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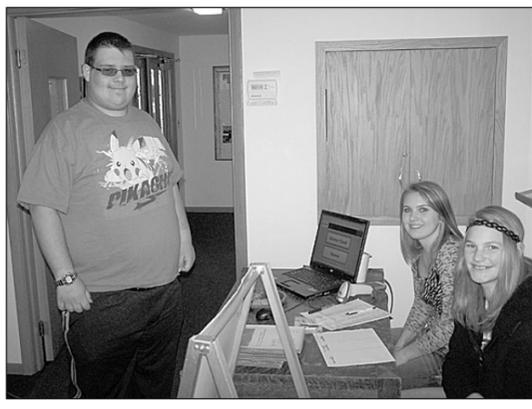
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B-D FCCLA Blood Drive



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The Bruning-Davenport High School FCCLA sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive in Bruning on Dec. 10. The United Methodist Church was the setting for the blood drive. FCCLA members called potential donors and set up the schedule, helped unload and load the truck, worked at the sign-in table, escorted donors, and provided the canteen. The group provided over 40 hours of community service to make the blood drive a success.



Bruning-Davenport Inducts New Honor Society Members



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New Bruning-Davenport National Honor Society inductees (above) are from left, Johanna Kluck and Grant Norder. Members (below) of the Bruning-Davenport Chapter of the National Honor Society are back from left, Luke Christensen, Wyatt Schoenholz, Ryan Tegtmeier, Nolan Schroeder, Shane Heyen, Matthew Stengel; middle row from left, Tara Pavelka, Elizabeth Ohlde, Cassidy Bentley, Jill Schroeder, Emily Folkerts.



The Bruning-Davenport Chapter of the National Honor Society held its fall induction ceremony on Wednesday, Dec. 12, in the Bruning library. Two new members were welcomed into the organization: sophomore, Johanna Kluck, daughter of Fred and Myra Kluck and sophomore, Grant Norder, son of Ted and Sheri Norder.

The afternoon ceremony was conducted by the current officers and members: President, Tara Pavelka; vice-president, Nolan Schroeder; secretary, Cassidy Bentley; Ryan Tegtmeier; Luke Christensen; Shane Heyen; Matthew Stengel; Emily Folkerts; Elizabeth Ohlde; Wyatt Schoenholz and

Jill Schroeder. As part of the program, Principal Patrick Moore, shared some information about the organization, and Aaron Peterson, science teacher at B-D, offered some words of inspiration.

Membership in the National Honor Society is based on student achievement in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership and character. Students are encouraged to submit letters of application and are carefully considered by faculty members for selection into the organization.

Following the ceremony everyone in attendance enjoyed refreshments provided by Amanda Barney.

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By LaDonna Avers

Tuesday evening Ruth Yoachim accompanied Kevin Yoachim and Coleen White and traveled to Wesleyan University in Lincoln. They attended a concert by Touch of Class jazz choir of which Courtney Yoachim is a member. On Sunday Ruth again accompanied Kevin and Coleen as they went to Grand Island to attend the Singing Christmas Tree. On the way home they stopped in Aurora and had supper with Thomas Yoachim and Amy Wood to help Thomas celebrate his graduation from UNL.

LaDonna Avers drove to the home of Audrey and Larry Mathiesen in Milford on Sunday afternoon. They drove on to Lincoln where they attended the Christmas program at Faith Lutheran Church and School in which their granddaughter, Calee Brown, participated. Calee's parents, Kate and Jeremy also attended. Calee's group was the first of three groups to have programs during the afternoon. LaDonna ate supper with the Mathiesens at their home after the program.

Gene and Betty Dudgeon drove to Lincoln Saturday to have lunch with their daughter Sandra and husband Larry Wolf of Denver, Colo. They came to attend the graduation of their son Brandon Wolf from the University of Nebraska. Also attending were Brandon's sister Ashley and her husband Logan Belville of Doniphan. Everyone enjoyed lunch and visiting at a Lincoln restaurant after graduation.

It was a busy weekend for Loren and Audrey Else as they entertained a number of friends and family. They had an early Christmas celebration and they also celebrated Audrey and Loren's birthdays, Sally's birthday (although she was unable to attend) and Natalie Marsh's birthday. On Sunday morning they attended little Addie Marsh's Sunday School program at Grace Lutheran Church.

During church services next Sunday, Dec. 23, the congregation will celebrate Jesus' birthday with birthday cake. Christmas Eve service will be held at 6 p.m., on Dec. 24.

Historical Society News

The Thayer County Historical Society held its annual Christmas party at a cafe in Deshler on Wednesday evening.

Twenty three members and guests were in attendance to enjoy a good meal and a white elephant gift exchange. As usual the white elephants caused a lot of hilarity as the guests "stole" gifts from one another.

After the exchange Bob Reinke presented a funny taped program featuring country humor from Branson.

The next meeting will be held in January and more information will be published later.

LADONNA AVERS,
News Reporter

Bruning Woman's Club Holds Christmas Party

On Tuesday, Dec. 11, ten members and six guests enjoyed the Bruning Woman's Club single ladies' Christmas Party.

The meal was made and served by the Woman's Club members. Three delicious casseroles, many salads, and peppermint ice cream for dessert were served.

The members each brought three dozen homemade cookies and an assortment of cookies were given to the guests to take home. The members also had a cookie exchange.

The tables were decorated with red tablecloths and different kinds of Santas all painted by Marie Huber. At each place setting was a packet of hot chocolate with a cute poem and a candy cane with two marshmallows attached and decorated as a snowman's face and body. The candy cane is used to stir and melt in the hot chocolate.

Members and guests then enjoyed a time of singing

Christmas carols. Dr. Roger Bruning of Lincoln accompanied us on the piano. His mother, Delma Bruning, is a member of our club. He gave us a pop quiz, Part 1 was Name That Song and Part 2 was a list of seven Christmas carols and we all tried to guess which one was the oldest and which one was the newest.

Roger told us a short history of each carol and "The First Noel" was the oldest which was written in the 1500's. The newest carol was "White Christmas" written in the 1940's.

Roger also played many old songs such as "Somebody Stole My Gal" and "Dream a Little Dream of Me" while we all sang along. He also shared his early years of learning to play the piano and how he progressed as he got older.

Our next meeting will be Feb. 12, 2013, and Joan Langhorst is the hostess.

OLIVE VANDEWALLE,
Recording Secretary

Bruning Legion Auxiliary Meets

The December Bruning Legion and Auxiliary meeting was held on Monday evening with nine ladies in attendance. The meeting was opened with prayer by the chaplain. President Janelle Bruning led the business meeting.

She announced that Liz Rinehart had taken apples to the school for the faculty. Lois Norder offered to do a poppy tree display in the window at Norder Ag. She also expressed appreciation of the ones who took cookies to County Government Day in Hebron.

The District Convention will be in Ohio in February.

It was moved and seconded to do the Back Pack Project.

The Auxiliary decided to hold the December meeting next year on the second Monday at 11:30 a.m., at Betty's Place.

The meeting was closed with the chaplain reading a prayer. At this time Lois Norder and Anna Sell let us compete in a couple of games that were a lot of fun and tested our minds of some Christmas songs, etc. Very good. A delicious lunch was served by Donna Schweer and Janet Bentley.

LOLA JOHNSON,
Secretary



ACTIVITIES

Thursday, December 20: Mock tornado disaster drill.

Friday, December 21: End of first semester; dismissal for Christmas break, 1 p.m.; girls' and boys' basketball at David City Aquinas, 5, 6:30 p.m.

BRUNING

MENU

Thursday, December 20: Italian dunkers, broccoli, banana, strawberry shortcake, Wisconsin cheese soup.

Friday, December 21: Hamburger with bun, spicy fries, grapes, salad bar.

Salad bar served daily. Milk served with all meals. Menu subject to change.

DAVENPORT

MENU

Thursday, December 20: Ham slice, hashbrown casserole, peas, ice cream cup.

Friday, December 21: Polish dog, lettuce salad, baked beans, strawberries.

Fruit and vegetable bar served every day. Milk served with all meals. Menu subject to change.

Davenport Senior Dinners

Exercise Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 24: Closed for Christmas.

Tuesday, Dec. 25: Closed for Christmas.

Wednesday, Dec. 26: Thick 'n juicy burger, tomato soup, cheese stick, chunky fruit. *Scrabble.*

Thursday, Dec. 27: Savory pork chop, baked potato, green bean casserole, roll, birthday cake. *Cards or Mexican Train.*

Friday, Dec. 28: Creamed chicken on a biscuit, peas and carrots, sliced pears, cookie.

Meals served with bread, butter and milk. For reservations, call 364-2449 by 1:30 p.m., the day before.

Bruning

By Lola Johnson

An engagement party for Abby Bruning and fiancé, Dr Nick Branting, both of Portland Ore., was held at the home of Fred and Penni Bruning. Many guests attended to meet and get acquainted with Nick, and his parents. Nick's parents, Mr and Mrs Harold Branting of North Platte, were weekend guests. Guests toasted many well-wishes to Abby and Nick for their future together.



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Communications Workshop

Three Bruning-Davenport MS FCCLA students thought their peers needed a lesson on Communication. Sara Hinds, Kim Ardissono and Haley Pena Lopez presented two workshops which focused on the topic of Bullying to middle school students. They discussed how to communicate effectively with each other when faced with negative situations.

Identifying different types of communication comprised the first session. They presented examples of types of communication in the form of skits. The students were then asked to demonstrate to each other the types discussed. The second lesson dealt with how to let people know how you really feel with "I-messages." Students were encouraged to be assertive as well as tell an adult if they are being bullied. The middle school students modeled "I messages" with one another.

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Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

From Kathy, Brian and Kristen

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Warm Wishes at Christmas

Christmas is such a wonderful time because it brings family and friends together in celebration. We hope all your family and friends are able to gather together to share this very special time of year. Thank you for your business and Happy Holidays from our home to yours.

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A Ride Downtown...

Tom Currier was recently out for a ride downtown, accompanied by his dog.

Chester Senior Diners

Game night, Thursdays: 6 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 24: Closed for Christmas.

Tuesday, Dec. 25: Closed for Christmas.

Wednesday, Dec. 26: Thick 'n juicy burger, tomato soup, cheese stick, chunky fruit. *Christmas crossword.*

Thursday, Dec. 27: Savory pork chop, baked potato, green bean casserole, ice cream. *Christmas Wordfind.*

Friday, Dec. 28: Creamed chicken on a biscuit, peas and carrots, sliced pears, cookie. *Smiles.*

Meals served with bread, butter and milk. To make reservations, phone 324-5271 by 1:30 p.m., the day before you wish to dine.



Blue Valley Bowl Bowling Results

MONDAY MEN'S NIGHT EARLY (City)

High Team Scratch Series: Hebron Journal — 2311; Grant Worthington 249, Manny Motto 237, Chris Foutch 217; High Scratch Series: Grant Worthington 701, Kolby Finke 608, Manny Motto 606.

TUESDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S (Bowlerettes)

High Team Scratch Series: Price Funeral Home — 1620; High Scratch Game: Barb Whitley 176, Cheryl Tatro 174, Diane Jacobson 155; High Scratch Series: Wendy Michels 490, Mona Wehrbein 476, Marissa Wagenblast 447.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEN'S (American)

High Team Scratch Series: Holle Insurance — 2291; High Scratch Game: Brian Pavlicek 277, Manny Motto 258, Dennis Degenhardt 223; High Scratch Series: Brian Pavlicek 695, Manny Motto 622, Dennis Degenhardt 588.

THURSDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S (Rockettes)

High Team Scratch Series: Matt's Body Shop — 1724; High Scratch Game: Diane Jacobson 192, Toni Hintz 183, Janice Klaumann 178; High Scratch Series: Diane Jacobson 480, Janice Klaumann 476, Jill Spurling 470.



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Bruning State Bank donates toys...

Katrina Ozenbaugh and Jeff Hammer (l-r), representing Bruning State Bank in their 13th annual toy drive, donate toys to the Blue Valley Community Action in Hebron. The toy drive is done each year as a community service project for the Buck's Buckaroo Kids Savers Club. The bank accepts toy donations at their Bruning and Hebron locations and is excited to share the community's generous gifts again this year. BVCA FSA coordinator Ryan Bailey (r) accepts the toys.

THURSDAY MEN'S NIGHT LATE (Pinbuster)

High Team Scratch Series: Acreage Steakhouse — 2115; High Scratch Game: Glenn Hinz/Bryce Mammen 244, Gary Reinsch 224; High Scratch Series: Glenn Hinz 632, Bryce Mammen 609, Gary Reinsch 584.

FRIDAY SENIOR LEAGUE

High Team Scratch Series: DLB — 1234; High Scratch Game Men: Brian Francik 195, Fred Schmidt 167, Gary Corn 158; High Scratch Game Women: Linda Dudgeon 154, Laura DeVore 143, Sandy Waite 135; High Team Series Men: Brian Francik 496, Fred Schmidt 459, LeRoy Othling 398; High Team Series Women: Linda Dudgeon 413, Laura DeVore 379, Annabelle Nacke 362.

SATURDAY JUNIOR LEAGUE

High Scratch Game Boys: Keegan Casey 159, Shevin Solomon 146, Joseph Bower 129; High Scratch Game Girls: Lauren Schmidt 161, Leah Schmidt 81, Kaisha Solomon 80; High Team Series Boys: Keegan Casey 372, Joseph Bower 349, Nick Wassom 330; High Team Series Girls: Lauren Schmidt 433, Kaisha Solomon 208, Lacey Schmidt 201.

SUNDAY NIGHT MIXED

High Team Scratch Series: Split Happens — 1952; High Scratch Game Men: Brian Francik 231, Pat Kenner 217, Shaun Calkins/Curt Mumm 191; High Scratch Game Women: Nancy Vogel 202, Marissa Wagenblast 198, Deb Kenning 183; High Team Series Women: Deb Kenning 547, Nancy Vogel 520, Michele Modlin 509.



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Fantastic 4-H Friends elect officers...

The Fantastic 4-H Friends 4-H club met Dec. 9 at the Thayer County Courthouse club room where members elected the 2013 officers (l-r): They are News Reporter/Historian Kinzie Remmers, Treasurer Taelyn Virus, Secretary Trelby Virus, Vice-President Bailee Remmers, President Tashia Mumm. The 4-H'ers also made Christmas ornaments out of salt dough while others made Christmas t-shirts. Then the 4-H'ers went to Blue Valley Bowling. The next meeting will be Jan. 20, 2013.

Area Students Earn UN-L Degrees

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln granted degrees to some 1,500 students at commencement exercises Dec. 14 and 15.

Area graduates include: Cory Joe Voss of Bruning, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, bachelor of science in grazing livestock systems.

Nathan Daniel Poppe of Chester, College of Engineering, bachelor of science in mechanical engineering.

Heather J. Achterberg of Deshler, College of Arts and Sciences, bachelor of science.

Christopher Michael Long of Hebron, College of Education and Human Sciences, bachelor of science in education and human sciences.

Jenna Kristine Wiedel of

Hebron, College of Education and Human Sciences, bachelor of science in education and human sciences.

Thomas William Joachim of Hebron, College of Education and Human Sciences, bachelor of science in education and human sciences.

The graduates are from 34 states and 28 countries.

Chris R. Calkins, professor of animal science at UNL, gave the address at the graduate degree ceremony on Dec. 14. Jeff Zeleny, the national political correspondent for the New York Times, gave the address at the baccalaureate ceremony on Dec. 15; and Judge Michael W. Pirtle of the Nebraska Court of Appeals gave the address at the law ceremony on Dec. 14.

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Monday, Dec. 31st - Normal Banking Hours
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All 2012 business must be in by Dec. 31 at 12 pm.

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Holiday Tips To Deal With Loneliness

The holidays aren't joyous for everyone. Unfortunately, for some, holidays can be a lonely time, especially for those who are unable to travel to be with their family, who don't have a family, or who may have recently lost a close family member or friend.

"There are ways to celebrate the holidays to help avoid feelings of loneliness," said Scot L. Adams, director of the Division of Behavioral Health at the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. "It's OK to be by yourself." Tips for the holidays:

Help others. A strong remedy for loneliness is taking the focus off yourself to help others. Do you have an elderly neighbor who is alone and needs shopping done? Is there a soup kitchen in your community? What about the Red Cross, the homeless or battered women's shelters? Volunteering can help you have a sense of meaning and purpose. Recognizing that there are others in more chal-

lenging situations than your own can help put your life into perspective.

Stay in touch: If you can't be with family and friends because you're not able to travel, reach out to them on e-mail, Facebook or Twitter. Set up a Skype call on Christmas Day with family or friends. Maybe you have a friend who has no one to spend the holidays with. Talk about getting together and celebrating.

Reach out. If you feel isolated, seek out community, religious or other social events. They can offer support and companionship. Or visit a nursing home. You will find people there who may have no one to spend the holidays with. Spending time caring about another lonely person will go a long way toward eliminating your own loneliness.

Celebrate your solitude: This is your time to do what you want to do. Make a favorite treat. Read, play Christmas carols, and watch your favorite movies. Watch Charlie

Brown's Christmas, It's a Wonderful Life, A Christmas Carol, Home Alone, Scrooged or any movie that you love.

Don't drink. Alone and drunk is not a good combination. Chances are that you'll become emotional or depressed. Have some hot cider or egg nog instead.

"The holidays don't have to be lonely," Adams said. "Plan ahead to do things that will help make them a time of peace and good will."

Behavioral health resources can be found at the Network of Care on the DHHS website at www.dhhs.ne.gov/networkofcare. The Nebraska Family Helpline is another resource that is answered 24/7 at 1-888-866-8660.

Support for people with behavioral health conditions is available to help get through the holidays. Call the DHHS Office of Consumer Affairs weekdays 8 to 5 to get information on peer support at 1-800-836-7660.

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Sports



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BDS's Riley Tegtmeier (dark jersey) keeps Deshler's Caleb Vonderfecht from getting a loose ball Tuesday night as the BDS Eagles met the Deshler Dragons at Deshler. The Eagles eventually won the neighborhood clash 55-31.

BASKETBALL

Titans

Thayer Central picked up a couple of wins last week to boost its record to 4-1 as the season gets ready to take a break over the holiday vacation.

Heartland

On Friday night, the Titans hosted Heartland, winning a heated battle 48-44. "We were sluggish in the first half, but our aggressive defense kept us in it," said Thayer Central coach Clint Havel. "We trailed by nine starting the third quarter, cut that to three going into the fourth, and then took over in the fourth quarter. It was a very gutsy win against a solid Heartland team."

Three Titans scored in the double digits during the game including Macaulay Mumm with 13 and Kalen Wenske and Trent Tietjen with 12 each. Mumm also provided five rebounds and three steals while Tietjen put up three assists and grabbed four rebounds.

The team was 20-for-53 in field goals; 7-for-12 or 58 percent from the free throw line.

"This was our third win in a row where we came from behind in the fourth," Coach Havel added. "I love that about this team, the never say die attitude and the work they are putting in to be fresh in the fourth quarter."

Tri County

The next night, the Titans dominated against Tri County collecting their fourth win on the season, 49-23.

"We came out against them ready to play even though we had a couple of injuries and some sickness," Coach Havel said. "Our depth really showed as we played ten kids in the first half and led by 20."

Jay Cottam led the offense



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Thayer Central senior Macaulay Mumm (32) blocks Colton Siebert of Heartland Friday night as the Titans hosted the Huskies.

posting 15 points behind 5-for-5 treys. Trent Tietjen and Macaulay Mumm each provided 8 points; Tietjen controlled the boards with six offensive rebounds and three defensive rebounds while Mumm managed to snag three steals. Brian Looijer had perfect shooting from the charity stripe posting four points while grabbing four steals on the night.

"It was great to be able to get all the varsity players some good action and to put a team away early instead of playing to the last minute like we have so many times already," Coach Havel said. "As the head coach, I am extremely excited about how we have been playing."

The Titans were 18-for-58

in field goals for the night and shot 70 percent from the free throw line. The team was also good for 19 steals, two blocks 17 offensive rebounds and 14 defensive rebounds.

STATS

Titans (3-1): 09-10-14-15-48
Heartland: 12-16-04-12-44

MMumm 13, Wenske 12, Tietjen 12, Cottam 5, Looijer 4, Heitmann 1, Dightman 1.

Titans (4-1): 19-15-10-05-49
Tri Co: 05-07-05-06-23

Cottam 15, Tietjen 8, MMumm 8, Asche 5, CMumm 4, Looijer 4, Heitmann 3, Marsh 2.

Dragons host Eagles at Deshler

The Deshler Dragons hosted the BDS Eagles last week in a neighborhood battle that turned out a win for the Lady Dragons 42-19, and for the BDS men, 55-31.

Girls game

The Lady Dragons dominated a home contest against the Lady Eagles Tuesday night as a quick start, 19-4 in the first quarter, set BDS reeling. "They came out ready to play and attacked our defense," said Eagles coach Shana Gerberding. "We started off back on our heels and couldn't match their intensity."

By the halftime break, Deshler was 30-11 over BDS who fell further behind as the night wore on.

The Dragons were 13-of-32 in field goals and 4-of-6 from the line. Jensecena Hansen led the offense posting 19 points on the night.

For the Eagles who were 6-for-26 in field goals and 1-of-3 in charity points, Jill Schroeder led the effort with eight points.

The Dragons are currently 4-1 as they head into the holiday break while BDS is 4-2.

Boys' game

The first quarter was fast paced with the Eagles' Luke Christensen getting off to a quick start scoring seven of his 11 points early en route to an 18-12 lead as the clock ran down. Ryan Tegtmeier took over from there scoring 15 of the Eagles' next 16 points, pushing the lead to 34-23 at the half.

"Those two seniors are kind of a key to our success," said Coach Fred Kluck. "When

they play well early, we seem to play well as a team. The younger guys feed off of them."

The second half started at a much slower pace with both teams being deliberate in their offense and handling the ball better. The quarter ended with the Eagles up 40-25.

The Eagles were led in rebounding by Chris Rohr with six and in assists by Ryan Tegtmeier with eight to go along with his 22 points. Grant Norder had a team high three steals as well as six points.

Kyle Dlouhy led Deshler with 12 points while Brett Finke added eight.

The Eagles are currently 5-1 as they head into the holiday break. Deshler is 1-4.

STATS

Dragons (1-4): 12-11-02-06-31
Eagles (5-1): 18-16-06-15-55

Dragons: Dlouhy 12, Finke 8, Jones 5, JVonderfecht 4, Burger 2.
Eagles: Tegtmeier 22, Christensen 11, Remmers 11, Norder 6, Schoenholz 3, Ri Tegtmeier 2.

Lady Dragons (4-1): 19-11-04-08-42
Lady Eagles (4-2): 04-07-02-06-19

Dragons: Hansen 19, Schardt 10, Schmidt 6, Werner 4, Maschmann 3.

Eagles: Schroeder 8, Swartzendruber 4, Kleinschmidt 2, Mick 2, Hoins 2, Tegtmeier 2, Meyer 1.



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Deshler's Jensecena Hansen (light jersey) works against BDS's Jennifer Mick to hang on to her rebound Tuesday night as the Lady Dragons downed the Lady Eagles 42-19.

Eagles

The Eagles hosted Cross County at Davenport Friday night, defeating the Cougars 71-49. BDS roared out of the gates forcing eight first-quarter turnovers, as well as hitting five three-point shots enroute to a 25-10 advantage.

Throughout the night Luke Christensen hit five treys to tie a school mark. The senior ended the night with 20 points. "Luke likes to see zone defenses and Cross County stayed in theirs most of the night," said Coach Fred Kluck. "It's good to see his confidence is there and he's ready to shoot."

Other scoring came from Chris Rohr with 12 points; he also pulled down a team

leading five rebounds. Riley Tegtmeier led the team with nine assists to go along with his 16 points and five steals. Wyatt Schoenholz scored four points and Cody Garland and Ben Elznic added two each.

Lady Eagles

The Lady Eagles defeated conference opponent Cross County Friday night, 35-29, as the Eagles hosted the Cougars at Davenport.

"The girls came out with defensive pressure and played well," said Coach Shana Gerberding. "Although we need to knock down more shots and increase our shooting percentage."

The Lady Eagles were led by Jill Schroeder with 12 points; Matyson Kleinschmidt added seven.

The team was 8-of-37 in field goals while Cross County was 12-of-38. The Lady Eagles scored 10-of-17 free throws and made 3-of-6 three-pointers.

STATS

Eagles (5-2): 11-06-08-10-35
Cross Co: 04-04-10-11-29

JSchroeder 12, Kleinschmidt 7, KSchroeder 4, CMick 3, JMick 3, Swartzendruber 3, MSchardt 1, Hoins 1, Bentley 1.

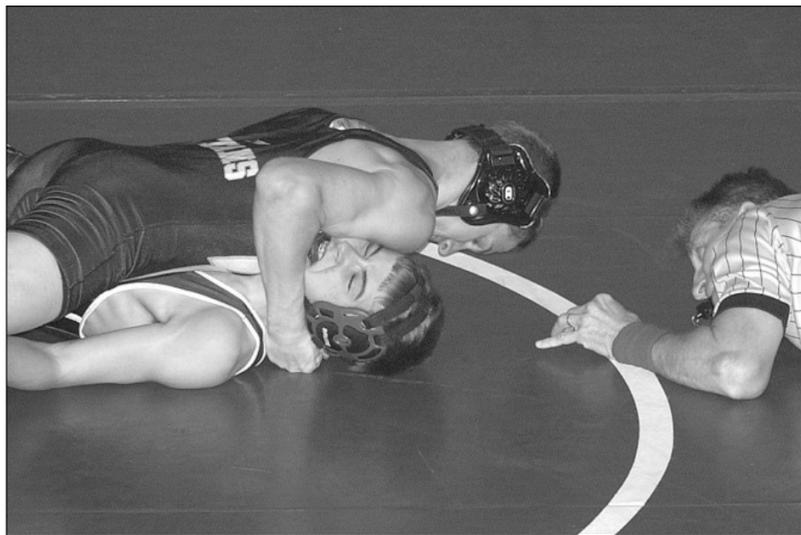


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Thayer Central volleyball announces post season honors...

Thayer Central announced the following honorees for post season honors for the 2012 volleyball season. Bridgette Baden was voted first team all-state in the Omaha World Herald and Lincoln Journal Star, first team all-Tribune and first team SNC all-conference. Kelsey Long and Tarryn Tietjen were voted first team SNC all-conference, honorable mention all-state and all-Tribune. Megan Bulin was voted second team SNC all-conference and Ashley Petersen was voted honorable mention SNC all-conference. Pictured above (l-r) are honorees: Long, Baden, Petersen, Tietjen, and Bulin.

Look for 2012-13 regular season basketball photos of the Titans, Eagles and Dragons following the season at hebronjournalregister.com.



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Thayer Central senior Clayton Hintz leads the Titans this season as he returns to the mats in his final year of wrestling. On Saturday against Auburn, Hintz went 4-0 to collect the championship in the 138-pound division. Above he is shown making a pin earlier this season in Friend.

Titans finish fifth at Auburn

Thayer Central wrestlers Clayton Hintz and Cody Krula snagged championships last Saturday as the Titan team traveled to Auburn for the Bulldog Invite.

"We wrestled well as we placed all five of the wrestlers that competed," said Thayer Central coach Brett Larson. "I think we slowed down during the finals and that is something we are going to have to adjust this week. Otherwise, anytime you can take five guys and finish fifth is a good day."

Senior Clayton Hintz led the way going 4-0 in the 138-pound division. In the final match of the day, Hintz pinned Colten McCauley of Bellevue West in 3:07 for the championship.

Also collecting a championship, junior Cody Krula, at 152, went 2-0 defeating both

Robert Peters of Council Bluffs Abraham Lincoln with a pin in four minutes flat and Dakota Anderson of Norris, 8-6.

Earning second on the day, senior Dalton Kenning, at 145, pinned Ryley LaVerne of Norris in 1:46 to advance to the final where he fell to Jake Corbin of Fairbury, 4-8.

Junior Jamie Lange, at 132, went 2-2 on the day to collect a fourth place finish. He fell in the final round to Russ Barber of Bellevue West 6-11.

And finally, sophomore Tyler Hergott, at 160, also earned a fourth place finish falling to Ben Rice of Norris in the final.

The Titans headed to a duel in Sutton Tuesday evening to round out the schedule prior to the holiday break. In the new year, the squad heads to David City, Jan 5.

Kohl Speaks At Farmers And Ranchers College Program



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Dr. Kohl interacted with over 150 participants and answered many questions producers had regarding the economy. This interactive Farmers and Ranchers College workshop provided timely information for agricultural producers and agribusiness professionals.

A Farmers and Ranchers College program featuring Dr. David Kohl from Virginia Tech was held on December 10 in Bruning with over 150 in attendance. This program provided producers and agribusiness professionals an overview of the current economic situation at from a global perspective and how farmers and ranchers can be sustainable for coming years.

Farmers and Ranchers Col-

lege is partnered between agricultural businesses and UNL Extension. The next program will be the Cow/Calf College on January 22, 2013 at the U.S. MARC near Clay Center.

It will feature a variety of agricultural professionals from UNL Extension, etc.

Questions can be obtained at the Fillmore County Extension Office at 402-759-3712 or more information can be found at fillmore.unl.edu.

T.C. Senior Of Week – Mumm

Thayer Central's Senior of the Week is Cody Mumm. Cody is the son of Gill and Jeanell Mumm.

Cody's favorite classes at Thayer Central are physics and calculus. His favorite food is pizza and Cody's favorite pastime is sports.

At Thayer Central, Cody has been involved in football, track, basketball, FBLA, and Mu Alpha Theta.

His advice to underclassmen is, "Enjoy your time in high school, and work hard to be the best you can."

Following graduation



Cody Mumm

next May, Cody plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and major in business.

Holiday Personal Finance Tips For Consumers

The holiday season can be stressful for Nebraska consumers, especially if the prospect of buying gifts will add to an already burdensome debt load.

"Careful planning and active communication are important tools to effectively managing personal finances, particularly if a consumer is struggling to make payments on their current debt obligations or being contacted by a debt collector," Nebraska Collectors Association President Steve Laws said.

- Plan and Budget: Holiday gift giving doesn't need to break the bank; after all, it's the thought that counts. Determine what you can reasonably afford, create a budget and plan for gifts, and stick to it. Keep in mind that purchases on credit will need to be repaid at some point in the future.

- Track your Spending: Keep tabs on how much you spend to help stay within the guidelines of your "holiday budget."

- Protect your Identity: Be careful about giving personal information including a credit or debit card number over the phone and online. Monitor your accounts and immedi-

ately report any suspicious or unauthorized purchases to your bank or credit card company. Consumers should monitor their credit and are entitled to a free credit report each year at www.annualcreditreport.com. If you believe your identity has been stolen, contact your local police department.

- Communicate with Creditors: Having trouble making payments on an existing debt? Contact the creditor to discuss alternative payment arrangements. It won't eliminate your debt but it can make things more manageable. Communication is particularly important if you are behind in payments to a creditor (e.g., credit card, loan, mortgage, medical) to avoid having the debt appear on credit reports.

- Communicate with the Debt Collector: In the event you hear from a debt collector, avoiding a letter or call won't make the debt go away. The reason for the contact cannot be resolved without the ability to communicate; whether it's to pay an owed debt, verify an alleged debt or confirm that the debt collector has reached the wrong person.

Meradith Joins Nebraska PSC As Executive Director

The Nebraska Public Service Commission recently announced that Steve Meradith will serve as its new executive director effective January 1, 2013. The chairman of the Commission, Rod Johnson of Sutton, said that "Steve's extensive knowledge of the telecommunications industry will serve the Commission well."

Steve has served as a consultant/lobbyist for Consortia Consulting, in addition to serving in various positions from 1980-2012 for Windstream Communications, Alltel Communications, Aliant Communications, Lincoln Telecommunications Company and Lincoln Telephone Company.

Meradith graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1979 with a bachelor of science in business administration. He served with the Nebraska Army National Guard from 1970-1982. He has served on the board of directors of the Nebraska Telecommunications Association, Missouri Telecommunications Industry Association, Aliant Credit Union, Cedars Youth Services

Foundation and the Nebraska State Stroke Association. He is also a past member of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Advisory Board, the American Institute of Certified Internal Auditors and the Downtown Lincoln Sertoma Club.

The Public Service Commission is comprised of five elected Commissioners and a staff of 41 employees with responsibility for regulating activities in the telecommunications, natural gas, transportation, grain warehousing, and manufactured housing industries.

The Commission administers the Enhanced 911 implementation for wireless telephone users, Telecommunications Relay System (TRS), Nebraska Universal Service Fund and Major Oil Pipeline Regulation Act. Meradith will be managing the staff under the guidance of the five member Commission.

Meradith succeeds Mike Hybl who was named chief of staff for Senator-elect Deb Fischer in Washington, D.C., after serving the Commission for five years.

Dangerous Driving Behaviors Make December Dangerous Month

Driving safety expert Doug Horn says motorists not only need to exhibit extra caution while encountering treacherous road surfaces and reduced visibility during the weeks ahead, they also need to stay on high alert for four dangerous driving behaviors, which he says could make December 2012 one of the most dangerous months ever for motorists.

"When accompanied by poor road conditions, these four dangerous behind-the-wheel behaviors combine into a perfect storm of risk for drivers," says Horn, founder of the driving safety program "Drive by Example" (www.drivebyexample.com).

The Winter Holiday's Four Most Dangerous Driving Behaviors:

1. Distracted Driving: "This includes driving while using cell phones for both talking and texting holiday messages to friends, co-workers, and family," Horn says. "It also includes driving while checking out store hours and locations using a smart phone to surf the web."

2. Impaired Driving: "Year end dinners, parties and celebrations typically involve consumption of alcohol, and in too many cases, use of drugs," says Horn. "An increase in the number of impaired drivers using the roadways during the winter holidays has been well-established by law enforcement, and the loss of life resulting from impaired driving is also well-established."

3. Pressured Driving: "The winter holidays typically bring with them increased pressures, especially financial pressures and the stress created by trying to do too much in a short time span. Drivers often react to these pressures by driving too fast for conditions, making aggressive lane changes, failing to yield right-of-way, and generally disregarding the needs and safety of others using the road," he says.

4. Fatigued Driving: "Increased driving and activities during the winter holidays often mean significantly reduced sleep schedules," Horn says. "According to a study by the AAA Founda-

tion for Traffic Safety, people who slept six to seven hours a night were twice as likely to be involved in a crash as those sleeping eight hours or more, while people sleeping less than five hours increased their risk four to five times."

Horn says it's not uncommon for a single driver to manifest all four dangerous driving behaviors at the same time, especially in the final 10 days of the year.

"Drivers in warm climates with good road conditions also need to be alert to these dangerous behaviors," Horn says. "During sunny days when roads are clear, drivers become 'risk averse' and drive faster while taking their attention off the physical activity of driving. Putting your vehicle on 'autopilot' is extremely dangerous at anytime of the year, but especially so during the holidays when traffic volume increases."

To help motorists stay accident-free over the holidays, Horn has compiled some tips for safe driving which he says can and should be used 365 days-a-year by every motorist:

Drive Alert: "This is especially crucial at intersections where failure to notice traffic control devices can result in violent collisions and pedestrian injuries," Horn says.

Drive Buckled: "The use of seat belts reduces risk of crash fatality by 45 percent according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Organization," Horn says.

Drive Cautious: "Drive at safe speeds for conditions, keep proper distance between vehicles, obey traffic signs, and signal all turns," he says. Resist the temptation to make a sudden lane change or another risky maneuver.

Drive Defensively: "When you drive alert, buckled and cautious, you are effectively protecting yourself, your passengers and other motorists against risk of violent collision, injury and fatality," he says.

Drive by Example: "When drivers model safe driving behaviors, they are in the best position to protect themselves, their passengers, and others on the roadway," Horn says.

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Stay Active During The Holidays

Alice Henneman, UNL Extension educator from Lancaster County says that we typically eat more and exercise less during the holidays. To help prevent our winter holiday season from coming "apart at the seams," here are tips to fit in some physical activity.

- It's a "shoe-in." As much as you can, wear running or comfortable walking shoes so you can get moving whenever there's an opportunity. Pop a casserole in the oven and head out the door for a walk or jog while it's baking. Park farther away and walk to your destination. Walk the mall before you shop the mall.

- Take the stairs. "In one minute, a 150 pound person burns approximately 10 calories walking upstairs and only 1.5 calories riding an elevator," according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (1). Remember this quote by Joan Welsh and take the stairs, "A man's health can be judged by which

he takes two at a time – pills or stairs."

- Clean your house. Get ready for holiday guests by setting aside several hours and really clean your house. Bending, squatting, running up and down stairs, standing while folding and putting away laundry, etc. all burn calories. Get workouts the old-fashioned way... by "working" out!

- Build activity into family visits and outings. Encourage house guests to bring workout clothes suitable for walking. Besides getting outside for exercise, both you and your guests can avoid the temptation of holiday leftovers lurking in the house.

- Fly with wheels (or a backpack). If you're flying during the holidays, use the time between flights to get in some activity. If time allows, walk to a far-away gate vs. taking a "people mover." Walk vs. wait at your gate until you can board your flight.

ABOUT LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Options for Tax Planning for Livestock Producers Due to the 2012 Drought Disaster Designation

The Drought Disaster declaration has given livestock producers options for deferring income from livestock sales in 2012. Tina Barrett, executive director from the Nebraska Farm Business Inc., recently recorded a webinar titled Livestock Deferral Elections (<https://connect.unl.edu/p78jadbuq92/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal>) highlighting these options and things producers should consider in light of current tax laws and possible future tax rate increases.

There are two opportunities for livestock producers to defer income due to livestock sales in 2012. The first is a one-year deferral of income from cattle sold in 2012 and not report that income until 2013. This opportunity is an option for all kinds of livestock; however, there are some requirements to be able to use this option.

First a producer must report income on a cash basis and, secondly, it must have been a normal business practice to sell livestock in the following year. For example, a producer would normally sell calves in January, but due to drought conditions, sold 2012 born calves in October; after having sold 2011 born calves in January of 2012. The income from the number of head of cattle sold in 2012 that would be eligible for deferral to 2013 would be based on the difference between the number of head that they have sold in 2012 and the three year average of the number of cattle sold in 2011, 2010 and 2009.

The second opportunity is for a deferral for breeding livestock. To utilize this opportunity, producers would need to calculate the normal or average number of sales of breeding livestock that they had over the past three years. Breeding livestock sold in 2012 in excess of the average of this number would be eligible for a four-year deferral during which the producer could purchase back like kind breeding livestock to replace those sold in 2012 due to the drought. If the drought continues and a producer is not able to buy back like livestock at the end of those four years, a producer could also use that money to buy equipment or other assets that would be used in the operation. Property such as land or real estate is not eligible as a buy back option.

Before taking either of the deferral options, you should visit with your accountant to see if utilizing either is to your advantage in 2012 or in future years. Since raised breeding livestock is currently taxed at capital gain rates of 0 percent or 15 percent depending upon your tax bracket, deferring gain on these sales for replacement with like breeding livestock will reduce the depreciable basis on them and also be reducing the amount of depreciation available to offset future self-employment income tax. It is likely capital gains tax rates are never going to be lower than they are now.

The other option that farmers and ranchers need to consider is income averaging. This tool averages the income in 2012 with the incomes from the prior three years. This tool can significantly reduce tax liability for some situations.

Each person's tax situation and goals is distinctive to them. Please visit with your tax accountant to evaluate what options are available to you and then make plans accordingly. This planning is best done prior to year end, giving you the opportunity to execute options that can help you manage tax liability.

Source: Aaron Berger, UNL Extension Educator at Panhandle Research & Extension Center.

Coming Events

UNL Beef Shortcourse: Dec. 20, 7 p.m., on NET2, Managing Calving – Dr. Richard Randle, Extension veterinarian, University of Nebraska

For further information on these or other topics contact Darci McGee, UNL Extension Educator for Nuckolls/Thayer counties in Nelson, 402-225-2381; Hebron, 402-768-7212 or email to: dmcgee5@unl.edu.

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

All clinics are closed Tuesday, Dec. 25
for the Christmas Holiday

holiday greetings



At this special time of year each of us can do something to help create a better world. Hebron is blessed to have many wonderful volunteers and organizations who continue to make Hebron a special place every day. Thank you to those who have given so much to make our community a better place to live.

Our community is very fortunate to have you among its circle of friends. We thank you our customers, our supporters and our volunteers for all you have done for the City of Hebron this past year. A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all.

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Greetings of the Season



Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and a New Year filled with Peace, Joy and Prosperity!

Holiday Hours
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