraska or western Iowa and the annual Longs Peak climb in Rocky Mountain National Park on August 1. Reserve your overnight accommodations in Estes Park early.

Is there any interest for a winter meeting to get acquainted, talk about equipment needed for different activities, or whatever? Call me with your thoughts. No calls means no interest. Arnie Kelson, x3318.

THE Weoma Club PRESENTS

LAS VEGAS!

JUST A REMINDER - If you are interested in a fun-filled long weekend in Las Vegas see the October 30 issue of the Weoma Club News for details. Your $25. deposit must be in the Weoma Club office by November 15. Refer questions to Ron Thomas at World Travel, 735-0167.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM BELOW WITH DEPOSIT OF $25.00 PER PERSON TO THE WEOMA CLUB OFFICE NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 15, 1991. FINAL PAYMENT DUE BY FEBRUARY 1ST.

NAME: ___________________________
ADDRESS: _______________________
CITY: ___________________________
STATE: __________________________
ZIP: _____________________________
WORK PHONE: ___________________
HOME PHONE: ___________________

I will be sharing a room with: ________________

I will be single: ____________________

I will be a vegetarian: ____________

I will be a non-smoker: ____________

I will be bringing a car: ____________

I will be bringing a tent: ____________

I will be bringing a sleeping bag: ______

I will be bringing a sleeping mat: ___
Your Donations Can Help Someone Less Fortunate Earn A Job!

GOODWILL CLOTHING DRIVE

NOVEMBER 7 & 8
(Thursday & Friday)

6:30 - 9:00 a.m. & 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

AT&T DONATION SITES

50 BUILDING PARKING LOT
50 BUILDING PARKING LOT
20 BUILDING PARKING LOTS
EAST & WEST

Donations you give to Goodwill help support vocational programs for the disabled and disadvantaged of the community.

Your generosity will help someone less fortunate receive the training they need to earn a job.

Give A Hand Up . . . Not A Hand Out!
GIVE TO GOODWILL!
University of Nebraska at Omaha

Offers

A Taste of College
AN INFORMATION SESSION FOR ADULTS

Have you considered attending college, but don’t know how to begin? If so, please join us for an informal, but informative session designed with you in mind.

Topics We Will Cover:
• Getting started and what to expect
• Finding specific programs for adult learners
• Receiving credit for prior learning
• Support services including child care, career planning and financial aid

When: Thursday
December 5, 1991
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Where: Milo Bail Student Center
Ballroom
UNO

Reservations would be appreciated. All drop in guests are welcome. Bring a friend! To attend, please reply by mail or telephone to the Office of Admissions at 554-2393. Parking is available in the parking structure on the east side of the campus. The cost for the parking structure is $.50.

I would like to attend the Taste of College information session for adults.

Name: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

City: ____________________________ State: _______ Zip: _______

Day Phone: ____________________________

Home Phone: ____________________________

Social Security #: ____________________________

Please Return To: Office of Admissions;
University of Nebraska at Omaha
Omaha, Nebraska 68182-0005
Pioneers

BAKE SALE!

Bakers Needed

TO DONATE TO

THE NOVEMBER 19 BAKE SALE

PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO

PURCHASE TURKEY'S FOR

THANKSGIVING DAY TURKEYFEST!

BRING BAKED GOODS TO PIONEER MEETING ROOM

2ND SHIFT - NOV. 18
3RD SHIFT - NOV. 19
1ST SHIFT - NOV. 19

IF YOU PLAN TO CONTRIBUTE BAKED
GOODS PLEASE COMPLETE FORM BELOW
AND RETURN TO PIONEER OFFICE

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Wanted

Anyone having Dept. 56 Dickens Village pieces for sale call 333-8447 after 5 p.m.

PICKUP BOX OR WOOD TRAILER: 332-3306.

Free

Free to loving home: female tortoise shell colored cat, 1 1/2 yrs. old, spayed, declawed front feet, healthy and happy. 553-0579 after 5 p.m.

TWIN BED: no headboard. 334-5482 before 2:30 p.m. or early on weekends.

For Rent

Pasture: will board your ostriches, all feed, water, housing, heat, ins., furnished for a % of chicks. 402-443-5308 Colon, NE.

For Sale

Pets

BOXER PUPS: 7 weeks old, AKC, Champion bloodlines, bindle, and light fawn bindle. 331-9484.

Appliances

HOTPOINT ELECTRIC STOVE: 6 months old, almond, black glass door, clock, $175 like new. 572-1845 after 6 p.m. or leave message.


Home Entertainment


Home Furnishings

WATERBED: 4-poster, king size with conventional mattress, dresser with mirror, nightstand, chest of drawers, all solid oak, 2 yrs old, asking $1500 complete. 493-7383.

CHROMECRAFT GLASS TOP TABLE & 4 CHAIRS: excellent condition, $100. 572-1845.

KITCHEN TABLE & CHAIRS: walnut laminate, in good shape, $50. 391-5796.

Parts & Accessories

BOLT ONTO FRAME TRAILER HITCH: will fit full size Chev. Impala, Caprice, etc., make offer. 332-4224 after 4 p.m. Gretna, NE.

TOPPER: fits 8' bed, $100. 572-0817 after 4 p.m. weekdays.

Tires

WRANGLER TIRES: Goodyear, 235 x 15, $10 each, min tread depth 5/32. 238-2546.

SNOW TIRES: like new, pair of G78-14, $35, CHROME RIMS: 8x14, $5 each. 391-5796.

Vehicles

1986 PLYMOUTH HORIZON HATCHBACK: 4-door, new tires, clean, good condition, asking $2500. Call after 5:30 p.m. weekdays or anytime on weekends. 334-0167.

FORD COURIER: 91,000 miles, runs good, $450. 572-0817 after 4 p.m. weekdays.

1974 PLYMOUTH DUSTER: 545-3352 Crescent, IA.

1973 DODGE TRUCK: for parts, seized engine. 572-0817 after 4 p.m. weekdays.

1989 FORD TEMPO LX: 4 door, PS, PB, auto trans, AM/FM stereo & cassette, tilt wheel, cruise, like new 28,000 miles, asking $7995, 1975 NOVA: 2 door, auto trans, $500. 625-2173 after 4 p.m.

1978 FORD PICKUP: high miles, 6 cycle, 3 speed, $600. 333-4349.

1956 PORSCHE SPEEDSTER: 935 PORSCHE PANZER COUPE: 1955 CHEV. CONVERTIBLE REPLICAS. 402-443-5308 Colon, NE.

Miscellaneous

GARAGE DOOR OPENER: Genie, screw type, two transmitters, all mounting hardware and manual, $30 or best offer. 332-4224 after 4 p.m. Gretna, NE.

COLLECTOR PLATES: Elvis series, Gone with the Wind II Series, Red Skelton, Norman Rockwell, and many more. MAUD HUMPHREY & ARMANI FIGURINES: plus (4) Terry Replin Prints (framed). 496-8462 or see at 5614 No. 117th Ct. (Ramble Ridge).

STOMACH & BACK EXERCISE MACHINE: with instruction manual, make offer, 332-4224 after 4 p.m. Gretna, NE.

Weoma Want Ads

Work!

WEOMA CLUB BASKETBALL ENTRY FORM

TEAM NAME ________________________ SHIFT ________________
TEAM CAPTAIN ______ X NO. ______ DEPT ________________
If you are a new player:
NAME ________________________ SHIFT ________________
DEPT. NO. ______ EXT. NO. ______
NOTE: Team fees depend on how many teams and players participate. Please submit to the Weoma Club secretary. Refer questions to Don Kadereit, x3288, days.
TELEPHONE INDUSTRY COLLECTORS PLATES

A. WEAVERS OF SPEECH - T.D. Stadmore originally painted this famous work in black and white oil. It has appeared in a Bell System national magazine ad since November 1915. Originally titled "Wiremen of Speech," it was changed to "Weavers in Defense of the Universal Telephony Effect" of the painting. Retail Price $24.95 each. Full Faming Plate 1-1000 sold out. Item #96.

B. SPIRIT OF SERVICE - Out of the blizzard of 1888 came one of the best-known paintings of the telephone industry. Ernest Harman Boker's "The Spirit of Service" hangs in the Western Electric Building in Chicago and as an oversized print is seen in a famous advertisement for the Bell System. Retail Price $24.95 each. Full Faming Plate 1-1000 sold out. Item #95.

C. COME HITHER WATSON - On March 10, 1973 at 5 Center Park in Rochester, the telephone car is in first exhibitable service. "Mr. Watson, come here. I want you" Watson rushed into the room shouting. "Mr. Bell, I heard every word you said - distinctly!" Artist George Staples captured the important moment in history. Retail Price $24.95 each. Full Faming Plate 1-1000 $24.95 each. Item #97.

D. THE SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE - The genuine hacking for people and the desire to be of help have always been the hallmark of the service representative. Artist Vu Vanhong captured these traits in 1947 along the symbolic service switchboard painting and the problem and solution to the switchboard and the service problem. Retail Price $24.95 each. Full Faming Plate 1-1000 $24.95 each. Item #98.

E. HIDE OF THE CHEETAH - On the night of November 28, 1932 the old main exchange in Louisville, Kentucky - the customer to dial system took place. An event that would occur in every telephone exchange in the country. John A. Krizoff dramatically captures the scene of that historic night. Retail Price $24.95 each. Full Faming Plate 1-1000 sold out. Item #99.

F. ALL IN A DAY'S WORK / STORM WATCH - Storms and fires of city's need to save the major dams of telephone service. Artist Garry Hinesdon, an employee of the Bell Atlantic Co. originally captured this scene in color and art - the rebuilding of poles and cables to restore telephone service even before the storm has passed. Retail Price $24.95 each. Full Faming Plate 1-1000 $24.95 each. Item #A10.

G. LOYALTY TO PUBLIC SERVICE - Loyalty to Public Service has traditionally meant pride in your work and some satisfaction to the well-being of others. Here you see the tradition extending beyond the public service - to the family. John A. Krizoff's full color replication of the original black and white painting by Ernest Harman Boker captures the warmth, care, and pride of the lineman prepares to face the howling blizzard. Retail Price $24.95 each. Full Faming Plate 1-1000 $24.95 each. Item #100.

H. RESERVED SEATS AT THE DERBY - A 1937 edition of the National Geographic Magazine contained a black and white photo of the group of Leonhard watching Winx Adress speed to victory in the 58th running of the Kentucky Derby. Artist Terri Yandell has faithfully captured this event for us through Churchill Downs, Inc. graciously granted permission to use their models. Retail Price $24.95 each. Full Faming Plate 1-1000 $24.95 each. Item #101.

I. THE NUMBER 1 - The plate is fast becoming the most popular plate in the series. As vividly depicted by artist Mike Haigel, accurately depicts a scene at a busy directory assistance center. Retail Price $24.95 each. Full Faming Plate 1-1000 $24.95 each. Item #102.

SPECIAL BONUSES: All 9 plates in regular forms for only $250.00

THIS NEW SUPPLY OF COLLECTOR'S PLATES DOES NOT INCLUDE PLATE #10 WHICH IS STILL UNAVAILABLE.
TELEPHONE PIONEER COLLECTOR PLATES

PEOPLE WHO CARE - ANNUAL COLLECTOR'S PLATE SERIES. Here is a limited edition series of special pieces highlighting some of the loving and caring work the Pioneers unselfishly provide to those in need of it.

A. A FRIEND IN NEED - Warmly depicts a woman comforting two small children with the aid of some fuzzy friends, that were provided by the Pioneers' Hug-a-Bear project. The artist, Mike Hagel, has really created a treasure for your collection.

B. THERE OUGHT TO BE CLOWNS - Pioneers have been clowning around for years bringing happiness and cheer to those who need it most. Artist Terry Ward captures a moment with a clown troop doing what they do best, lovingly providing a moment of joy to those who need it.

C. WINNERS - For years Pioneers have been making winners of their special, special athletes at the International Sports Jamboree. Artist Mike Hagel has skillfully incorporated many of the wonderful events of the games to create this inspiring montage.

OMAHA WORKS SHIRTS

THEY'VE JUST ARRIVED!!! KARLA NADRCAL, DEPT. 597, MODELS THE SHIRT THAT EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN YEARNING FOR! COLORED CUFFED SHORT SLEEVES WITH AN ARTIST'S DRAWING OF THE OMAHA WORKS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON THE FRONT.

$11.

$25.

STORE HOURS

MONDAY
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

THURSDAY
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY
3:30 - 5:00 a.m.
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Plastic Luggage Tag—Durable plastic tag with buckle strap and clear underside for identification or business card. ATGT "The right choice." screened.

.80
A Piece of the Past -

Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1921

The following article and photograph appeared in AT&T Encore magazine (3rd Quarter 1991).

Three years after the Great War ended, ceremonies for the burial of the Unknown Soldier took place in Arlington National Cemetery, Va., to honor the 50,585 soldiers who died in the war. And, thanks to AT&T technology, 150,000 Americans participated in a day of remembrance that would eventually be called Veterans Day.

To reach this audience, AT&T President Harry B. Thayer offered the services of the Bell System to President Harding. AT&T had invented loudspeaker equipment just before the war. But this was the first time an event would be broadcast across the country.

In late September, 350 employees in Western Electric’s Hawthorne plant in Cicero, Ill., began to manufacture Bell System Public Address Systems. Shipments began within a week. Meanwhile, technicians at AT&T’s Long Lines Department prepared the telephone lines. They were concerned that defects in transmission, undetectable to telephone users, would be magnified thousands of times by the loudspeakers during the ceremonies.

Long Lines workers added repeater stations along the main circuit and an alternate route. Crews inspected every inch of the 3,800 miles of circuit between Arlington, New York and San Francisco, where the ceremony would be broadcast. On Nov. 11, 308 linemen kept watch over the wires -- in trucks, in railroad cars and on foot. To prevent interference, high-tension power lines were shut off and trains crawled.

Moments before the ceremonies, technicians in New York panicked: They switched in the lines from Arlington and San Francisco and heard absolutely nothing. To them, the absence of static meant the lines were dead!

Imagine their relief at 11:56 a.m. when they heard the Marine Corps Band in Arlington strike up the national anthem. All at once, more than 150,000 people stood -- 100,000 in the amphitheater and along the hillsides of Arlington cemetery, 11,000 in Madison Square Garden in New York City, 25,000 in Madison Square in Arlington and 16,000 in the San Francisco Civic Auditorium. After an invocation, the band played “America” and the people began to sing. A telegraph operator in New York wired the control room in Washington. “The audience is now singing America,” he tapped. And then, “Don’t try to get me now. I’m singing, too.”

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