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Tidbits

High School Varsity Sports this week

Thayer Central will have a home football game against Tri County Sept. 2 at 7 p.m.

Tri County will also see the Lady Titan volleyball team Sept. 1 at 5 p.m. Varsity begins at approximately 6:30 p.m. The girls will also play Fairbury Sept. 6 at home, 5 p.m.

Titan Cross Country begins its season in Superior Sept. 1 at 4:30 p.m.

Bruning Davenport Shickley Lady Eagles will take on Hampton with Exeter Milligan for a triangular at 5:30 p.m. in Hampton.

The Deshler Lady Dragons are set to play volleyball at Freeman High School Sept. 1.

Deshler Cross Country will also be in Superior for a meet Sept. 1 at 4:30 p.m.

The Dragons' football team will face Santee at 3 p.m. Sept. 2 at Santee High School.

On Sept. 6, Deshler volleyball will be on the home court at 7:30 p.m.

Thayer Central open house Friday

Before the gridiron action Sept. 2, tour Thayer Central Elementary's new addition during an open house from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

A dedication for the new addition, which includes a cement block tornado shelter, is planned for mid to late September.

Correction from county budget article

In the article on Thayer County's preliminary budget numbers last week, the county assessor's numbers were incorrectly listed.

The article listed \$238,230 as the increase this year and \$193,457.66 as the amount budgeted last year.

The correct figure spent last year was \$193,457.66. The \$238,230 figure includes insurance, which has been moved to another fund for all departments.

The requested amount from the assessor's office for this year is \$193,230, up only 1.75 percent from last year.

The Hebron Journal-Register apologizes for any confusion this may have caused.

Hebron Bible Church in process of moving

The Hebron Bible Church is cleaning and sprucing its new location at 145 S. 4th inside the former Good Times Fitness Center as it closed Aug. 23.

The 5,000 square feet is double the size the church had at its former location.

Pastor Jeff Friesen said the sprucing will continue for about two weeks. The church's furniture will be moved over on Labor Day.

"It will be cool to see how it all works out," Friesen said.

Friesen said they were running out of space at the former location and while it's a good problem to have, they are looking forward to doubling the size of their sanctuary.

"Looking down the road, we could see a complete remodel to increase worship space and add a kitchen," he said.

Hebron Bible Church holds Sunday School at 9 a.m. and worship at 10 a.m.

Blincow honored for three decades plus

By Nancy McGill
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A retirement party was held last week in honor of Thayer County Deputy Dean Blincow, who served 17 of his 35 years in law enforcement alongside former Sheriff Gary Young and current Sheriff David Lee.

"Dean is not only a good deputy, but a good friend. He knows this is his home away from home," Lee said.

Blincow is taking an early retirement and not by choice.

"It's not a voluntary retirement, but I won't endanger someone else's life because I am not medically well," Blincow said.

He wanted to give Lee another five years.

"We had both looked forward to another five years. He is still healthy to enjoy the rest of his retirement," Lee said.

Blincow's impeccable memory can take anyone through his career that started after an honorable discharge from advanced basic training in the military.

Kearney State College was offering a law enforcement internship for \$172 a month at the Buffalo County Sheriff's Office. There, Blincow learned how the office worked from dispatch to the jailors to court service.

He proved he was the fastest left-handed typist anyone has ever seen as he wrote the final paper for his internship.

Blincow then moved into dispatching for Buffalo County until he nabbed a job with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and attended law enforcement training for eight weeks, which is now 16 weeks, he said.

Jefferson County only had four deputies. Blincow found himself working double time and various shifts. He said after 18 years, he was burned out.

"I got out for four months," he said.

Ever the officer, Blincow took a part time gig with the Fairbury Police Department and worked as the parts manager for a Dodge dealership.

"I came in and applied July 1, 1999," he said about Thayer County. There's that memory again.



Thayer County Sheriff David Lee presents Deputy Dean Blincow with a plaque to honor his 17 years with the sheriff's department. Blincow has been in law enforcement for 35 years.

"I still remember my phone number from where we lived in Colorado Springs in the 1960's. We lived on Lyle Drive," he said.

Through his 35 years as a police officer, Blincow said there are only a few people he wasn't able to calm down and get them talking.

"I think that was my greatest thing in law enforcement. I like helping people and I get along with just about anybody," he said.

He said people need to believe in law enforcement.

"We are very good people. Don't think you can't wave at us or stop us. We will talk to you," he added. "We may not have all the answers, but we'll talk to you."

He advises people to get along and try talking issues over to prevent a call to law enforcement.

"Just try," he said.

Blincow knows there are problems in larger police departments, but he doesn't believe in body cameras because to him, they signify govern-

ment overreach.

"I think patrol car cameras are great for traffic stops, but I don't think they should be running them on an officer. It's like big brother watching," he said.

Officers today are wary.

"Out here on 81, you have no idea what you're stopping," he said, brushing aside racial profiling. "We have no idea who you are, what race or anything."

It takes a special breed to work the highway overnight, he said. Being a deputy is 98 percent boredom, but that leftover two percent has the potential to create terror.

Like the murder-suicide he worked in Fairbury, waiting for the state patrol's SWAT team.

Or the kid who pulled into a farmer's driveway and fired random shots from a .22.

"I worked a couple of tornadoes in Bruning and Deshler. In Deshler, we were guarding the town," he recalled. "Hardy had sent a brand new

pumper and the guy took a lightning shot and dumped that \$200,000 truck in the ditch."

And Blincow worked with Justice, the county's drug dog that retired about two years ago. Justice was trained to hear commands in German.

"It was nice having someone in the truck to talk to in the middle of the night. He was a hyper dog. He went 100 percent the whole time we were together," Blincow said. "I bought him from the county for \$1 and sent him back to Kansas."

Justice was working part time in Kansas. Blincow believes he is now fully retired.

As Blincow settles in, he is hoping to recover the peripheral vision in his right eye, the result of a stroke he had in March.

Last week, he had plans to go fishing, but that changed when his wife said his retirement party was Thursday.

"My wife and one of the dispatchers did that to me," he said.

Thayer Central headed up by new coach

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Thayer Central head football coach Jereme Jones knew Johnson-Brock would be a serious contender.

The Titan opponent in Friday night's opening game of the season qualified for the playoffs last year.

"They returned every starter from last year. They are one of the better teams in the class," he said.

Johnson-Brock won 42-0.

It was an evening for firsts. Thayer Central played its first game as a Class-D1, 8-man team and it was the first night Jones took the field as head coach. He is also teaching business at the high school.

Jones hails from St. Edward, where he coached a 6-man team. Prior to that, he was with an 8-man team in Thedford.

"It's a lot different game from 6-man to 8-man. On 6-man, everyone is eligible for a pass and the quarterback can't run," Jones said. "It's been a bit of an adjustment."

Jones hasn't coached 8-man since 2007, but 10 returning starters and a solid group of seniors make it easy, he said.

He said the team will work on building its program and vision.



Thayer Central Head Coach Jereme Jones (right) leads his first game on the home field Friday.

"They have great attitudes and they're good listeners. They're open to suggestions and changes," he said.

For now, the program will start many of the younger players and make sure they have field time this

year.

Jones led his St. Edward team to state runner-up last year, finishing with an 8-3 season. His overall record over nine years was 41-40.

He also took St. Edward to the state playoffs in 2008, where the team

finished as state runner-up.

Jones was at St. Edward about nine years and said some years, he only had nine or 10 players on the team.

"Those were rough years," he said.

State chamber announces legislative forum

The Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry staff members will make a stop in Hebron Sept. 8 at the Stastny Community Center from 11:45 to 1 p.m.

The Hebron and Deshler chambers of commerce are inviting the public to the event and luncheon. To reserve a place, call 402-768-7156 or email chamberhebron@yahoo.com.

Also scheduled to speak is Dist. 32 Sen. Laura Ebke.

The state chamber began its trek

across the state Aug. 29 to present this year's legislative forum.

State chamber staff will visit 28 communities in all.

The forums this year center around business-related legislative bills in the 2016 session; issues on the legislature's 2017 agenda; and the latest state rankings in areas that are important to the business community.

Local and state chamber of commerce members are invited to

attend.

"From workforce and housing shortages, to taxes and government mandates, the business community has had its share of challenges. But there is also much reason for optimism. These forums give local leaders a chance to tell the chamber what's on their minds, while gaining more insight into the factors helping and hurting Nebraska businesses," Nebraska Chamber President Barry Kennedy said.

The state chamber is Nebraska's largest statewide business community and has been since 1912. The chamber is a state affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers.

Locally, the Hebron chamber is holding a community revitalization meeting Aug. 31 at 5 p.m. in the Thayer County Courthouse club room. A community revitalization committee will be formed.

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Special Occasions



Happy 50th Anniversary!

The family of Allen & Joyce Schart would like to requesting a card shower in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. On September 4, 1996, Joyce Koch and Allen Schardt were married at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Deshler. Cards may be sent to them 1945 Road 5650, Carleton, NE 68326.



Happy 70th Anniversary!

The family of Phyllis and Don Day would like to congratulate them on 70 years of marriage. They were married on September 3, 1946 in Belleville, KS. Friends and family may help them celebrate with a card shower in their honor. Cards may be sent to 1317 Road 6100, Hebron, NE 68370.



Happy 107th Birthday!

Lester Reed, a longtime resident of Nebraska will be 107 on September 10th, was born in 1909 in Havelock, and lived in Blue Springs and Beatrice. He operated elevators in Ellis, Saronville, Plymouth, Gilead, Byron, Hastings and Bruning and was married to Vera 68 years. Send cards to Lester J. Reed, 14419 Russell St., Overland Park, KS 66223

The Hebron Journal-Register invites you to share your special occasion announcements with our readers. Contact us at hebronjr@windstream.net or 402-768-6602 for more information. There is a fee associated with published announcements.

Reinke honors Novotny



Tyler Novotny

Reinke is pleased to announce that Tyler Novotny with South Central Irrigation & Construction in Deshler has earned the Platinum PLUS (Proven Leaders in Unmatched Service) Certified Technician Award. The prestigious award is the most elite technical service designation awarded by Reinke.

"Being recognized as a Platinum PLUS Certified Technician is a remarkable accomplishment," said Tom Palmertree, director of marketing, Reinke. "Tyler has completed the most extensive technical service training available to Reinke dealers and is to be commended for his hard work."

The Platinum PLUS Certified Technician Program consists of a series of six technical service training classes and tests. Novotny received the Platinum PLUS award by scoring more than 90 percent on all six tests.

"We understand how important qualified service technicians are to growers when they make their buying decisions," added Palmertree. "That's the focus of our technical service programs, to consistently build upon the level of service capabilities of Reinke dealers across the country and further our commitment to the industry."

Gas prices in Nebraska

Although fuel prices continue to fluctuate, retail pump prices across Nebraska remain very favorable with motorists saving an average of 46 cents a gallon compared to prices reported a year ago.

AAA's daily fuel price report shows unleaded averages \$2.23 a gallon across Nebraska, which is four cents higher than the national average.

High inventories of crude oil and processed fuel are helping to keep prices low. The latest report from the Energy Information Administration shows that U.S. crude stocks are up 14 percent compared to last year; processed fuel inventories are up 8 percent compared to a year ago.



Courtesy Photo

New rehab space...

Starting on Friday and over the weekend the TCBS Rehab Department moved into their space in the new addition. They started seeing patients in their new department on August 26.



Free Farm Finance Clinic

Farmers and ranchers are invited to attend a free clinic. The clinics are one-on-one, not group sessions, and are confidential. The Farm Finance clinic gives you a chance to meet with an experienced Ag law attorney and Ag financial counselor.

These clinic staff specialize in legal and financial issues related to farming and ranching, including financial planning, estate and transition planning, farm loan programs, debtor/creditor law, water rights, and other relevant matters.

Here is an opportunity to obtain an experienced outside opinion on issues that may be affecting your farm or ranch. Bring your questions.

A local clinic will be held in Fairbury on September 9.

To sign up for a clinic or for more information, call Michelle at the Nebraska Farm Hotline 1-800-464-0258.

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture and Legal Aid of Nebraska sponsor the farm finance clinics.

Thayer County Health Services

Things And Stuff

August 31: Bruning
September 1: Deshler
September 2: Hebron
September 3: TCHS Employees
September 7: Alexandria
September 8: Hebron
September 9: Davenport
September 10: TCHS Employees

Hebron volunteers and Thayer County Health Services employees will provide coverage on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Things and Stuff shop and the hospital gift shop are staffed by volunteers from Thayer County and surrounding communities. To volunteer at the Things and Stuff shop, contact Audrey Else at 402-768-6621. Shop hours are Wed., Thur. and Fri. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sat. from 9 a.m. to noon.

Children's Immunization Clinics: Immunizations for children will be offered with well child appointments in the clinic. Appointments for immunizations will be offered on the second and third Thursday each month. To schedule a clinic appointment, call 402-768-7203.

Foot Clinic: Call 402-768-4625 for appointments.

Adult Immunization Clinic: For all adult vaccines, contact the Immunization Coordinators: Haley Wiedel at 402-768-7203.

CLINIC SCHEDULES

Card of Thanks

Thayer County Relay For Life 2016 had a fantastic year and thank you to everyone who contributed to its success! We're grateful for the donations of dollars, auction items and purchase of luminaries which totalled \$44,400. A special thank you to the Relay Event Team for their time and energy to Find A Cure! Cancer Sucks!

Thanks,
VIRGINIA BRASE

Thayer County Health Services' Satellite Medical Clinics will be closed September 5 through September 9.

This will allow our medical staff to attend training on the new Electronic Health Records software being implemented within the hospital and clinics.

However, appointments can still be made at the Hebron Medical Clinic. Please read our article on EHRs in this issue to learn more about the important benefits this new system will bring to the care we provide.

Hebron Senior Dinners

Exercise daily, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.; Bus to Lincoln on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; Fairbury trips are on second and fourth Mondays.

Monday, September 5: Closed.

Tuesday, September 6: Hamburger steak with brown gravy, scalloped potatoes, California blend veggies, peaches. *Tai Chi.*

Wednesday, September 7: Seasoned chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, cake.

Thursday, September 8: Pork roast, boiled potatoes with gravy, peas and carrots, plums. *Blood pressure; Tai Chi.*

Friday, September 9: Taco salad (beef, cheese, beans), corn chips, peach half with cottage cheese. *Bingo.*

Meals served with bread, butter and milk. To make reservations, phone 768-6052 by 1:30 p.m., the day before you wish to dine.

Handibus goes to Lincoln on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. Call 402-768-6052.

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Card of Thanks

A BIG THANK YOU. It seems almost inadequate to say thanks for the many beautiful and loving cards, phone calls and visits we received for Francis' 96th birthday and our 24th anniversary. We are truly blessed to have so many wonderful relatives and friends remember us. God's blessings to all.

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Sports

Titans open season, fall to Eagles on home gridiron

By Jereme Jones
Thayer Central Football

As a new head coach, your first game always comes quicker than you'd like.

Putting in new schemes takes time, and it takes even more time to become efficient at running them.

This season is even a little more challenging at Thayer Central, as we have a coach moving up from 6-man and a team dropping down from 11-man.

This has caused us all to change not only our schemes, but also changes in how to play positions and some of the basic roles.

The challenge, however, is what makes it exciting for me as a coach. Not just the challenge of new schemes, but also the challenge of changing the culture and trying to build this program into something special.

Friday night, we had our first chance to measure where we are against a very good Johnson-Brock team.

Johnson-Brock began with the ball, but were quickly held to a three and out by the Titan defense and forced to punt.

Thayer Central took over at their own 15-yard line. The Beavers put together two first downs on their initial drive, including a fourth down conversion.

Unfortunately, the Titan offense then bogged down and was forced to punt.

The Eagles made it to the scoreboard quickly on their next possession, with a 34-yard touchdown pass from Trey Stutheit to Ty Hahn to make it 6-0 in favor of Johnson-Brock.

Thayer Central would be held to a three and out and be forced to give the ball right back to the Eagles.

The Eagles were then held to a three and out on the ensuing possession, as senior Ryan Koch hit Stutheit on third down, forcing an incompleteness.

After the first quarter, the Eagles led 6-0.

The Titans began the second quarter by again being forced to punt after an initial first down. Thayer Central then stepped up big on defense, denying the Eagles on a fourth down attempt on the Titans 11-yard line.

The Titans picked up a first down on their next drive, but were forced to punt after a

penalty up them in a second and long situation.

The Eagles put together a long drive on the next possession, picking up a fourth and one conversion and then scoring on a three-yard touchdown run by Devon Clark.

Johnson-Brock made the conversion and went on top 14-0.

The Eagles would score on defense on the next possession, tackling the Titans in the end zone for a safety.

Then, on the ensuing kickoff, Johnson-Brock's Ty Hahn returned the kick 44 yards for a touchdown.

The conversion made it 24-0. After another three and out and a punt by Thayer Central, Johnson-Brock scored again on a 44-yard pass from Stutheit to Hahn to make it 30-0.

The Titans picked up a first down on their next drive, but then fumbled to give the Eagles one more possession in the half.

Johnson-Brock capitalized with a 24-yard pass from Stutheit to Jaxon Balm, making it 36-0 at the half.

The Titans began the second half with the ball but were held to a quick three and out. Johnson-Brock would score on the next drive, on a two-yard run by Clark, making it 42-0.

Thayer Central would throw an interception on the next drive, but the Titans defense stopped the Eagles on the nine-yard line to get the ball back. The Titans would punt on their final possession of the quarter.

The Titans again stopped the Eagles on fourth down on the first possession of the fourth quarter.

Thayer Central put together a couple first downs, but was stopped short on a fourth down conversion attempt.

The game would end with both teams' back-ups trading possessions.

Final score: Johnson-Brock 42, Thayer Central 0.

The Titans were led offensively by senior Dietric Kenning, who rushed for 55 yards on 16 carries and caught 7 passes for 5 yards.

Junior Max Madsen was 11/23 passing for 22 yards and an interception.

Junior Seth Mumford caught 2 passes for 14 yards, senior Preston Reece caught 2 passes for 3 yards, and sophomore Jarod Hergott caught 1 pass

for 9 yards. Defensively, Mumford led the way with 9 tackles.

Freshman Jackson Feulner and senior Hank Harris both added 5 tackles.

Sophomore Zach Koss had 5 tackles, while Preston Reece and sophomore Keith Hergott both had 4 tackles.

Other tacklers included senior Ryan Koch (3), Kenning (3), Jarod Hergott (2), junior Tim Schulte (2), sophomore Shevin Solomon (1), junior Branden Fangmeier (1) and senior Kyle Kugel (1).

While this isn't exactly how I had hoped my first game as Titans head coach would go, I did see a lot of good things from our team.

We were able to have some success moving the ball on offense and made some good stops on defense. The first quarter was a great start, we just had a couple of bad plays in the second quarter and let it snowball on us.

I didn't see anything on Friday night that we can't improve over the course of the season.

One thing I've been very happy about with this group of young men is their ability to accept coaching and make adjustments, so I am sure they will rise to the occasion this week and work harder than ever to improve.

We have thrown a lot at them in the first three weeks of the season, now we just have to continue to tweak and improve on our fundamentals, plays and formations.

Building a new culture and overhauling is not a three week project; we will continue to work towards our vision every day.

This week, we host the Tri County Trojans. The Trojans enter the game 1-0, after defeating Superior 28-12.

Tri County is considered one of the favorites in Class D1 and have an excellent senior running back, Colby Ensz, who rushed for 1,800 yards last season in Class C2.

The Trojans will give us a much different look than Johnson-Brock, preferring to line up in power formations and run the ball. I am looking forward to a great week of practice to face this challenge.

Kickoff is at 7pm Friday night; I hope you will all be there and be loud.



Nancy McGill/JR Photos

Jarod Hergott moves in on Johnson-Brock at Friday's opening game on the home field.



Dietric Kenning (left) led the Titans, rushing for 55 yards on 16 carries. He caught seven passes for five yards. No. 9 Max Madsen snatched an interception from Johnson Brock.



Titan Preston Reece clinches the ball while Johnson-Brock applies the heat.



Thomas Mick was stopped by Osceola, but managed three touchdowns and two PATs to contribute to the Eagle 72-42 win.

Eagles own opponents in first season game

Bruning Davenport Shickley opened their season with a 72-42 win against Osceola on Bruning's field.

Junior Garret Schardt returned a kickoff 78 yards for one of his two touchdowns, Coach Chris Ardissono said. His second touchdown was on an interception for 50 yards.

"Both touchdowns by Garrett was tremendous momentum changers in our favor," Ardissono said.

Junior Thomas Mick scored three touchdowns for the Eagles and two PATs. Rushing 223 yards was Senior Kale Kleinschmidt for five touchdowns. He also had two PATs. Sophomore John Christensen and Junior Holden Stengel each caught a PAT as well.

"Our kids work very hard and try very hard," Coach Mark Rotter said. "At times, our inexperience really showed and we will learn a

lot from this game."

Ardissono said Junior Kellen Reinsch, who started as offensive center for the first time, had a solid game.

Kleinschmidt and Senior Noel Gines each passed for 12 yards.

On tackles, Junior Caden Norder went 13 as did Stengel and Mick.

Gines had 11 tackles and Christensen and Kleinschmidt, 10 each.



Nancy McGill/JR Photos

Eagle Kale Kleinschmidt steps over an Osceola player as he makes his way down the field. Kleinschmidt rushed 223 yards for five touchdowns and had two PATs.

Titan volleyball shaping up

Returning to lead the Lady Titan volleyball team this year are Kenidee Miller, Jena Cottam and Emily Welch.

Miller, a senior, made the 2nd Team All Conference last year; Cottam was Honorable Mention All Conference as a sophomore; and Welch, First Team All Conference and Honorable Mention Class C-2 All-State.

Head Coach Amy Harris, who is new this year to Thayer Central, but not coaching, sees a young, 16-member team with a lot of spirit.

"Every single one of them knows their stuff," she said.

She replaces Mary Hagemann, who has taken a position with Southeast Community College in Beatrice.

Harris likes scrimmages during practice.

"It's an extremely worthwhile part of practice because both sides of the net are so evenly matched," she said.

The second team then pushes the first team to improve on an even court.

Harris is returning to coaching after 10 years.

"It wasn't an easy decision.

In the end, it all came down to the kids I would be working with," she said.

She was a coach at the high school level in Kansas for 15 years with eight of those years as head coach.

Harris was also a high school English teacher.

At Thayer Central, her role is accompanist for the music department in addition to coaching.

The first game will be at home against Tri-County Sept. 1, beginning at 5 p.m. Varsity takes the court at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Lady Eagles return to court

The Lady Eagles have shifted into unfamiliar territory by switching positions.

"We will be a little inexperienced as we start the year, however, don't count us out at the end," Coach Kari Jo Alfs said.

The Bruning Davenport Shickley volleyball team returns with starters, Senior

Courtney Kamler, Juniors Carley Elznic and Megan Grote, and Sophomore Jadyn Kleinschmidt.

Kamler is a setter and good at racking up points. Elznic is the hitter on the outside, along with Grote. Kleinschmidt was a dominate server last year and was libero her freshman year.

The up and coming Eagles are Senior Morgan Lowery, who is a defensive specialist and Senior Mashaya Dierking, who is looking to fill a hole as a middle hitter.

The Lady Eagles have a tough schedule and went 24-7 last year. Their first game will be Sept. 1 at Hampton for a triangular with Exeter-Miligan included.