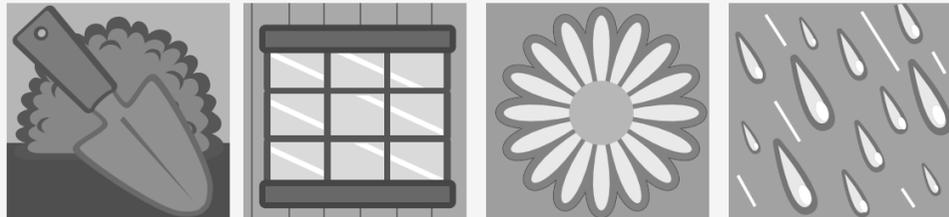


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HOME & GARDEN GUIDE

Bruning couple watches their business grow

By Regina Bird
Hebron Journal-Register

An idea that began a few years ago has since grown into a business that brings colorful flowers into local grocery stores and floral shops.

Aaron and Megan Hird live on a small farm south of Hebron where they started a fresh cut flower business.

"We wanted to do something profitable on the small amount of land that we have," Aaron said. "So we began researching cut flowers."

From this research, a new business was started. The Hirds' business, Farmstead Flowers, specializes in cut flowers. Along with the research, the couple has used their own experiences and farming knowledge to expand their business.

Both Aaron and Megan are Nebraska natives who come from farming backgrounds.

"We knew that we wanted to keep our toe in agriculture and this was a way to do that,"

Megan said.

They carefully select what they plant to make sure it will work for cut flowers, and it will do well in this region. The couple looks for plants that are hybridized for cut flowers. The flowers must have long stems and be easy to seed and transplant since Farmstead Flowers isn't their only job.

Both work full time jobs and devote their evenings and weekends to working on their farm.

Because they are both gone during the day, they have set up a timed irrigation system that waters their plants while they're away at work. They have also put in weed barriers to help them make the most of their limited time.

Farmstead Flower's set up expands from their basement to a hoop house and several outside areas reserved for flowers and vegetables.

The couple's love of working outdoors contributed to their decision to start the

business, but it wasn't the only reason.

"It is also something that we can do as a family," Megan said.

With two young kids as helpers, the family works together to keep up with the busy work.

This is the second year of Farmstead Flowers and the couple is still coming up with new ideas to try. They are continually working on putting their ideas into practice to keep expanding their business.

The ideas they are currently working on implementing include growing perennials and increasing the variety of flowers they grow. They also hope to provide flowers to do-it-yourself brides in the future.

The busy season is just beginning for them now, but summer will bring even busier days because some of the flowers will be harvested and replanted three times before the growing season is over.



JR Photo/Regina Bird

Megan and Aaron Hird plant vegetables in their hoop house last week. Along with vegetables, the couple grows many varieties of flowers for their business.



Courtesy Photo

Along with selling their flowers at local grocery stores, the family also travels to local farmer's markets.

Currently the hoop house has around 900 plants, but at the peak of the season this number will grow to 6,000.

Along with selling their flowers at local grocery stores, the family also sell their flowers and vegetables at local farmer's markets. They also offer group events at their farm that include a tour and a chance to create a bouquet of your own.

The couple continues to share their experiences and information about their business on their web site (www.farmsteadflowers.net), on their blog (www.farmsteadflowers.wordpress.net) and on their Facebook page.



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The above photo from last June shows the hoop house full of plants. The hoop house is only part of the area that the Hirds use to produce their cut flowers and vegetables.

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The Influence of Color

We see color because of the way that light reflects off of an object. Different colors have an influence on our emotions and decisions we make.

For example red is a very emotionally intense color. According to www.color-wheel-pro.com, red enhances human metabolism, increases respiration rate, and raises blood pressure. It has very high visibility and is used to indicate danger which is why stop signs, stoplights, and fire equipment are usually painted red. It also is associated with energy and is used to promote energy drinks, games, cars, items related to sports and high physical activity.

Yellow is the color of sunshine. It's associated with joy, happiness, intellect, and energy and is used to evoke pleasant, cheerful feelings. Yellow produces a warming effect, arouses cheerfulness, stimulates mental activity, and generates muscle energy. Yellow is often associated with food.

Orange combines the energy of red and the happiness of yellow. It is associated with joy, sunshine, and the tropics. Orange represents enthusiasm, fascination, happiness, creativity, determination, attraction, success, encouragement, and stimulation.

Green is the color of nature. It symbolizes growth, harmony, freshness, and fertility. Green has strong emotional correspondence with safety. Dark green is also commonly associated with money. Green is the most restful color for the human eye and suggests stability and endurance.

Blue is the color of the

sky and sea and is often associated with depth, stability, consciousness and intellect. It symbolizes trust, loyalty, wisdom, confidence, intelligence, faith, truth, and heaven. Blue slows human metabolism and produces a calming effect. If you are promoting food and cooking, avoid using blue because it can suppress the appetite. You can use blue to promote products and services related to cleanliness such as water purification systems or for air, sky and water products. Dark blue is associated with depth, expertise, and stability; it is a preferred color for corporate America.

Purple combines the stability of blue and the energy of red. Purple is associated with royalty. It symbolizes power, nobility, luxury, and ambition. It conveys wealth and extravagance. Purple is associated with wisdom, dignity, independence, creativity, mystery, and magic.

White is associated with light, goodness, innocence and purity. It is considered to be the color of perfection. It means safety, purity, cleanliness and is associated with hospitals, doctors, and sterility, so you can use white to suggest safety when promoting medical products. White is often associated with low weight, low-fat food, and dairy products.

Black is associated with power, elegance, formality, death, evil, and mystery. Black denotes strength and authority and is very formal, elegant, and prestigious color (black tie, black Mercedes). A black suit or dress can make you look thinner.

Statewide Arboretum Plant Sales Run From Late April to June

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska Statewide Arboretum is hosting a series of spring plant sales late April into June, with plants from and for this region.

Regionally native plants are some of the best to tolerate landscape challenges such as poor soils, limited space, dry shade, extremely variable moisture and diseases, said Bob Henrickson, horticulture program coordinator. "That means gardeners are also planting for pollinators, which can increase garden production in their own yards while benefitting the larger environment."

There will be many edible landscape plants for gardeners wanting to grow more of their own food and some underplanted beauties for a more interesting and sustainable landscape. Nut trees include hickory, walnut, pecan and hazelnut. Persimmon and pawpaw trees will be available as well as fruits such as raspberry, currant, serviceberry and grape.

Wildflower lovers will be pleased with a wide selection of prairie plants: aster, coneflower, false indigo, primrose, gayfeather and penstemon. There are woodland plants for shady areas — Bradbury beebalm, woodland phlox, wild columbine, jack-in-the-pulpit, etc.

For difficult spots such as dry shade and rain gardens, Henrickson recommends sedges. "They've proven very hardy and have a variety of ornamental characteristics." A newer one is seersucker sedge,

with deeply ridged veins as the name implies.

There will be a great selection of trees native to the region and some unusual trees for the collector that have proven hardy but are not widely available: sweet birch, sassafras, Turkish filbert blackgum and ironwood to name a few. One of the smaller trees Henrickson recommends is Shantung maple, a small ornamental tree with beautiful sweetgum-like foliage and good fall color.

Spring sales are at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln East Campus unless otherwise indicated. They include:

— April 25-26 Spring Affair garden event and plant sale at Lancaster Event Center

— May 2-3 Men's Garden Club sale at Douglas/Sarpy County Extension office

— May 10 Spring Plant Sale at UNL East Campus

— May 10 Community Crops Spring Plant Sale at EcoStores Nebraska

— May 16 to June 13 Plant sales every Friday from noon till 5 p.m. at UNL East Campus

— June 7 Wildflower Week Plant Sale UNL East Campus

Whatever your existing landscape, Henrickson welcomes gardeners to bring photos to get "the right plant in the right place."

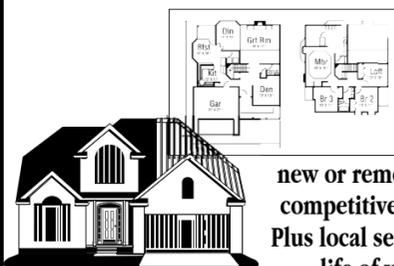
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Vinyl Versus Wood Windows

When it comes to making a decision on the type of replacement window to select for the home, there are a multitude of options to consider. From glass packages to window styles, the choices can seem daunting. However, according to contractor Mark Clement, host of the MyFix-itUpLife home improvement radio show, the decision on which frame to select is the easiest choice.

"Vinyl window frames are the slam-dunk choice for replacement windows," says Clement. "Their low maintenance aspects, insulating value and appearance make them the ideal selection for all styles of homes across America."

Clement, who has installed Simonton vinyl windows in his own historic home in Pennsylvania, believes the days of scraping, staining and painting wood windows are gone. "Old-school wood windows have such high maintenance requirements that their popularity has dwindled significantly in recent years," says Clement. "With vinyl windows all that's needed is a quick washing to keep them looking new year-after-year."

"Some homeowners insist they like the look of real wood in a window. I tell them terrific ... check out the realistic woodgrain laminate options on vinyl framed windows and save yourself all the maintenance hassles associated with real wood!"

Clement cites the Decorum® by Simonton product options as a way to achieve the look of wood on vinyl windows. Interior woodgrain laminates are available on these vinyl home windows in Oak, Cherry, Maple and other wood species. And, on the exterior, homeowners can choose a multitude of color options such as Pine, Bronze, Brick, Chocolate and Driftwood to complement the home's style.

"Vinyl window manufacturers have made such significant advances in the



look of vinyl windows and the options available to homeowners over the past decade that they meet design, energy and budget needs like never before," says Clement. "Best of all, the woodgrain laminate interiors and exterior colors on these windows will never peel, chip or need to be stained like solid wood windows. And, vinyl resists abrasion, salt air, corrosion, termites, rot and air pollutants --- all of which negatively affect wood windows and mean constant upkeep."

Value of Vinyl Windows
For most homeowners, costs play a major role when considering the purchase of replacement windows --- both in the price of the units themselves and in their long-term return-on-investment with energy savings.

"Vinyl windows are a solid investment for the home," says Clement. "They're at least 10 percent less expensive to

purchase than wood windows and they offer great insulating value which can help reduce energy bills.

"The fusion-welded corners on the Simonton vinyl windows I installed in my home are tremendous. Combined with a strong glass package, these windows are extremely energy efficient. We actually saw our energy bills drop starting the month after I installed these windows in our house."

"Buying energy efficient vinyl homes windows that are ENERGY STAR qualified is always a smart choice for a homeowner. There are so many architectural styles, configurations and choices available to homeowners with vinyl windows that they're a top choice from the outset for me. Combine design options, great looks and even hardware choices with cost and maintenance savings, and you've got a mix that is hard to beat!"

Planning for Emerald Ash Borer is Underway

Emerald ash borer is a tiny green insect that is likely to destroy most of our beautiful ash trees. It has been found in neighboring states but hasn't been detected in Nebraska yet. Many homeowners are asking what they can or should do to prepare.

Nebraska's multi-agency EAB working group and other tree care professionals are on the lookout for EAB, and surveys for EAB are conducted every year. When EAB is confirmed in Nebraska, workshops will be held to provide guidance to homeowners.

Until then, homeowners can evaluate their ash trees to determine if they are good candidates for future treatments. High-value, healthy trees that are properly sited are worth consideration. Trees with extensive branch dieback, hollow or decayed wood or ones growing too close to buildings, sidewalks or electrical lines should be removed rather than treated for EAB.

Trees provide a great range of benefits, including shade, improved air quality and beauty for homes. They can have a dramatic impact on a home landscape, and decisions about treatment vs. removal are difficult. An ash tree with a 20-inch trunk, for instance, provides an estimated \$200 in economic value to a home every year. From a financial standpoint, that can be compared with the yearly cost of treating a tree for EAB, which is about \$100 for treatment plus labor. On the other hand is the cost of not treating, in which case EAB likely will kill untreated trees, and cost for removal may exceed \$1,000.

Should homeowners treat their trees? The treatments that are feasible have drawbacks. The most common treatment available to homeowners is a soil application in which insecticide is picked up through the roots and carried throughout the tree to kill feeding insects. But flowers or shrubs growing near the tree can easily pick up the chemical too, exposing bees, butterflies and other pollinators to the chemical. The impact of an entire community doing such treatments would be significant and far-reaching.

For homeowners who decide to pursue treatment, the EAB working group doesn't recommend treating until the pest is known to be within 15 miles of the trees. Currently the nearest infestations are in the Kansas City area, in Creston, Iowa, and in Boulder, Colo. --- 65 miles or more from Nebraska's borders. Treating trees at this time is not likely to justify the cost, health risk, environmental effects and tree injury that the treatments cause.

Homeowners may treat small trees successfully, but large trees should be handled by professionals, who have a wider range of treatment options. These include trunk injections, which place the insecticide within the tree to help limit the effects on non-target organisms. Injections, however, cause some damage to trees. Most are applied by drilling holes in the trunk and they vary in the amount and toxicity of the product applied.

Because of EAB's aggressive nature, trees that homeowners are attempting to

save likely will require treatments for their entire life. For homeowners who don't want to make that long-term commitment, the best thing to do is to plant trees to replace the ones likely to die.

And far into the future a glimmer of hope shines. In areas already devastated by EAB, a rare tree here and there is still alive and healthy. Perhaps these "lingering ash" will one day be the genetic source of naturally resistant trees, keeping this beautiful species a part of neighborhoods and communities.

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Children's Immunization Clinics: An immunization clinic for children will be held on May 15, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., in the Conference Room in the lower level of the hospital in Hebron. To make an appointment, please call 402-768-4629.

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Adult Immunization Clinic: If you need to get an adult vaccine, contact Karen Schardt, Immunization Coordinator for Thayer County Health Services at 402-768-4629.

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Tuesday, April 29:

Deshler G at Red Cloud,
9:30 a.m.

Deshler Dragons track team hosts invitational

The Deshler teams hosted the Del Wicks Invitational on April 16. Deshler and Thayer Central both competed at the event. Both the Deshler teams placed third. The Thayer Central boys finished in first place as a team while the girls brought home fourth.

For the Deshler boys team, two team members brought home second place in their events including: Kyle Dlouhy, second in high jump and Caleb Vonderfecht, second in long jump, second in the 200 meter dash and second in the 400 meter dash.

Other Dragons who placed

in the top six of their event were: Jonah Vonderfecht, sixth in shot put; Jared Pohlmann, fourth in discus; Kyle Dlouhy, sixth in the 300 meter hurdles; Ashton Oakman, third in long jump, third in the 800 meter run and fourth in triple jump; Noah Burger, fourth in the 3200 meter run and fourth in the 1600 meter run; the 4x100 meter relay team (Noah Mosier, Laethion Brown, Calvin Collins and Garret Mees), fourth place and the 4x400 meter relay team (Chandler Jacobe, Ashton Oakman, Garret Mees and Caleb Vonderfecht), fifth place.

For the Deshler girls team, April Maschmann led the Lady Dragons with first place in the 100 meter hurdles.

Several other team members placed in the top six of their event including: Elizabeth Meier, third in discus; KyLee Nutsch, third in long jump and fourth in 100 meter dash; Cassidy Mundhenke, third in pole vault; April Maschmann, fourth in the 300 meter hurdles; Brittany O'Neal, sixth in 100 meter hurdles; Mikaela Hansen, second in 100 meter dash and second in the 200 meter dash; Lauren Schmidt, third in the 3200 meter run; Jenschena Hansen, third in the 800 meter run; the 4x100 meter relay team (Briggett Effenbeck, Jenschena Hansen, KyLee Nutsch and Mikaela Hansen), second place and the 4x400 meter relay team (Lauren Schmidt, Leah Werner, April Maschmann and Jenschena Hansen), fourth place.

Thayer Central

For the Lady Titans team, Megan Bulin placed second in shot put and Cheyanna Tietjen finished the 100 meter hurdles in second place to lead the Titans.

Other events who had Lady Titans finishing in the top six include: Megan Bulin, fourth in discus; Kailey Call, fifth in high jump; 4x800 meter relay team (Sydney Cottam, Haley Huhman, Bailey Linton and Mariah Hintz), fourth place; Trinity Call, third in the 100 meter dash; Taelyn Virus, fourth in the 400 meter dash; Shawna Timmerman, fifth in the 400 meter dash; Madison Reece, second in the 3200 meter run and fourth in the 1600 meter run; Rachel



Courtesy Photo

Deshler's Kyle Dlouhy (l) and Thayer Central's Evan Fuglestad (r) participate in the 300 meter hurdle event at the Del Wicks Invitational on April 16.



Courtesy Photo

Deshler's Briggett Effenbeck runs in the 100 meter dash on April 16.

Heitmann, fifth in the 800 meter run; 4x100 meter relay team (Alexus Carr, Jessica Huhman, Brinley Linton and Cheyanna Tietjen), third place and 4x400 meter relay team (Trinity Call, Rachel Heitmann, Taelyn Virus and Mariah Hintz), third place.

Several Titans helped secure the first place team finish for the boys. Cameron Asche finished in first place in the 100 meter hurdles while the 4x800 meter relay team (Heath Fink, Evan Fuglestad, Ben Hintz and Jared Marsh) also came in first. Simon Wiedel collected gold medals in the 100 meter dash and the 200 meter dash. In the 3200 meter run and the 1600 meter run, Adam Hellbusch had the best times to win the events.

Jared Marsh also placed first in the 800 meter run and Landon Schmitt finished first in the 300 meter hurdles.

Others who helped out with the win include: Preston Brinegar, second in discus; Riley Templin, fourth in long jump and fifth place in the 100 meter dash; Cameron Asche, sixth in long jump and third in the 300 meter hurdles; Jady Dightman, second in triple jump and tie for fourth place in pole vault; Adam Meyer, sixth place in pole vault; Landon Schmitt, second in the 110 meter hurdles; Evan Fuglestad, third in the 110 meter hurdles and fifth in the 300 meter hurdles; Caleb Goedeken, third in the 400 meter dash; Logan Hellbusch, fifth in the 3200

meter run; Elijah Keilwitz, sixth in the 3200 meter run; Jamie Lange, fifth in the 200 meter dash; Connor Mumm, fourth in the 800 meter run; Heath Fink, third in the 1600 meter run and the 4x400 meter relay team (Caleb Goedeken, Jamie Lange, Landon Schmitt and Adam Meyer), second place.

Team scores from the Del Wicks Invitational for the boys teams include: Thayer Central 158, Meridian 103, Deshler 72, Superior 589, Dorchester 48, Lawrence-Nelson 45, Friend 38.

On the girls side, team scores were: Superior 162, Friend 93.5, Deshler 76, Thayer Central 65.5, Meridian 50, Lawrence-Nelson 46 and Dorchester 34.

Thayer Central boys team finishes third at Smith Center

At the Smith Center meet, the Thayer Central boys track team earned a third place finish.

Leading the boys team with a gold medal in discus was Preston Brinegar. His throw of 155-9 secured first place. Several other team members placed second in their event. They include: Simon Wiedel in the 100 meter dash, long

jump and triple jump, Cameron Asche in the 110 meter hurdles, Jared Marsh in the 800 meter run, the 4x100 meter relay freshman team and Landon Schmitt in high jump.

Other competitors who placed in the top six of their event include: the 4x400 meter relay team, fifth place; the 4x400 meter relay fresh-

man team, third place; Jamie Lange, fourth place in the 200 meter dash and fifth place in the 400 meter dash; Adam Hellbusch, fourth place in the 1600 meter run; Connor Mumm, sixth place in the 1600 meter run; the 4x100 meter relay team, fifth place; the 4x800 meter relay team, fourth place; Cameron Asche, third place in long jump and fourth place in the 300 meter hurdles; Jady Dightman, fifth place in triple jump; Landon Schmitt, fifth place in the 300 meter hurdles and 4x100 meter relay weight team, third place.

Boys team scores from the Smith Center track meet include: Beloit 164, Phillipsburg 125, Thayer Central 117, Smith Center 105, Norton Community 38, Republic County 34, Pike Valley 24, Marysville 14 and Thunder Ridge 13.

For the girls team, the 4x400 freshmen relay team brought home a gold medal along with Megan Bulin in shot put and the 4x400 relay weight team.



Courtesy Photo

Thayer Central's Landon Schmitt clears six feet in the high jump event at Smith Center last week.

Other Lady Titans who finished in the top six of their event include: the 4x400 meter relay team, fifth place; Bailey Linton, sixth place in the 3200 meter run; Trinity Call, fourth place in the 400 meter dash and sixth place in the 200 meter dash; Mariah

Hintz, fifth place in the 400 meter dash; Madison Reece, third place in the 800 meter run; the 4x800 meter relay team, third place; Megan Bulin, third place in discus; Kenidee Miller, sixth place in shot put and the 4x100 meter freshmen relay team,

fourth place.

Team scores for the girls teams include: Marysville 113, Beloit 109, Norton Community 88, Smith Center 78, Phillipsburg 77, Thayer Central 65, Pike Valley 56, Republic County 28 and Thunder Ridge 11.

Thayer Central, Deshler golf teams compete at area invitationals

On April 15, the Thayer Central golf team finished in first place at Fillmore Central. It was a close finish after a tie with Fillmore Central was broken using the fifth man's score.

Three Titan golfers finished in the top 15 to lead the team.

Jay Cottam placed second with a score of 82. A score of 86 set Caleb Krupicka in a tie for fourth. Ben Baden finished in eighth place with a score of 88.

Other golfers scores for Thayer Central include Thomas Feulner with a score of 99 and Jacob Kniep had a score of 102.

Team scores from Fillmore Central invitational include: Thayer Central 355, Fillmore Central 355, David City 364, Sandy Creek 385, St. Paul 394, Sutton 395, Wood River 408, Exeter-Milligan 425, Cross County 485 and Heartland 505.

The next day the Titan

golf team traveled to Milford. At this invitational, Thayer Central collected another first place finish.

Ben Baden led the way with a first place individual finish with a score of 80. Jay Cottam had a score of 82 to earn a second place individual finish. Thomas Feulner shot an 87 to finish in seventh place.

Also helping out with the first place finish were Caleb Krupicka with a score of 93 and Jacob Kniep with a score of 98.

On the junior varsity, Ryan Voss had a score of 108 and Robert Dodes had a score of 114.

Deshler

The Deshler golf team traveled to Red Cloud to play in the Bob Bohrer Memorial Golf Tournament last week.

Two Dragon golfers competed including Jana Finke who shot a 129 and Heath Finke with a 120.

Eagle track teams travel to Henderson

The BDS track teams traveled to Henderson for the Heartland Invitational on Tuesday. The meet was windy and cool and the competition was solid, but both teams came away with some impressive marks at the midway point of the season. The boys managed to squeeze into sixth place among the nine teams while the girls tied for second place with Sutton. Hastings St. Cecilia won both the boys and girls team races.

The boys were led in scoring by several third place finishes including Joel Schardt's personal best toss of 122-7. Sam Christensen also turned in a personal best to get his third

place medal when he ran a 0:17.1 in the 110 hurdles, and Grant Norder finished third in the 300 hurdles and took fourth in the 110 hurdles. Sam took sixth in the high jump as well as the 300 hurdles, and later he and Grant teamed up with Garren Anderson and TJ Krupicka to take sixth in the 400 meter relay. Cody Garland added a personal best in the triple jump with a leap of 38-2 1/4 to get sixth place and added a fifth place finish in the 200. Two relays finished off the scoring as TJ Krupicka, Jayden Otto, Stuart Rohrer and Charlie Martin placed fourth in the 3200 relay, while Kale Kleinschmidt, Ben Elznic, Brett Holtz and Kale Smith

placed fourth in the 1600 relay.

The girls team was aided in their runner up finish by taking the top three spots in the pole vault. Leading the way was sophomore Catherine Mick who established a new class D state record with her winning leap of 11-1/2. Jennifer Mick finished second in a yearly best of 9-9 while Tristin Mosier had a personal best of 9-6 to take third. Catherine went on to capture two more first place medals winning both the 100 and 300 hurdles. Jennifer ran to second place finishes in both the 100 and the 200, while Tristin took fourth and sixth in the 100 and 300 hurdles respec-

tively. Jennifer and Tristin later teamed up with Christy Swartzendruber and Mashaya Dierking to finish fourth in the 400 relay. Catherine and Christy joined Kristin Troyer and Kalli Schroeder to take fifth in the 1600 relay. Kalli finished sixth in the 1600 and teamed up with Brice Ardissono, Courtney Kamler and Morgan Lowery to get fourth in the 3200 relay. Jill Schroeder had a strong four medal day as she took first in the triple jump, second in the long jump, fifth in the 200 and fifth in the 400. Kristin added a sixth place finish in the triple jump, as did Brice in the 800 as well as Christy in the 400 to finish off the scoring for the girls.

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Option Enroll to Meridian Public Schools

Public Notices

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Unified Board of Education met in Davenport on April 14, 2014. Pursuant to laws and notices posted in Bruning and Davenport, all proceedings were taken while convened meeting was open to the public. President Nate Schardt called the meeting to order at 8:20 pm. Unified members present were Dan Domeier, Ted Nordor, Michael Schroeder, Rod Tegtmeyer and Jodi Weber. Local board members present were Sarah Bolte, Jeff Hoins, Sarah Krehne and Dave Messman. Also present were Superintendent Trudy Clark, Principal Patrick Moore and Sara Dierking.

President Schardt welcomed the guests and recognized the Open Meeting Act.

The Consent Agenda included the agenda, minutes of March 10, 2014, Unified Board meeting, Treasurer's Report and March claims. Ted Nordor moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Dan Domeier seconded the motion. Roll call vote carried 6-0.

Principal Moore gave his report on the following items: TCHCC-Red/White Game - April 10; HS to MS Meeting, April 23rd Crisis Event; Student Council trash pick-up; NHS helping out with Parent Involvement Night; TCEDA - Career Day at Dresher; McKenna Schardt is Student of the Month; Speech - District/State Champions; 10 students attended Actions Day; Band - Feed the Groove, CRC Honor Band/Choir; SPI Fiesta Book Night; FCCLA - State FCCLA, State Officers; SCC Business Academy - 2 students attended; and, FFA - Silent Auction, Alumni Group Meeting, Labor Auction and State FFA; Track season is underway.

Ms. Clark shared celebrations from Mr. Otto, Mrs. Freitag, Mrs. Hergott, Mrs. Friesen, Mrs. Philippi, Mrs. Albers, Mr. Rotter, Mr. Ardissono, Mrs. Dolniczek, Mrs. Carlson and Mrs. Catlett. Ms. Clark mentioned she was contacted by Meridian's new superintendent Randy Kort regarding Meridian looking to share junior high sports. She shared that East Butler has sent a letter to the CRC superintendents asking for admittance to the CRC. Her report also consisted of information relating to the Old and New Business on the Agenda.

Old Business (All motions require a roll call vote and all carried 6-0 unless noted.)

A. Changes to the BDS Administration Guidelines were reviewed following discussion w/Shickley administrators. A Bruning-Davenport Co-op Committee, whose members are Nate Schardt, Rod Tegtmeyer and Ted Nordor, was established to meet with the Shickley Co-op Committee.

New Business (All motions require a roll call vote and all carried 6-0 unless noted.)

A. Nordor made a resolution to congratulate the speech team and Mrs. Bowman, Ms. Garwood, and Mrs. Segrist for their season. Domeier seconded it.

B. Mike Schroeder motioned to congratulate Mrs. Albers for her state awards (Master Advisor and Advisor Committed to Excellence) and to the middle school students for placing first for their community action project with Blue Valley. Seconded by Domeier.

C. Domeier moved to accept with regrets, the resignation of Cheri Garwood, as the 9-12 English teacher, effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Jodi Weber seconded it.

D. Domeier motioned to approve the contract for Ruth Kowalski as the 9-12 English teacher for 2014-2015 school year. The motion was seconded by Weber.

E. Nordor moved to approve the contract for Alicia Hoffman as the 5-12 Family and Consumer Science teacher for the 2014-2015 school year, seconded by Schroeder.

F. Motion was made by Tegtmeyer to approve paying the registration fees for 3 students (Cody Garland, Brandon Anderson and Gabrielle Joe) to travel to Louisville, Kentucky, October 28th - November 1st, for the National FFA Convention. Domeier seconded it.

G. Schroeder moved to approve paying the \$190.00 registration cost for 2 students (Brice Ardissono and Sara Hinds) to travel to San Antonio for the National FCCLA Conference, July 6th - 9th. Motion was seconded by Weber.

H. Domeier moved to approve the PowerSchool Cooperative Agreement, seconded by Weber.

I. A motion was made by Schroeder to approve the contract for Providence Working Canines, seconded by Nordor.

J. The results of the security audit conducted by Greg Hollingshead were a discussion item only.

K. Domeier moved to approve, on 1st reading, changes to Board Policy 604.14 (Assessment). Motion was seconded by Weber. (Language was updated to reflect current practices of online testing.)

L. No action needed as the board policies: 604.09-604.13 (Teaching about Religion, Academic Freedom, Citizenship, Global Education, Assessments, and Academic Content Standards) had no changes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm, motion made by Domeier, seconded by Nordor.

Sara Dierking,
Recording Secretary

Internal Revenue Service	37,898.04
Nebraska Dept of Revenue	4,584.08
Nebraska Retirement Systems	31,870.12
Aflac	560.79
American Fidelity Assurance Co.	25.00
American Funds Service	

Company	200.00
Aspire	1,000.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	40,588.26
Bruning-Davenport Education Assoc.	1,225.00
Colonial Life	243.58
Cornerstone Bank	950.00
Cornerstone Bank	646.56
Horace Mann Life Insurance Co.	2,650.00
Horace Mann Life Insurance Co.	293.76
PayFlex Systems USA, Inc.	100.00
Pershing Investor Services, LLC	500.00
Putnam Investor Services	150.00
Waddell & Reed Inc.	200.00
Arbor Scientific	51.48
Arends Family Foods	19.41
Bauer Built	1,039.88
Beaonic Inc.	863.89
BIO Corporation	220.01
Brody Chemical Co.	763.87
Bruning Depreciation Fund	1,400.15
Bruning Grocery	259.84
Bruning Lumber Company	107.18
Bruning Motor Service	2,628.90
Bruning Postmaster	300.00
Bruning Transition Fund	3,645.34
Bruning-Davenport Lunch Fund	5,800.00
C-J Tire Company	1,058.46
Cash-Wa Candy Company	57.59
CCS Presentation System	505.00
Central NE Rehabilitation Services	812.60
CGS Music	1,277.24
Companion Corporation	599.00
Crop Production Svcs.	477.92
Davenport Bulding Supply	132.96
Davenport Depreciation Fund	1,400.15
Davenport Transition Fund	4,114.85
Eakes Office Plus	219.46
Ecolab Pest Elimination	149.72
ESU #5	6,523.28
ESU #6	16,670.13
Harding & Schultz, P.C., LLC	90.00
Hebron Journal Register	62.35
Heyen Oil Co.	1,475.61
Hire Right Solutions Inc.	56.00
Hometown Leasing	1,420.58
HTMC	876.00
Jostens	322.37
Junior Library Guild	1,818.00
JW Pepper & Sons Inc.	1.95
K12 School Supplies	47.51
Knowbuddy Resources	311.26
Krest Contractors, Inc.	540.00
Lerner Publishing Group	127.12
Lichti Oil	4,446.86
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	21.09
Mid-American Research Chemical	520.61
Mierau & Co., PC	415.00
Momar Inc.	612.36
Nasco	190.79
NE Council of School Attorneys	80.00
Nebraska Association for the Gifted	1,000.00
Nebraska Central Services	233.21
NETA	125.00
Norris Public Power	1,744.33
Pro Tuff	24.99
Protex Central	1,232.77
Providence Working Canines	209.88
Rourke Educational Media	399.75
School Specialty, Inc.	34.41
School Specialty, Inc./Classroom Direct	37.74
Smith Repair	174.09
Source Gas	1,933.00
Student Assurance Services, Inc.	500.00
Thayer Central Community Schools	2,512.00
Thayer County Clerk	400.00
The Garbage Company South	555.00
The President's Challenge	55.45
The Thompson Company	187.92
Unite Private Networks, LLC	291.97
Verizon Wireless	15.33
Village of Bruning	348.10
Village of Davenport	1,915.96
Windstream	267.91
Total Payable	
Checks	\$202,417.77
Payroll	111,253.45
Total	313,671.22
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COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS APRIL 16, 2014

The Thayer County Board of Commissioners met in open and public session in the commissioner's room of the courthouse at 9:00 a.m. on April 16, 2014. Present were Commissioners Dave Bruning, Chris Frye, Dean Krueger and County Clerk, Marie Rauner.

Dave Bruning, chairman of the board, called the meeting to order.

Public meeting laws are posted and available on the north wall of the meeting room in compliance with Nebraska statutes.

The minutes from the previous meeting were mailed to the commissioners for review. Chris Frye moved and Dave Bruning seconded to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2014, meeting. VOTE

Richard Heinrichs, Thayer County Road Superintendent, met with the commissioners to discuss ongoing road projects and give a department update.

Great Plains applied for a permit to occupy county road right-of-way for a fiber optic cable from the SW1/4 of Sec 12-T1-R3 to the SW1/4 of Sec 6-T1-R2. Dean Krueger made a motion to approve the permit. Chris Frye seconded the motion. Result of vote: Krueger-yes, Frye-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

Great Plains applied for a second permit to occupy county road right-of-way in the SE1/4 of Sec 25-T3-R3 for electrical cable. Chris Frye made a motion to approve the permit and Dean Krueger seconded. Result of vote: Frye-yes, Krueger-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

Dean Krueger made a motion

to enter closed session for the protection of needless injury to the reputation of an individual at 10:15. Chris Frye seconded the motion. Result of vote: Krueger-yes, Frye-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

The chairman returned the meeting to open session at 10:30.

Tyler Tietjen, Jeremy Heitmann, Jaye Moeller, and Lara Tuma, representatives from the Byron Building District and the Byron Foundation, met with the commissioners to present plans for a new community center in Byron. The Building District will own the building with operations being ran by the foundation. The new building will house a new library and fitness center. 1.3 million has been raised for the building and an additional \$650,000.00 has been raised for operation expenses.

Mike Burcham, Thayer County Health Services CEO, met with the board and presented monthly financial reports and discussed ongoing projects at the hospital.

Chris Frye made a motion to approve the salary claims as presented. Dave Bruning seconded the motion. Result of vote: Frye-yes, Bruning-yes, and Krueger-yes. Motion carried.

There being no other business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:45. The board will convene on April 30, 2014, at 9:00 am.

I, the undersigned County Clerk in and for the County of Thayer, hereby certify that all the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained on the agenda for the meeting and kept continually current and were contained on said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting. The agenda is available for the public in the office of the Thayer County Clerk. A notice of said meeting was published in the Hebron Journal Register and the Dresher Rustler.

These proceedings have been written and available for public inspection within 10 working days and prior to the next convened meeting. The complete text of resolutions and agreements is available in the office of the Thayer County Clerk.

Each commissioner signed the agenda stating a copy was received in the mail. Said agenda is on file in the Thayer County Clerk's office.

Dave Bruning,
Chairman of the Board
Marie E. Rauner,
County Clerk

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VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA APRIL 9, 2014

The regular meeting of the Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Alexandria, Nebraska, was held at the Tucker Memorial Library on the 9th day of April, 2014, at 8:00 p.m. Present were: Chairman Deger, Trustees: Anderson, VanWesten, Wassom, and Durlfing. Donna Rut, Village Clerk, Rick and Judy Laughinghouse, Lynn Brown, Mary Deger, Rodney Wassom, and Doris Daniels also attending.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting as required by law. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Open Meeting Laws are posted in the meeting room.

Ordinance #147: An ordinance providing for the rules, regulations and conditions of service of the municipal sanitary sewer system of the Village of Alexandria was presented. A motion was made by VanWesten and seconded by Anderson to suspend the rules of reading an ordinance at three different times and pass the ordinance at this reading. Motion carried with Durlfing, Anderson, VanWesten, Wassom, and Deger voting aye.

The claims, Treasurer's report, and minutes were presented. A motion was made by Durlfing and seconded by VanWesten to accept the Treasurer's report and minutes and to pay all claims as presented. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Ordinance #148: An ordinance to revise all the ordinances of the Village by adopting the Nebraska Basic Code of Ordinances, 2013 was presented. A motion was made by Durlfing and seconded by Deger to suspend the rules of reading an ordinance at three different times and pass the ordinance at this reading. Motion carried with Durlfing, Anderson, VanWesten, Wassom, and Deger voting aye.

Ordinance #149: An ordinance relating to establishment of salaries for members of the Village Board of Trustees and the Village Chairperson was reviewed. A motion was made by VanWesten and seconded by Wassom to suspend the rules of reading an ordinance at three different times and pass the ordinance at this reading. Motion

carried with Durlfing, Anderson, VanWesten, Wassom, and Deger voting aye.

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Van Westen and seconded by Wassom to adjourn. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Stephen C. Deger Chairman Donna S. Rut Village Clerk Claims for March: NE Dept of Revenue	258.37
Garbage Co. South	1,005.00
Norris Public Power	1,549.00
Reynolds Oil	837.00
NE Public Health Env. Lab.	15.00
Schwab & Bauer	375.00
Donna Rut	24.22
Scherbarth Ace	59.73
NE UC Fund	76.88
U.S. Treasury	886.12
Donna Rut	24.22
Alan Krupicka	240.12
Donna Rut	403.64
Hein Construction	6,821.00
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VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA MARCH 29, 2014

A special meeting of the Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Alexandria, Nebraska, was held at the Tucker Memorial Library on the 29th of March, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. Present were: Chairman Deger, Trustees: Anderson, Wassom, and Durlfing. VanWesten absent. Donna Rut, Village Clerk, Rick and Judy Laughinghouse, and Betty Bulin also attending.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting as required by law. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Open Meeting Laws are posted in the meeting room.

After reviewing the bids on street repairs, a motion was made by Durlfing and seconded by Wassom to accept the bid from Hein Construction for \$12,821.00. Motion carried with Anderson, Wassom, Durlfing, and Deger voting aye. VanWesten absent.

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Wassom and seconded by Anderson to adjourn. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Stephen C. Deger
Chairman
Donna S. Rut
Village Clerk
Wk17-11

VILLAGE OF GILEAD REGULAR MEETING APRIL 8, 2014

The Village Board met in public session on March 8, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall. Notices were printed on resident statements and published in the Hebron Journal as well as posted at the USPO, Village Hall, and Pioneers Inn. Roll call was taken; board members present were Lyle, Larry, and Quint and Linda Abelson village clerk. Village residents in attendance were DeWayne Brown. Mike was absent.

Minutes from the February 2014 meeting were read. There were no corrections to the minutes.

Dave Taladany with SENDD entered the meeting and presented to the board his plan on securing a grant from the Department of Economic Development (NDED) for a community development block grant in the wastewater category for renovate the existing wastewater treatment lagoon cell and to construct a second lagoon cell for a complete retention treatment system. A town hall meeting was set for April 23, 2014 at 7pm for all interested parties to have the opportunity to be heard regarding the proposed grant application. A notice was posted at the USPO, Village Hall and Pioneers Inn.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Larry made a motion that the bills be paid as presented. Quint seconded, all in favor, motion carried. The bills that were paid are: Salaries \$451.40, Fairbury Light & Water \$3314.21, Hebron Journal \$17.77, Walmart \$27.53, LBPWP \$36.30, Allied Insurance \$1,887.00, Dageford Agency \$170.00, State of Nebraska \$512.61, IRS \$295.82, Thayer County Central School \$350.00, Reynolds Oil \$186.00, Anything Electric \$395.00, USPO \$49.00, Garbage South \$350.00. Two checks were made transferring funds from Light and Water to Sewer account \$811.82 and Solid Waste account \$552.79.

Delinquent bills were the next topic on the agenda. There are several residents that are past due. The board decided to send out disconnection notices on all past due bills to let residents know they would be disconnected if payment was not received by April 21, 2014. Also discussed was proceeding to turn Cody Effenbeck's bills over to the small claims court. Quint made a motion to proceed, Larry seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Karen Keilwitz representing Pioneers Inn asked permission from the board to use the park for her annual Easter Egg hunt on Good Friday and Linda notified the board that Kevin Coordsen had requested to use the Village hall on May 10th Larry made a motion to accept these request, Quint seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Linda the village clerk informed the board she had been notified that Sewer CD will be up for renewal on April 10, 2014 and would just be renewed if not cashed in. Quint made a motion to let it renew Larry seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Larry made a motion to hire Brooke Rayburn to mow the village park and hall for the same amount of money that was given last year. Quint seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

DeWayne Brown said the he would like to become the fifth board member. Quint made a motion to accept DeWayne Brown as the fifth board member, Larry seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

There being no further business, Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Quint. All in favor, motion carried. The public hearing for the CDBG will be April 23, 2014 at 7 pm and the next regular meeting with be held May 6, 2014 at 7:00 pm both at the village hall.

Sincerely Submitted,
Linda Abelson,
Village Clerk
Wk17-11

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING THAYER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Thayer County Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2014, in the Thayer County Courthouse, 2nd floor. The meeting of the Board of Commissioners will begin at 9:00. The meetings are open to the public.

The agenda is kept continually current and is available for public inspection in the Thayer County Clerk's Office, Room 201, Thayer County Courthouse, Hebron, NE.

Marie E. Rauner
Thayer County Clerk
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Kevin D. Schoenholz and Vickie B. Schoenholz, dated September 14, 2007, and recorded on September 21, 2007, in Book No. 155, at Page 663 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Thayer County, Nebraska, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on May 28, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., at the front door of the Thayer County, Courthouse, Hebron, Nebraska, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

The South Eighty (80) feet of the West One Hundred Fifteen (115) feet of Lot Two (2), and the North Eighty (80) feet of the West One Hundred Fifteen (115) feet of Lot Three (3), all in Block One (1) of John W. Bowman's First North Addition to the Village of Bruning, Thayer County, Nebraska, SITUATED IN THAYER COUNTY IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, commonly known as 324 North Jefferson Street, Bruning, NE, 68322

subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs.

Edward Brink,
Successor Trustee
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NOTICE OF ELECTION THAYER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0070 (THAYER CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2014

Public notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of Thayer County School District 0070 (Thayer Central Community Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the "District") that at the statewide primary election to be held on May 13, 2014, there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District the following proposition:

"Shall Thayer County School District 0070 (Thayer Central Community Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the "District") issue bonds of said District in the principal amount of not to exceed TWELVE MILLION NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$12,975,000) for the purpose of financing the costs of constructing additions to the District's existing buildings, including classrooms and a gymnasium, renovating such existing buildings, and acquiring the necessary furniture, equipment and apparatus for such school buildings and additions, all in connection with consolidating grades PreK-12 within the District's existing buildings, said bonds to be issued from time to time, to bear interest at such rate or rates, to become due at such time or times, and to have such other terms and provisions, all as may be fixed and determined by the Board of Education of the District; and

"Shall the District cause to be levied and collected annually a special tax against all the taxable property in the District sufficient in rate and amount to pay the principal of, the premium, if any, and the interest on said bonds as the same become due?"

FOR said bonds and tax AGAINST said bonds and tax

Electors voting in favor of said proposition shall blacken completely the oval opposite the words "FOR said bonds and tax" following said proposition, and electors voting against said proposition shall blacken completely the oval opposite the words "AGAINST said bonds and tax" following said proposition.

The polls will be open continuously from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on said date.

The voting places for qualified electors of the District shall be at the regular voting places of the statewide primary election to be held on May 13, 2014.

All voting places are accessible to individuals with physical mobility limitations.

Ballots for early voting may be obtained upon request from the County Clerk (acting

as Election Commissioner) of Thayer County in Hebron, Nebraska for registered voters residing in Thayer County and from the County Clerk (acting as Election Commissioner) of Nuckolls County in Nelson, Nebraska for registered voters residing in Nuckolls County, and voted as provided by law.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SAID DISTRICT.

/s/ Mike Prellwitz
Secretary
/s/ Tom Tipton
President
Wk16-4t

ZNEZ

ORDER BEFORE THE LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In the matter of adopting Rules and Regulations for the orderly enforcement of the Groundwater Management and Protection Act (State Statutes 46-701 through 46-753) and the District's Groundwater Management Plan.

THE BOARD FINDS:

-- Differing hydrogeologic conditions warrant the treatment of areas of the district with different rules;

-- Water use efficiency is of utmost importance in preserving our area's water resources;

-- The gathering of water use and irrigate acreage information is critical to understand, establish and manage a water budget for the district;

-- Updated rules will provide the tools for addressing water quality and quantity issues.

IT IS CONCLUDED THAT THE FOLLOWING CONTROLS SHOULD BE ADOPTED:

-- A stay on the drilling of new high-capacity wells in the areas of the District with an Aquifer < 10 feet in thickness;

-- Establishment of a minimum criteria, standards and well spacing for the construction of high-capacity water wells in the "Very High Risk Areas";

-- Establishment of a spacing protection for domestic water wells from new high-capacity water wells;

-- Requirement that all transfers must be approved by the NRD, even if within the same section;

-- Requires the systematic installation of water flow meters on all high-capacity wells by March 31, 2017;

-- Requires the certification of all groundwater uses and irrigated acres by April 15, 2015;

-- Requires the reporting of water withdrawals by all high-capacity water users; and

-- Requires the training and certification of landowners/operators in fertilizer and irrigation management and other matters prescribed by the NRD.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

-- That the Rules and Regulations for the Enforcement of the Little Blue NRD Groundwater Management Area, as amended April 8, 2014, are hereby adopted and will become effective at 12:01 a.m. on May 12th, 2014.

The full text of the Rules and Regulations is available by contacting the Little Blue Natural Resources District between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 1(402)364-2145. The public may also contact the District by mail at LBNRD, PO Box 100, 100 E 6th Street, Davenport, NE, 68335 or visit the website at <http://www.littlebluenrd.org>.

ZNEZ Wk16-3t

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THAYER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

ESTATE OF
Gail C. Wendover,
Deceased,
Estate No. PR 14-6

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of April, 2014, in the County Court of Thayer County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said deceased and that Elizabeth Habel who address is 11905 N. 141st Street, Waverly, NE 68462 has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before the 23rd day of June, 2014, or be forever barred.

Vicki L. Jarchow
Clerk of the Court
Wk17-3t

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Letter To The Editor

Letter to the Editor:

With all of the controversies going around about this bond issue, I just wanted to get my word out there. It is my responsibility as a high school student to stand up for the primary students and even the elementary students who can't get their word out as easily.

This bond will be affecting my family, because I have a younger brother who will be graduating in 2018, but I know this will also be strongly affecting the much younger kids of our town and I know that we need this change for them.

Now, some people may be saying that the plan that has been laid out is not the right one for us. But, what everyone needs to realize is that this plan has been in the making for a long time and has been very carefully put together by many people who know what they are doing because they are here every day to understand the risks and vulnerabilities of our buildings. By studying the plan more deeply, it is apparent that this bond initiative will change our lives for the better, and by our lives I mean the current and future students and parents of Thayer Central, the lives that are actually going to be impacted.

Keeping all of us students together in one facility is a great idea and a safety necessity. Yes, we do love getting off campus to drive down to the primary school if we have the opportunity, but we all know it would be much safer and there would be fewer risks if we were together. Moving primary students was NOT an afterthought!! It is the main goal of the bond. One unified school provides a safer learning environment.

The gym will also offer students a secure environment. It will give the separation needed between the different age groups of students. Also, this gym in the middle will prevent students from having to walk through a busy parking lot everyday to get from class to class. The parking lot should NOT be a makeshift hallway any longer! There have been many close calls in the parking lot over the years and even a tragedy. It is not fair to the students of our school to be put at such a risk on a daily basis. This is an issue that the bond easily fixes.

Another change that I would like to talk about is the addition of new vocal and music classrooms. This addition will benefit so many students with their daily musical classes. It will allow collaboration between the two music teachers without having to commute across the entire campus. It will also create a more sound proof room creating fewer distractions around the school for a better learning environment. In addition, each music room will have practice rooms, which will allow for students to have a private space for individual testing, which would allow the rest of the chorus or band to be in a supervised area, instead of in the gym.

The next issue I would like to come back on is our safety. The whole community agrees that we as students aren't safe. This bond has so many imperative changes for our safety. We are not only moving all of the students together in one school and eliminating risks in the parking lot, but we are creating a large gym that will create an enormous tornado shelter for students, faculty and even fans and community members. What some people don't realize is that if there would be a destructive tornado that hit the town, students are currently huddling on the floors of ground-level bathrooms and packed into locker room showers with exterior windows only a few feet away.

Since 1951, Hebron has had 108 tornados that register a 2 or higher magnitude. In fact, the main campus site has been hit twice by tornados in the past

103 years. In 1911, the school was hit and rebuilt, as well as in 1953. It is not something to be taken lightly. This bond issue will put students underground in a concrete room that will hold over 900 people in the event of a tornado.

One could argue that we can have a tornado shelter without a new gym; however, I am here to tell you that the gym is going to benefit us as athletes, students, and a community. We as athletes need more gym space, but that is just a small factor. The gym is used as a classroom the majority of the time.

Students in kindergarten through eighth grade are required to have a physical education class and many high-school students choose these classes as electives, which totals over 85 percent of our student population.

The problem is that we don't have enough gym space for all of these students to be in the gym during their class. I know from experience that some of my PE classes have been held in the cafeteria playing board games and not in the gym due to quadruple booking.

Overall, I am confident that the majority of our community wants us to be safe and have a great school experience. Also, if we don't take action now, major changes will not be able to happen for years and our safety will be put off once again. I hope that this message gets across as positive and can impact my community in a good way.

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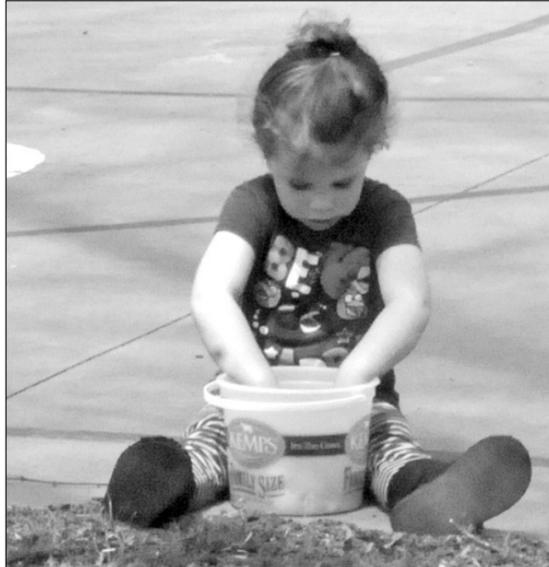
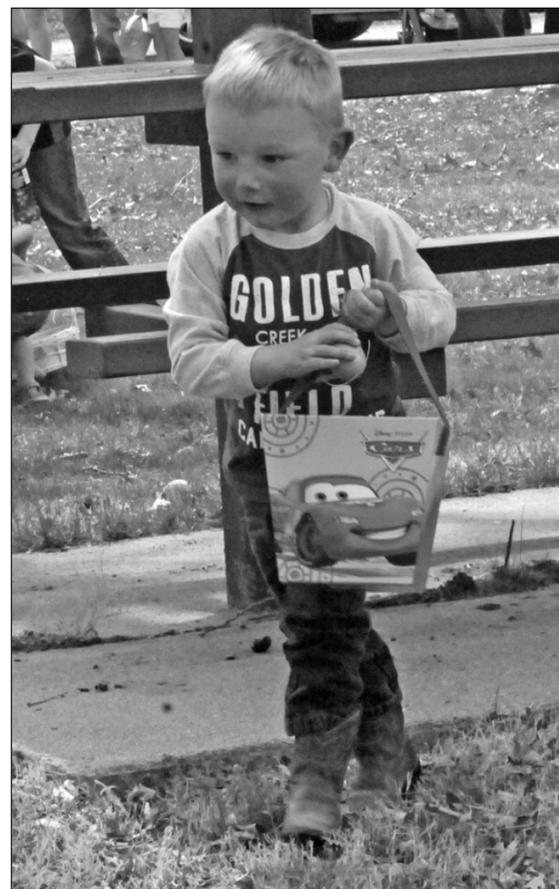
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Over 2,400 people attended the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Omaha on April 3-5. The theme this year was "Excellence in Action!" Meridian had 19 FBLA members along, with their Adviser Kathy Soukup, attend the Conference.

The conference began with the Opening General Session listening to the keynote speaker Layman Hicks of Florida. His topic was "Get Up, Get Out, Go Get It!" After the general session, each student started to compete in six different events. Seminars were attended when not taking tests.

Honorable mentions that were received on Friday night were: Becca Taylor-Website Design, Ashli Soukup and Blair Hofstetter-Desktop Publishing, Brandon Jackson and Ty Brakhage-Cyber Security, Jakub VanWesten-Intro to Business Communication, McKehna Bartels-Proofreading, Jakub VanWesten-Spelling. Ricky Nunez also received Who's Who in FBLA

award. Winning awards on Saturday were: Ricky Nunez, Blair Hofstetter, Ashli Soukup-third place-Business Financial Plan; Lupe Dimas, Miranda Johnson, Kyle Schwisow-third place-Business Plan; Becca Taylor-sixth place-Word Processing; Ashli Soukup-fourth place-DataBase; Kyle Schwisow-first place-Spreadsheet Applications; Blair Hofstetter-eighth place-Spreadsheet Applications.

Other members attending the conference were Karina Meurer, Bridgette Jackson, Anna Most, Annendorf, Mikayla Schafer, Caleb Jarchow, Allison Klipp, and Crystal Nunez.

Representing Nebraska at the National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tenn., June 28 to July 3 this summer, will be Ashli, Ricky, and Blair in the Business Financial Plan; Miranda and Lupe in the Business Plan; Kyle Schwisow in Spreadsheet Applications, and Brandon in Cyber Security.

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