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Local business owners and city workers clear away drifts of snow Thursday morning following an overnight winter storm packing 3-4 inches of powder and 45 m.p.h. wind. The storm caused school and road closings across a greater part of the state Thursday.

Let it Snow!

By Jacque Rocole
Hebron Journal-Register

We haven't seen accumulating snow in Thayer County since February 4, 2012, but overnight Wednesday into Thursday morning a massive storm brought winter weather to the area. Most of the county was coated in 3-4 inches of snow, but a strong wind caused severe drifting that blocked gravel roads, city streets and highways.

While some see the winter weather as nothing more than work, others see it as a blessing for the moisture it presents. With the county deep in drought for the better part of 2012, any precipitation is considered welcome to area farmers.

Thayer County was thrust into a blizzard warning early Thursday morning; however, the storm did not hit until 7 p.m. Thursday evening when it started to snow in earnest. Rain began to fall at 1 p.m., but the temperature remained warm enough

to stop the precipitation from freezing.

While the county waited for the storm to arrive, areas north of here across the state were experiencing heavy snowfall carried on 35-45 m.p.h. winds. Interstate 80 remained closed from Lincoln to Kimball for most of the day on Thursday. Schools were closed across a major portion of Nebraska, including all Thayer County schools.

Blizzard-like conditions ruled the day especially northeast of here, and well into the afternoon, ice and snow packed U.S. 81 to the Interstate. Some areas in the state experienced loss of power, and while some noticed their lights flickering on and off, no large power outage was reported in Thayer County.

As of Friday afternoon, the National Weather Service was predicting another round of snow on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Join us as we take a look back

2012

This week we review January through June

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Each year the Hebron Journal-Register takes a look back as we prepare to head into another year of news worthy events. This week marks an end-of-the-year tradition as we begin our look back at 2012. In the first of two parts, we'll take a look at some of the happenings that occurred from January to June. Next week, we'll present the rest of the story (July through December).

January

The year began with postage going up a penny; the last raise occurred two and one-half years earlier. Stamps for first-class mail use the "Forever Stamp" meaning anytime patrons paste a "Forever Stamp" on an envelope, the U.S. Postal Service will accept and deliver the letter. The



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Discovery Channel storm chasers visited Hebron in May to monitor atmospheric conditions as severe weather was expected later in the day. Darin Brunin (l) and Brandon Ivey (r) were leading filmmaker Sean Casey "Tornado Alley" and three television cameramen from Spain into weather conditions conducive to tornadoes. The weathermen are shown with the Discovery Channel's tornado intercept vehicle (TIV), an armor-plated, bullet-proof tank. Storms did not hit the county on the day the chasers were in Hebron; however, a speedy hail storm rolled through four days later.

Forever Stamp will increase by one cent again in January 2013.

Robert Butler, former chairman

of Frontier Bank of Davenport and Kelly Holthus, president of Cornerstone Bank in York announced an agreement had been reached for Cornerstone Bank to purchase Frontier Bank of Davenport.

The first snow of the season fell in January with accumulations of 2.5 inches in Hebron tapering off to just trace amounts moving away from the county seat.

Hebron city leaders gave the Hebron Fire Department the go ahead to purchase a new ambulance. The Department decided to buy a new unit to fill a void left to the volunteer service after Thayer County Ambulance was discontinued.

February

Two new businesses opened doors in Hebron including Antiques, Art and Collectibles owned by Joane Thompson and Hebron Storage owned by Jim and Julie Stutzman. Both businesses continue operation today.

The season's second snowfall dropped nearly five inches of powder on Hebron February 4th. It was the last time the county saw any accumulating snow until last Wednesday's storm rolled through.

About 200 Thayer Central elemen-

tary students created valentines to make a difference in the lives of active and retired service men and women in Nebraska. Most of the handmade well-wishes were delivered to the VA hospital and retirement home in Grand Island while others were forwarded to the VA hospital in Omaha.

The Thayer County Feeders held their 48th annual banquet hosting nearly 400 guests to the festivities. Awards, scholarships and board appointments are made at the annual event.

February is American Heart Month and the Hebron Journal-Register looked at two heartwarming stories about young heart patients including 10-month-old Alex Vorderstrasse, son of Spencer and Ranae Vorderstrasse of Hebron, and 13-year-old Kylea Hintz, daughter of Rick and Ranae Hintz of Hebron.

MetalQuest Unlimited, Inc., of Hebron, was recognized at a White House and U.S. Department of Agriculture event recognizing manufacturing success in rural America. Owner Scott Harms participated in the event at the White House.

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Hebron girls and women celebrated the 100-year mark of Girl Scouts in March. In 1912, while sipping tea with widow Juliette Gordon Low, the first Girl Scouts were learning how to cook meals and care for babies. Today, at 100 years old, the organization boasts a record of progressiveness built on combining lessons in domestic know-how with outdoor adventures and technical skills aimed at teaching girls they can do anything.

Drivers receiving traffic citations
January-June

228

Issued through weigh scale

394

Dollars collected from citations issued
at the U.S 81 weigh scale
January-June

\$49,335

Reported accidents
January-June

39

Tidbits

Holiday tourneys...

Area High School basketball teams will head into holiday tourneys this week.

Both Thayer Central boys' and girls' teams will head to Adams to compete in the Freeman Holiday Tournament on Friday, Dec. 28 and Saturday, Dec. 29. Games begin at 2 p.m. on both days.

The Bruning-Davenport/Shickley teams head to Roseland to participate in the Silver Lake Holiday Tournament on Thursday, Dec. 27, and Friday, Dec. 28. Games begin at noon on both days.

Deshler basketball teams will head to Dorchester to compete in the Longhorns' tourney Friday, Dec. 28, and Saturday, Dec. 29. Games are scheduled to begin at 2:45 p.m., on both days.

Holiday hours

The Hebron Journal-Register will be closed Dec. 31-Jan. 1 for the holiday season.

Patrons are asked to plan their correspondence accordingly.

Pages of the Past...

From The Hebron Journal-Register

1882

130 Years Ago

December 26, 1882 Chicago markets: Corn 53 cents, oats 39 3/4 cents, wheat 93 1/2 cents, barley 80 cents, hogs mixed \$5.25 + \$6.10; cattle, good to choice shipping \$5.10 + \$5.90.

A number one blacksmith is wanted by J.C. Helfrich.

The impressive Christmas exercises at the Catholic church were largely attended.

C.M. Wetherald has commenced the erection of a dwelling house on his farm.

S.L. Wright of Chester sold an average of \$68 worth of toys per day last week.

Farmers generally are through with their fall work and ready for winter any time.

C.P. King of Carleton is a candidate for Sergeant at Arms of the house of representatives.

Burns and scalds are immediately removed by an application of dry soda covered with a wet cloth, moist enough to dissolve it.

Cards are out for the marriage ceremony of Miss Grace Orcutt, formerly of this place and J.M. Turner at Walnut, Iowa.

J.J. Malowney was offered \$5,000 for his farm of 320 acres, between this town and Belvidere. There was only \$1,000 difference in opinion.

John J. Holcomb has purchased a fine Spanish Merino buck, lately shipped from Vermont. It is a pure blood with a pedigree, and was purchased of Mr. Casewell of Vermont who also sold two to John Cropsey.

D. Samoisette was arrested by a deputy United States marshal last week, and taken to Omaha on the charge of selling tobacco without paying internal revenue license. The acts are simply these: Mr. Samoisette raises his own tobacco. A neighbor having a sick horse was given some leaf tobacco for medicine, whereupon some officious individual reported to the government that Mr. Samoisette was selling without a license. Of course Mr. S. was promptly released from arrest on his arrival at Omaha, there being no cause of action found, but was a sufferer by being subjected to the annoyance, loss of time, and expense involved in his compulsory trip to Omaha. There ought to be some way to punishing malicious informants.

Doctors Bristol and Morrow performed a surgical operation on Eddie Whitzel, affected with decaying, was placed on a table and put under the influence of chloroform. Three incisions were then made in the flesh and the bone exposed. The diseased portions of the bone were then cut off. The patient, who exhibited considerable courage during the preparation for the operation, is doing as well as could be expected.

As one instance of the gross injustice perpetrated on some of our citizens by the Knevals' claims, we cite the case of James Hartley of Carleton. He has preempted, homesteaded, commuted his homestead, lived on the place 11 years, paid a large amount of taxes and yet Mr. Knevals today claims his land.

1892

120 Years Ago

The small boy is happy these days when he can hitch a pony with sleigh bells to a sled with a cracker box for a seat and take a sleigh ride.

Chairman E.R. Garvin of the board of county commissioners was the recipient of a plush upholstered chair. The donors were the democratic officials of the county and the presentation remarks were made by County Superintendent D.T. Scoville.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bennett gave a reception at their elegant home, "Maplewood Farm" in honor of Miss May Bennett, their daughter the occasion being the 18th anniversary of her birthday, and her formal introduction to society. Over 100 invitations were sent out and but very few regrets received.

Never before in the history of Hebron had there been such an immense holiday trade as

that which preceded Christmas 1892.

The managers of the Columbian party report over 100 in costume Monday evening. After the grand march a large number participated who were not dressed a la 1492. The event is told in great detail, listing all of the participants and the costumes they wore. Miss Lula Correll was Queen Isabella, G.W. Wasson was King Ferdinand and Dr. C.M. Sutherland was Columbus.

Davenport

C.W. Walker of Strang has invited and patented a typewriting machine.

The little son of Mr and Mrs. Chas. McLeese has been very low with lung fever. Dr. Easton was to see his little grandson and patient.

The man who owns a sleigh is considered lucky. He who doesn't is envious.

Stoddard

Wonder who will get our post office. We suggest Boss Asherman if E.G. Scoville, E.B. Stauber or H.H. Sisson do not want it.

Hubbell

Col. Kissick of the Burlington is engaged in preparing his annual statement of the business done at this point for the past year. He says there have been nearly 1,000 cars of grain, cattle, hogs, stone, etc., shipped from here — a larger business than the road had ever done in any previous year.

Belvidere

W.R. Whitaker of Gage County, this state, who recently purchased the Witte farm two miles northwest of town, arrived in the city over the B&M with his car last Tuesday.

Carleton

The plans and specifications for Elias Lichty's new brick block are under consideration and will be explained to any one calling on him at W.W. Lichty's drug store. To make the block larger and add some metropolitan improvements Elias would not object to taking in a partner. Here is a chance to make a well paying investment.

Alexandria

E.N. Averill has built a coservatory on the south side of his house, which, filled by plants and flowers is very pleasing to the beholder.

Mrs. J.T. Shreve was visited by her brother, the noted John W. January, of southern prison fame, on last Sunday. He has just returned from South Dakota where he has purchased a farm and was on his return to Illinois.

Editor's Note: The following is reprinted from the web site of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. The back of the illustrated card (a photo of him, after his release from Andersonville prison and a photo of him later in life with his prosthetics) reads:

"John W. January joined the 14th Illinois Cavalry in June of 1864. He was a prisoner of war at Andersonville Ga., and Florence S.C., for about 16 months by (not legible) of scurvy superinduced by starvation he lost - his feet - which he himself heroically amputated with a pocket knife. No surgeon in prison being willing to perform the operation. He arrived at David's Island N.Y., a mere skeleton weighing but 45 pounds, and after seven months treatment in hospital was restored to bodily health, all things considered, Mesr. January's case is perhaps the most notable example of nerve and body suffering in the annals of the man he is yet October 26, 1900 living, the father of a large family." He passed away on November 29, 1906, at the age of 60.

1902

110 Years Ago

Harvey Ford of Hubbell went to Lincoln the first of the week to look over the field preparatory to entering on his legislative duties.

Owing to slush ice, the river was gorged above the dam yesterday and the water flowed out across the road. The mill men broke the gorge just as the water had got even with the first floor.

C.R. Brown has purchased the Blue Line Dray business of Sam L. Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter will farm the Nathan Blakely place formerly occupied by Mr. Brown, eight miles east and seven south of

Hebron.

The citizens of Belvidere were aroused by the cry of "fire" and found the building occupied by Sidney Selover as a store, in flames. The fire caught from the flue and stove pipe and despite the exertions of the citizens the building was soon burned to the ground. Nearly all the contents were carried out and saved. Extra exertions of the people saved the Williams' Livery Stable near the burning building.

1922

90 Years Ago

(The Bruning Banner)

Twenty-four men in friendly argument started war on the rabbits in this vicinity the other day. It was settled yesterday afternoon when nimrods from the country and village chose sides. Twelve men went west of town and the balance to the east. The sharp-shooters going west returned with 70 jackrabbits, 21 cottontails and one crow. The east bunch returned close second with 65 jack and 20 bunnies. The climax of the hunt was an oyster supper at Nellie's Hotel last evening at the expense of the losing dozen — and a bad day for the rabbits.

1932

80 Years Ago

The four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beisner, unfortunately cut off one of his fingers when whirling the wheel of a trailer. The finger became caught between the wheel and a rod.

Davenport

Lester Urbauer, who has been in Kansas City for the past six months, studying the undertaking profession, has returned home and is working at Roy Scott's.

A skating pond has been made south of Main Street and the old as well as the young are enjoying some fine skating there.

Alexandria

The infant son of Theodore Gaston passed away Friday evening at the age of 13 days.

(The Bruning Banner)

Following the Christmas cantata at the Community Church in Belvidere, Helen Zong, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zong and Charles Raymond Wylie, youngest son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. Bruce Wylie, were married by the groom's father.

1942

70 Years Ago

(The Bruning Banner)

A declaration of intention to buy 1,480 acres of land which includes crops and damages in Fillmore and Thayer counties on which the Bruning Air Field is constructed was filed in federal court recently by Secretary of War Harry L. Stimson.

1952

60 Years Ago

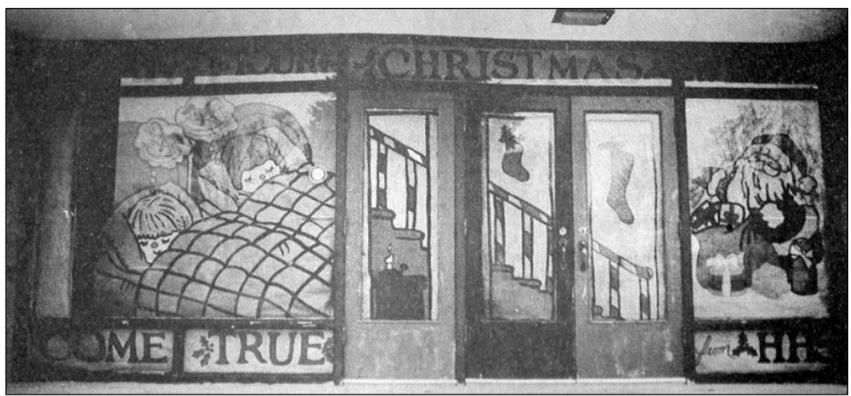
(The Bruning Banner)

Pvt. Antone Nelson has been officially listed as killed in action in Korea November 27. He was 18 in July. Many here will remember "Tony" who made his home with his cousin, Lewis Reimann and family for a year and a half.

About 13 inches of snow fell here during the past week — three inches on Friday and 10 on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bruning are the parents of a son born December 21 at the Hebron hospital. He has been named Fred Douglas.

Darrell Messman has accepted a position with the sales



J-R File Photo

This Week 1982... Hebron High School's front doors and windows are now in the holiday spirit with the annual decorations created by students in Art II and III classes. Michelle Kleen's design was chosen from among 15 student submissions to the He-Hi student council. The design was enlarged on paper, painted with tempera and oiled to make it translucent. Students joining in the timely project included: Kim Mumford, Leann Walters, Shane Wey, Mike Brewer, Becky Cline, Phil Contatore, Stan Geertz, Deb Hergott, Ken Hoapill, Packy Majeski, Robin Williams, LeVeta Wentz, Lori Schardt, Dianne Ernst, Debbie Goeking, Kelly Hintz, Melody Naiman, Shelly Van Cleef, Sally Wagner and Tom Kripal.

force of the Ralston Purina Co., of St. Louis.

1962

50 Years Ago

In a recent note from Mrs. Emil Bohling of Stoddard, she stated "We all enjoy the paper each and every week. Always look forward for Thursday's mail. Everyone in our town takes your paper. How's that for a record?" Stoddard has a population of "one" family.

Hebron's Kent Beachler was tabbed the player of the week in the Tribland player award given by Doyle Smith, Hastings Tribune Sports writer for his "ball of fire activities" against Wilber. He collected 33 points to spur the He-Hi Bears on to a 66 to 39 win.

Footo Oil Co., and Footo Cafe have moved to their new building and Port of Entry on the new Highway 81 section.

"Almost 17 million people in our nation receive social security benefits every month," said A.F. Silber, district manager of the Lincoln Social Security office. Are you one of them? Even if you are not, it's possible you should be.

1972

40 Years Ago

Henry Wagner, a resident of Blue Valley Nursing Home

1992

20 Years Ago

James Swenson was named

the new administrator of the Blue Valley Lutheran Homes. He and his wife, Nancy moved to Hebron from Phoenix, Ariz.

Thayer County farmers were struggling to bring in the harvest. Late maturing grain, rain, snow and ice have delayed the normal completion date.

Mark and Amelia Bergt of Deshler were honored at a 70th wedding anniversary celebration.

2002

10 Years Ago

Lawrence and Phyllis Traudt were the first place winners in a surprise holiday decorating contest held by the Hebron Chamber. The Traudts had been adding to their display for 30 years.

Chris Cording of Hebron was the winner of the Veteran's of Foreign Wars annual "Voice of Democracy." His speech "Obligations of Freedom" was forwarded to the national competition.

Approximately 40 people gathered in Chester to help Hazel Hartley celebrate her 92nd birthday.

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J. Richard Callahan and Winifred K. Callahan to J. Richard Callahan and Winifred K. Callahan. NE1/4 NW1/4 Section 27, T2N, R1W.

Russell S. Reinke and Sharon L. Reinke to Prairie In LLC. SE1/4 SW1/4 W1/2 SE1/4 SE1/4 Section 16, T1N, R4W.

Robert G. Baxa and Diane R. Baxa to Robert G. Baxa and Diane R. Baxa. E1/2 SE1/4 (Each an undivided 1/2 Interest) in Section 25, T1N, R2W; SW1/4 (Except a Tract) in Section 33, T1N, R2W; SE1/4 Section 24, T2N, R3W; W1/2 NE1/4 (Except a Tract) in Section 8, T2N, R2W; Pt W1/2 SW1/4 Section 9, T2N, R2W; SE1/4 NE1/4 E1/2 SE1/4 Section 8, T2N, R2W.

Jean Smith and Lynn Smith to Robert L. VanWesten and Debra K. VanWesten. N1/2 NE1/4 Section 14, T4N, R2W.

Lonnie L. Wiedel and Christine A. Wiedel and Beneficiary of Like-Kind Exchange Trust Agreement, to Bruning State Bank Trust Department. NW1/4 Section 35, T3N, R2W.

Jean L. Jacobitz to Lonny L. Jacobitz, Connie J. Fedlicka, Bonnie I. Bergmeyer and Catherine L. Jacobitz. (Undivided 1/2 Interest) in NE1/4 Section 22, T2N, R2W; NE1/4 Section 15, T2N, R2W; PT N1/2, S1/2 NW1/4 Section 15, T2N, R2W; N1/2 SW1/4 SW1/4 Section 15, T2N,

R2W.

Steven L. Heinrichs Revocable Trust to Bruning State Bank Trust Department. SW1/4 Section 35, T2N, R3W.

Linda L. Wolfe and Kenneth D. Wolfe; Jimmy C. Harrold and Mary Beth Harrold; Carla J. Ketchmark and Carla J. Ketchmark to Elting Farms. SE1/4 Section 21, T4N, R1W.

Henry C. Naiman Estate; Jerrel E. Cook, Personal Representative, Robert Watkins, Personal Representative, to Jerrel E. Cook and Robert Watkins. (To each an Undivided 1/16 Interest) in SW1/4 Section 36, T3N, R1W.

Jerrel E. Cook and Evelyn Cook to Cook Family Trust, Jerrel E. Cook, Trustee and Evelyn L. Cook, Trustee, (An Undivided 1/8 Interest) in SW1/4 Section 36, T3N, R1W.

Frank L. Bruning, Fred D. Bruning, Trust Officers for Bruning State Bank Trust Department, Trustee Under Like Kind Exchange Trust, to Lonnie L. Wiedel and Christine A. Wiedel. SW1/4 Section 35, T2N, R3W.

Frank L. Bruning and Fred D. Bruning, Trust Officers for Bruning State Bank Trust Department, Trustee Under Like Kind Exchange Trust, to Robert D. Marsh and Cheryl A. Marsh. NW1/4 Section 35, T3N, R2W.

Leah L. Krotz and Kara K. Fintel, Trustees of the Curtis B. Fintel Irrevocable Trust, to Leah L. Krotz and Kara K. Fintel. (Undivided 1/2 Interest) in NE1/4 Section 8, T1N, R4W; (Undivided 1/2 Interest) in NE1/4 Section 9, T1N, R4W; (Undivided 1/2 Interest) in N1/2 SW1/4 NE1/4 N1/2,

Pt S1/2 NW1/4 Section 16, T1N, R4W.

Jeanne Kuhlmann and Justin A. Kuhlmann to Jeremy W. Heitmann and Elisabeth J. Heitmann. Lot 1 in Block 4, Original Town of Byron.

Laverne M. Bauer and Selma K. Bauer to Carmen Cisneros and Karry L. Staley. Lot 9, 10, 11, 12 in Block 15, Original town of Chester.

Rosemary H. Dageforde to Rick D. Dageforde NW1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4 Section 19, T2N, R2W; NW1/4 N1/2 SW1/4 Section 30, T2N, R2W; NE1/4 Section 11, T1N, R3W (Except those parcels conveyed to the State of Nebraska).

Deloris Riley to John R. Penry. Lot 10 in Block 1, Original Town of Chester.

Dwayne A. Elting and Beverly R. Elting to Dwayne A. Elting. SE1/4 Section 32, T4N, R3W; S1/2 NE1/4 S1/2 SE1/4 Section 13, T3N, R4W; NW1/4 Section 11, T3N, R4W.

Dwayne A. Elting and Beverly R. Elting to Beverly R. Elting. N1/2 SW1/4 SW1/4 Section 7, T3N, R3W; NW1/4 Pt N1/2 SW1/4 (The North 1/2 of the SW1/4 and the NW1/4 Section 18, T3N, R3W; N1/2 NE1/4 Section 13, T3N, R4W.

Beverly R. Elting and Dwayne A. Elting to Beverly Elting R. Revocable Trust. SW1/4 Section 7, T3N, R3W; NW1/4 Pt N1/2 SW1/4 (The North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southwest Quarter and the NW1/4 Section 18, T3N, R3W; Dwayne A. Elting and Beverly R. Elting to Shelley R. German. SE1/4 Section 32, T4N, R3W; Dwayne A. Elting and Beverly R. Elting to Tracy A. Elting. S1/2 NE1/4 W1/4 SE1/4 Section 13, T3N, R4W.

Dwayne A. Elting and Beverly R. Elting to Yvette M. Percival. NW1/4 Section 11, T3N, R4W.

Roy E. Polage, Roy E. Polage, Jr.; Gary A. Polage, Blaine L. Polage, Janis K. Powledge and Kathi A. Franz to Loren W. Else and Audrey J. Else. Pt S1/2 NW1/4 Section 32, T4N, R2W.

Loren W. Else and Audrey J. Else to Roy E. Polage, Jr., Gary Alan Polage, Blaine Polage, Janice K. Powledge and Kathi Ann Franz. Pt S1/2 NE1/4 Section 32, T4N, R2W.

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Hebron Senior Dinners

Monday, Dec. 31: New Year's Eve. Clam Chowder, round wheat roll, carrot sticks, pineapple upside cake.

Tuesday, Jan. 1: CLOSED. NEW YEARS DAY.

Wednesday, Jan. 2: Pork fillet, mashed potatoes and gravy, pea salad, sliced peaches.

Thursday, Jan. 3: Lasagne, garlic toast, lettuce salad, brownie.

Friday, Jan. 4: Chicken nuggets, potatoes O'Brien, Scandinavian veg., fruited gelatin.

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.

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December Is National Drunk Driving Prevention Month

December is National Drunk Driving Prevention Month. The goal is to raise awareness of the risks associated with driving under the influence. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), it is estimated that one-third of all traffic-related deaths were the result of alcohol-impaired driving crashes.

In 2011, the United States saw the lowest number of roadway deaths in over six decades. However, there were still 9,878 alcohol related highway fatalities last year. In the last two weeks of December alone, 395 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes. Each of these deaths is one too many because they didn't have to happen.

Don't become a statistic this holiday season or in the New Year. Driving after drinking alcohol is a serious concern, especially around the holiday season when many of us attend parties where alcohol is readily available.

If you're hosting a party this holiday season, take steps to keep your friends safe and make sure no one from your party drinks and then drives. To help reduce the risk of alcohol-related driving accidents this holiday season, use these tips to help you and your friends stay safe:

- Let your guests know ahead of time how you feel about drinking and driving and their need to be responsible about their alcohol consumption.
- As guests RSVP, remind them of the importance of a designated driver.
- Plan activities to engage your guests and take the focus away from drinking.
- Provide plenty of high-protein foods, like cheese and meats, to help slow the absorption of alcohol and to keep guests from drinking too much on an empty stomach.
- Avoid salty snacks like potato chips and pretzels that can cause guests to drink more.

Thayer County Health News
By Joyce Beck, CEO
Thayer County Health Services

• Offer unique, non-alcoholic beverages, or "mocktails," for designated drivers and others who prefer not to drink alcohol.

• If preparing an alcoholic punch, use a fruit juice instead of a carbonated base that speeds the absorption of alcohol into the blood stream.

• Make sure you have designated drivers or plan to drive intoxicated party goes home yourself.

• If necessary make arrangements for guests who have drank too much to stay over.

Remember if you are the host, you are responsible for the safety of your guests, and in some cases, their actions when they leave your party. Good hosts don't drink too much. They also never serve alcohol to someone under the legal drinking age. If you have underage guests, keep all alcohol in a central, visible place, where they can't "sneak" a drink. Never ask children to serve alcohol at parties. If possible, don't let guests mix their own drinks. If a guest is drinking too much, offer to refresh their drink with a non-alcoholic version.

If at all possible, stop serving alcohol 90 minutes before the end of the party. You can always end the party by serving coffee and dessert. This will help give your guests time to get sober before leaving. Responsible holiday hosting helps to ensure that you and your guests have fun celebrating, but also staying safe and avoiding senseless tragedies. Planning ahead will help insure everyone at your party has a safe and Happy New Year.

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BRIDAL BOUTIQUE

Origins of Bridal Customs

Chances are those who have attended a wedding have witnessed some popular traditions take place. The bride wears a veil, a court of wedding attendants accompanies the bride and groom, and birdseed, rice or flower petals are tossed. But have you ever wondered why? The wedding customs are ripe with tradition and harken back to days when superstition and myth often ruled the day.

- * Throwing rice: Today it has become de rigeur to blow bubbles, toss birdseed or release doves when the bride and groom leave the house of worship newly betrothed. That's because savvy individuals found that raw rice can pose a hazard to birds pecking in the area. However, rice throwing is an old custom that dates back to the Middle Ages, when wheat or rice were thrown to symbolize fertility for the couple.
- * Bouquet: Nowadays, the bride carries a beautiful bouquet of flowers. But the purpose of the bouquet held different meanings in the past. Saracen brides carried orange blossoms for fertility. Others carried a combination of herbs and flowers to ward off evil spirits with their aroma. Bouquets of dill were often carried, again for fertility reasons, and after the ceremony, the dill was eaten to encourage lust.
- * Bridesmaids: There may be arguments over dresses and how many bridesmaids to have in a wedding party now, but in ancient times it was "the more the merrier." That's because bridesmaids were another measure to keep the bride safe against evil spirits. Essentially the bridesmaids were decoys for the spirits -- dressing like the bride to confuse the spirits or maybe help deter them to leave the bride be.
- * Wedding rings: Wearing of wedding rings dates back to ancient Egypt. The round shape of a ring symbolizes eternal love. The ring is worn on the fourth finger of the left hand because it is believed this finger has a blood vessel that goes directly to the heart.
- * Wedding cake: The traditional wedding cake evolved from Roman times when the cake was originally made from wheat. It was broken over the bride's head to ensure fertility. All of the guests eat a piece for good luck. Single women used to place a piece of wedding cake under their pillows in the hopes of finding their own husbands.
- * Father accompanying the bride: This tradition symbolizes that the bride's father endorses the choice in husbands and is presenting his daughter as a pure bride to that man.
- * Kissing the bride: In older times, a kiss symbolized a legal bond. Therefore, the bride and groom kissed to seal the deal on their betrothal.

There are many traditions surrounding a wedding that people simply accept. But understanding their origins can make the ceremony more meaningful.

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2012 in review...

Continued from front...

Thayer Central senior wrestler Trevor Hartley won the Class D championship in the 182 weight division at the 2011 State Wrestling meet.

March

Rural development experts and government dignitaries from Turkey toured the Blue Valley Lutheran Homes Courtyard Terrace and MetalQuest.

Thayer County Community Theater kicked off its 50th anniversary with "37 Postcards."

Gov. Dave Heinemann put county commissioners on edge after announcing he'd like to eliminate inheritance tax. Several counties in Nebraska use the funds to balance

budgets. Thayer County keeps the funds in reserve for emergency situations, but will use it for the budget if absolutely necessary. The threat went by the wayside in 2012, but could possibly resurface in 2013 as the Legislature convenes.

Changes began at the Pioneer Center. The old meeting place was completely gutted to make way for a total overhaul. Even the name was changed to the Hebron Activity Center in an effort to modernize the facility's mindset.

April

Thayer County Commissioners began to back pedal on a courthouse renovation project as costs began to skyrocket following an inspection by

the state fire marshal. Today, after completing the window replacement phase, the rest of the project is literally in the waste bin as the commissioners look at other options for improvements.

Bruning Grain and Feed of Bruning received the Nebraska Corn Board's Elevator Industry Appreciation Award.

The Lyle Olson farm, located one mile north of Alexandria, lost a two-year-old storage bin and the roof to a shed as a series of spring storms rolled across Thayer County.

An invasion of army cutworm moths swept across the county on the wings of an early



JR File Photo/Scellin

An EF1 twister hit the Randy and Penny Williams farm in rural Davenport during a severe storm May 2. Volunteers in the way of family and friends showed up the next morning to help secure the house and clean up debris. No one was hurt in the storm that hit at 10 p.m.



JR File Photo

The Thayer County Mutual Aid Association attended training at the Hebron airport in April. Star Care pilot Mick Sager (shown on the helicopter) conducted training aimed at helping Star Care in transporting ill or injured patients when ground transportation is not an option.

spring season.

The Blue Valley Care Home in Hebron was recognized as one of the "Best Nursing Homes in Nebraska." U.S. News and World Report gave the recognition.

May

Husker football assistant coach Ron Brown spoke to approximately 75 FCA and high school students in Deshler.

The Village of Belvidere received \$25,000 from Union Pacific Railroad for construction of a train viewing station near the tracks running through town. The station has since been built and will be dedicated sometime in 2013.

Russell Heitmann of Hebron won the state Poetry Out Loud competition advancing to the national competition in Wash-

ington, D.C., while a junior at Thayer Central High School. At the national competition, Heitmann finished in the top nine.

The Bruning-Davenport/Shickley Lady Eagles earned the runner-up trophy at the 2011 State Track and Field competition in Omaha. The BDS team competed in the Class D division.

June

The first signs of severe drought began to emerge as Thayer County was tagged as abnormally dry by the U.S. Drought Monitor. During the month of June, 64 percent of the state was under moderate to severe drought conditions. Thayer County had not reached that point yet.

Hebron and the surround-

ing area was placed in a heat advisory as the temperature continued to soar into the high 90s and break the century mark.

Local Pony Express Association members conducted the 151st re-ride.

An outbreak of blue-green algae closed beaches and discouraged swimming in several area lakes. As the drought worsened and water levels decreased, the algae continued to prosper. Extreme heat exacerbated the situation.

Farmers were harvesting wheat in June, about three weeks ahead of usual.

Several Thayer County locals competed in the first ever Warrior Dash in Nebraska.

Next week we'll visit the second half of 2012.



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Five volunteer fire departments fought a field blaze on a Sunday afternoon in May on Dove Road near the Hebron dam. The fire that threatened three Hebron homes and outbuildings, was thought to have started from downed power lines. Fueled by 40 m.p.h. winds and dry grass and bushes, the blaze raced toward the homes of Kelly Elting, Dick Walsh and John Musgrave. Hebron, Belvidere, Gilead, Chester and Deshler fire departments worked the blaze.

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Oak

By Phyllis Schmitt

Last Tuesday, Lola Biltoft met Jayne Pohlmeier in Davenport for lunch. In the afternoon, Lola visited Verda Bussell and Verna Coxbill, both of Edgar.

Donna Gillan was a Hastings visitor on Monday.

Phyllis Schmitt attended the Thayer Central Band Concert in Hebron Monday night, in which grandson, Peyton Schmitt participated. She also stopped at the hospital to see grandson, Landon Schmitt, who had an appendectomy earlier in the day.

Tuesday morning, the Nelson Rubies met for breakfast at the Old Bank Coffee Shop. Phyllis Schmitt and Donna Gillan attended.

Pat Brusseau and Cloma Corman went Christmas shopping on Tuesday. Cloma was a supper guest of Pat and Dick that evening.

Gaylen and Jackie Cox attended the Sandy Creek Christmas program Tuesday night in which grandsons, Bayley and Hunter Cox participated.

Donna Gillan attended a Christmas brunch at the home of Muriel Follmer Thursday morning.



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*** ALEXANDRIA ***

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Lana Likens, Lay Pastor
Sundays: Worship, 10 a.m.;
Sunday School, 11 a.m.

*** BELVIDERE ***

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Eldon and MaryBeth Nicholson, Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 30: Worship
9 a.m.

*** BETHEL ***

BETHEL CHURCH
Jim Hubble, Pastor
www.bethelccn.org
Sunday, Dec. 30: Sunday
School, 9:15 a.m.; worship,
10:30 a.m.

*** BRUNING ***

TRINITY LUTHERAN
Stuart Sell, Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 30: Sunday
School, 9 a.m. Worship, 10
a.m.

UNITED METHODIST

Mike Anderson, Pastor
Sundays: Worship, 9 a.m.

*** BYRON ***

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
Interim Pastor Tom Miller
Sunday, Dec. 30: Worship,
10:30 a.m.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN RURAL BYRON

Interim Pastor Tom Miller
See St. Paul, Byron.

*** CARLETON ***

ZION LUTHERAN
Rev. Jonathan K. Jensen
Sunday, Dec. 30: Worship,
9:30 a.m.

*** CHESTER ***

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN
Rev. Timothy Prince, Vacancy Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 30: Worship,
10:30 a.m.

*** DAVENPORT ***

CHRIST'S LUTHERAN
Amy Krejcarek, Pastor
Sundays: Sunday School, 9:30
a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Ron Shields, Pastor
Sundays: Sunday School, 9
a.m.; worship, 10 a.m.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN

Timothy Prince, Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 30: Sunday
Service, 9 a.m.; Bible Class/SS
at 10:15 a.m.
New Year's Eve, 6 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST

Mike Anderson, Pastor
Sundays: Worship, 10:30
a.m.

*** DESHLER ***

ABIDING WORD LUTHERAN
George Latner, Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 30: Worship,
10:30 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 31: New Years
Eve Worship, 5:30 p.m.

PEACE LUTHERAN

Phillip Nielsen, Pastor
Wednesday, Dec. 26: Blue Val-
ley Care Home Chapel, 11 a.m.
Saturday, Dec. 28: Worship,
6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 30: Sunday
School for all, 8:45 a.m.; Wor-
ship, 10 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 31: New Years
Eve worship, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 1: No Worship.
Happy New Year.
Wednesday, Jan. 2: Annual
Report Deadline. Newsletter As-
sembly, 1 p.m.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN

Brian Francik, Pastor
Wednesday, Dec. 26: Chapel
@ Parkview Haven, 3 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 28: Bulletin fold-
ers and newsletter assembly,
1 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 29: Chrismon
Workshop at DLS, 9 a.m.
Sunday, Dec. 30: Worship,
9:30 a.m.; SS & Adult Bible
Study, 10:45 a.m.; 5th Sunday
potluck hosted by the Elders,
11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 1: New Years
Day Service, 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, Jan. 3: DLS re-
sumes, DLS chapel led by Pastor
BJ Fouts, 9:15 a.m.

*** FRIEDENSAU ***

TRINITY LUTHERAN

B. J. Fouts, Pastor
Monday, Dec. 31: New Years
Eve service w/communion, 7
p.m.

*** GILEAD ***

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

Connie Raess, Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 30: Sunday
School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11
a.m.

*** HARDY ***

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

Interim Pastor Tom Miller

*** HEBRON ***

FAITH LUTHERAN

Brian Francik, Vacancy Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 30: Worship

FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH

Steve Speichinger, Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 30: Sunday
School, 9 a.m.; worship, 10
a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Connie Stone, Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 30: Worship,
10:30 a.m.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Keith Brozek, Pastor
Wednesday, Dec. 26: No
Confirmation class.
Friday, Dec. 28: "Men of
Grace" breakfast at Mary's Cafe,
6:30 a.m.
Saturday, Dec. 29: Worship,
6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 30: Worship, 9
a.m.; Coffee fellowship; "Psalms
of Grace", 11 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 2: NO Con-
firmation class
Thursday, Jan. 3: Holy Com-
munion at assisted living, 9 a.m.;
Holy Communion at 10 a.m. Blue
Valley Lutheran Home.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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HEBRON & CHESTER UNITED METHODIST

Mark Baldwin, Pastor
Saturday, Dec. 29: Worship,
7 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 30: Worship in
Hebron, 9 a.m.; Sunday School
in Chester, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday
School in Hebron, 10:15 a.m.;
worship in Chester, 11 a.m.

KING OF KINGS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Darrell Sutton, Pastor
Tuesdays: Service, 7 p.m.
Sundays: Worship, 3 p.m.;
Sunday School, 2 p.m.; first and
third Sundays of month.
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casts Sunday mornings, 10:45
a.m., KRVN Radio 880, 11:30
a.m. to noon; Friday on HCTV,
4:30 p.m.

NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY

Tim Boatright, Pastor
Wednesdays: Kids On The
Move, 7 p.m.; Bible study alternat-
ing Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Sundays: Every other Sunday,
men's Bible study, 9 a.m.; wor-
ship, 10:30 a.m.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC

Father Rudolf Oborny, Pastor
Every evening at 8 p.m.:
pray one minute for religious
freedoms.
Wednesday, Dec. 26: NOCCD
classes
Saturday, Dec. 29: Mass, 6
p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 30: Choir, 8:30
a.m.; Mass, 10 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 31: NO RCIA
instruction; New Years Eve Mass,
6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 1: New Years
Eve Mass at 10 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 2: NO CCD

HEBRON BIBLE CHURCH

Jeff Friesen, Pastor
www.hebronbiblechurch.org
Sundays: Sunday School, 9
a.m.; worship, 10 a.m.
Wednesdays: Pioneer Club,
6:30 p.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.
Thursdays, prayer time, 9
a.m.

*** HUBBELL ***

ZION LUTHERAN

Rev. Timothy Prince, Vacancy Pastor
Sunday, Dec. 30: Worship,
8:30 a.m.

*** OAK ***

FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH

Keith Brich, Pastor
Sundays: Sunday School, 9
a.m.; worship 10 a.m.; prayer
meeting, 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: Men's Bible
study, 7 p.m.
Fridays: Women's Bible study,
2 p.m.
First Saturday: Men's break-
fast, 7:30 a.m.

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TC Clerk Rauner Receives Achievement Certificate



Courtesy Photo

Thayer County Clerk Marie Rauner (center) receives her Certificate of Achievement from the NACO Institute of Excellence in Kearney during its annual conference.

Twenty-eight county officials from 17 counties, including Thayer County Clerk Marie Rauner, received a Certificate of Achievement from the NACO Institute of Excellence.

The officials were honored during a presentation at the Nebraska Association of County Officials' annual conference in Kearney earlier this month.

The NACO Institute of Excellence is collaboration between NACO and the University of Nebraska. It provides leadership development for appointed and/or elected county officials.

The institute includes face-

to-face workshops and online training. The workshops are presented in North Platte and Lincoln. The 2012 sessions were taught by faculty from University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension, the UNL Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication and the UNO Center for Public Affairs Research.

Since 2010 the Institutes of Excellence have been open to all county officials. Information and registration materials for the 2013 program can be found on the Nebraska Association of County Officials website, nacone.org.

SE Nebraska Respite Network Offers Grants

Applications for special project grants to develop and enhance local respite programs in southeast Nebraska are due to the YWCA-Lincoln office by Friday, Jan. 11, by 5 p.m., according to Misti McInteer, YWCA respite coordinator.

The Southeast Nebraska Respite Network has \$20,000 available for use by local programs who meet funding eligibility guidelines. Agencies and organizations receiving funds must support the goals of the Nebraska Respite Network. Applications are available by calling McInteer at 402-434-3494, extension 103, or emailing misti@ywcalincoln.org.

McInteer said funds have been used in the past for summer camps for children and adults with disabilities, care for the elderly, community collaboration to provide several hours of respite care during one day, and the expansion of other respite projects serving children or adults with developmental disabilities.

"Respite services help care-

givers and those they serve achieve their goals in how and where they want to live," she said. "We're looking to support new and existing programs that provide caregivers a temporary break in the care of persons with special needs. Respite programs help caregivers to recharge their batteries, especially those who are not able to pay for respite services."

Applications need to be dropped off or mailed to McInteer at: YWCA, 2620 O St., Lincoln, NE 68510-1339.

She said organizations in the following counties may apply: Lancaster, Gage, Saunders, Cass, Otoe, Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee, Richardson, Butler, Seward, Saline, Jefferson, Thayer, Fillmore, York and Polk.

The Southeast Nebraska Respite Network is funded in part by a federal grant to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services from the Administration on Aging.

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