

Spring Home & Garden Guide

Local know-how enhances proposed cooperative

Along with his wife Juli and children, Ben and Mariah, Hebron native Mark Hintz grows fruit and vegetables for market on the family farm.

By Jacque Rocole
Hebron Journal-Register

If you don't know him, you've probably seen him selling his vegetables in front of Central Market through the summers, and if you compete in the open class agriculture division at the county fair, chances are pretty good you've gone up against his products. Mark Hintz is a local grower whose fresh vegetables are available for purchase out of the back of his pickup. Seasonal items such as broccoli, tomatoes, sweet corn, potatoes, melons, and cabbage line the pickup bed as he shares his wares.

The Hebron native and father of two who lives and farms with his wife Julie just east of town, has gardening in his blood. It comes naturally to him and although no one has probably ever asked him, his statements lead one to believe he can't imagine living any other way.

"We have five to seven acres of sweet corn, melons and other vegetables that we sell," he said during a recent workshop. "And we're in the process of putting up a 30 x 96 high tunnel greenhouse for next year."

The workshop, the first in a series of free trainings on basic gardening and growing for market, was held in Hintz's barn. The Center for Rural Affairs in conjunction with Harold Stone, Davenport, hope to advance a local food system cooperative among surrounding counties through the series of workshops. Hintz and Stone led the first.

"Produce offered to us in rural grocery stores is significantly less quality than in urban grocery stores which doesn't make sense to me," Stone said. "Rural areas are generally agricultural, so how can the choices for fresh fruits and vegetables

be less quality?"

He also sees the money paid for fresh food items in rural grocery stores as being sucked out of the local economies in that it goes back to growers in places like California and Texas. "We're relying more on an institution that doesn't include us anymore," he stated, "and I think we can turn that around, from the ground up."

Planting the Seed

Mark Hintz used to start his own seeds, has become quite an expert at it really, but as his garden has grown, so has his economic outreach. "I don't start my seeds anymore, I have Karen (Mierau) do it," he says. "She is the owner of Countrylane Greenhouse and she starts my cabbage, broccoli, tomatoes, egg plants and peppers." Hintz jokes that he lets her do the work he used to do, but in all seriousness, he turns to the greenhouse as a means of supporting rural business.

Hintz said to start seeds, a gardener needs to study the subject; know what items are needed such as trays, lighting, fertilizer, and soil. "There are starter kits if you want," he said while demonstrating the steps to planting a seed, "and pre-mixed potting soils containing the proper ingredients, plus grow lights that replicate the sun." But gardeners can get as basic as they want by mixing their own soil or rigging up their own light and heat. "I've used an electric blanket for heat," he said. "They're cheaper than the heating pads specifically designed for seedlings and work just fine."

Seeds are usually started at the end of February or beginning of March for this area, he added.

The Great Outdoors

Transplanting seedlings to the great outdoors shouldn't happen until mid-May, Hintz says to ward off any chance of a freeze. But this year has been a weird one for gardeners. The unusual temperate climate has allowed gardeners to get their hands in the dirt sooner, and while there may be a chance the air temperature could dive to 32 degrees overnight, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln School of Natural Resources says the frost-free planting date for this area is now April 24, instead of May 10.

"Under normal conditions," Hintz says, "you should wait until Mother's Day."

Some root vegetables such as potatoes can go in as early as Good Friday, but generally anything that grows above the ground should be held off.

For the garden bed, Hintz attributes success to the three "Ls"...location, location, lo-



JR Photo/Jacque Rocole
Local grower Mark Hintz of Hebron, describes soil consistency during the first of a series of area workshops devoted to gardening and growing for market. The workshops, running throughout the growing season, are presented through the Nebraska Center for Rural Affairs in conjunction with Harold Stone of Davenport.

cation. "Full sun," he says. "Make sure your garden gets full sun, and whatever you do, don't put your garden anywhere near a black walnut tree."

Black walnut trees secrete a substance called juglone that inhibits the growth of other plants near them. Particularly toxic, juglone affects plants growing under the tree or within the sphere of its root system. Even walnut hulls, or rain leaching juglone from the leaves and branches to the ground below is toxic.



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These herb seedlings, started by Harold Stone, are ready for transplanting.

Hintz recommends checking the soil for proper nitrogen, potassium and phosphorous before planting. Seed dealers in the area will check soil samples for anyone, he said. And make sure the soil is a sandy loam, he added, because the roots need to spread out.

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Harold Stone of Davenport, demonstrates potting preparation for starting plants indoors at a recent gardening workshop. Herbs, vegetables, virtually any plants can be started indoors in February and March for transplanting in May.

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Let's help them out

Nebraska Center for Rural Affairs assistant director for rural opportunities and stewardship Wyatt Fraas, can't stress the importance of bees enough. "Squash, pumpkins, melons, cucumbers, zucchini, berries all need pollinators such as honeybees, wild bees and butterflies to successfully produce fruit," he said during a recent gardening workshop at the Mark Hintz farm in Hebron. "We need to attract them to our gardens so they can do their job."

Fraas suggests planting a variety of plants that bloom from early spring into late fall, and providing a home for the insects. "I drill small holes into a piece of 2 x 4 wood and hang it on a tree limb or fence post near the garden," he said. "It creates a place for bees to nest."

Fraas also recommended collecting hollow wood pieces, tying them together and hanging them up somewhere near the garden. "Look for natural habitats around your garden for bees to nest," he said.

Fraas is actively turning to average gardeners to help restore the bee population. In the United States, bee keepers are experiencing unprecedented die offs of bees, some losing as much as 80 percent of their colonies. So far the cause remains unexplained and somewhat mysterious, Fraas said. The symptom is referred to as Colony Collapse Disorder and is causing agricultural honeybees nationwide to abandon their hives and disappear.

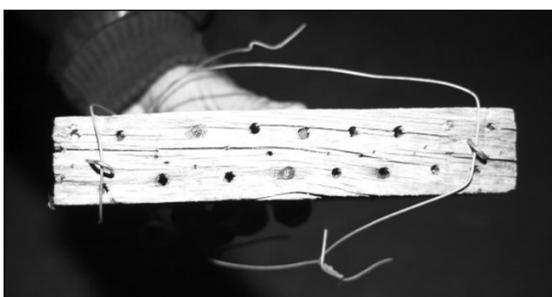
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Nebraska Center for Rural Affairs



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Above: Valerie Crosby, Hebron, investigates a handmade nesting option for bees in the garden during a workshop at the Mark Hintz farm in Hebron. Below: Drilling holes into a piece of wood and hanging it near a garden or flower bed will provide a natural home for bees.



Garden workshop...

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Grow, Baby, Grow

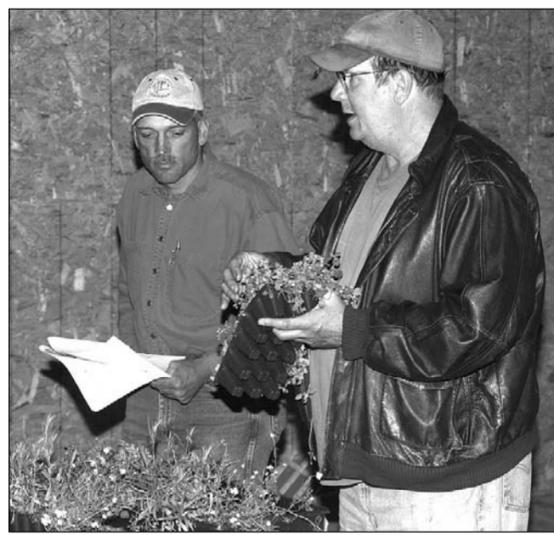
"Transplant your seedlings into the ground using the proper spacing," he explained at the workshop stating that he plants his tomatoes 18 inches apart so the foliage is dense enough to stop sun scald on the fruit.

And while some gardeners see nothing wrong with pruning, Mark has an aversion to it. Why pick off a perfectly good bloom or chop the top off of a perfectly healthy plant, he asks, and says he just can't do it. "I can't help but think it hurts the plant," he smiles and adds more seriously, "I think chopping off the top opens the plant to problems, makes it more susceptible to disease."

John Green, a member of WWOOF (World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms) who was also present at the workshop, said inter-planting crops is an ideal way to save space in the garden. For example, planting short season items like radishes in between long season crops like corn allows gardeners more growing opportunities and yields per bed. Trellis gardening for climbing plants such as melons also gives a more uniform fruit as well as saves space.

Who Invited You?

And finally, while gardeners spend hours studying, mixing, preparing and creating the ideal growing conditions for their new plants, uninvited pests tend to nose their way in. Floating on the breeze, dropped by high flying birds,



JR Photo/Jacque Rocole

Mark Hintz (l) and Harold Stone (r) share trade secrets during a gardening and growing for market workshop earlier this month. The two gardeners detailed starting seeds, transplanting into the garden, soil preparation, weed control and the garden environment.

carried in on busy insects, weed seeds quickly take root in the favorable soil seemingly created just for them.

"I use row cover to control the weeds," Hintz explains, which is a paper mulch he can till into the ground after harvest. "Other mulches can come from straw and tree leaves. Just don't use grass clippings. We tend to put chemicals on our lawns, so I don't recommend putting the clippings in the garden. Chemicals that don't hurt grass may be too strong for vegetables."

Hintz also recommends tilling leaves into the ground before winter to give them a chance to break down into the soil before planting season. While laying them on top of the ground is good for weed

control, they'll still just be laying there in the spring if nothing is done, he said.

The Power of Education

While the workshops are extensive in nature, rendering finite details in growing fruits and vegetables, Stone is adamant about keeping the growing cooperative local. Utilizing area talent, such as Hintz's knowledge and leadership as a local grower, is one of the ways Stone intends to keep his concept local.

Upcoming workshops featuring area talent throughout the growing season will detail selling at farmer's markets (May 16); chemical free growing practices (June 20); garden care (July 18); marketing (Aug. 15); and harvest (Sep. 19).

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Thayer Central Junior High And Elementary Take A Stand Against Bullying



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On April 20 Thayer Central Junior High and Elementary students took a stand against bullying by participating in Stand for the Silent Day. Students stood in silence for seven minutes and also released balloons.

Every seven seconds, someone somewhere is bullied. On April 20 Thayer Central Junior High TCHCC members and Thayer Central Elementary students joined forces to take a stand against bullying by participating in Stand for the Silent Day.

Stand for the Silent is a national anti-bullying movement started in Oklahoma in response to the suicide of 11-year-old Ty Smalley, who killed himself after being suspended for retaliating against the bully who had picked on him for two years. Smalley's parents, Kirk and Laura Smalley, were in Lincoln and surrounding communities

two weeks ago sharing their story.

The TCHCC members started the ceremony by explaining how Stand for the Silent was started and how it is important to always stand up for others. Then the students stood in silence for seven seconds and released blue balloons with messages inside them. After the balloons were out of sight, the TCHCC members led the elementary in the anti-bullying pledge.

From this day forward, I promise to respect those around me as well as respect myself.

I am somebody, and I can

make a difference.

I can make another feel loved. I can be the helping hand that leads another back to a path of hope and aspiration. I will not stand silent as others try to spread hatred through my community.

Instead, I pledge to lift up these victims and show them that their lives matter.

I will be the change because I am somebody.

Each class was asked to sign the pledge and their classroom teachers will display them in their rooms as a constant reminder that everyone must be willing to Take A Stand Against Bullying.

Van Cleef To Boys' State



Tyler Van Cleef

Tyler Michael Van Cleef has been selected to attend Boys' State sponsored by Carleton Legion Post No. 329. He will join nearly 400 other high school juniors from across Nebraska participating in the American Legion Cornhusker Boys State from June 3-9 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln downtown campus.

The annual citizenship program is designed to provide youths with a better understanding of how city, county and state governments operate.

Tyler is the son of Michael and Nancy Van Cleef. He is the grandson of Lloyd and Marion Van Cleef, Donald (Pinky) and Orva Hartley, Robert Vogltance and the late Marjorie Vogltance.

Tyler attends Thayer Central High School and is active in football, basketball, track and baseball. He is a member of Grace Lutheran Church, where he is also a member of their youth group. He participates in FBLA, Letter Club, Swing Choir, Mixed Octet, Honor Roll and 4-H, where he serves as a 4-H Junior Leader.

Thayer County Health Services

Things And Stuff

April 25: Davenport
April 26: Hebron
April 27: Bruning
May 2: Alexandria
May 3: Hebron
May 4: Bruning
Hebron volunteers will provide coverage for the remaining open days to the above schedule. Hours: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon.

The **Things and Stuff** shop in Hebron is staffed by volunteers from Thayer County and surrounding communities. If you would like to volunteer at the shop, contact Pat Pumphrey at 402-768-6513.

Children Immunization Clinic will be held on Monday, May 14, 2012 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the conference room in the lower level of the

hospital in Hebron. This clinic is held on the 2nd Monday of the month.

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.

Clinic Schedules

Bruning Clinic
May 1: 9-Noon Dr. Sullivan
May 3: 1:30-4:30Madsen, PAC
Davenport Clinic
April 30: 9-Noon Elting, APRN
May 2: 9-Noon Madsen PAC
Deshler Clinic
Apr 30: 1:30-4:30 Elting APRN
May 1: 1:30-4:30 JohnsonPAC
May 2: 9-Noon Dr. Lanik
May 3: 9-Noon Dr. Vonderfecht
Milligan Clinic
May 1:8-Noon Dr. Vonderfecht
Chester Clinic
May2:1:30-4:30 Dr.Vonderfecht

Thayer Central Reading Team Wins State Runner-up Title



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The Thayer Central Reading Classic team won runner-up at state competition. Team members are from left, Cambrie Cottam, Mary Rickers, Anne Roesner Heitmann, coach; Hyeon Wang, Julie Johnson, Sydney Cottam, Brooklyn Hergott and Shivani Patel.

The Division III Reading Classic Team took home the second place trophy at the Nebraska State Reading Classic Competition held April 14 in Dorchester. Sponsored by the Nebraska State Reading Association, Reading Classic is a competitive program that encourages students to

become life-long readers. The Division III team members from grades seven, eight and nine prepared for the competition by reading from a list of 87 award winning books. At the state contest, they answered questions about these books along with questions regarding current events.

T.C. Intermediate School Wins Bronze At The Healthy Kids Summit

On April 19 hundreds of school wellness advocates gathered in Lincoln at the Center for People in Need for the sixth annual Nebraska Action for Healthy Kids Summit. This year's theme is "Leading At All Levels: What's Your Role?"

The Summit provides an opportunity for students, parents, educators, administrators, health and nutrition professionals and community leaders to network and share strategies to improve the health of school age children through better nutrition and increased physical activity within the school environment.

"Improving the health of Nebraska's kids needs to be a priority in our state right now, and I applaud Nebraska Action for Healthy Kids for finding fun and creative ways to accomplish that," said Sally Ganem, Nebraska's First Lady, who welcomed participants to the Summit.

Dayle Hayes, award-winning author, educator, and nutrition coach, and Aaron Beigle, from the Department of Kinesiology and Health Prevention at the University of Kentucky, delivered the keynote presentations. Dr. Joann Schaefer, Nebraska's

chief medical officer and director of public health for the Department of Health and Human Services, also addressed the group.

An additional highlight of the Summit was the annual awards luncheon, when Nebraska Action for Healthy Kids recognized Nebraska schools who have demonstrated leadership in wellness with Action Awards.

Nebraska Action for Healthy Kids, affiliated with national Action for Healthy Kids, is a nonprofit organization addressing the epidemic of overweight, sedentary and undernourished youth by improving nutrition and increasing physical activity in schools.

The coalition includes representatives from more than 30 organizations and government agencies representing education, health, fitness and nutrition throughout the state of Nebraska.

For more information on Nebraska Action for Healthy Kids or the Summit, visit: www.actionforhealthykids.org/nebraska.

Thayer Central Intermediate School in Hebron was a bronze level Action Award Winner.



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Midland Dance Team Wins Third...

Hannah Maschmann, fifth from left, competed with the Midland University Dance Team at the 2012 National Collegiate Cheer and Dance Competition in Daytona Beach, Fla. The group was awarded third place in the NAIA Small Dance Competition. Prelims were on Thursday, April 12, with finals on Friday, April 13. Highlights of their performance can be viewed at www.varsity.com. Hannah is the daughter of Glen and Marla Maschmann of Davenport and a 2010 Deshler graduate.



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National Library Week Observed...

During National School Library Week the Thayer Central Elementary students in grades two through six were asked to give the top five reasons school libraries are important. Two winners were chosen from each grade. Betty Meyer, school librarian, gave new books to the students who won and all elementary students in grades kindergarten through sixth grade received pencils and bookmarks celebrating National Library Week. Winners and school librarian are back row from left, librarian Betty Meyer, Sophia Shope, Maggie Harris, Brienna Davis, Hailey Wilshusen, Shelby Laird and front row from left, Isaac Friesen, Luke Wiedel, Sydney Escritt, Chloe Hintz and Makannah Heitmann.

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Oak

By Phyllis Schmitt

On Monday, Phil and Gerry Eckles went to Fairfield to the home of Marianne and Marion Wolfe to visit. They were joined by Dwayne and Eileen Mazour of Fremont.

Last Sunday evening, Dick and Claudia Hanson visited his mother, Pauline Hanson. On Monday, Janell Hanson was a visitor of Pauline.

On Monday, Jackie Cox and Phyllis Schmitt visited with Lee Rodehorst in Nelson, then went to Fairbury for shopping. Later, they stopped in Ruskin for supper to celebrate Jackie's birthday.

Tuesday night, the Nelson Red Hat group met at Tucker's for tacos. Among those attending were Ermalee Scroggin and Gerry Eckles.

On Wednesday, two car loads of Red Hatters left Nelson to go to St. Paul. They had lunch at the Sweet Shoppe, where they enjoyed looking at the 1,341 cookie jars on display. They visited a consignment mall and then went for a tour of Miletta Vista Winery. Some of them stopped in Grand Island on the way home. Among those attending were Phyllis Schmitt, Gerry Eckles and Ermalee Scroggin.

Gaylen and Jackie Cox attended granddaughter, Olivia Cox's preschool graduation in Blue Hill on Thursday evening. Olivia and Ava came home with them and spent the night. Friday night, they attended the FFA Banquet in Nelson. Alayna Cox spent that night with the Coxes. On Saturday, Jackie and Alayna spent the day and night with Christopher Cox in Doniphan. On Sunday, Christopher, Jackie and Jeff Cox, Alayna and Olivia had dinner out.

Phyllis Schmitt and great-granddaughter, Molley Drohman, attended the birthday coffee of Marvin and Virginia Lewis in Ruskin Friday morning. On Saturday evening, Phyllis went to Hebron to watch the Promenade before the Thayer Central Prom. From there, she accompanied Jerry and Kelly Schmitt to Strang for supper to help Hannah Schmitt celebrate her 20th birthday. They were joined by several other family members to enjoy supper and birthday cake.

Ermalee Scroggin and Phil and Gerry Eckles were among those attending the Library Board Spaghetti Feed at the Community Center on Sunday. Later, Gerry attended a bead (necklace) party at the home of Carol Eckles.

Phyllis Schmitt went to Superior Sunday afternoon and visited Pauline Hanson. They went to the Dairy Queen for treats and then visited with Mildred Melton.

Rev. Arthur Taylor was again guest speaker at the First Community Church Sunday morning.



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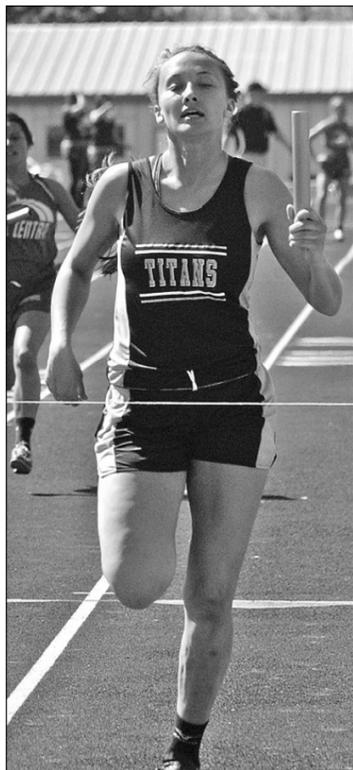
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Sports



Titans senior Kalen Wenske earned a gold medal for his performance in the 800 meter run at the Superior meet last week. The athlete ran the race in 2:04.9.



Bridgette Baden runs the 1600 relay earlier this season.

Titans take Superior track invite

Deshler competes

The Thayer Central Titans boys' track team took the championship at the Superior invitational last week, April 17, winning seven of 17 events.

Individually, Andrew Wilshusen led the way securing two gold medals after finishing the discus (140'9") and the shot put (43'6.25") in first place. Greg Dightman earned a gold medal after leaping 20'4" in the long jump, and Brian Loontjer added a gold-medal finish in the pole vault (12') to round out the field events.

In running, Cameron Asche won the 110 hurdles (15.79) as Kalen Wenske took home the gold in the 800 meter run (2:04.9). Wenske then joined Trev Mumm, Jared Marsh, and Michael Feulner in the 3200 relay race to win first place (8:30.86).

Both the 400 and 1600 relay teams finished second in 47.01 and 3:37.67 respectively.

Individual silver wins in field events came by way of Cody Mumm in the discus (133'08") and Dalton Kenning in the pole vault (12'). In running, second-place wins came from Jared Marsh in the 800 meter run (2:06.43) and Michael Feulner in the 1600 meter run (4:53.12).

The Lady Titans finished fourth overall at the meet; two gold medal performances led the way.

In the team events, the 400 meter relay team including members Jasmine Kovacs, Lauren Edgecombe, Rachel Johnson, and Tarryn Tietjen raced the circuit in 54.7 seconds for the win.

Individually, Madison Reece set a new school record by finishing the 1600 meter run in a speedy 5:41.68 to win the top medal there.

Lauren Edgecombe turned in the only silver winning race of the day after finishing the 200 meter dash in 28.3 seconds.

Complete times and placements for the top six performances appear in the stats box accompanying this article.

The Titans head to the Southern Nebraska Conference in Sutton this Saturday, April 28.

Deshler Dragons

The Deshler boys finished fifth in the field of eight teams during the Superior meet.

Josiah Burger led the way pocketing a gold medal in the 400 meter dash (52.74) and a bronze in the 200 meter dash (23.79). Luke Dlouhy also snagged a silver in the triple jump with a leap of 37'11.25" to round out the top scores for the Dragons.

For the girls, Trinity Reinke earned a bronze medal for her performance in the 3200 meter run (14:07.17).

Complete times and placements for the top six performances appear in the stats box accompanying this article.

The Dragons head into Twin Valley Conference action this Saturday, April 28, at Shelton.

Titans golf team rounds out busy week on the links

The Thayer Central golf team attended four competitions in the last week including their own hosted nine-hole dual against Superior and Deshler; a trip to Kansas to participate in the Republic County meet; Fairbury to compete in the Jeff's meet and finally, a trip to Geneva for the Fillmore Central quad.

At the home dual, the Titans scored 165 while Superior had 195 and Deshler had 206.

For the black and gold team, Ben Baden led the way golfing 37 for the round. Jay Cottam finished with 41 while Trenton Tietjen had 43, Russell Heitmann had 44, Caleb Krupicka had 45 and Thomas Feulner had 51.

For Deshler, Brett Finke led with 42, Craig Meier had 49, Zach Wharton golfed 57, Hayden Loontjer shot 58, Ryan Harms had 63 and Ronnie Roskilly had 67.

The next day at Republic County, Thayer Central finished sixth in a field of 10. Scores were based on the top four scores on each team. The Titans ended the day with 347; Concordia JV won with a score of 200.

Jay Cottam led the way for Thayer Central golfing 39-39-78 giving him a third place overall individual finish. Trenton Tietjen shot 42-43-85 for a 10th place individual finish while Ben Baden placed 42-46-88 to tie for 15th. Other golfers included Caleb Krupicka 49-47-96; Briana Werner 54-56-110; and Russell Heitmann 53-60-113.

At Fairbury, the Titans tied for second place in a field of eight complete teams. Four other schools were represented although did not have full teams including Deshler. Brett Finke (51-44-95) and Zach Wharton 82-62-144) were able to represent the Dragons on the day.

Of the full teams, Beatrice won the day golfing 322, while Thayer Central, Crete and Fairbury all scored 366. Rounding out the slate were Seward with 371, Norris with 372, Superior with 484, and Fairbury JVs with 489.

For the Titans, Jay Cottam again led the way golfing 38-39-77 to finish fourth individually. Ben Baden shot 49-43-92 to end the day in 15th individually. Others golfing included Trenton Tietjen 53-45-98; Caleb Krupicka 50-49-99; and Russell Heitmann 55-58-113.

The Titans finished up the busy week Monday afternoon in Geneva where they earned the championship after golfing 179 in the nine-hole quad. Fillmore Central scored 183 followed by Sutton 207 and Deshler 215.

Leading the way for the Titans, Trent Tietjen managed a score of 41 to claim the No. 1 individual position on the day. Other team members included Jay Cottam 43, Ben Baden 45, Caleb Krupicka 50, and Russell Heitmann 50.

For Deshler, Craig Meier golfed a 46 to lead the way while Brett Finke had 51. Others included Zach Wharton 58, Brody Fayle 60, and Ryan Harris 72.



Bruning-Davenport/Shickley's Jill Schroeder competes in the triple jump at the annual MUDECAS meet.



Alberto Gamboa runs for the Bruning-Davenport/Shickley Eagles.

Lady Eagles continue to collect championships

Bruning-Davenport returned to Tecumseh last week on Wednesday, April 18, to finish up the Mudecas tournament that was rained out on April 14. The meet was called right before finals when a series of severe storms began to trek across the area.

In the finals Wednesday, the Lady Eagles edged Sterling to take the championship in the "B" division amassing 152 points to Sterling's 147. The Eagles aced nine of their 13 events for the top position.

The dynamic combination of seniors Shelby Garland and Cynthia Mick led the way for the Eagles as both pocketed one silver and three gold medals in their respective events.

Garland came in first in the 100 (12.5) and 200 (26.8) meter dashes and in the long jump (16'4.25"). She collected her silver in the 400 meter dash (1:02.6).

Mick came in first in the 100 (16.3) and 300 (48.5) meter hurdles and in the pole vault (9'6"). Her second place performance came in the 100 (12.9) meter dash.

Rounding out the individual performances, Jill Schroeder also went home with four medals after collecting a gold in the 1600 meter run (5:59.9), a silver in the 800 meter run (2:42.2) and bronzes in 400 dash (1:07.2) and long jump (14'11.25"). Kristin Troyer earned a bronze in the triple jump (31'3.5").

In the relays, the girls managed to take first in two races and third in one. For gold, the 400 meter relay won 56.2 for first and the 1600 meter relay in 4:33 for first. The 3200 meter relay team completed the circuit in 12:27.7 for third.

For the boys, the Eagle team finished with 39 points.

Nolan Schroeder pocketed a silver medallion after tossing the discus 122' to lead the squad in the field events. Alberto Gamboa collected a bronze medal for his 10' performance in the shot put.

In running, Luke Christensen again led the way with two bronze wins in the short dashes. He ran 11.7 in the 100 and 23.9 in the 200.

The Bruning-Davenport/Shickley track team heads to Osceola this Saturday to compete in the Crossroads Conference.

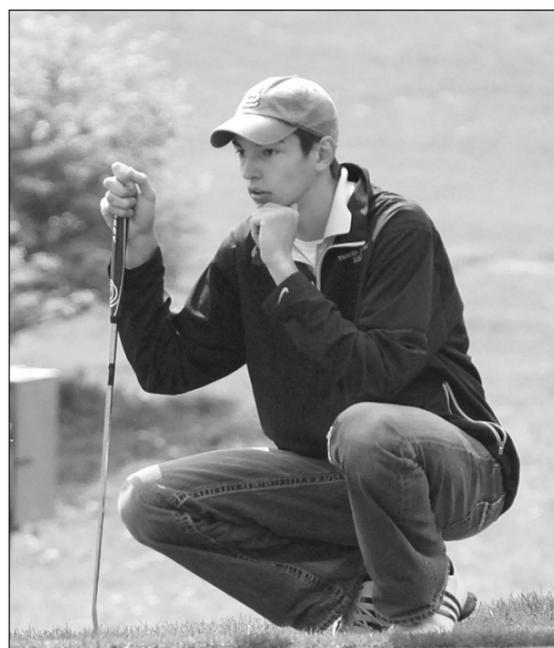
STATS

Teams: Boys: Pawnee City 144, Sterling 128, Falls City Sacred Heart 96, Parkview Christian 75, **Bruning-Davenport-Shickley 39**, Lewiston 28, Meridian 16.

Events: Boys: 100m: 3-Christensen 11.7; **200m:** 3-Christensen 23.9; **pv:** 3-Gamboa 10'; **dcs:** 2-Schroeder 122'.

Teams: Girls: Bruning-Davenport-Shickley 152, Sterling 147, Falls City Sacred Heart 78, Pawnee City 67, Meridian 36, Parkview Christian 30, Lewiston 14.

Events: Girls: 100m: 1-Garland 12.5, 2-CMick 12.9; **200m:** 1-Garland 26.8; **400m:** 2-Garland 1:02.6, 3-Schroeder 1:07.2; **800m:** 2-Schroeder 2:42.2; **1600m:** 1-Schroeder 5:59.9; **100h:** 1-CMick 16.3; **300h:** 1-CMick 48.5; **4x100:** 1-Eagles 56.2; **4x400:** 1-Eagles 4:33; **4x800:** 3-Eagles 12:27.7; **Ing jmp:** 1-Garland 16'4.25"; 3-Schroeder 14'11.25"; **trp jmp:** 3-Troyer 31'3.5"; **pv:** 1-CMick 9'6".



Thayer Central Titans golf team member Trenton Tietjen ponders a putt during competition earlier this season.

Thayer Central's junior varsity team members also golfed: Briana Werner 52, Thomas Feulner 57, and Ryan Voss 65. Deshler's junior varsity included Ronnie Roskilly 72.

The Titans head into Southern Nebraska Conference action on May 4 before hosting their annual invite May 9.

Until then they head to St. Cecilia tomorrow, April 26, and Superior May 3.

Look for sports photos at <http://hebronjournalregister.com>.

Public Notices

NOTICE OF PERMIT ISSUANCE

The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) proposes to reissue with change the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the Village of Alexandria WWTF, PO Box 65, Alexandria, NE (NPDES# NE0029238 SIC 4952). The POTW, which receives and treats domestic wastewater, consists of a 2-cell continuous discharge lagoon system. The treated effluent is discharged from Outfall 001 to Big Sandy Creek, segment LB2-10100 of the Little Blue River Basin. The draft permit, fact sheet and other public information are available for review at NDEQ's Lincoln Office (address below) between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays, excluding holidays. To request copies of the draft permit and other information, call 402/471-3557 (TDD operator 711). Alternate format materials are available with advance request. Written comments, objection and/or hearing requests concerning permit issuance may be submitted to Alan Aanerud, NPDES/NPP Permits Unit, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, 1200 N St., Suite 400, the Atrium, PO Box 98922, Lincoln, NE 68509-8922 before the comment period ending date of May 26, 2012. A determination to hold a hearing will be based upon factual environmental or regulatory consideration.

April 25-11

CHESTER, NEBRASKA April 11, 2012

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester, Thayer County, Nebraska, met at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall on April 11, 2012, for their regular monthly meeting. Board members present were: Chairman Carbonneau and Trustees: Wassom, Heinrichs and R. Crouse. Absent: Crouse.

Chairman Carbonneau called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Wassom moved and R. Crouse seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Roll call votes: Ayes: Wassom, Heinrichs, R. Crouse and Carbonneau. Nays: None. Absent: Crouse. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was then given. Heinrichs moved and Wassom seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Roll call votes: Ayes: Wassom, Heinrichs, R. Crouse and Carbonneau. Nays: None. Absent: Crouse. Motion carried.

R. Crouse moved and Heinrichs seconded a motion to approve the application of Levi Larkins for membership onto the fire department. Roll call votes: Ayes: Wassom, Heinrichs, R. Crouse and Carbonneau. Nays: None. Absent: Crouse. Motion carried.

Wassom moved and R. Crouse seconded a motion to approve a building permit for Joe Carbonneau, for a storage shed. Roll call votes: Ayes: Wassom, Heinrichs and R. Crouse. Nays: None. Absent: Crouse. Abstained: Carbonneau. Motion carried.

It was noted that the "Barrel of Fun" park equipment at the park is in bad shape and there is concern for children's safety when using it. All Board members present at the meeting were in agreement to dispose of this piece of equipment for safety reasons.

The Board was in agreement to hire Brian Loontjier to do some part time mowing and etc. for the village this summer.

The Board discussed raising garbage rates to keep up with the costs of this department. Heinrichs moved and Wassom seconded a motion to adjust the garbage rate from \$8.00 per month to \$10.00 per month. Roll call votes: Ayes: Wassom, Heinrichs, R. Crouse and Carbonneau. Nays: None. Absent: Crouse. Motion carried.

The copier in the village office is no longer working properly. Wassom moved and R. Crouse seconded a motion to lease a copier from Eakes Office Supply in Hastings, Neb., for \$55.00 per month, which would include repairs and toner. Roll call votes: Ayes: Wassom, Heinrichs, R. Crouse and Carbonneau. Nays: None. Absent: Crouse. Motion carried.

The following bills were approved for April 2012:

Chester Fire Department, radio, \$475.00; C & M Supply, gasoline, 304.66 Petty Cash, postage, 17.06; George Russell Trust, landfill fees, house demolition, 397.50; Gerald Bauer, meter refund, 250.00; NE Public Power District, electricity, 10,811.01; Norris Public Power, electricity, 1,374.56; State Bank of Chester, checks, 124.18; Presto-X, pest management, 42.60; Dageforde Agency, insurance, 1,176.00; Hebron Central Market supplies, 25.01; Geo. Hays & Son, tools, parts, paint, 236.02; NE Public Health Laboratory, water testing, 34.00; Linton Small Engine, parts, 135.28; U. S. Cellular, telephone, 70.01; Hebron Journal Register, publishing, 57.99; Al's Ag Repair, tire, 10.00; Michael Todd & Co., polywire, 429.00; Walmsley Trucking, rock, 584.40; The Garbage Co. So., garbage disposal, 875.00; Dutton Lanson Co., parts, 378.66; Boettcher Supply Inc., parts, 53.13; Postmaster, postage, 100.00; Walter Insurance, insurance, 1,736.90; Source Gas, natural gas, 246.79; salaries,

3,857.82; Lucille Russell, meter refund, 20.00; Reliable Office Supply, office supply, 132.70; Village of Chester, electricity, 1,975.35; Tamara Culhane, auditorium deposit refund, 100.00; Village of Chester, Quinton Kenyon meter refund, 100.00; Eakes Office Plus, copier lease, 149.92; Great Plains Comm., telephones, 178.09; State of Nebraska, withholding, 423.57; State of Nebraska, sales tax, 1,546.29; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance, 1,792.56; Continental General Insurance, insurance, 25.04; Amri Gafri, insurance, 58.28; EFTPS, withholding, 1,024.68.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Wassom moved and R. Crouse seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting with all members of the Board present voting aye.

Joe Carbonneau
Chairman of the Board
(SEAL)
ATTEST:
Judy I. Smith
Village Clerk
Apr 25-11

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

Notice is hereby given that DBH, Inc. has been incorporated under the Nebraska Business Corporation Act with its initial registered office located at 609 E 6th, Davenport, Nebraska 68335. DBH, Inc.'s initial registered agent at that office is Doug Holtzen. The sole incorporator of DBH, Inc. is Dennis R. Schardt, 2404 W 48th Street Place, Kearney, Nebraska 68845. The authorized capital stock consists of 100,000 shares, which shares shall be divided into two distinct classes as follows: 10,000 Shares of Class A, Voting, fully participating Common Stock of a par value of \$.10 (ten cents) per share, and 90,000 shares of Class B, Nonvoting, fully participating Common Stock, of the par value of \$.10 (ten cents) per share.

DBH, INC.
Douglas B. Holtzen,
President
Apr 11-3ts-Apr 25

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF THAYER FARMLAND, LLC, A NEBRASKA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice is hereby given that a Nebraska Limited Liability Company has been formed under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. The name of the limited liability company is Thayer Farmland, LLC. The designated office is located at 980 North 1st Street, Geneva, Nebraska 68361. The initial agent for service of process is CorporAgent, Inc., and it is located at 2120 South 72nd Street, Suite 1500, Omaha, Nebraska 68124.

July 18-3ts-May 2

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Thayer County, Nebraska in pursuance of a decree of said Court in an action wherein ADAIR ASSET MANAGEMENT is Plaintiff and THE HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF NORMAN H. FANGMEIER, GARLAND B. EDWARDS, MICHAEL A. FANGMEIER, Personal Representative, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF FAIRBURY, JOHN DOE AND MARY DOE; and all other persons/entities UNKNOWN claiming any right, interest or title in the real estate described herein are Defendants. Case NO. CI 11-60. I will at **10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 15th day of May, 2012**, at the east door of the Courthouse in Hebron, Thayer County, Nebraska sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property situated in said county and state to-wit: A tract of land in the East Half of the Southeast Quarter (E 1/2 SE 1/4) of Section 9, Township 1 North, Range 1 West of 6th P.M., Thayer County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said SE1/4 of Section 9, thence West 470 feet, thence North 210 feet, thence East 470 feet, thence south 210 feet to the point of beginning. All provided by said order and decree to satisfy all amount due on decree as follows: the sum of \$1,702.12 plus interest in the amount of \$213.94 through February 2, 2012, attorney fees in the amount of \$226.96 and costs in the amount of \$353.58. Dated this 10th day of April 2012

/s/ David Lee
Sheriff of Thayer County,
Nebraska
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J-R Classifieds are online!

Commissioners Minutes

April 18, 2012

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 18th, 2012. 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.

Minutes of the last meeting were mailed to each commissioner prior to the meeting. Dean Krueger made a motion and Chris Frye seconded to approve the minutes from the April 4th, 2011 meeting. Result of vote: Krueger-yes, Frye-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

The commissioners approved the date of May 5, 2012 for a county wide shredding day in the back parking lot of the courthouse from 9:00 to 11:00.

Richard Heinrichs, Thayer County road superintendent, and George Gerdes met with the commissioners with updates and projects in the road department.

Permit for Glenn Maschmann to occupy county road right-of-way for an underground crossing in Sec 27-T4-R4 to Sec 28-T4-R4.

Permit for Great Plains Communications to occupy county road right-of-way for a fiber optic cable at Rd C between 5300 & 5500 was presented for approval. Chris Frye moved and Dave Bruning seconded to approve the permit. Result of vote: Frye-yes, Bruning-yes, and Krueger-yes. Motion carried.

Permit for Great Plains Communications to occupy county road right-of-way for a fiber optic cable at Rd G and Rd 5000 was presented and discussed. Dean Krueger made a motion to approve the permit. Dave Bruning seconded the motion. Result of vote: Krueger-yes, Bruning-yes, and Frye-yes. Motion carried.

Submitted to the board was a permit for Brinegar & Son to occupy county road right-of-way for a trench in the NE 1/4 of Sec 18-T4-R3 for a gas line. Chris Frye made a motion to approve the permit with the stipulation to follow compliance codes. Dean Krueger seconded the motion. Result of vote: Frye-yes, Krueger-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

April 18th, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. was the date and time advertised for the opening of bids for a belly dump trailer. Present was Jerry Johnson. Bids read by the clerk were:

Jim Hawk Truck Trailers: Construction Trailer Specialists Inc. - 42' bottom dump, spring ride suspension, \$35,780.00, in stock.

Jim Hawk Truck Trailers: Construction Trailer Specialists Inc. - 42' light weight tri-axle spring and air ride & air lift 3rd, \$42,600.00, 10 to 12 week availability.

Jim Hawk Truck Trailers: Construction Trailer Specialists, 42' light weight tri-axle air ride and air lift 3rd, \$45,600.00, 10 to 12 week availability.

Siouxland Trailer Sales: New 2013 Manac-CPS Belly Dump Lightweight, 42' low profile, manual tarp \$35,980.00 May 15th availability.

Siouxland Trailer Sales: New 2013 Manac-CPS Belly Dump Lightweight, 42' low profile, electric tarp \$36,255.00, May 15th availability.

Nebraska Machinery: Load King 2060-42-3, spring suspension, \$52,843.00, 18-20 week availability.

Nebraska Machinery: Load King 2060-42-3, Air Ride suspension, \$55,963.00, 18-20 week availability.

Action was tabled at this time. The Southeast District Emergency Management Governance Board was meeting in the clubroom, the commissioners stepped into the meeting to welcome the board to Thayer County.

Kimberly Plouzek, Emergency Response Coordinator for Public Health Solutions District Health Department, met with the commissioners to discuss department priority issues.

Michael Pracheil, Chief Financial Officer for TCHS, presented the hospital financial report for February, 2012

The commissioners had requested a meeting with Bob Sleight, State Fire Marshal, to discuss the courthouse compliance for public safety. He was unable to keep his appointment. He rescheduled for a meeting in May.

Monthly reports were submitted by the County Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff, Extension, District Court, Emergency Management and Zoning. Reports were reviewed, signed and placed on file in the county clerk's office.

Chris Frye made a motion to direct the county clerk to process payroll claims. Dave Bruning seconded the motion. Result of vote: Frye-yes, Bruning-yes, and Krueger-yes. Motion carried.

Salary:

General	\$40,001.03
Road/Bridge	\$29,678.66
Drug Free Grant	\$2,601.92

Emergency Management	\$1,325.66
Noxious Weed	\$2,654.30
Historical Society	\$400.00

Vendor:

General Fund

Am. Fam. Ins., Bp78	\$362.07
Ameritas-Vision,	
Employee	\$30.64
Ameritas Group - Dental	\$436.63
Ameritas Life Ins.	
Corp., Retirement	\$4,657.23
Coventry Health Care of NE, Employer Health	\$10,025.47
Hartford Life Ins. Co., 621020	\$776.24
Mutual of Omaha, Life Ins.	\$75.91
NE Dept. of Rev., State Tax	\$1,165.42
Thayer Co. Bank, Fed. Tax	\$8,546.72

Road/Bridge Fund

Am. Fam. Ins., Bp78	\$202.87
Ameritas-Vision,	
Employee Vision	\$43.16
Ameritas Group - Dental	\$271.49
Ameritas Life Ins.	
Corp, Retirement	\$3,338.85
Colonial Life,	
Thayer Co 125	\$19.00
Coventry Health Care of NE, Employee Health	\$7,687.92
Hartford Life Ins. Co., 621020	\$80.00
Mutual of Omaha, Life Ins.	\$52.41
NE Dept. of Rev., State Tax	\$884.15
Thayer Co. Bank, Fed. Tax	\$6,360.64

Drug Free Grant Fund

NE Dept. of Rev., State Tax	\$95.38
Thayer Co. Bank, Fed. Tax	\$627.02

Emergency Management Fund

Ameritas Group - Dental	\$8.99
Ameritas Life Ins. Corp., Employee Retirement	\$144.00
Coventry Health Care of NE, Employer Health	\$328.48
Mutual of Omaha, Life Ins.	\$2.35
NE Dept. of Rev., State Tax	\$36.21
Thayer Co. Bank, Employee FICA	\$279.48

Noxious Weed Fund

Ameritas Group - Dental	\$17.98
Ameritas Life Ins. Corp., Retirement	\$298.61
Colonial Life, After Tax	\$10.84
Coventry Health Care of NE, Employer Health	\$589.24
Mutual of Omaha, Life Ins.	\$4.70
NE Dept. of Rev., State Tax	\$98.04
Thayer Co. Bank, Fed. Tax	\$668.90

Historical Society Fund

NE Dept. of Rev., State Tax	\$5.03
Thayer Co. Bank, Employee FICA	\$53.20

Richard Heinrichs returned to the meeting to discuss the trailer bids. Dean Krueger made a motion to accept the bid of Construction Trailer Specialists Inc. - 42' bottom dump, spring ride suspension, \$35,780.00 for immediate delivery. Chris Frye seconded the motion. Result of vote: Krueger-yes, Frye-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

There being no other business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:00. The board will convene on April 24th, 2012 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 Deshler 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, Co. Clerk

Equal Employment Opportunity Statement

Thayer Co. does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national

origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

Commissioner agenda and minutes are available at www.thayer-county.ne.gov.

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT EFFENBECK EARTH MOVING, L.L.C., a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, is organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its registered office at 105 North 6th Street, Hebron, Nebraska 68370. The general nature of its business is to engage in any and all lawful business for which a Limited Liability Company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska and for all other purposes authorized by law. The Limited Liability Company will commence business on April 1, 2012, and will have perpetual duration. Its affairs shall be conducted by the managing member, Cody A. Effenbeck, pursuant to an Operating Agreement duly adopted by the Company.

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Apr 11-3ts-Apr 25

ORIGINAL NOTICE IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY

DUANE LEROY HAUGEN,
SUSAN M. MATHER,
PETITIONER,

IN THE INTEREST OF
DANIEL LEVI HAUGEN, A
MINOR

NO. JV 232284

TO: Amanda Lynna Haugen
Werner

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the above named Court, a Petition to Terminate your Parental Rights filed by Duane Leroy Haugen and Susan M. Mather, which Petition prays in substance that your parental rights with your child, Daniel Levi Haugen, be severed and terminated.

The Petitioner must prove the statements of the Petition with clear and convincing evidence. If the Court concludes that the statements have been so proved, it may order that the parent-child relationship be terminated and all rights and responsibilities ended. If this happens, you will have no right to contact with or information about said children in the future. There are other possible results of the hearing, but this example is the most severe possibility.

The Petitioner's attorney is Kathryn E. Walker, whose address is 208 North 2nd Avenue West, Newton, Iowa 50208.

You are further notified that unless you appear thereto and defend in the Iowa District Court in and for Polk County, Iowa, at the Courthouse in Des Moines, Iowa, on or before the 3rd day of May, 2012, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

You are further notified that a hearing on the Petition for Termination will be held in the Courthouse in Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, on the day of May 3, 2012, at 8:45 a.m. o'clock, at which you must appear either personally or by an attorney and be heard. If you do not appear, the Court may grant the relief requested in the Petition.

/s/Randy Osborn
Clerk of the Above Court
Polk County Courthouse
Des Moines, Iowa 50309
(SEAL) Apr 11-3ts-Apr 25

VILLAGE OF GILEAD April 3, 2012

The Village Board met in public session on April 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. Notices were posted in advance at the USPO, Village Hall, Pioneers Inn, printed on resident statements and published in the Hebron Journal, with proof of publication certificate. Roll call was taken. Board members present were Keilwitz, Whitton, George, Dougherty and Rayburn. Also present was Kathy George, Village Clerk. Village resident in attendance were Karen Keilwitz.

Minutes from the March 6, 2012 meeting were read. There were no corrections to the minutes. The treasurer's reports was reviewed. Rayburn made a motion that the bills be paid as presented, Dougherty seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Claims for the month of March were as follows: Hebron Journal, minute publication \$28.85; LBPWP, hall water \$21.35; Scherbarth \$55.28; Fairbury Glass, window \$285.29; Salaries after withholding \$466.40; Fairbury Light & Water, \$2,102.26; Allied Ins. \$1,661.00; Gilmore & Assoc. \$1,500.00; Garbage Co. South, \$160.00.

Brad Coordsen entered the meeting. The clerk read a letter from the Thayer County Zoning Administrator regarding a building permit received from Mr. Coordsen. Brad explained to the board what his intentions were about the lean-to that he is adding to his current property. Whitton made a motion that this building permit be granted, seconded by Rayburn. All in favor, motion carried.

Dave Gilmore entered the meeting. Mr. Gilmore explained to the board the problems that he has found with the current sewer system. Mr. Gilmore gave the Board members several options that could be done with the current sewer system. Mr. Gilmore will come to the next meeting to explain more of the situation and see what the board decided to with the sewer system.

The Clerk read a letter from Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts reviewing the audit waiver request from the Village. The request has been approved.

The Chairman signed the Draw-down #5 from the SENDD for the sewer grant.

Delinquent bills was the next topic on the agenda. There are several residents that are getting considerable high bills. The Board decided that all bills will be paid by the 20th of the April, if not these residents will be disconnected. Also the matter of non sufficient fund checks was addressed. After the Village is given a non sufficient fund check this customer will go to a cash only basis. Dougherty made a motion, seconded by Rayburn to adopt the above policy. All in favor, motion carried.

There are two parties interested in mowing the village park and the village hall. Brooke Rayburn will mow both of these properties for the same amount of money that was given last year.

Dougherty informed the Board that the old fire siren has been donated to Boy Scout troop 38 in Concordia, KS to be used at Camp Brown near Hanson, KS. Rayburn made a motion, seconded by George to donate this siren to the Boy Scout Troop 38 for their camp. All in favor, motion carried.

Jerry Hopkins gave the board a bid to do the culverts in the Village. Whitton made a motion, seconded by George to have Jerry do these culverts. All in favor, motion carried. The clerk will send a letter to Jerry that his bid has been accepted.

There is a village resident complaining that their sewer is not working properly.

There being no further business, Whitton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dougherty. All in favor, motion carried. The next meeting will be held May 8, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Lyle Keilwitz
Chairman of the Board

Kathy George
Village Clerk

April 25-11

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION FOR RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in accordance with Section 53-134 of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act, the Thayer County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 3, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Board meeting room, Thayer County Courthouse, 225 N 4th St., Hebron, NE for the following application for a Class C Nebraska Liquor License:

Lonnie G. Bell
DBA: Grampa's Crossing
5411 Highway #136
Deshler NE 68340,
Thayer County

All persons desiring to give evidence before the Thayer County Board of Commissioners in support or, in opposition, to the issuance of this license may do so during the Public Hearing.

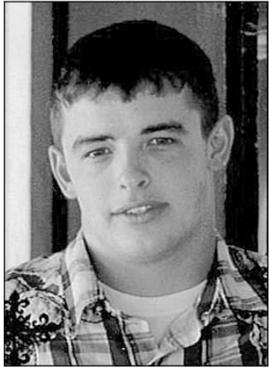
/s/ Marie E. Rauner
Thayer County Clerk
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Duensing, Houchin Awarded Reinke Scholarships



Michael Houchin

Adam Duensing of Deshler and Michael Houchin of Strang were awarded two of six Reinke Manufacturing, Inc., Community Scholarships as part of its Reinke Scholarship Program. This marks the eighth year of the Reinke Scholarship Program, which includes the Community Scholarship and the Employee/Student Scholarship.

"This year's recipients have demonstrated a commitment to education and are well deserving of the Reinke Community Scholarship," said Tim Goldhammer, vice president of marketing, Reinke. "We congratulate each of them on their hard work and wish them success as they head off to college this fall."

The Reinke Community Scholarship Program awarded six \$500 scholarships to area high school graduates this year. The Employee/Student Scholarship Program awards a total of three \$1,000 scholarships to children of Reinke employees.

Adam Duensing is the son of Bob and Kristi Duensing of Deshler. He will graduate



Adam Duensing

from Deshler High School in Deshler, and will be attending the University of Nebraska at Lincoln to study agricultural engineering this fall.

Michael Houchin is the son of Bruce and Mary Houchin of Strang. He will graduate from Bruning-Davenport High School in Bruning, and will study agriculture business at Southeast Community College in Beatrice.

The Reinke Community Scholarship Program is administered by Scholarship Management Services, a program of Scholarship America, the nation's largest nonprofit private sector scholarship and educational support organization.

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Stand For The Silent Held At Bruning-Davenport School



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On Friday, Bruning-Davenport students took a stand against bullying by participating in Stand for the Silent.

The Bruning-Davenport students chose to take a stand against bullying on Friday morning by participating in Stand for the Silent. Students and youth throughout Nebraska paused for seven seconds of silence and made a personal pledge to stand against bullying.

The seven seconds of silence mark the fact that every seven seconds a child in America is bullied. The activity was organized by the B-D National Honor Society members.

Stand for the Silent was started by the parents of an 11 year old boy, Ty Smalley, who committed suicide because he was bullied in school. "We want B-D students to understand the importance of standing up for someone who is being bullied and to not be a bully," stated Shelby Garland, NHS president. She added, "There is bullying in every school, even though not everyone sees it and not everyone thinks they are part of it." Bullying can be something as quiet as not including a person in your conversation or group.

Through the strong leadership of officials with schools and youth-serving groups, more than 50,000 youth took part, and Governor Dave Heineman declared April 20 to be Nebraska Stand for the Silent Day. Research has found that "isolation and ostracism is the core wound in peer mistreatment, and that we can best help those people by restoring and enhancing relationships from both adults and youth."

On Friday morning at 8:20 a.m., Bruning-Davenport students and staff met on the playground and after reading a pledge to take a stand against peer mistreatment, they stood in silence for seven seconds.

After the silence the students each released a balloon signifying letting go of prejudices. The students were then given the opportunity to sign a copy of the pledge and receive a Stand for the Silent bracelet.

Shelby commented, "We hope our teachers and students both embrace the program and what it stands for. We want to keep bullying out of B-D."

Alexandria Prepares For 140th Birthday

Alexandria Community Club met Thursday, April 19, at 7 p.m., at the Community Building.

It was a pleasure to have Leroy and Judy Disney and Kay Reese attend the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting and treasurer's report were read and approved.

Bills were presented. Wilma Busing reported on the Easter Egg Hunt. Thirty children had great fun finding 400 hidden eggs. A person resembling the Easter Bunny was among the visitors.

Roadside trash cleanup was discussed. It is hoped to use some youth in the project. Date to be decided later. Yard and Flower Bed of the Week will start in May. Betty and Pat volunteered to do May.

The rest of the meeting reviewed the plans for Alexandria's 140th Birthday.

The date set is Saturday, June 16. Day to start with a parade at 1 p.m. The group is looking for entries of cars, tractors, floats, group participants, etc.

Other activities are games, water fights, Alexandria history slide show, sale of popcorn, snow cones, pop t-shirts and baseball caps (by order only). Firemen to serve supper meal, evening with Durlinger Band for listening and dancing, outside beer garden.

There will be a silent auction and raffle tickets for purchase. The Planning Committee will meet to finalize activities.

Meeting was adjourned. Lunch served by Wilma Busing. Next meeting is May 17, at 7 p.m. at Community Center. George and Cheryl Lahners are to serve lunch.

Meridian FBLA Attends Conference



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These Meridian High School students attended the FBLA Leadership Conference held in Omaha.

Over 2,200 people attended the State Leadership Conference in Omaha on March 29-31. The theme that has been used this year was "50 Fabulous Years" since Nebraska FBLA was celebrating its 50 year anniversary. Meridian had 20 FBLA members and their adviser Kathy Soukup attend the State Leadership Conference.

The conference began with the opening general session listening to the keynote speaker Keith Hawkins of California. His topic was on "Go Human" which meant to give what you need. After the general session, each student started to compete in six different events. Seminars were attended when not taking tests.

During the Second General Session on Friday evening and the Awards Program on Saturday morning, Meridian had a lot of success in their events. The winners were:

Brianna Jackson, Christina Maschman, Blake Miller, Business Plan, first place.

Blake Bartels, Melanie Baxa, Karlee Schwisow, Business Financial Plan, second place.

Blake Bartels: Who's Who in FBLA; Health Care Administration, second place; Technology Concepts, honorable mention.

Christina Maschman: Computer Applications, first place.

Brianna Jackson: Spreadsheet Applications, third place.

Ashley Hansel: Spreadsheet Applications, fifth place; DataBase Applications, second place.

Karlee Schwisow: DataBase Applications, first place.

Brandon Jackson: Public Speaking I, fourth place.

Desiree Bartels: Client Service, sixth place; Hospitality Management, sixth place; Business Communications, honorable mention.

Karlee Schwisow: Cyber Security, fifth place.

Christina Maschman: Word Processing II, honorable mention.

All of the Meridian students that attended did an excellent job in all of their events. Meridian District is proud of their accomplishments even though they were not in the winners division. All schools, Class A, B, C, and D, participate in one division. There are between 5-597 students that compete in each of the tests so getting into the winners division is remarkable when you are competing with the Lincoln and Omaha schools as well as the other larger schools.

Meridian had nine students that qualified for nationals in San Antonio, Texas, June 28-July 3.

Other Meridian students that attended the Conference were Ann Endorf, Drew Endorf, Kate Endorf, Zackary Harris, Blair Hofstetter, Alysha Johnson, Miranda Johnson, Ricky Nunez, Kyle Schwisow, Ashli Soukup and Jeff Taylor.



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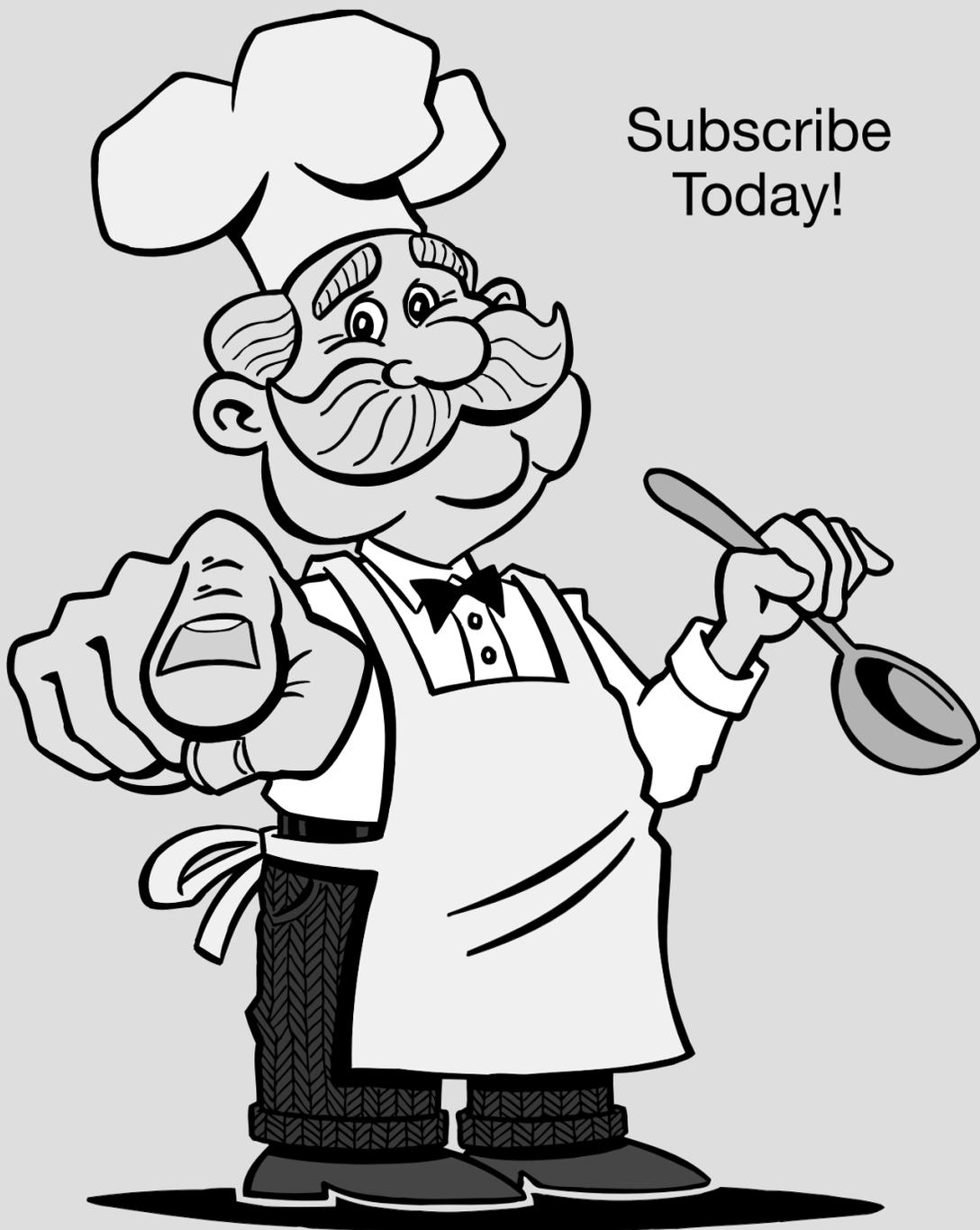
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