

Rural Poll: Smaller Towns' Residents Less Likely to Attend Church

LINCOLN, Neb. -- Residents of Nebraska towns smaller than 500 in population are less likely to attend church than those who live in larger towns, perhaps a sign that churches are not the community resource they once were, according to the Nebraska Rural Poll.

The 17th annual University of Nebraska-Lincoln poll was sent to 6,350 households in Nebraska's 84 nonmetropolitan counties in March and April. Results are based on 2,323 responses.

As in past years, the poll asked questions about rural Nebraskans' attitudes about their communities including, for the first time, questions about church attendance and perceptions about church.

The survey used the word "church" generically, and it may apply to a small number of respondents from non-Christian faith groups.

Seventy-five percent of poll respondents said they are members of a church, with 39 percent saying they attend services weekly or more often. By community size, residents who live in or near towns of fewer than 500 were least likely to attend weekly church services; thirty-five percent reported doing so.

That was a bit of a surprise, said Philip Schwadel, an associate professor of sociology and member of the Rural Poll team.

"I expected them to be more highly churched," said Schwadel, who specializes in issues related to religion and faith.

The relatively low rate of church attendance in the smallest communities may stem from decreased numbers of churches, including a lack of diversity in denominations available in small towns, Schwadel speculated.

"Church doesn't seem to be the symbol of stability it once

was," he added.

However, rural Nebraskans remain satisfied with religion/spirituality, the poll indicated. Seventy-five percent said they were somewhat or very satisfied with this part of their lives.

By region, the Panhandle lags in church membership, at 65 percent, far lower than membership in the Northeast and Southeast regions, which is about 78 percent. Cheryl Burkhardt-Kriesel, a UNL Extension educator based there, said that likely is a result of the distances that must be traveled to reach churches of one's denomination.

Other poll findings about rural Nebraskans and church:

- Eighty-six percent of people 65 and older are church members, compared to 64 percent of those 19 to 29. Also, 59 percent of older rural Nebraskans attend church at least weekly; just 23 percent of those in the younger age group do so.

- Eighty-three percent of those with agricultural occupations are church members, compared to 56 percent of those who work in production, transportation or warehousing businesses.

- Respondents with at least a bachelor's degree were more likely than those with a high school degree or less to be church members, 81 percent to 74 percent, and more likely to attend services at least once a week, 46 to 41 percent.

- Overall, 77 percent of respondents say their church serves as a resource to the entire community, though there are differences again between groups. For instance, 80 percent who live in cities of 10,000 and up agree with that; 70 percent in towns of fewer than 500 do. Older rural Nebraskans are more likely than the 19-29-year-old group to say that, by 81 to 72 percent.

- Sixty-seven percent believe their church is financially stable, and 66 percent say they are not concerned that their church may need to close or consolidate. Fifty-two percent said they don't think their church will decline over the next few years. Again, differences emerge between categories of communities, with those in the smallest communities less confident about their churches' financial stability and future than those in larger towns.

Other poll findings are similar to past years'.

Fifty-one percent of respondents believe they are better off than they were five years

ago, the third-highest in the poll's history. When the poll was taken in the spring, noted Randy Cantrell, UNL rural sociologist, the agricultural economy was strong. "There is a relationship between how that sector is doing and how people feel about their general condition," he said.

Forty-five percent of respondents believe they'll be better off in 10 years and 20 percent believe they'll be worse off - both numbers, again, fairly close to trends over the poll's history.

Rural Nebraskans are most satisfied with the conditions of their marriage, family, friends, spirituality and the outdoors, while less satisfied with job opportunities, current income and financial security during retirement. However, satisfaction with job opportunities increased from 38 percent in 2011 to 46 percent this year.

Cantrell speculated that rural Nebraskans' satisfaction with job opportunities and other factors may be based in part on the attention the state has received nationally for weathering the recession much better than other states.

The Rural Poll is the largest annual poll of rural Nebraskans' perceptions on quality of life and policy issues. This year's response rate was about 37 percent. The margin of error is plus or minus 2 percent. Complete results are available online at <http://ruralpoll.unl.edu>.

The university's Center for Applied Rural Innovation conducts the poll in cooperation with the Nebraska Rural Initiative with funding from UNL Extension and the Agricultural Research Division in the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

If Using Drought-Damaged Corn For Forage, Make Decision Carefully

Drought, along with hail, wind, heat and other factors, has left some corn yields extremely low across the state. However, damaged corn often can be fed to livestock for forage.

Silage, green chop hay and grazing all can work to help capture the corn crop's forage value for livestock, said Bruce Anderson, extension forage specialist in the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

However, harvest costs can be high, especially when yield per acre is low, so it's important to carefully evaluate the economics of any salvage operation, he said.

Anderson and UNL Extension educator Tom Dorn recommend taking these preliminary considerations into account:

- If grain prices remain high, grain yield may not need to be very high to justify selecting grain harvest over forage harvest.

- Sometimes leaving the corn residue can result in increased yield next year and that increase may provide more value than that resulting from forage use. See NebGuide G1846, Harvesting Crop Residues, available at <http://www.ianrpubs.unl.edu/sendIt/g1846.pdf> or from a local UNL Extension office, for information on evaluating your situation.

- Check labels of all chemicals applied to be sure they are cleared for forage use and that the minimum harvest interval has been met.

- Check with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency and your crop insurer to maintain compliance with farm programs and crop insurance requirements.

- Nitrate concentrations can reach toxic levels in weather-damaged corn. The harvest method can affect the nitrate, a particular concern when it's being fed to livestock. Leaving a tall stubble (8 or more inches) will reduce nitrate risk but note eliminate it.

It's important to analyze each harvest method accord-

ingly - making silage, green chop, hay, grazing or windrow grazing, Dorn said.

When it comes to harvest methods, silage may be the safest method of harvest as fermentation usually (but not always) reduces nitrate levels and risk, Anderson said.

While green chop minimizes waste, it may also be the most dangerous way to salvage corn. If present, nitrates will start to change into nitrites (about 10 times as deadly) as green chop begins to heat.

Hay may be the most difficult method of mechanical harvest, especially if ears have started to form - the stalk and especially the ears will be slow and difficult to dry.

Challenges with grazing include acidosis risk for cattle not accustomed to grain if ears

have started to fill (smart cows will selectively graze ears), waste from excessive trampling, availability of drinking water, perimeter fencing and nitrates.

NebGuide G1865, The Use and Pricing of Drought-Stressed Corn, available at <http://www.ianrpubs.unl.edu/sendIt/g1865.pdf> or from a local UNL Extension office, offers additional information.

Windrow grazing includes cutting as you would for hay and then grazing the windrows rather than baling them. It eliminates the cost of baling, transporting bales or feeding bales. It also eliminates any flexibility in feeding location and may reduce opportunities to sell the corn forage.

For more detailed information about harvest methods, consult CropWatch, UNL Extension's crops production newsletter at <http://cropwatch.unl.edu/>.

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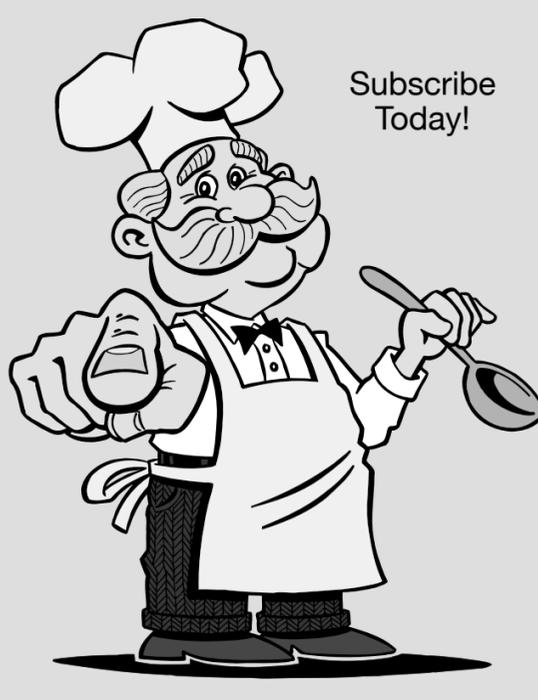
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Thayer County holds annual Relay for Life...

Thayer Countians celebrated the American Cancer Society's battle against cancer last Friday night in the annual American Cancer Society's Relay For Life fund raising walk and over night event. Locals gathered at the Deshler High School track to participate in the activities. Along with a break in the weather, the nearly 1,200 luminaries encircling the DHS track lifted spirits of those attending the Relay. Spirits were further lifted by speaker, Terry Kriz; Pam Pearson's "celebrate, remember, fight back" presentation; applauding survivors and caregivers as they walked the first lap and much more throughout the evening. A lively auction of donated items conducted by Lyle Pitts and Brian Isernhagen set a record and was enjoyed by all. According to local Relay organizer Naomi Grupe, Thayer County has been the top per-capita fund-raiser in the High Plains Division for five of the last seven years. "This year's goal of \$49,000 seems certain to be surpassed by at least \$1,500; a tribute to all who supported Relay for Life," she said. "We can be proud of the many young people of Thayer County involved in Relay, too. On Saturday morning, staff partner, Sherry Knapp of Lincoln opened an envelope containing \$1,800 from the Hebron Senior Girl Scouts, the amount left in their treasury at the end of the year. Other youth involved were 4-H members, church youth groups, Thayer Central volleyball team, younger Girl Scouts from Hebron and members of the Thayer County Healthy Communities Coalition. Thanks to everyone for giving us optimism that their futures, as well as ours, will be brighter through cancer research, prevention and treatments." Pictured above: The Relay kicks off each year with the "survivor's lap." Pictured left: Breast cancer survivors Pam Pearson (l) and ReJean Elting celebrate successful battles against cancer during the opening lap of the Relay.



Thayer Central Finalists For Rural Education Grant

Winning a grant of \$10,000 or \$25,000 can enhance educational opportunities for a school district in a rural community. Thayer Central Community Schools in Hebron was recently named as a finalist to receive consideration for an America's Farmers Grow Rural EducationSM grant. Thayer Central Community Schools is one of 24 finalists in Nebraska.

"We received so many outstanding applications from rural school districts across the country," said Deborah Patterson, president, Monsanto Fund. "The finalists truly went above and beyond what was expected and stand out as top tier choices."

More than 61,000 farmers

shared their passion for rural education by nominating more than half the eligible school districts. Finalist schools were chosen for their program ideas and funding needs. Thayer Central Community Schools also benefited from community support through numerous farmer nominations which strengthened the district's application.

The grant review process includes an online application scoring system based on merit, need and community support; a review by science and math teachers from ineligible school districts; and a farmer advisory council.

Now that the finalists have been chosen, the America's Farmers Grow Rural Educa-

tion Advisory Council, a group of 26 farmer leaders from across the country, will select the winning grant applications. In 2012, the Monsanto Fund plans to award nearly \$2.3 million to eligible school districts across the country.

America's Farmers Grow Rural Education started with a successful pilot in Illinois and Minnesota, in which farmers were given the opportunity to nominate a public school district in 165 eligible counties in those two states. The Monsanto Fund awarded more than \$266,000 to local schools in 16 CRDs. Now, the program has expanded to 1,245 eligible counties in 39 states.

America's Farmers Grow Rural Education is sponsored

by the Monsanto Fund to help farmers positively impact their communities and support local rural school districts. This program is part of the Monsanto Fund's overall effort to support rural education and communities.

Another program that is part of this effort is America's Farmers Grow Communities, giving farmers the opportunity to enter to win \$2,500 to donate to their favorite community nonprofit organization in their county. You can participate in this program between Aug. 1 and Nov. 30 by visiting grow-communities.com.



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Hebron Rebels compete...

Four members of the Hebron Rebels 18U softball team played in the annual SLS League all-star game in York on July 17. They were joined with players from Sutton and Grand Island. The team won its first game 9-0 against all-stars from Staplehurst, Gresham and Shelby and the second game 5-4 against all-stars from York, David City and Aurora. Coaches for the team were Todd Mau from Sutton and Deb Bulin from Hebron. Local team members included (l-r): Sara Bulin, Tori Hatz, Megan Bulin, and Madison Reece.

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Board of Equalization Proceedings

July 11, 2012
The Thayer County Board of Equalization met in open and public session in the commissioner's room of the courthouse at 1:00 on July 11, 2012. Present were County Board Members Dave Bruning, Chris Frye, Dean Krueger and County Clerk, Marie Rauner, County Assessor, Karla Joe and Amy Peterson.

Meeting was called to order by Dave Bruning, chairman of the board, presided over the meeting.

Public meeting laws are posted and available to the public in compliance with Nebraska statutes.

Board of Equalization board members heard valuation protests.

There being no other business to come before the board Chris Frye motioned and Dave Bruning seconded to recess at 2:30. Result of vote: Frye-yes, Bruning-yes, and Krueger-yes. Motion carried.

July 18, 2012

The Thayer County Board of Equalization reconvened on July 18, 2012 at 9:00 in open and public session in the commissioner room of the courthouse. Present were County Board Members Dave Bruning, Chris Frye, Dean Krueger and County Clerk, Marie Rauner, County Assessor, Karla Joe and Amy Peterson.

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The county treasurer presented for approval the Application for Exemption for the Davenport Boy Scouts, for a 2004 H & H Enclosed Trailer. Chris Frye made a motion to approve the exemption. Dave Bruning seconded the motion. Result of vote: Frye-yes, Bruning-yes, and Krueger-yes. Motion carried.

The County Assessor made available to the board for approval Tax List Corrections #1321 for a homestead exemption denial and #1322 for unreported personal property. Chris Frye made a motion to make the corrections to the tax list. Dave Bruning seconded the motion. Result of vote: Frye-yes, Bruning-yes, and Krueger-yes. Motion carried.

The Assessor also had Over/Under Valuation changes to discuss with the board.

ID#850029538 2012 Value \$384,367 Valuation after change \$380,838

ID#850014638 2012 Value \$405,720 Valuation after change \$386,416

Dean Krueger moved to approve the valuation changes. Chris Frye seconded the motion. Result of vote: Krueger-yes, Frye-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

The board members continued to meet to hear valuation protest hearings and make decisions on protests heard July 11, 2012.

All protest decisions were voted on by roll call vote and approved.

Protest #1 & 2
E1/2NE1/4 Sec 16-T1-R3
E1/2NE1/4 Sec 31-T1-R3 No Change
Protest #3 I r r g T r
#136 Sec 6-T2-R2

Lowered Valuation due to condition of house

Protest #4 W1/2 Sec 5-T3-R1 Raised irrigated acres to agree with FSA certification

Protest #5 N E 1 / 4 Sec 26-T1-R1 No change

There being no other business to come before the board Chris Frye motioned and Dean Krueger seconded to recess at 11:00. Result of vote: Frye-yes, Krueger-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried. The board will reconvene at 11:00 on July 25, 2012 to finalize valuation protests.

July 25, 2012

The Thayer County Board of Equalization reconvened on July 25, 2012 at 11:20 in open and public session in the commissioner room of the courthouse. Present were County Board Members Dave Bruning, Chris Frye, Dean Krueger and County Clerk, Marie Rauner and County Assessor, Karla Joe.

Public meeting laws are posted and available to the public in compliance with Nebraska statutes.

Board members reviewed protests that were heard on July 18, 2012. Dean Krueger made a motion to approve the valuation changes. Dave Bruning seconded the motion. Result of vote: Krueger-yes, Bruning-yes, and Frye-yes. Motion carried.

Protest #1 Pt NW 1/4 Sec 22-T2-R1

No change

Protest #2 S E 1 / 4 Sec 8-T2-R1

No change

Protest #3 S W 1 / 4 Sec 11-T2-R1

Lowered Valuation due to condition of house

Protest #4 NE1/4 of Sec 34-T2-R1

Depreciated out building and adjusted valuation on house

Protest #5 Pt SE1/4 Sec 10-T2-R1

Raised irrigated acres to agree with FSA certification, depreciate building

Protest #6 Lots 1-3 N1/2 of Lot 4 Blk 4 OT

Gilead No change

Chris Frye made a motion to adjourn at 11:45. Dave Bruning seconded the motion. Result of vote: Frye-yes, Bruning-yes, and Krueger-yes. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Proceedings

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 July 25th, 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 to guests 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. Chris Frye made a motion and Dave Bruning seconded to approve the minutes from the July 11th, 2012 meeting. Result of vote: Frye-yes, Bruning-yes, and Krueger-yes. Motion carried.

Richard Heinrichs, Thayer County road superintendent, met with the board to discuss road projects and department updates.

William McPherson, Emergency Manager, met with the board to update them on the EMPG 2012 Award, budgeted expenses that will be reimbursed and narrow banding expense update.

Members reviewed the budget request of the First Probation District for 2012-2013. Dean Krueger moved and Chris Frye seconded to approve the request of \$2,502.60. Result of vote: Krueger-yes, Frye-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

Board members discussed the budget request from Rosemary Dageforde, Economic Development Board President. Action was tabled to gather additional information.

Resolution #1708 to establish an Enhanced Wireless 911 Service Holding Fund was submitted for adoption. By establishing this fund and funding it with excess or unused amounts, Thayer County avoids the repayment of unused funds. These funds must then be used only for future equipment and software purchases. Chris Frye moved and Dave Bruning seconded to adopt the resolution as presented. Result of vote: Frye-yes, Bruning-yes, and Krueger-yes. Motion carried.

Bruning State Bank released pledged security #912828LH1 for \$1,000,000 and replaced it with security #912828PQ7 for \$1,000,000.

Public Health Solutions requested \$1,500.00 in funds to go towards the purchase of flu vaccine for low income children in the county. Chris Frye made a motion to fund the request of \$1,500.00 and send letters to the county schools asking them to reimburse the county for the vaccine expense. Dean Krueger seconded the motion. Result of vote: Frye-yes, Krueger-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

The commissioners received a request from District Judge Vicky Johnson to budget \$8,754.29 for the bailiff for the next budget year. Dean Krueger made a motion to approve the budget request. Chris Frye seconded the motion. Result of vote: Krueger-yes, Frye-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

Monthly reports were submitted from the County Clerk, District Court, Clerk, Law Enforcement, Emergency Management, Treasurer, Extension and Zoning. Reports were reviewed and signed, they will be placed on file in the county clerk's office.

Chris Frye moved and Dean Krueger seconded to direct the county clerk to pay the salary claims as presented. Result of vote: Frye-yes, Krueger-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried

Salary:

General \$58,125.35

Road/Bridge \$37,051.70

Drug Free Grant \$2,800.97

Emergency Mgmt \$1,853.29

Noxious Weed \$3,353.85

Historical Society \$430.60

General Fund:

American Family Insurance Bp78 \$387.56

Ameritas-Vision Employee \$14.64

Ameritas Group - Dental Dental \$463.59

Ameritas Life Insurance Corp Retirement \$4,847.50

Coventry Health Care Of NE Health Ins \$10,353.95

Hartford Life Ins. Co. Deferred comp \$776.24

Mutual Of Omaha Life Insurance \$78.26

Nebraska Department Of Rev. State Taxes \$1,212.29

Thayer County Bank Federal Taxes \$8,957.10

Road/Bridge Fund:

American Family Insurance Bp78 \$245.76

Ameritas Group - Dental Employee \$299.01

Ameritas Life Insurance Corp Retirement \$2,915.41

Colonial Life Th. Co 125 \$19.00

Coventry Health Care Nebraska Health Ins. \$8,093.03

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Nebraska Dept. Of Revenue State Taxes \$742.31

Thayer County Bank FICA \$5,411.51

Drug Free Grant Fund

Nebraska Dept. Of Revenue State Taxes \$95.38

Thayer Co. Bank Federal Taxes \$627.02

Emergency Management Fund

Ameritas Group - Dental Dental \$8.99

Ameritas Life Ins. Corp Retirement \$144.00

Coventry Health Care Of NE Health Ins. \$328.48

Mutual Of Omaha Life Insurance \$2.35

Nebraska Dept. Of Revenue State Taxes \$36.21

Thayer County Bank FICA \$279.48

Noxious Weed Fund

Ameritas Group - Dental Dental \$17.98

Ameritas Life Insurance Corp Retirement \$269.64

Colonial Life After Tax \$10.84

Coventry Health Care Of NE Health Ins. \$589.24

Mutual Of Omaha Life Ins. \$4.70

Nebraska Dept. Of Revenue State Taxes \$93.54

Thayer County Bank Federal Taxes \$618.33

Nebraska Dept. Of Revenue State Taxes \$5.03

Thayer Co. Bank FICA \$53.20

There being no other business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:20. The board will convene on August 8th, 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 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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NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THAYER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Estate of MAUD M. YOUNG, A/K/A MAUDE YOUNG, Deceased.

Estate No. PR 12-28

Notice is hereby given that on July 20, 2012 in the County Court of Thayer County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Michael T. Young, whose address is 15808 Patrick Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska 68116-2428, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before the 24th day of September, 2012, or be forever barred.

(SEAL) Donna L. Fink Clerk Magistrate P. O. Box 94

Hebron, Nebraska 68370

James P. McKernan #12747 Attorney at Law

141 North Fourth Street, P. O. Box 65

Hebron, Nebraska 68370-0065

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July 25-3ts-Aug 8

NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THAYER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

ESTATE OF IRENE WEST, Deceased.

ESTATE NO. PR12-26

Notice is hereby given that on July 16, 2012, in the County Court of Thayer County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Lila Bruning, whose address is P. O. Box 168, Bruning, Nebraska, 68322, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before September 17, 2012, or be forever barred.

(SEAL) /s/Donna L. Fink, Clerk Magistrate

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Public Notices

GILEAD, NEBRASKA JULY 10, 2012

The Village Board met in public session on July 10, 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. Roll call was taken. Board members present were Keilwitz, Whitton, George, Dougherty and Rayburn. Also present was Kathy George, Village Clerk. Village residents in attendance were Karen Keilwitz and Sandy Whitton.

Minutes from the June 5, 2012 meeting were read. There were no corrections to the minutes. The treasurer's report was reviewed, Rayburn made a motion that the bills be paid as presented, Whitton seconded. All in favor; motion carried. The Clerk informed the Board that the General Fund was running low in money. George made a motion to transfer \$1,000.00 from the Light and Street Fund and deposit it into the General Fund, seconded by Rayburn. All in favor; motion carried.

Claims for the month of July were as follows: LB-PWP, \$40.55; Fairbury Glass, 285.29; Wal-Mart, \$10.48; Hebron Journal, 34.68; Thayer Central Community School, 350.00; Nebraska Power Review Board, 5.00; Fairbury Light and Water, 3,882.67; Garbage Co. South, 235.00; Salaries after deductions, 574.90.

Lyle will be meeting with McBride Tucking about giving the Village a bid on doing the culverts.

A letter was read from the Thayer County Visitors committee regarding having a representative from each community in Thayer County to represent their community on the Visitors Committee. No action was taken at this time.

The Clerk read a letter from Dageforde Agency about replacement insurance for the buildings in the village. This will be tabled until next month.

A letter was read from Tim O'Callaghan representing Superior Deshler asking the Village what they are going to do about the bill they received from the City of Fairbury for repair work on their gas pumps. Lyle will talk to Tom Dahl from Superior Deshler and report to the next board meeting.

At the last board meeting, Nyla Keilwitz was given a check for the use of her tractor mowing around the lagoon. Nyla has returned this check back to the Village and would like it used to offset the cost of using the hall for the July 4 supper. Rayburn made a motion, seconded by George, to donate the use of the hall for the 4th of July rental.

Keilwitz received a quote from Schmidt Sanitation about the cost of a roll off to be used by the Village for several weeks. The roll off will be placed south of the Pioneer Inn for two weeks starting Aug. 6. All residents of the village may use this roll off for items that they would like to get rid of. There is to be no refrigerators, air conditioners, liquid chemicals, asbestos or tires placed into the roll off. This will be put in the village for a trial basis. If this is abused, the village will not offer this service again. Kathy will put a flier in with the light bills that will go out the end of July.

There being no further business, Rayburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by George. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting will be held August 7, 2012 at 7 p.m.

ZNEZ Aug 1-1t

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THAYER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

ESTATE OF MARILYN N. COOPER, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. PR 12-18

Notice is hereby given that a Final Account and report of administration and a Petition for Compete Settlement, Probate of Will, Determination of Heirs, and Determination of Inheritance Tax have been filed and are set for hearing in the County Court of Thayer County, Nebraska, located at Hebron, Nebraska, on August 27, 2012, at 11:30 a.m.

/s/Donna L. Fink, Clerk Magistrate
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that Public Health Solutions District Board of Health serving Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Saline and Thayer counties, will meet on Thursday, August 16, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. at Public Health Solutions District Health Department, 995 E Hwy 33, Suite 1, Crete, NE 68333. Attendance is also available through the Tele-health Network. Call the Department at the number below to register. Sites participating are: Beatrice Community Hospital, Thayer County Hospital, Fillmore County Hospital and Jefferson Community Health Center. A copy of the agenda is on file at the office of Public Health Solutions District Health Department located at 995 E Hwy 33, Ste 1 - Crete, Nebraska or available by calling 888-310-0565.

ZNEZ Aug 1-1t

NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Public notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Hebron, Nebraska, will be held at 7:30 o'clock p.m. on Monday, Aug. 6, 2012, at the City Hall, which meeting will be open to the attendance of the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continually current, is available for public inspection upon request at the office of the City Clerk during normal business hours, but the Mayor and Council shall have the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature at the public meeting.

Jean Nagey,
City Clerk
Aug 1-1t
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DAVENPORT, NEBRASKA July 2, 2012

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Davenport, Nebraska, met in regular session on Monday, July 2, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Fire Hall.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof as shown by the certificate of posting notice attached to these minutes. Notice of the meeting was mailed to all board members, and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda are also attached to the minutes. The agenda was on file in the office of the Village Clerk and available for public inspection. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was in regular session and open to public attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Trustee Trapp, noting the Open Meeting Statutes posted on the east wall. Answering roll call were Braun, Holtzen, Knigge and Trapp. Littrel was absent for the entire meeting. Also present were Terry Enghauser, Loma Grone, Deputy Kriesel and village employees Everett Braun and Arlene Vorce.

Minutes of the June regular meeting were declared approved as printed, there being no additions or corrections, and reading aloud being dispensed with, as copies of the minutes were distributed to trustees along with their notices.

The treasurer's report was given. Holtzen, seconded by Knigge, moved that the report be accepted. Roll call vote: AYES: Braun, Holtzen, Knigge, Trapp. Motion carried.

Reckless driving, gas missing, dogs running and street grading were discussed.

Claims for June expenses were presented and audited. Braun, seconded by Trapp, moved that the claims be paid. Roll call vote: AYES: Braun, Holtzen, Knigge, Trapp. The chairman declared the motion carried and ordered payment of the following claims: Wages, less withholdings, \$6,427.17; insurance benefits, 1,128.89; Aренд's, supplies, 51.93; BD USD, fee, 1.00; Ficken, reimburse, 120.00; Burton Enterprises, service, 23.00; Business World, 90.02; Capital Guardian Trust, 2 percent employer match, 89.27; 2 percent employee match, 89.27; cash, postage, 50.00; ChemSearch, supplies, 550.12; Cornerstone Bank, FICA, 1,507.99; sales tax, 1,413.06; Davenport Building Supply, supplies, 432.58; Davenport Legion Auxiliary, supper, 81.00; Davenport Public Library, lease, 800.00; Great Plains, one call, locates, 4.16; Hebron Journal, subscription/publish, 77.25; Jed Reinke, labor, 52.50; Kevin Swanson, met dep ret.; 29.92; Kriz-Davis, supplies, 45.90; Matheson Tri-gas, supplies, 31.50; NE Department of Revenue, withholding, 500.32; Ne Public Health, testing, 618.00; Nick's Farm Store, repairs, 172.17; Norris Public Power Dist., trans. charges, 1,664.96; NPPD, power purchase, 24,531.14; SD Davenport GP, fuel and supplies, 706.41; Smith Repair, repairs, 552.63; Source Gas, service, 107.35; Verizon, service, 132.10; Watson, supplies, 574.93 Windstream, 167.05; Lovell, paving, 20,450.00.

TCVC letter regarding representatives was reviewed. It was the consensus of the Board to support the Davenport Community Foundation's fund raising efforts to obtain funds to beautify the lot where the grocery store was demolished.

Trapp, seconded by Braun, moved to approve the Davenport Achievement Board's request

for Special Designated Liquor Licenses for the Knutzen wedding reception Aug. 18, 2012, and the Elting wedding reception Aug. 25, 2012, each to be held at the Davenport Community Building from 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll call vote: AYES: Braun, Holtzen, Knigge, Trapp. Motion carried.

Holtzen, seconded by Braun, moved to approve the Law Enforcement Contract. Roll call vote: AYES: Braun, Holtzen, Knigge, Trapp. Motion carried.

Holtzen, seconded by Knigge, moved to approve the Hight and Pearson building permits as approved by County Zoning. Roll call vote: AYES: Braun, Holtzen, Knigge, Trapp. Motion carried. It was the consensus of the Board to leave automatic deposits as they are, due to Biz Banking monthly fees.

If it works out, Braun may drive a Village vehicle in the Achievement Day Parade.

If Blobaum can attend, September meeting will be Sept. 10 at 5 p.m.

Nuisance Ordinance may be photocopied and delivered, along with undelivered registered letter, by County officer to named resident.

Housing Funds disbursement tabled pending further information from applicants.

No additional streets will be done at this time. Approved bid work is nearly finished.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Holtzen moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

/s/Justin Trapp, Chairman
Board of Trustees
/s/Arlene Vorce, Village Clerk
ZNEZ Aug 1-1t

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING THAYER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Thayer County Board of Equalization on **August 8, 2012** at 11:45 am in the County Board Meeting Room of the Thayer County Courthouse in Hebron, Nebraska. The Agenda for the meeting is kept continuously current and is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk in the Thayer County Courthouse, Hebron, Nebraska.

/s/ Marie E. Rauner
Thayer County Clerk
ZNEZ 1t-31

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, August 8th, 2012** in the County Board Meeting Room of the Thayer County Courthouse in Hebron, NE. 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
ZNEZ 1t-31

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Wednesday, Aug. 8: Tuna stuffed tomato, tator tri's, crescent roll, chunky fruit. *Scrabble*.

Thursday, Aug. 9: Chicken and rice casserole, mixed veggies, three-melon salad, Danish petite.

Friday, Aug. 10: Goulash, corn muffin, green beans, sliced pears.

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Bonne Chere Salon 767 Notes

Bonne Chere Salon No. 767 Area B Marche met at the Ohioa Cafe in Ohioa for the third Saturday in July meeting with seven members in attendance. Crete and Dorchester were hostesses.

Chapeau Donna Schweer opened the meeting in form in Le Secretaire-Caissiere Judy Bepalec taking roll, reading the minutes of the February meeting and giving the treasurer's report.

Donna read communications from various members. She also received a 100 percent Child Welfare Foundation banner for 2011-2012.

Judy reported on the April 12 Area B Marche held at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Lincoln. Attending from Crete were Judy, Kay Clark and Doris Galbraith.

Maureen Pavlik, Bonnie Dumler and Donna Schweer met in Plymouth in April and updated the constitution and by-laws for the Marche. All

members will receive a new copy from Maureen.

Election of officers was next on the agenda with Donna Schweer as Le Chapeau; Kay Clark as Le Petit Chapeau; Doris Galbraith as Le Archiviste; Bonnie Dumler as Le Aumonier; Vicky Ozenbaugh as Le Concierge. The appointive officers will retain their same office.

Donna and Bonnie will attend the state convention in Kearney on July 21. Payment was made for registration, meals, mileage and prizes.

The next 8/40 meeting will be at Base Hit in Davenport on August 18 at 11:30 a.m. Please plan on attending since Davenport and Deshler are hostesses.

All repeated the obligation and Donna declared the meeting adjourned. Judy presented a purse game and Doris presented awards to all.

DORIS GALBRAITH,
Le Archiviste

Bruning celebrates Q125



Pictured above: Winners of the Paula Koehler Deisley 5K: Elementary: Tori Oestmann, Izzy Oestmann, Elijah Keilwitz, Jack Birky. High School: Melissa Rosquist, Juan Rodriguez, Jayden Otto 18-24 years old: Holly Donahue, Cassie Tucker, Jace Bausch. 25-35 years old: Jody Johnson, Abby Bruning, Mitch Litchti, Tony Norder. 36-49: Katina Gordon, Penny Birky, David Froom, Doug Meyer. 50+: Mary Johnson, Wes Hochstetler, Gene Dandlinger. Participants included (l-r): Back row: Mary Johnson, Gene Dandlinger, Doug Meyer, Tony Norder, Mitch Litchti, Jace Bausch. Middle row: Katina Gordon, Penny Birky, Abby Bruning, Jody Johnson, Holly Donahue, Cassie Tucker. Front row: Elijah Keilwitz, Tori Oestmann, Izzy Oestmann, Jack Birky, Juan Rodriguez, Melissa Rosquist, Jayden Otto.

Li'l Tuggers tractor pull winners: (age-girl-boy) 4: Lucy Morrissey, Cole Vorderstrasse; 5: Hayley Sliva, Gabe Movine; 6: Alexa Houser, Kale Fountain; 7: Jessalyn Hudson, Easton Weber; 8: Taylor Sliva, Trevor Ozenbaugh; 9: Shakira Sunday, Alfonso Pena-Lopez, Jr.; 10: Olivia Ozenbaugh, Holden Williams; 11: TaraLee Hudson, Glenn Meyer; 12: no girl entry, Shevin Solomon.

Softball: There were eight teams in the two-day, double-elimination tournament.

See more photos at <http://hebronjournalregister.com>.

Belvidere

By LaDonna Avers

TEC club met last Thursday evening with the usual updates on current events and good food. Audrey Else, Ila Currey, Paula McGinness, Ruth Yoachim, Linda Hudson and LaDonna Avers discussed the local news, the national news and whatever news they had that no one else had heard.

Church in the park was well attended and proved to be an enjoyable event considering that the last two years were rained out. A breakfast of rolls, coffee and juice was served before the service took place. Linda Dudgeon brought her little piano so there was an accompaniment for the hymns. The final hymn was "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" and it was so appropriate as they gathered to worship.

Sally Else and her friend Neal Hanson visited her parents Loren and Audrey Else over the weekend. They attended church on Sunday and friends from Belvidere were pleased to greet them.

Kirk and Wanda Yoachim spent the weekend and went to church with Ruth Yoachim on Sunday. After church Ruth drove to Beatrice where she met Gaylene, Tim, Ryan and Connor Callahan and Alicia Miller for lunch. They saw the duplex where Alicia is moving. Ryan and Alicia will be married Nov. 27.

Jena Davenport and her two foster children came to church with her mother Elaine Davenport. Elaine had spent the weekend in Lincoln with her and the children and they drove down to attend Church in the Park.

Sunday, after church, LaDonna Avers drove to Milford where she had lunch with Audrey and Larry Mathiesen. Audrey and LaDonna then drove to Seward where they attended a rally for senate candidate Bob Kerrey. It was an informative and interesting afternoon.

Dill Family Members Travel To Missouri For Reunion

The descendents of Squire and Nelle Dill gathered at Four Seasons Racquet and Country Club in Lake Ozark, Mo., on July 19-22 for their tri-annual family reunion.

The 59 attendees enjoyed playing table tennis, swimming, boating, shopping, helicopter riding, eating and visiting while being ever mindful that their most senior member, Jack Dill of Lakewood, Colo., was missing due to health limitations.

His family members were also sorely missed as was Chris Anderson who had planned earlier to attend. We learned upon arrival that one young lady, Lauren Messman was on her way to London en route to Ghana for several weeks study in journalism.

Several of the group spent one evening listening to the music of the 40's and 50's

and the comedy routines of the Main Street Music Hall group in Osage Beach.

The Aitala's again entertained the group with a game of Dill Parady (based on Jeopardy.) Jean Dill was recognized as the oldest family member attending and Cassidy Ballinger (three weeks) was the youngest. Mick Dill was noted as the member traveling the farthest from California. She also presented a slide show and narrated an indepth account of the Dill history from its European beginnings. A pictorial account of her father's (Bob Dill) life followed.

The members came from Arizona, California, Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Nebraska. Those attending from this area were Duane, Jo, Dave and Zac Messman, Carla, Lenny, Jady and Liam Bowman and Arlys Dill.

Belvidere Family Wins Trip To Kansas City

The Else family from Belvidere is headed for Worlds and Oceans of Fun compliments of LiveWellNebraska.com. The Elses, who live near Belvidere, earned their trip by practicing healthy behaviors over the six weeks of the inaugural LiveWellNebraska.com Family Challenge, which was conducted by the Nebraska Sports Council and ended July 16.

In all, 438 families from 106 different Nebraska communities participated in the program.

Throughout the program, which began June 4, families received tips each Monday and recorded points periodically on the Family Challenge website. Exactly half, or 219 families, achieved the 300-point qualifying level for the major prize drawing. The families, which averaged 4.1 members, recorded a total of 104,139 points.

Besides physical activity and making healthy food choices, the Family Challenge also awarded points for meal and exercise planning, grocery shopping, volunteer service, proper sleep habits, hydration and screentime discipline.

The Elses were on hand at last Friday's Cornhusker State Games Opening Ceremonies to receive prize certificates from LiveWell-

Nebraska.com editor Randi Stevenson. Karen Dahlkoetter-Else, mom and captain of the Else family said the program was fun and beneficial.

"We're excited to go to Oceans of Fun, but we absolutely loved this program. Physical activity was pretty easy for us because we're always outside and active in the summertime, but the meal planning and execution were very eye-opening and challenging in a good way, and we really got into the volunteer points," Dahlkoetter-Else said.

The main objective of the LiveWellNebraska.com Family Challenge is to reduce childhood obesity by providing incentives for adults to model healthy behaviors in the home and for families to practice wellness together according to Nebraska Sports Council Executive Director Dave Mlnarik.

"The Family Challenge is a good compliment to our spring challenge, which is mostly for adults teaming up with co-workers. This motivates them to take their wellness home," Mlnarik said, adding that he was pleased with the first-year results and said he expects the program to grow.



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