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Tidbits

ECAP Meetings...

The next ECAP meeting has been changed from Dec. 17 to Jan. 7 due to the upcoming Christmas holiday. The meeting will still be held in Deshler. For more information about ECAP and Community Conversations contact TCEDA Director Jeremy Voss at 402-768-7407 or UNL Extension Educator, Phyllis Schoenholz at 402-768-7212 orpschoenholz1@unl.edu.

ECAP Survey Results...

Several weeks ago, ECAP survey was conducted of Thayer County regarding entrepreneurship and small businesses. The following is some of the results: 84% of respondents believe that their community has a moderate to strong identity and 75% of residents believe the county has moderate to strong pride. Many of the respondents indicated that the county had only a little or did not have at all a shared vision (52%), or goals to accomplish a vision for the future (52%), or create opportunities for diverse involvement of visioning and planning for the future (65%). For more details, go to page 5.

Sales Tax...

Thayer County collected \$212,429.68 in sales tax for the month of September 2014 after showing a 9.7 percent increase in net taxable sales over September 2013. For September 2014, the county had \$3,862,352 in net taxable sales - up from \$3,519,238 in 2013.

According to Hebron Clerk Jean Nagey, the City of Hebron collected \$19,537.28 in motor vehicle and sales taxes on net taxable sales of \$1,843,959 for the month of September. That shows an increase of 2.5 percent in net taxable sales over September 2013 which was \$1,799,533. The motor vehicle tax (\$2,300.49) goes into the street fund, while the remainder (\$17,236.79) goes into the sales tax fund.

The Department of Revenue releases figures approximately three months later than the actual month being profiled. October 2014 figures will be released in January 2015.

Tribune 11 Man Team...

The following Thayer County boys received special recognition for being named to the Hastings All-Tribland 11 Man Team: Robert Dodes - Thayer Central. Honorable Mention: Caleb Krupicka, Preston Brineger
All Tribland Small School Team: Grand Norder BDS, Chris Rohr BDS, and Sam Christensen of Bruning-Davenport/Shickley.

Wrangler NFR Results...

Congratulations to Dru Melvin, Hebron, for placing sixth in the fourth and fifth rounds of the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo. Melvin is competing for ten days in Las Vegas. This is his second time competing in the WNFR in Vegas. The rodeo concludes this Saturday.

WEATHER

Date	High/Low	Precip
Tue., Dec 2	38/8	0
Wed., Dec 3	37/14	0.19
Thu., Dec 4	49/22	0
Fri., Dec 5	58/19	0
Sat., Dec 6	38/21	0
Sun., Dec 7	40/28	0.02
Mon., Dec 8	55/17	0

Courtesy of Mike Prellwitz

~Obituaries~

Bruning, Alberta, 92, Bruning

Drake, Herta, 74, Hebron

Hayes, Robert, 80, formerly Chester

Nystrom, William, 77, formerly Alexandria

Seifert, Arlene, 95, formerly Davenport

Svoboda, Bill, 92, formerly Hebron

Westwood, Shari, 53, formerly Ohiowa

Only guilty pleas made in district court

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On the morning of Dec. 4, Judge Vicki Johnson listened to a chorus of four guilty pleas, three of them felonies.

Brenda Williams, Austin Virus, Nickalas Lutt and Matthew Wright each pled guilty at the December district court session Thursday morning. Williams, charged with shoplifting, was the only member of the group not charged with a felony.

Virus, 26, pled guilty to a count of strangulation, a class IV felony, and a count of domestic assault, a class I misdemeanor. The Hebron man, who originally pled not guilty, entered into a plea bargain to drop charges of terroristic threats and possession of drug paraphernalia. Virus was arrested in August after he got into an altercation with his girlfriend and locked himself in a bedroom with their son. He was charged with kidnapping, strangulation, terroristic threats, child abuse, domestic abuse, disturbing the peace and possession of drug

paraphernalia. Virus will be sentenced on Feb. 5 at 10 a.m. He faces up to five years of incarceration and a fine of up to \$10,000.

Lutt also entered into a plea bargain with prosecutors to a count of theft, a class IV felony. Lutt was arrested when he and a friend, Gary Little, broke into several cars in Hebron and took items including a pistol and laptop. The stolen items were found in Lutt's home after a search was made. His next court date is Feb. 5 at 10:30 a.m. He faces up to five years of incarceration and a fine of up to \$10,000.

Wright, 19, was the fourth to enter a plea agreement. The Hebron man entered a guilty plea for burglary, a class III felony, and his theft charge, also a class III felony, was dropped. Wright was arrested in September on suspicion of stealing a four wheeler from a Belvidere residence. Wright later confessed to being involved in a burglary at Pioneers Inn in Gilead. His sentencing is on Jan. 8 at 10:45 a.m. He faces one to 20 years of imprisonment and a fine of up to \$25,000.

Thayer Central beefs up building security

Expect new security system in January...

Thayer Central Schools is working to install a new security system at the high school, intermediate and primary buildings.

A number of intercom systems and card readers are being placed at various entrances of each building.

"We chose this system so if we need to go in to lockdown mode, we can push a button and go into lockdown in a few seconds if we need to," said Drew Harris, superintendent.

The high school will have intercoms at a north and south entrance and a card reader at another north entrance.

The intermediate school will have intercoms on east and south entrances and a card reader at the west entrance.

The primary school will have an intercom on the north entrance and card readers at the south and west

entrances.

Entrances without intercoms or card readers will be monitored.

In the future, visitors will have to buzz in with the intercom to enter the school.

All staff will require ID cards to get into the buildings.

"This is our starting point. It's like anything else: you test it out to see how it works and adjust as needed," said Harris. "This will be evolving over the next year or two. Unfortunately, this is a day and age where we need this type of security."

At this point, the hardware has been installed in all buildings except for the primary school.

The goal is to have all the hardware installed by Jan. 5 and to implement the system on Jan. 13.

"It's going to be a learning process but it's the safety factor we're after," said Harris.



Courtesy Photo

Bruning-Davenport agricultural educator Siera Meyer accepts 2014 Teachers Turn the Key scholarship.

Bruning-Davenport School agriculture teacher selected for scholarship

Siera Meyer, agricultural educator at Bruning-Davenport Unified School District in Bruning, is one of a select group of agriculture teachers nationwide who received the 2014 Teachers Turn the Key professional development scholarship. As a scholarship recipient, Meyer attended the 2014 National Association of Agricultural Educators annual convention in Nashville, Tenn., November 18-22.

The Teachers Turn the Key scholarship brings together agricultural educators with four or fewer years of experience and immerses them in three days of professional development that addresses issues specific to the early years of teaching agriculture. Participants also have the opportunity to become involved in NAAE leadership and network with other NAAE convention attendees. TTTK participants come away from the experience with a long-lasting peer cohort and tools that will help them have successful careers as agricultural educators.

Meyer was hired in 2012 to develop an agriculture program at Bruning-Davenport. Since her hire, she has done not only that, but has also organized a successful FFA chapter and FFA Alumni group. Meyer garners community support for the program by inviting guest speakers, consistently updating the Bruning-Davenport Ag Ed/FFA Facebook page, and hosting an annual banquet.

Meyer's program covers a broad range of topics and has a strong mix of classroom instruction and hands-

on experiences for her students. In her introductory course, students examine various kinds of barbed wire during the agriculture history unit. Eighth graders learn the parts of a flower as part of a dissection lab. Natural resource students discuss water quality with district natural resource employees and bring in water samples from home to test for nitrates.

"Teaching in a small school district requires a teacher to be able to interact with all ages of students as well as getting to know people in the community," said Jodi Weber, Bruning-Davenport Unified School District school board member. "Mrs. Meyer has shown that she is not afraid to contact community members who can share their talents and knowledge with her and her students."

Each of the TTTK scholarship recipients was also recognized during a general session during the NAAE convention. RAM Trucks sponsors the TTTK program as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

NAAE is the professional organization in the United States for agricultural educators. It provides its' nearly 8,000 members with professional networking and development opportunities, professional liability coverage, and extensive awards and recognition programs. The mission of NAAE is "professionals providing agricultural education for the global community through visionary leadership, advocacy and service." The NAAE headquarters are in Lexington, Kentucky.

Former local author chosen for Nebraska reading selection

A former Hebron resident's book was chosen as the 2015 One Book One Nebraska selection.

Beverly Deepe Keever published "Death Zones and Darling Spies" in 2013 through the University of Nebraska Press.

Keever, who was born and raised in Hebron, was the longest-serving American correspondent covering the Vietnam War and was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for her work.

Her book describes her time as a war correspondent: a young, Nebraska girl reporting on a bloody and unpopular war. It provides the reader with a woman's viewpoint on a topic that has usually been covered by men.

Keever attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and earned her undergraduate degree in journalism. She received her doctorate from the University of Hawaii where she is professor emerita.

One Book One Nebraska is a program that promotes reading and discussion by bringing people together around a book by a Nebraska author.



JR Photo/Amanda Push

Winter sport season has arrived...

Rachel Heitmann, senior, passes to Mariah Hintz, junior, at the Thayer Central Lady Titans game last Thursday evening. Last week, Thayer Central and Bruning-Davenport/Shickley kicked off their winter sport season. The two schools faced off against Republic County, Sterling, Hampton and Red Cloud. For more details and photos, see page 12.

Pages of the Past...

From The Hebron Journal-Register

1884

130 Years Ago

G.D. Fullmer has purchased E. H. Ackerman's hardware stock at Davenport.

Van Wormer & Downen have tastefully fitted up their music and book store.

Church & Lyford advertise in this issue to pay farmers 17 cents a bushel for corn.

A portion of the Sheridan House at Carleton, recently destroyed by fire, has been rebuilt.

J. Anton Willy has recently largely increased his stock of musical instruments.

Charles Slagel and Otto Bean are building a skating rink in Davenport. The floor will be hard maple.

J. J. Kern returned last Saturday from his second trip to Chicago with fat sheep. He speaks discouragingly of the sheep market, and reports receiving but \$2.50 per cwt., which netted him only \$1.40 per animal for his two carloads. His advice is "don't ship anything to Chicago for sale unless it is extra good." He narrowly escaped receiving injuries in a railway accident.

At Claridon, Iowa, the engine and first four cars of the train on which Mr. Kern was riding, came to a sudden stoppage and nearly caused him to be thrown on a red hot stove in the caboose.

The completion and occupation of F. J. Hendershot's new stone building on Lincoln Avenue is a matter of general interest to the citizens of Hebron, and doubtless is very gratifying to its energetic proprietor, who has pushed it through to completion at a time when times were very hard and money scarce. The directory of those occupying the building is as follows: Basement - The Misses Lowrie, Millinery; Main Floor - G. W. Houghton, Merchant Tailor; Second Floor - M. Savage, District Attorney; Save & Richards, Lawyers; F. A. Powell, Real Estate; Dr. T. D. Bristol, Physician; F. J. Hendershot, Real Estate; B. F. Berkey, Insurance; Fred W. Baker, Lumber.

1894

120 Years Ago

The sugar beets raised around here all pulled, topped and sent to the sugar factory at Norfolk. There were 22 cars or 416 tons. J. S. Wilson, off of 15 acres, harvested 240 tons or an average per acre of about 19 tons.

The pleasant country home of Capt. J. W. Richards and wife on Spring Creek, two and one-half miles southwest of Hebron, Nov. 28, was the scene of happy festivities, the occasion being the marriage of their daughter, Miss Mary L. Richards to Mr. Stephen Williams, a merchant of Calumet, Mich., who had come from the ice bound shores of Lake Superior to wed one of Nebraska's fair maidens.

1904

110 Years Ago

Malcolm Trumbull started his foundry last Tuesday and moulded some fine pieces of iron, the patterns carved by himself. Malcolm will surely succeed at this work if he keeps on in the future as he has in the past.

Very little grain has come to town lately on account of prices paid here. Other towns around us have bid more than buyers here have offered and the grain that we should have had has gone somewhere else. The people have become so indignant over it that they have gone to work and reorganized the Farmers' Elevator Co., and will soon ship their own grain. Nearly enough subscriptions have been taken to build a good elevator. The money is being rapidly paid into the bank and certificates issued. When enough has been paid in, a new elevator will be built or other arrangements will be made to ship out all grain or stock that is offered to the new company. Success to them.

1914

100 Years Ago

Gilead: Mr. George Miller has come from New York to spend the winter with his uncle, John Pabst. He left last August just before the European war to Russia, where

his wife and children live. He says when he got to London he heard that war had broken out, so he returned, staying in New York a few months.

(Bruning Banner)

The fancy chicken breeders of this neighborhood were very successful at the DeWitt exhibition last week. F. N. Stratton, with his Buff Orphingtons, brought back first on cock, cockerel and pullet, second on cockerel and third on pullet with his white Leghorns.

Stratton's Drug store is offering a free trip to the Panama-Pacific (San Francisco) exhibition as first prize in their Booster voting contest.

1924

90 Years Ago

A house, a large and small chicken house and coal house were completely destroyed by fire Tuesday night on the J. J. Martin farm near Stoddard.

Fans turned out in large numbers to witness the football contest at the Pavilion grounds on Thanksgiving Day. Hebron High School defeated Fairbury High by a score of 12 to 0.

The Thayer County Legion is sponsoring the newly organized county band which will rehearse once every two weeks.

Rev. Howard P. Young, an old time printer in Hebron, delivered a lecture in the Methodist Church Tuesday evening, discussing the amusement of the youth. Mr. Young was a printer in the old "Thayer County Mail" while his brother was the editor, about 35 years ago.

William H. Conklin of Hubbell died Dec. 3, at the age of 84 years, 10 months and 10 days. He has been identified with the growth and development of Thayer County, especially in his own locality, since 1881, when he started the bank there.

(Bruning Banner)

Bruning will be represented by a real basketball team this year, with Chet Park, Glen Simpson, Harry and Follie Bowman, George Steyer and Lee Wheeler all in the lineup. The first game will be played with Deshler.

1934

80 Years Ago

Rev. H. Kano, manager of the Dutton ranch, northwest of Hebron, brought to this office a silver cigarette case, with the monogram of the Royal House of Japan presented to him by Prince Kaya of the Japanese royal family. During September, Rev. Kano accompanied the consul on a trip through Nebraska, and the gift is in appreciation of the courtesies extended him.

A large number of people have commented on the unusual display of old Bibles in the window of the former Natural Gas office. Because this year marks the 400th anniversary of the translation of the Bible into the German language, the American Bible Society has sponsored a nationwide observance of the event.

Records show that 545 families are on the relief rolls of Thayer County.

Nearly 2,300 Nebraska farmers whose lands were in foreclosure or were about to go into foreclosure a year ago have been given a new start in life by the Federal Land Bank of Omaha.

Deaths & Obituaries: O. I. Steele, who was formerly engaged in the closing business in Hebron, passed away in Excelsior Spring, Mo., on Nov. 30... Charles Yost, former Chester resident, passed away at San Benito, Texas... Mrs. Chas. D. Galusha, formerly Theo Church of Chester, died in Massachusetts on Dec. 5, at the age of 47 years.

(Bruning Banner)

A Christmas cantata by children of the Bruning Enlarged Schools will feature the annual Christmas program of the Bruning community to be held at the Bruning Opera House on Dec. 20.

From the standpoint of long time operation, the Fairmont Creamery is the oldest in this state, says A. M. Peterson, local agent. The company was organized at Fairmont, Neb., in 1884. It is interesting to note that this concern, which was started in one of Nebraska's

small towns, has now reached national proportions and prominence. The plants now dot this country from coast to coast.

1944

70 Years Ago

T-Sgt. Gilbert L. Davenport arrived home Friday morning after nearly two and one-half years of overseas duty, to enjoy his first furlough visit at home since he entered the armed forces three years ago.

Staff Sgt. Gilbert A. Maple, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay A. Maple of Hebron, who is serving in England with the veteran 306th Bombardment group as a waist gunner, has been awarded his second Air Medal for exceptional meritorious achievement.

Cpl. Myron Cox arrived home for a 30-day furlough Dec. 7, after spending almost three years in the southwest Pacific.

First Lt. Charles Bevington was killed in action Nov. 26, in France, according to a government message received Monday morning by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bevington of Gilead.

This is the last week of the Sixth War Loan drive in Nebraska, and while indications were that over-all quotas would be reached in most of the state's counties, E bond sales were still far behind those of the rest of the country. Federal Reserve reports over the weekend indicated.

Community Credit Corporation has been authorized to make loans available upon ear corn produced in 1944 and stored on the farm. All loans will bear interest at the rate of 3 percent per annum from the date of disbursement and will mature upon demand or September 1, 1945.

Notice: Please do not burn old rags or waste paper. Uncle Sam urges everyone to save every scrap of rags, paper and old iron for the war effort. Sell it to your local salvage dealer.

Obituaries: Mrs. Martha Bohling; Albert George Spohnheimer.

1954

60 Years Ago

Saturday was a big day in Hebron as a large crowd came to greet Santa Claus. One thousand six hundred bags of treats were distributed and the train kept the children entertained all afternoon.

Kathleen Bailey of Gilead was named the winner and Donna Freiss of Hebron was the alternate in the Voice of Democracy Contest sponsored by the Hebron Junior Chamber of Commerce.

1964

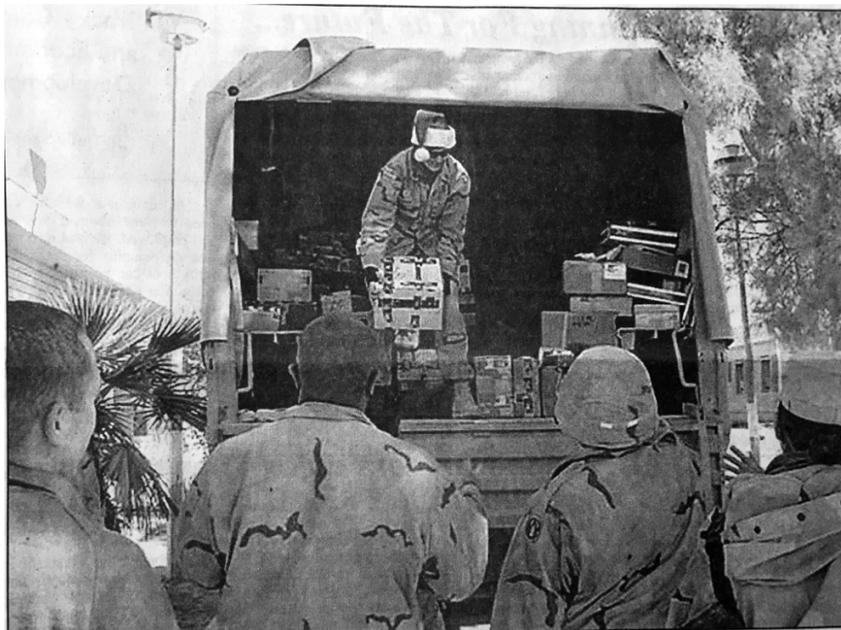
50 Years Ago

All major post offices have recently converted their parcel post sorting and transportation facilities to the ZIP Code System, reports Postmaster Paul O. Davidson.

New owners have taken over the Blue Valley Bowl effective Dec. 1, Hank and Florence Driewer. They are formerly of Hampton.

Grace Strain (Mrs. J. C.), well known to many in Thayer County for her years of service as a Red Cross field representative, passed away last Thursday, Dec. 3, at her apartment in Hebron, at the age of 77.

The Hebron Bears opened their basketball season on the home floor Friday, Dec. 4, with a 61 to 36 trounce of the David City Aquinas Monarchs. The Bears were led in points by



J-R File Photo

This Week 2004... Eager soldiers of the 561st Corps Support Group receive Christmas goodies and mail from home. Handing out mail and packages to unit members is SSG Laura (McLaughlin) Esper, daughter of Hebron residents Jeff and Lanae McLaughlin. SSG Esper services as Human Resources/Mail Clerk for the 561st CSG in Iraq. The photograph was sent to the Hebron Journal-Register by CW4 Kathy Retzlaff, also of Hebron, also serving in Iraq.

Dean Krueger with 23 points. Loren Peithman took the runner-up spot with 15.

1974

40 Years Ago

Citizens in the northern area of the county dug out from the first winter storm of the season which dumped ten inches of snow.

Mary Collison of Chester was elected Worthy Matron at the election of officers for the Order of Eastern Star. Don Collison was elected Worthy Patron.

A choir with members from the Christian, Methodist and Presbyterian churches of Hebron and the U.C.C. Church of Belvidere were presenting the Christmas Cantata, "Rejoice," with Mrs. Bob Dill of Belvidere directing the production. Organist was Diane Miller and Winona Gebauer was pianist.

Mrs. Garnet Koch, president of the Business and Professional Women said the organization had agreed to assume the responsibility of collecting money to replace nativity figures damaged by the previous year's storms.

1984

30 Years Ago

Snowblowers of all kinds were active in Hebron following a ten-inch snowfall. For the first time of the year, school in

Hebron was cancelled.

Dr. Marlin Bauhard of Aurora announced plans to join the Thayer County Medical Clinic in Hebron in February. His family includes wife, Kathy and daughters Katie and Melissa.

The United States Post Office increased the rate for a first class letter from 20 cents to 22 cents.

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 5 honored Ken Krakow of Hebron for his more than 16 years of service to the Unit.

Deshler received word from the Nebraska School Activities Association that it would become a Class C-1 school for two years.

1994

20 Years Ago

Albert and Nellie Sinn represented the Thayer County Farm Bureau at the organization's three day state convention in South Sioux City.

The Trinity Lutheran Choir of Bruning was presenting "Let All Heaven and Nature Sing." Featured soloists were Betty Edzards, Janelle Bruning and Howard Pohlmann with narration by David Rinehart. The choir was under the direction of Deb Pohlmann.

The Christmas holiday Parade of Homes featured the homes of Janet Gergen, Donna Hergott, Francis and Marie

Rauner, John and Fayrene Levendofsky and Roger and Jackie Wiedel.

2004

10 Years Ago

Oregon Trail Ethanol Coalition met with citizens of Carleton to discuss the construction of a new ethanol plant at the west edge of town.

Hannah Kerns, Paige Cottam, Michaela Marsh, Kelsey Mumm and Richelle Luongo of Girl Scout Troop 916 made lap blankets for seniors at Blue Valley Nursing Home.



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Courthouse News

DISTRICT COURT
Renee Ngo vs. Michael Ngo.
Dissolution of marriage.

COUNTY COURT
Fines Paid
by December 3, 2014
Court costs \$48.00 unless otherwise stated. Probation costs also include \$30 enrollment fee and \$25 per each month on probation. Chemical testing costs are \$5 per month on probation.

Local Law Enforcement and Nebraska State Patrol Traffic Violations
The County Court processed 22 scale citations issued to 14 commercial vehicle drivers for Nebraska road violations in the last week, for a total of \$2,650 in fines.

James Bower, New Orleans, La. Speeding, \$125.
Kari Tongate, Bells, Texas. Speeding, \$125.
Bryan Chappelle, Spring, Texas. Speeding, \$25.
James Anderson, Pella, Iowa. Speeding, \$75.
Paula Johnson, Hastings. Speeding, \$125.
Benjamin Ulmer, Fairmont. Speeding, \$75.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS
David A. Gebers to Kent E. Tietjen. S33 T1N R4W Pt SW 1/4 SE 1/4.
Eva Darlene Zlab, PR, Es-

tate of Joseph Kenton Zlab to Eva Darlene Zlab and Joseph Elliott Zlab, Successor Trustees of the Zlab Family Trust. S30 T1N R1W NW 1/4.

Daniel J. Fink to Hebron Hardware LLC. Pt Lot 5 in Block 1, Bargers Addition of Hebron.

Mary E. Mayfield and Nicky L. Mayfield to Donald L. Lahners. S34 T4N R3W 1/2 interest NE 1/4.

ZONING PERMIT APPLICATIONS & FEES
Mark Timmerman, 1750 Rd 6600, Belvidere. Home addition, \$25.
Norder Supply, Inc., 6215 Spur 85C, Bruning. Storage building, \$25.
Tillies' Bar & Grill, 111 Kansas Ave., Byron. Car port, \$25.
Elaine Huber, 6976 Rd Q, Alexandria. Manufactured home, \$25.
Jon Yoachim, 7101 Rd R, Alexandria. Manufactured home, \$25.
Marvin Schardt, 1403 Rd 5700, Hebron. Machine shed, \$25.
Baroe Partnership, 6207 Rd Q, Hebron. Conditional use and zoning permit fees paid by TCED, \$129.16.

Patriot's Pen Essay Winners



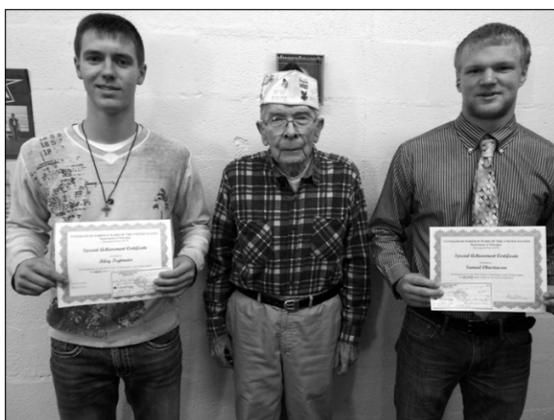
Pictured are (l-r) VFW Post Commander Don Vorce, Jennifer Holtzen 2nd place winner of \$25 and Isaac Baysinger 1st place winner of \$50.

"Patriot's Pen" is a Veterans of Foreign Wars youth essay competition open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students enrolled in public, private or parochial schools in the United States. Home schooled students are also eligible.

Bruning-Davenport Elementary School students

participated in the 2014 essay contest sponsored by Davenport VFW Post 10579 and Auxiliary. Each student submitted for judging an original essay of between 300 and 400 words on the theme "Why I Appreciate America's Veterans."

Voice of Democracy Winners



Pictured (l-r) are Riley Tegtmeier, 1st place winner of \$75, Post Commander Don Vorce, and Samuel Christensen, 2nd place winner of \$50.

Since 1947 the "Voice of Democracy" has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars premier scholarship program. The contest is open to students in grades 9-12 who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school in the United States. Home schooled students are also eligible.

Students from Bruning-

Davenport High School participated in the 2014 essay contest sponsored by Davenport VFW Post 10579 and Auxiliary. Each student wrote and recorded an essay based on this year's theme, "Why Veterans are Important to our Nation's History and Future."

Showing We Care

Christmas and the end of the year is quickly approaching! As we hurry around, we often find ourselves stressing about getting up the decorations, what gifts do we still need to buy, how much to spend and more importantly, how will you find the time to get everything done.

Probably the real question we should be asking ourselves is, "What is really important this holiday season?" Do we have our priorities straight?

Maybe we should ask for less and give more. Most of us are very blessed and there aren't any things we NEED. So maybe instead of gifts, we should look around and see how we can improve the lives of others.

Maybe the best gift we give this year is to find a way to give a donation of time or money to a charity that makes a difference. By doing this, we may find we receive a bigger gift in return.

Here at Thayer County Health Services, our staff is reminded daily about how precious life is. Having your health and being surrounded by loved ones is really everything you need. To help remind our staff about the importance of giving back, they are encouraged to volunteer in their communities to help make them a better place to live.

In 2014, our staff started volunteering every other Saturday at the Things and Stuff shop in downtown Hebron. This gives them the opportunity to see firsthand the dedication of the Hospital Guild volunteers.

Thayer County Health Services is very fortunate to have this great group of volunteers working to help improve local healthcare. The proceeds from the shop, and their other fundraising activities, allow them to purchase annually over \$30,000 in new medical equipment for the hospital and clinics.

Another way the staff at Thayer County Health Services show they care is by their "Denim Day" program.



This program started in 1996 and continues each Friday as employees donate a minimum of \$3 dollars each week to wear denim to work. A different charity is selected for each month of the year. With over 150 employees, this program has a real impact.

The Denim Day program at TCHS is not just a fundraiser for charities. It also promotes teamwork and gives employees a sense of pride and accomplishment in knowing they are making a difference. In the past, many TCHS employees have contributed to the selected charity whether or not they wore jeans. Some employees also give more than \$3 dollars each week.

Since its start, the "Denim Day" program has resulted in over \$15,000 in donations to the different charities. Besides the monetary donations, the Denim Day program also helps collect items for the local food banks, toy drives and coats during the winter.

Some of the organizations that have benefited from the Denim Day program are: the American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Assoc., Relay for Life, American Red Cross, American Heart Assoc, TCHS employee fund, the Foundation for Thayer County Health Services, TCHS Hospital Guild, Blue Valley Community Action, St. Jude's, and many other local charities.

During this season of giving, Thayer County Health Services wants to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. As the year draws to a close, it is important to remember the true gifts in life don't come in the presents wrapped up under the tree. They come when we open our heart to and help one another.

UGLY Christmas Sweater contest
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BVLH Resident of the Month

Raymond Thomasen has lived all his life in Thayer County. He was the youngest child and only boy, having two older sisters.

He grew up on a farm near Chester and attended country school.

As a young man, he helped his parents on the farm.

After his father passed away, he and his mother farmed together for many years. Raymond raised Herefords and was proud of his herd of cattle. He also enjoyed the cars that he owned.

After retiring from the farm, Raymond mowed lawns for many years.

Eventually he and his mother moved to Hebron. Raymond took excellent care of his mother and was a faithful visitor when she was at BVLH.

Raymond likes to listen to music, especially polkas. His favorite song is 'You are My Sunshine.'



Thayer Central Community Schools

- ACTIVITIES**
- Thursday, December 11:** State One-Act play, Norfolk.
 - Friday, December 12:** JV wrestling at Wilber-Clatonia; BB at Red Cloud, 4:30 p.m.
 - Saturday, December 13:** Wrestling at Crete, 9 a.m.; JH wrestling at Centennial, 9 a.m.; BB at Fairbury, 4:30 p.m.; ACT test offered.
 - Monday, December 15:** Elementary vocal concert, 7 p.m.
 - Tuesday, December 16:** Wrestling quad at St. Johns, Salina, 5:30 p.m.; Girls BB at Fillmore Central, 6:15 p.m.
 - Wednesday, December 17:** Rising STARS Christmas program.

- MENU**
- Thursday, December 11:** Macho nachos, fiesta beans, tortilla chips, deli sandwich.
 - Friday, December 12:** Mexican pizza, PBJ sandwich.
 - Monday, December 15:** Italian pasta bake, green beans, breadstick, deli sandwich.
 - Tuesday, December 16:** Chicken gravy steamed corn, biscuit, ham sandwich.
 - Wednesday, December 17:** Tomato soup, cheesy bread, deli sandwich.
- USDA is an EOE and provider. Juice, cereal and toast served daily with breakfast. Bread basket, fruit and salad bar served daily for grades four through 12, second choice daily for kindergarten through fourth grade. All meals served with milk. All menus subject to change without notice

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Things And Stuff

December 10: Hubbell
December 11: Davenport
December 12: Deshler
December 13: TCHS Employees
December 17: Hebron
December 18: Hebron

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 shop, contact Audrey Else at 402-768-6621. If you would like to volunteer in the hospital gift shop, contact Ruth Kripal at 402-768-6755.

2014 Guild Membership: Membership in the TCHS Hospital Guild is open to everyone. To pay your membership dues, stop by the Things and Stuff Shop in downtown Hebron or the hospital gift shop.

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: If you need to get an adult vaccine, contact Amber Lubben, RN, Immunization Coordinator for Thayer County Health Services at 402-768-4629.

CLINIC SCHEDULES

Bruning Clinic
December 15 9:00-Noon
Dr. Randy Waldman
December 17 1:00-3:30
Brent Madsen, PAC

Davenport Clinic
December 16 9:00-Noon
Dr. Randy Waldman
December 18 9:00-Noon
Brent Madsen, PAC

Deshler Clinic
December 15 1:30-4:30
Kay Elting, APRN
December 16 1:30-4:30
Maggie Johnson, PAC
December 18 9:00-Noon
Dr. Scott Vonderfecht

Milligan Clinic
December 16 8:00-Noon
Dr. Scott Vonderfecht

Chester Clinic
December 17 1:30-4:30
Dr. Scott Vonderfecht

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SPECIALTY CLINIC SCHEDULE

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Dr. Hurlbut December 15

OB/GYN
Dr. Adam December 16

GENERAL SURGERY
Dr. Growney December 17

UROLOGY CLINIC
Dr. Halsted December 17

New patients need to have a referral before seeing one of the specialists at the Specialty Clinic