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Tidbits

Letters to Santa will run in the Dec. 19 issue

The Hebron Journal-Register will publish letters to Santa in the Dec. 19 issue.

The deadline to forward letters to the North Pole is Dec. 12.

Area children not yet in school or homeschooled are encouraged to get their letters in by the deadline.

He-Hi Alumni banquet May 25

The He-Hi/Thayer Central Alumni committee held their 2019 organizational meeting.

Elected officers are Yvonne Wiedel Long, president; Susie Timmerman, vice president; and Cathy Wiedel, secretary.

The 2019 Alumni banquet will be held at the Stastny Community Center May 25.

Plans are being made to honor graduating classes ending in years four and nine.

The committee is in the process of scheduling entertainment. The committee noted the 2018 entertainment was enjoyed by all.

Members are hoping for good attendance in 2019.

The banquet is not just for honor classes. Any graduate of Hebron High School is welcome to attend.

Volunteers are needed and the committee is hoping for representatives and input from Thayer Central graduates.

For more information, contact Long at 402-768-2105.

Theatre to present, "Oceans of Grass"

The Majestic Theatre will present, "Oceans of Grass" Dec. 6. Local schools have been invited to private showings in the afternoon.

The public is invited to showings at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

After the 3 p.m., public showing, there will be a question and answer session with the director of the film, Georg Joutras.

The movie is an opportunity for communities to see the treasure of the Sandhills through a documentary, and to speak with the director.

Joutras captured a year in the life of a 130-year old ranch, and the ranching lifestyle.

Donations from Hebron businesses made it possible for the theater to offer the movie showings for free.

Gilead to host Santa Dec. 8

Santa Claus will visit Pioneer's Inn in Gilead Dec. 8 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be a mule-drawn buggy for rides.

The public is welcome to this free event.

Hebron Majestic Theatre
402-768-6061
- Cinema I -
7 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m.
The Grinch
Rated PG
- Cinema II -
7:30 p.m., Sunday 2:30 p.m.
Bohemian Rhapsody
Rated PG-13

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday
Movies subject to change
Check the website at
www.hebronmajestic.com



Incoming Mayor Doug Huber presented a gavel to outgoing Mayor Shane Day, who served Hebron for eight years. Huber also recognized outgoing city councilman, Larry Fangmeier, with a plaque. Fangmeier was on Hebron's city council for 32 years. Incoming councilman, Kyle Timmerman, served at his first meeting Monday evening.



Lewis pleads not guilty in shooting

At least seven law enforcement officers from Thayer and Jefferson counties were inside and outside the Thayer County Courthouse Tuesday for the arraignment of Michael Lewis, who pleaded not guilty to use of a deadly weapon and first degree assault in district court.

Lewis, 21, now of Jansen, shot Remington and Reuben Elting at his Hebron residence in the early morning hours of Oct. 27. Reuben Elting was critically wounded and flown to a Lincoln hospital. Remington Elting was pronounced dead at Thayer County hospital.

Lewis then gave a statement to the Nebraska State Patrol, which assisted the Thayer County Sheriff's Office in the investigation.

The maximum sentence for each felony is 50 years in prison. Lewis is currently out on a \$150,000 bond. His address is listed as Jansen.

The Elting brothers' parents, Kurtis and Susie Elting, were in the courtroom as Lewis entered his plea.

County attorney, Dan Werner noted eight state patrol investigators worked the case, thus, numerous reports were made.

Werner said no further charges have been filed because he hasn't seen the reports.

Lewis's attorney, Ben Murray, said the depositions of Reuben Elting and Chance Gerdes should begin next month.

According to Lewis, Gerdes was the first person to come to Lewis's front door that morning and he tried to force his way in. Lewis said he grabbed his firearm after he was able to lock the door.

His next court date is Feb. 5 at 9:45 a.m. District Judge Vicky Johnson is presiding.

Brandt: Honesty is the best policy

New Dist. 32 Sen. Tom Brandt went through orientation at the legislature last month for 11 freshmen senators who will take office Jan. 9.

Brandt said they listened to experienced speakers and attended workshops to familiarize themselves with the legislative process. He was invited to the Thayer County Commissioners meeting Nov. 21.

"Everyone, democrats and republicans alike, got along well. We need to emphasize everyone is there to help people, whether they're democrat or republican," he said in an interview after the meeting.

Senators get along 80 percent of the time, he said. It's that 20 percent where they need to find common ground.

"You feel like something is going to happen. You certainly hope that is the case," Brandt said. "People in the district are excited."

Brandt jumped ahead of outgoing Sen. Laura Ebke, who has served the district since 2014, in the Nov. 6 election, collecting 8,050 votes to her 6,243. He had 56.32 percent of the vote. Ebke had 43.68.

In Thayer County, 2,265 votes were cast out of 3,815 registered voters. Voter turnout was 59.37 percent, according to the Nebraska Secretary of State's website.

Brandt spent election night at the DeWitt American Legion.

"We had people who had walked and made phone calls, contributors and well wishers from all over the district," he recalled. "It's a lot more fun being on this side of Nov. 6 than being on the other side."



Dist. 32 Sen. Tom Brandt

He's glad the election is over because it signifies moving forward.

Camdyn Kavan, who was part of Brandt's campaign and is the programs director for the Nebraska Farmers Union, will join Brandt as his legislative aide at the state capitol.

"He's very sharp. He spent a lot of time working on issues at the capitol," Brandt said.

Beth Dineen will be his administrative assistant. She is currently working for Sen. Bob Krist and will bring 18 years of legislative office experience to Brandt's office.

"She's really excited because this is her district, technically," Brandt said. Dineen is from Exeter.

Last week, he didn't know where his office would be, but he said the telephone number for Ebke, 402-471-7211, will also be his office number.

"They (constituents) need to contact the office if they have a concern, and the office needs to respond. We are focused on constituent care," Brandt said.

By the time he spoke at the commissioners' meeting, Brandt had met every senator but one. He said he learned about the experience, families and districts of sitting senators during the orientation at the Lied Lodge in Nebraska City.

"It was a very relaxed atmosphere," he said. "They had a lot of advice for freshmen. The biggest themes were be yourself and be honest with people."

Being honest is critical as bills circulate through the legislature. Senators should tell their peers if they decide to support or not support bills.

"If you change your mind, tell them," Brandt said.



Photo courtesy of Rhonda Mumm

Cast and crew perform "Selfie"

The cast of "Selfie" placed third out of eight schools at the C1-4 District play production competition held in Geneva Nov. 28. Cast members were seniors, Dakota Cherney, Maggie Harris and Yong Wang; juniors, Addison LaFrance and Destiny Poisel; and sophomores, Chloe Hintz, Kelly Mumm and Kinzie Remmers. Receiving Outstanding Acting recognition from the judges were Harris, Wang, Hintz, Mumm and Remmers. Crew members included seniors, MaryRuth Dodes, Dylan Fischer, Sierra Hatcher, Sequoia Heinrichs, McKenzie Johnson (understudy) and Holly Timmerman. Staff members, Ryan Waters, Hugh Clark, Rick Gillham and Wade Vernon created the set. Cherney compiled the selfie video projected in the background during the play. The students were under the direction of Amy Harris and Wade Vernon. Two separate performances for the public and students of the play were given Nov. 27-28.

Board to oversee pool survey

The Hebron City Council will have the park board work with Jana Tietjen and Norris Public Power on a survey for residents regarding the future of the Hebron pool.

The survey will most likely be available to residents after Jan. 1.

"I would like to see the survey out first," Mayor Doug Huber said. He wants the community to have a say before the council moves forward.

The 1930's Hebron pool structure has been showing its age for a while now, according to an evaluation by JEO Consulting Group, Inc., covering the pool's current condition and possibilities for the future.

A list of deficiencies were in the draft report, which also noted the structure came up short on disability regulations.

Recommendations for the future were compiled by past reports, talks with the city staff and onsite investigations.

Pointed out in a summary was the pool's 5-foot depth line is at

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~Obituaries~

Krukemeyer, Annette, 59

Pages of the Past...

From The Hebron Journal-Register

1888

130 Years Ago

It is rumored that gambling is being carried on to a great excess in this city. The place of resort is well known and the officers of the law should look into the matter as such proceedings are in open violation of the criminal code.

Samuel Gaston, of Gilead precinct, informs us he is one of the William Henry Harrison veterans of 1840. He cast his first presidential vote for the hero of Tippecanoe, and says that the political enthusiasm and excitement of that time was greater in proportion to the number of votes than he has since witnessed. He lived then in western Pennsylvania, which at that time was new and sparsely settled, but everybody took an interest in the election.

1898

120 Years Ago

No information available.

1908

110 Years Ago

From the Carleton Leader: Mr. P. H. Graves of Shelton died last week very suddenly, having been stricken with apoplexy. Mr. Graves was the husband of our good friend Bea Waterman...A number of our young men have entered into a signed agreement not to drink any intoxicating liquor for one year. A noble resolve and if kept will save many a dollar and sick headache...J. L. Burtis bids fair to become a multi-millionaire, a gushing oil well having been found only one half mile distant from his land in Oklahoma.

From the Byron Blade: Lightning struck the steeple on St. Peter's Church last week, doing about \$50 worth of damage...George Poppe received word from his brother John, who has been visiting in Germany since last May, that his health is much improved and that he will start back to America soon...August Kutcher, six miles northeast of town, is another of the many farmers who must have more room to house his crops and stock and is this week hauling out lumber for a new barn.

From the Davenport Journal: A. H. E. Shultz returned this week from a two months trip to Germany...W. H. Jennings and daughter Edith, left Tuesday night for Columbus Junction, Iowa, where they go to spend a few days with relatives and friends at the homestead where his father settled in 1854. He will also attend a reunion of the famous Crocker brigade of

which he was a member, to be held at Oskaloosa. They will return by way of Van Meter and make a visit with friends, where Mr. J. lived for 19 years before coming to Nebraska.

1918

100 Years Ago

Geo. A. Marolf on Tuesday received a message from his father at Sheridan Lake, Colo., announcing the sad news that his brother, Robert Lee Marolf, died Sept. 28, of wounds received in action.

The three-month-old infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Frey passed away Tuesday at the Jacob Frey home, where the mother has been staying during her husband's absence in France. The little one was laid to rest in the Carleton cemetery.

F. G. Gaston and family were summoned to Funston by the death of their nephew, Fred Reinke, from measles and blood poisoning following the flu. The funeral was held at Marysville, Kans.

Last Friday afternoon a number of persons were summoned before the County Council of Defense in response to explain slackness in buying Liberty Bonds or contributing to the War Fund drive.

Alfred Cowdin describes a battle in the clouds in France in this issue.

Earl Kiene of Deshler writes about his experiences in France. He is now on his way home.

1928

90 Years Ago

(The Alexandria Argus) Peter Nun reports the loss of a new bee hive, bees and honey, which was stolen from his place last week. Mr. Nun says he does not care so much about the bees or the honey, but would like to have his new bee stand returned.

The Nebraska State Bank of Ohio has been closed and taken over by the state department Tuesday. The bank was closed after it was learned the cashier had disappeared Sunday morning. A \$12,000 shortage already has been found in the bank's accounts.

Can Bros. delivered a new Ford truck to "Twink" Hawks of Bruning last week. Chas. Cane and Mr. Hawks autoed to Omaha after the truck.

1938

80 Years Ago

(The Bruning Banner) The storm Saturday afternoon did considerable damage in this vicinity. Damage to buildings was reported at the home of Mrs. Anny Snyder, E. P. Dill farm home, School District 48, Floyd

Else farm, Wm. Lamm's, Ortman's, Dittbrenner's, Paul Deepe's, and Beutlers...Silk dresses, Latest Styles, \$2.95, Millie Horn...Word was received here that Conrad Scharmann of Omaha, a retired Union Pacific official, died on his 71st birthday in a North Platte hospital. He was a resident of Belvidere in his young manhood...Miss Marion Morrison will assume duties as assistant instructor in the Lincoln School of Commerce.

1948

70 Years Ago

(The Bruning Banner) Henry Lentfer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Lentfer of Strang, has returned home following his discharge from the Army. Lentfer has been with the military police in Heidelberg, Germany, the past three years since his re-enlistment. Mr. and Mrs. Lentfer will make their home in Lincoln.

Bruning firemen extinguished a fire at the Bruning Oil Company filling station late Friday afternoon before any damage resulted. While filling an underground storage tank from a transport, escaping fumes from the vent drifted into the nearby garage where Ted Paul was welding, the result was an explosion and a searing fire raging from the vent. Pressure from continually filling the tank from the truck kept the fire from going underground and was soon cooled and smothered by firemen with high-pressure fog. Proprietor John Henkel remarked, "I wouldn't have given a dime for the whole works when I saw that fire take off."

1958

60 Years Ago

(The Bruning Banner) Belvidere: A rock and roll party was held Thursday evening in the community hall for Susan Summers, who moved with her family to Alexandria during the weekend.

Dedication services for Davenport's new school building are set for this Sunday afternoon.

1968

50 Years Ago

Volunteer workers and staff members began moving into the new Thayer County Memorial Hospital. Volunteer workers included Rob Heider, Bruno Fangmeier, Dorwin Reimmers, Steven Fangmeier, Milford Bringer, Bernard Wiedel, Doug Wiedel, John Lillich, H.A. Bice, William Baloun, Art Juedes, Jack Stewart and Montgomery-Tibbets-Cotter plus the entire hospital staff. The last to be moved were the 16 patients and



J-R File Photo

This Week 2008... The Hebron City Council welcomes new members...The Hebron City Council met in regular session Monday night finishing up old business as 2008 comes to a close. New board members including Jay Bauer, ward 1, and Beth Goldhammer, ward 2, were then welcomed to join discussion of new items. Pictured above (l-r) board members and city officials include: Lyle Pfingsten-ward 3, Kurk Wiedel-ward 3, Joe Murray-city attorney, Jean Nagey-city clerk, Mayor Randall Hergott, Jay Bauer-ward 1, Rich Koch, ward 1, Larry Fangmeier-council president and ward 2, and Beth Goldhammer-ward 2. A complete roster of committee and board assignments can be viewed at the City Office.

kitchen equipment.

Markets: Corn \$1.03, milo \$1.54, wheat \$1.26, eggs \$.26, pullet eggs \$.16, cream \$.59 and hens \$.04.

1978

40 Years Ago

The Belvidere home owned and occupied by Jeanette Ortgies and family was demolished by fire. Fire units from Belvidere, Hebron and Bruning were at the scene of the blaze but the fire was too far out of control upon their arrival. The family was not at home at the time of the fire and lost all their possessions.

The Bruning and Hebron fire departments were called to Bruning Grain and Feed Co., where a grain dryer was destroyed by fire. Approximately 700 bushels of milo were damaged by heat and water.

Clarence Wright ended an eight-year reign as mayor of Hebron. Lloyd Schepler took over as the city's mayor.

Thayer County Extension Agent Marvin Sefrna received a distinguished service award.

1988

30 Years Ago

An old one-room schoolhouse located on US Highway 136 five miles east of Hebron near Gilead was moved to the grounds of the Thayer County Museum in Belvidere. The school was moved by Alvin Hopken of Bruning in just over three hours. Plans called for the schoolhouse to be restored to its original condition at a future date.

The designation of US Highway 81 as the state's primary north-south expressway was an important

first step to the highway becoming a four-lane expressway.

The Hebron City Council named Larry Fangmeier as the new council president. Fangmeier of the city's Ward II, replaced outgoing president Connie Behring.

The Carleton Benjamin Franklin Stamp Club met with Lindsey Smith, Jani Nippert, Ryan Krupicka, Jessi Werner, Nicole Heinrichs, Lance Zeleny, Jordan Dowdy, Kristle Kenley, Tony Bonin, Tamara Stutzman and Scott LeMaster attending.

1998

20 Years Ago

Almost 6,000 old tires were turned in from all communities in Thayer County during the county's "tire amnesty" day. Arnold Ehlers, coordinated the drop-off. The tires were baled for use in preventing soil erosion. It took a full three days to get the 200,000 pounds of tires baled and removed.

The stork made an early delivery to Mary and Lyle Eliot of Haddam, Kan., when little Kaden Marcuz was born en route to a prenatal appointment at the Hebron medical clinic. They stopped at Pioneers Inn in Gilead where Kaden was born in their car.

After more than 40 years in the ministry, Pastor John Trittenbach, was retiring. He was serving Presbyterian churches in Alexandria, Deshler and Hebron.

2008

10 Years Ago

An electrical fire caused significant damage to the home of Clayton Hergott last week, the day before Thanksgiving. Hebron vol-

unteer firefighters answered the 911 call at 4:54 p.m. Hergott, who lives alone, was not home at the time and no injuries were incurred at the scene.

First on the agenda for the Hebron City Council as it sewed up old business Monday night was passage of Ordinance 813, better known as the "no fluoridation" bill. Voters voiced the desire to oust the Legislature's required addition of fluoride to water systems in Nebraska towns with populations of 1,000 or more. Included in the Legislature's recommendation was the option to take the matter to the polls where voters could choose to stop the addition. Hebron voters chose not to add fluoride to the City's water system.

The Thayer Central Players head into C1-1 district competition at Nebraska City today. Monday night, the troupe presented its one-act, "Too Many Doctors," to the public following a Thayer Central pep rally kicking off the winter sports seasons. Other schools included in the C1-1 competition include HRTS, Johnson County Central, Lourdes Central Catholic, Malcolm, Palmyra, Tri County and Wilber-Clatonia.

Deaths & Obituaries: Arlene Hoops; June Zimmerman; Irene Brackley; G. S. "Jerry" Wittenberger.

Pastor Connie Raess was ordained by Bishop David deFreese on Oct. 12 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Byron. Raess graduated from Pacific Theological Seminary in Berkeley, Calif.

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Galen Postier vs. Jaden Buresh. Negligence, vehicular.

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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
Ronald Horn. Driving under the influence, first offense, \$500, seven days jail, six months revocation, interlock.

Jesus Lopez Chavez, Lincoln. Possess marijuana one ounce or less, \$300.

Aron Kidwell, Hebron. No proof of insurance, \$100; Drive under suspension, \$100, three months probation; No valid registration, \$25, three months probation.

Nebraska State Patrol
Tami Vandergriff, Crockett, Texas. Speeding, \$25
Celso Cardona, Cold Springs, Texas. Speeding, \$125.

Grant Savage, Lubbock, Texas. Speeding, \$125.

Jeffrey Downing, Elkhorn. Speeding, \$25.

Andrew Carter, Tulsa, Okla. Speeding, \$75.

Mitchell Kruse, Cawker City, Kan. Speeding, \$25.

Ryan McCarty, Grand Island. Speeding, \$25.

Jordan Musselman, Katy, Texas. Speeding, \$25.

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Village of Belvidere to Aaron Friedley and Stephanie Friedley. Part of Block 5, First Addition of Belvidere.

Carol J. Lichty, Personal Representative of the Estate of Michael D. Lichty, Deceased to Carol J. Lichty, Trustee of the Michael D. Lichty Revocable Trust. S35 T4N R3W (undivided 1/2 interest) SW 1/4; S35 T4N R3W (undivided 1/2 interest) Pt W 1/2 SE 1/4.

Village of Belvidere to Kelly Wagner and Denise Wagner. Lot 2, 3 in Block 20, Original Town of Belvidere.

Sarah J. Derienzo and Christopher A. Derienzo, Trustees or their Successors in Trust, Sarah J. Derienzo Living Trust to Kent E. Tietjen. S33 T1N R4W Pt SW 1/4.

Denise K. Robeson, Personal Representative of the Estate of Kenneth Kerwood, Deceased to Christopher B. Pavelka Jr. S8 T4N R2W Pt NE 1/4 Pt of Irregular Tract 2 of Rural, Thayer County.

December is safe toys and gifts month

It's the holiday season, and that means toy-sharing and gift-giving are in full swing. But before you give that special child a new toy, it's important to stop and consider: Is this toy safe and age-appropriate?

Unfortunately, thousands of children are hurt or even killed each year due to an interaction with an unsafe or developmentally inappropriate toy. December is known as Safe Toys and Gifts Month in order to create a happy, healthy, and safe gift-giving experience for all involved.

Here are some tips on how to observe safe toys and gifts month:

1. Inspect toys before purchasing: Look for sharp points, edges, and parts that can fly off. Also, check for durability should a child attempt to break, crush or pull toys apart. Furthermore, do not give toys with ropes, cords, or heating elements, and make sure crayons and markers are labeled "non-toxic." Finally, it is important to NEVER give small toys with removable magnets or "button" batteries. These can cause serious injury or even death if ingested.

2. Make sure the toy is age-appropriate: Not every toy is meant for every child. Keep in mind the child's age and development level (most toys offer an age range for guidance). If shopping for infants and children with special needs, look for toys that appeal to the senses (sound, light, movement, texture, etc.) And, finally, remember the rule: If the piece can fit in a toilet paper roll, it is not meant for children under three years of age.

3. Spread the word: Even the best parents can get it wrong. That's why it's crucial to share your knowledge about unsafe toys with fellow parents, grandparents, babysitters, etc. You can also use the hashtag #safetoy on social media.

4. Remember that toy hazards are real and that the manufacturer isn't the only one to blame. Each year more than 40,000 accidents occur involving unsafe toys. Faulty design isn't the sole cause of toy-related deaths and injuries. Usage and chance also play significant role in these incidents.

Safe toys and gifts month is important because it alerts

Health News

Thayer County Health Services

us to choking hazards, emphasizes child supervision, and makes us pay attention to what we are buying. Choking is a major risk for children when playing with toys—specifically when they're under three years old. Let's thoroughly inspect the level of choking risk for each toy we give.

Toy manufacturers have come a long way in making their products safe for kids to enjoy. However, the best way to manage and reduce risk is to have an attentive adult watching. Buyers will want to make sure the toys have an American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) label. This means that the toy has met the national safety standards.



ACTIVITIES

Thursday, December 6: JH G/B BB with Giltner at Davenport, 12:45 p.m./2 p.m.

Friday, December 7: Bruning auxiliary soup supper; HS V G/B BB with Dorchester at Bruning, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.; No JV GBB; JV BBB, 5 p.m.

Saturday, December 8: ACT test date; HS V G/B BB Lawrence/Nelson at Davenport, 3 p.m./4:30 p.m.; JV G/B BB, 1 p.m./2 p.m.; FCCLA cake raffle.

Monday, December 10: School board meeting at Davenport; ASVAB for all juniors, 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 11: JH GBB at Superior A&B, 5 p.m.; HS V G/B BB Sutton at Davenport, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.; JV BBB TBA; JV GBB, 4:30 p.m.

Oak

By Phyllis Schmidt

It was another wet and snowy weekend, so not much activity.

On Sunday, a potluck dinner and "hanging of the greens" was held at the First Community Church.

Donna Gillan quilted on Monday.

On Wednesday, Donna Gillan attended Bible study and had lunch at CAPS with the other ladies.

Thursday morning, Donna Gillan went for coffee at the Senior Center and then went to Superior.

On Sunday after church, Donna Gillan and others had lunch at CAPS.

Gerry Eckles received word that Pastor Edward Hiller of Laramie, Wyoming, age 94, passed away. He was a former pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church in Ruskin.

Thayer County Health Services		SPECIALTY CLINIC SCHEDULE	
ORTHOPAEDIC		GENERAL SURGERY	
Dr. Hurlbut	Dec. 10	Dr. Growney	Dec. 12
Dr. Bohlen	Dec. 14	WOUND CLINIC	
OB/GYN		Dr. Rivera	Dec. 12
Dr. Adam	Dec. 11	CARDIOLOGY CLINIC	
EAR, NOSE & THROAT		Dr. Jain	Dec. 14
Dr. Weekly	Dec. 11	(New patients need a referral.)	
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Thayer County Health Services		SATELLITE CLINIC SCHEDULE	
BRUNING CLINIC			
Dr. Leann Heinrichs	9:30 - 11:30		Dec. 11
Wendy VanSkiver, PAC	2:00 - 4:30		Dec. 12
CHESTER CLINIC			Closed This Week
DAVENPORT CLINIC			
Maggie Johnson, PAC	2:00 - 4:30		Dec. 11
Wendy VanSkiver, PAC	9:30 - 11:30		Dec. 12
DESHLER CLINIC			
Dr. Bryan Hubl	2:00 - 4:30		Dec. 10
Maggie Johnson, PAC	9:30 - 11:30		Dec. 13
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T.C. Senior of the Week – Cherney

Thayer Central Senior of the Week is Dakota Cherney. Dakota is the son of Jim and Coleen Cherney.



Dakota Cherney

His favorite classes at Thayer Central are Broadcast Journalism and English. Dakota's favorite food is pizza and his favorite pastimes are video editing and being outdoors.

At Thayer Central, Dakota has been involved in FCA, Thayer County Healthy Communities Coalition, SkillsUSA, band, Vocal, Rhythmaires, Letter Club and Student Council. Outside of school, he is active in Chester United Methodist Church Youth Group and the Chester Community Club.

His advice to underclass-

men is, "Don't be afraid to stand up for something you believe in."

Following graduation in May, Dakota plans to attend Kansas State University and double major in Mass Communications and Marketing.

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Baumert, Meyer wedding



Mikayla and Kale Meyer

Kale Meyer of Ruskin and Mikayla Baumert of Scribner were united in marriage on August 25, 2018, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Scribner, with Father Mike Eckley performing the ceremony.

Kale is the son of Randy and Tami Meyer of Ruskin. Grandmother is Joanne Meyer of Deshler.

Mikayla is the daughter of Mike and Lori Baumert of Scribner. Grandparents are Dennis Baumert of Scribner and Jim and Carolyn Larson of O'Neill.

Kale's groomsmen and ushers included family and friends. Serving as best men

were Kale's brothers Landon Meyer of Lincoln and Hayden Meyer of Lincoln. Groomsmen were Landon Freitag of Lincoln, Jarrod Watson of Hebron, Braydon Baumert of Scribner, Turner Becker of Lincoln and Brady Firley of Red Cloud. Ushers were JC Hinz of Ruskin, Shane Becker of Lincoln and Cody Klug of Kansas City. Junior groomsmen were nephews Crayton and Maddox Meyer of Lincoln. Ringbearer was nephew Brooks Meyer of Lincoln.

Mikayla's bridesmaids included family and friends. Serving as Maid of Honor

was Mikayla's sister Jerica Baumert of Scribner. Bridesmaids were Alix Mach of Crete, Chelsea Popken of Omaha, Stephanie Svehla of Friend, Kelsie Baumert of Scribner, Allison Jetter of Bennington and Sonny Wallace of Omaha. Personal attendant was Riley Bryant, cousin of the bride, of Holland. Flower girl was Ava Svehla, friend of the couple, of Friend.

Guest book attendant was Mallory Kleen, friend of the couple, of Deshler. Reader for the Wedding Ceremony was Susie Dostal, aunt of the bride, of Scribner. Pianist was Deb Anderson, friend of the bride, of Scribner. Vocalists were Kelly Meyer, friend of the bride, of Omaha and Kenzie Carson, cousin of the bride, of Elkhorn singing "Parents Prayer," "From The Ground Up," "The Ring" and "You."

Host and hostesses for the wedding and reception were uncles and aunts of the couple Brian and Lori Pahl of Ruskin, Tanya Schnitker of Omaha, and Dave and Candi Bryant of Holland. Assisting at the church and reception were the rest of the Meyer, Baumert, and Larson uncles and aunts.

Guests were invited to the Nielson Center in West Point after the wedding ceremony for a reception, dinner and dancing to celebrate Kale and Mikayla, hosted by Randy and Tami Meyer and Mike and Lori Baumert.

Kale and Mikayla are making their home in rural Ruskin. Kale is involved with farming for RTM Farms of Ruskin and is a Sales Associate with Pioneer Seed. Mikayla is second grade teacher and coach at Deshler Public School in Deshler.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by Randy and Tami Meyer and family at Z's Bar and Grill in Scribner on August 24, 2018.

Hebron Senior Center

Monday, December 10: Lasagna, green beans, garlic bread, pudding. *Wonderword.*

Tuesday, December 11: Fish sandwich, fries, peas, fruit. *Bingo.*

Wednesday, December 12: Chicken strips, potato wedge, corn, dessert.

Thursday, December 13: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, baked beans, dessert. *Wonderword.*

Friday, December 14: Hamburger gravy over biscuit, green beans, fruit. *Bingo.*

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Bruning-Davenport Senior Spotlight

TaraLee Hudson is the daughter of Gina and Bill Hudson of Belvidere. She has a sister, JessaLynn, and a brother, Ethan.

TaraLee is involved in drama, speech, basketball, track, FFA, Letter Club, NHS and Quiz Bowl. Her community involvement includes 4-H, Trinity Lutheran Luther League and Nebraska Junior Angus Association.

TaraLee's interests and

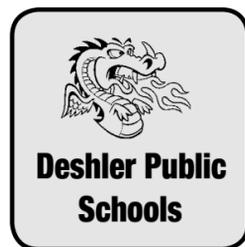


TaraLee Hudson

hobbies include showing cattle and horses, sewing and playing basketball. TaraLee's favorite food is macaroni and cheese, her favorite TV show is "Chicago PD," her favorite song is "Simply" by Georgia Florida Line, and her favorite place to go to be alone is the barn.

The most influential people in her life have been her parents. "They have taught me to work hard for the things I want and if I put my mind to it, then I can accomplish anything," says TaraLee.

Her future plans include attending either KSU or UNL, majoring in Animal Science with a minor in Ag Economics and an emphasis on agricultural law and policy.



ACTIVITIES

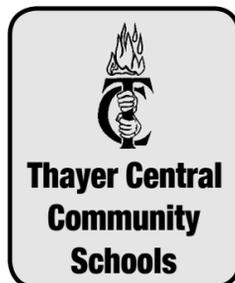
Friday, December 7: Christmas concert, K-12.

Saturday, December 8: BB at Southern high school, 2 p.m./3 p.m./4 p.m./5:30 p.m.

Monday, December 10: School board meeting; Home JH GBB, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 11: Home BB, 4 p.m./5 p.m./6:15 p.m./7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 12: FCA.



ACTIVITIES

Thursday, December 6: State play production in Norfolk; Middle Benchmark DIBLS testing begins; JH GBB at Sutton, 4 p.m.

Friday, December 7: Skills USA middle school west conference, Grand Island; FFA chapter meeting, 7:30 a.m.; BB at Red Cloud, 4:30 p.m.; JV WR at Wilber-Clatonia, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 8: ACT test date; JH WR at Centennial, 9 a.m.; WR at Crete, 9 a.m.; JV WR at Meridian, 10 a.m.; BB at Fairbury, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, December 10: School board meeting, 6:30 p.m. (time subject to change); Cheer practice in high school, 7 p.m.; Elementary vocal concert, 7 p.m.; Concert on Striv.

Tuesday, December 11: GBB at Fillmore Central, 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, December 12: Early dismissal, 2 p.m.; Teacher in-service.

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Davenport Senior Dinners

Monday, December 10: Lasagna, green beans, garlic bread, pudding.

Tuesday, December 11: Fish sandwich, fries, peas, fruit.

Wednesday, December 12: Chicken strips, potato wedge, corn, dessert.

Thursday, December 13: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, baked beans, dessert.

Friday, December 14: Hamburger gravy over biscuit, green beans, fruit.

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Our goal is to modernize the facility to make it more homelike and welcoming to our resident and visitors. Donations may be made in memory or in honor of a special person you would like to acknowledge. Contributing to a worthwhile cause is deeply gratifying and giving in someone's name or honor helps their memory live on.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Sundays: Worship, 10 a.m.;
Sunday School, 11 a.m.

* BELVIDERE *

BELVIDERE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Kim Dunker, Pastor
Sundays: Worship, 9 a.m.;

* BETHEL *

BETHEL CHURCH
Jim Hubble, Pastor
Sundays: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.;
Worship, 10:30 a.m.

* BRUNING *

TRINITY LUTHERAN
Stuart Sell, Pastor
Wednesday, December 5:
Faith Walk Wednesday, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.;
Confirmation class, 6 p.m.

Sunday, December 9: Sunday School, 9 a.m.;
Worship Service, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, December 11: Text study.
Wednesday, December 12: Faith Walk Wednesday, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.;
Confirmation class, 6 p.m.;
Church council meeting, 7:30 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST

Jeanie Leeper, Pastor
Sundays: Worship, 9 a.m.

* BYRON *

ST. PETER LUTHERAN RURAL BYRON
Pastor Breen Marie Sipes
Sundays: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

* CARLETON *

ZION LUTHERAN
Sundays: Worship, 9 a.m.;
Sunday School, 10 a.m.

* CHESTER *

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN
Rev. Robert Hopkins, Pastor
Sundays: Worship, 11 a.m. (first, third and fifth Sundays)

* DAVENPORT *

CHRIST'S LUTHERAN
Kristen Van Stee, 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'S LUTHERAN

Pastor Greg Schaffer
Sundays: Worship, 9 a.m.;
Sunday School and Bible class, 10:15 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST

Jeanie Leeper, Pastor
Sundays: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

* DAYKIN *

ST. JOHN

Pastor Annette Minderman
Sundays: Worship, 9 a.m.

* DESHLER *

ABIDING WORD LUTHERAN

Jon Langness, Pastor
Wednesday, December 5:
Confirmation class, 4 p.m.;
Preaching class, 7 p.m.
Friday, December 7: Moms' group, 9 a.m.;
Ladies Bible study, 1 p.m.

Saturday, December 8:
Men's breakfast and Bible study, 7 a.m.
Sunday, December 9: Sun-

day School, 9:15 a.m.;
Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 12:
WMF Christmas party, 1:30 p.m.;
Confirmation class, 4 p.m.;
Preaching class, 7 p.m.

PEACE LUTHERAN

Rich Stevenson, Pastor
Wednesday, December 5:
Meadowlark Heights Bible study, 10:30 a.m.;
Parkview Haven Chapel and H.C., 3 p.m.;
No PACE; First thru eighth grade dress rehearsal, 3:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.;
Women's advent painting event, 6 p.m.

Thursday, December 6: Staff meeting, 4 p.m.
Saturday, December 8: No Saturday worship in December.

Sunday, December 9: All grades dress rehearsal, 8:30 a.m.;
YOP and Adult Sunday School, 9 a.m.;
"A Play in a Manger," 10 a.m.;
Children to Parkview Haven, 11 a.m.;
Soup meal in parish hall, 11:15 a.m.;
Youth/Congregational caroling party, 1 p.m.

Monday, December 10: Prayerfully Simple at YOP house, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 11: Morning Circle at Parkview Haven, 9:30 a.m.;
Church Council meeting, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, December 12: 5 and 6 PACE, 4 p.m.;
7 and 8 PACE, 5 p.m.;
Peace choir, 8 p.m.

Thursday, December 13: PEEP Christmas program in the parish hall (congregation welcome), 7 p.m.

Friday, December 14: Men's breakfast at The Broken Spoke, 7 a.m.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN

Brian Francik, Pastor
Wednesday, December 5:
Midweek confirmation, 4:15 p.m.;
Advent Service, 7 p.m.;

Vocal choir, 8 p.m.

Thursday, December 6:
Conversations, 7 a.m.m.;
DLS Chapel and cookies with congregations, 9:15 a.m.

* FRIEDENSAU *

TRINITY LUTHERAN

Rev. Jose Flores
Wednesday, December 5:
DLS staff meeting, 3:35 p.m.;
Advent super by Jr. youth, 5:45 p.m.;
Advent Service, 7 p.m.
Thursday, December 6: DLS Appreciation Chapel followed by cookies, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, December 8: Cookie walk at DLS, 8 a.m.
Sunday, December 9: Worship Service, 10 a.m.;
Bible class and program practice, 11:15 a.m.;
Council meeting, 2 p.m.;
Voters' meeting, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, December 11: Circuit pastor's meeting, 12 p.m.
Wednesday, December 12: Advent supper by TGIF, 5:45 p.m.;
Advent Service, 7 p.m.
Thursday, December 13: DLS Chapel, 9:15 a.m.;
Nursing home/Assisted living visits by pastor.

* GILEAD *

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Pastor Kenneth Kramer
Sundays: Sunday School, 10 a.m.;
Worship, 11 a.m.

* HARDY *

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Pastor Breen Marie Sipes
Sundays: Worship, 9 a.m.

* HEBRON *

FAITH LUTHERAN

Brian Francik, Pastor
Contact # 402-200-1228
Sundays: Worship, 8:30 a.m.

FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH

Steve Speichinger, Pastor
Sundays: Sunday School, 9 a.m.;
Worship Service, 10 a.m.
Wednesdays: Bible study, 6:45 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sundays: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Keith Brozek, Pastor
Saturdays: Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.
Sundays: Worship, Bible study, Coffee fellowship, 9 a.m.

HEBRON & CHESTER UNITED METHODIST

Rev. Rick Jones, Pastor
Sundays: Worship at Chester, 11 a.m.;
Worship at Hebron, 9 a.m.;
Sunday School, Chester, 9:30 a.m.;
Hebron, 10:15 a.m.

KING OF KINGS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Darrell Sutton, Pastor
Tuesdays: Service, 7 p.m.
Sundays: Worship, 6 p.m.;
Sunday School, 5 p.m.;
first and third Sundays of month.

HARVESTIME NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY

Mike Hood, Pastor
Sundays: Worship, 10 a.m.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC

Father Rudolf Oborny, Pastor
Wednesday, December 5:
CYO and CCD; Christmas practice.

Thursday, December 6:
Altar Society Christmas dinner, Noon.

Friday, December 7: Holy Day Vigil Mass, 7 p.m.
Saturday, December 8: Mass,

7:20 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Sunday, December 9: Mass, 10 a.m.;
Youth Christmas Mass followed by soup dinner.

Wednesday, December 12: Knights of Columbus meeting, 8:20 p.m.

HEBRON BIBLE CHURCH

Jeff Friesen, Pastor
Sundays: Sunday School, 9 a.m.;
Worship, 10 a.m.
Wednesdays: Women's Bible study, 7 p.m.

Thursdays: Prayer time, 9 a.m.
Saturdays (2nd and 4th): Men's Bible study.

* HUBBELL *

ZION LUTHERAN

Rev. Robert Hopkins, Pastor
Sundays: Worship, 11 a.m. (second and fourth Sundays)

* OAK *

FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH

Kevin Bogus, Pastor
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Sundays: Sunday School, 9 a.m.;
Worship 10 a.m.
First Saturday: Men's breakfast, 7:30 a.m.

* RUSKIN *

BETHANY LUTHERAN

Irvin Schleufer, PMA
Gerald Toepfer, PMA
Connie Raess, Pastor
Sundays: Worship, 10 a.m.

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Obituaries

Annette Krukemeyer

Annette C. Krukemeyer of Gothenburg passed onto eternal life on her 59th birthday, surrounded by her family and loved ones in the comfort of her home. Annette was born November 28, 1959, to John O. and Rosemary (Meyensburg) Reiter, in Holdrege, where she resided with her large family until graduating from Holdrege Senior High in 1978.

After graduating, Ann attended Kearney State for a year, later deciding to join the United States Navy in June of 1979.

Annette met and fell in love with Richard while stationed in Great Lakes Naval Base in Illinois. They were married January 30, 1981. In July of 1981, Annette and Richard were transferred to Subic Bay Philippines where she served as a corpsman until her honorable discharge in 1984. Richard was transferred to New Jersey and then back to Great Lakes Naval Base in 1986, where he and Ann resided until his retirement from the Navy in 1996. The next chapter brought them out to Gothenburg, in September of 1996, when Richard took a job at Frito Lay and then later at the Union Pacific Railroad.

Annette was a stay at home mother for most of her adult life. When her children were older, she worked at Pizza Hut for a few years. She then went to work at Ribbon and Roses in 2004 and continued to help out, as needed, up until her recent cancer diagnosis.

Ann was a woman of many talents and had a heart for history. She poured many hours into the old Victorian home she lived in, doing what she could to bring it back to its former glory. She also enjoyed gardening, reading (lots of reading!), sewing, crossword puzzles, putting together puzzles, and spending time with her five grandkids. It wasn't hard to tell that Halloween was by far Annette's favorite holiday, but she sure did love to light firecrackers on the fourth of July, too. She will be deeply missed

by her family, friends and neighbors.

Annette is survived by her loving husband, Richard; mother, Rosemary (Meyensburg) Reiter of Holdrege; brothers, Mike Reiter of Albuquerque, N.M., Bernie (Robin) Reiter of Baltimore, Md., and Steve (Julie) Reiter of Bellwood; sisters, Mary (David) Lempke of Wallace, Leah (Jeff) Proctor of Eden Prairie, Minn., and Jane (Scott) Barber of Worthington, Minn.; her children, Denise Buck of Summerville, N.C., Nicole (Ben) Schoenholz of Bruning, Alisha (Brian) Weaver of Kearney, and Jeff Krukemeyer of Gothenburg; grandkids, Lane Krukemeyer and Collin, Mylah, Kaelyn, and Korah Schoenholz; step grandkids, Morgan and Madisen Weaver; and many, many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her father, John O. Reiter; her in-laws, Richard and Pat (McNabe) Krukemeyer; sister, Susan Reiter; infant niece, Carlin Proctor; and infant nephew, Ezra Lempke.

Funeral Services were held at First United Methodist Church on December 4, with Pastor Jamie Norwich McLennan officiating.

Interment followed in the Fort McPherson National Cemetery in Maxwell.

Memorials may be given to the family for later designation.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.blase-strauser.com.



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Holiday ready...

Dianne Waldmeier is getting Belvidere's downtown area ready for Christmas.

Belvidere

By Linda Hudson

Another busy week. So many things happening it is difficult to know where to begin. Once again time is limited so will have to continue on again next week. Ball games, two Christmas parties, trying to get the town decorated for Christmas (Dianne Waldmeier is helping in a big way), watching the Husker basketball and volleyball on television.

Speaking of volleyball, the lady Huskers will be playing in the Sweet Sixteen in Minneapolis on Friday, at 1 p.m., against Kentucky. Our team is SO good but perhaps they will be meeting their match this Friday. They have to win or this will be the last time we see them this season.

The playing time on ESPN U is great for us who want to go to a high school basketball Friday night but not so good for the working people. The only solution would be to convince the boss to have a TV or when that fails listen to the radio. It is exciting to listen to John Baylor. Sometimes I turn off the sound on the TV and just watch but listen to him.

The Husker basketball is encouraging and for the first time for several years they are rated in the top 25. Let's hope these men keep up their exciting play--they could come close to taking the place of the volleyball when it is over. Even if you don't watch volleyball you should tune in on Friday. Becky F. came to Nebraska four years ago from Iowa.

She is as good a player that you will ever have the opportunity to see. She will certainly be missed next year. Enough sports.

The death of former President Bush has once again required television watching time. His life story makes you realize what qualities it takes to be a good U.S. president. His genuine compassion, loving this country and caring for everybody in it is a stark difference in what we as a nation have been witnessing. Never thought about it before that it seems so many of our former presidents have first served in the military.

The exacting routine and all the specific procedure of this State funeral keeps you glued to the TV. What a great nation we have that shows this much gratitude. I don't suppose schools do it, but the television in each room should be airing this. There would be no better way to promote patriotism.

Driving to town this early morning my eyes showed me there is really beauty in this what we call late Fall, but in fact it is easy to call it winter. First intriguing was the Big Sandy flowing bank full with rapidly moving current with a shimmering, slushy, icy gleam. Then to see bare branches and trunks cemented with white snow at least on one side.

Upon arriving to our county's biggest city, the kind word of citizens saying, "Be careful," "May I help you?" A gentleman walking slowly by you to make certain you arrived safely at your destination. Everything good. You arrive at the hospital, everything scooped and ice melt spread. This means someone had to get up on an early frosty morning to make the trek of our day an easier and happier one. Thanks to all the service people who are there when we need them.

Our friends and co-workers really are a hard working, friendly bunch! Perhaps imagination is taking over but thoughts are that this current December everyone is trying very hard to come together despite the division in our country.

Bonnie Priefert knows all about throwing a surprise birthday party. On Sunday she did just that



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Celebrating 97 years...

Lorna Werner Waldmeier celebrated her 97th birthday with her two great granddaughters, Rubie Demma and Landi Priefert.



Courtesy photo

All aboard...

The Belvidere Woman's Club purchased a lighted little train to be at the Whistle Stop. Pictured are Henry Laber and Gail Gilliam setting it up.

as seventeen guests really surprised her mother, Lorna Waldmeier, with a catered dinner at the Villa where she lives. Lorna's parents were Walter and Amelia Werner. She was one of eight children and she is the only surviving in the family. She attributes her long life in being interested in many things and staying active. She plays bridge four times a week and works at the Bargain Barn a couple days a week. She is a delight to know!

The five Hudsons of Belvidere celebrated Bill's birthday at Toad's on Sunday evening. His mother baked him a birthday cake which he passed to everyone there. A good time was

had celebrating with everyone including the friends from the north sitting by at a close table.

Have had a lot of trouble getting this news sent so will have to cut this short (LOL) today, but believe me I'll get the rest to you next week!

One more thing...Go, Husker girls, GO! Play as if your life depended on it!

RIP to the president that thought enough of his country to enlist in the military at age eighteen and who was shot down in a plane at age twenty. A man that had deep integrity and loved his country. Should we all have these qualities, it would even be a better United States than it is.

Sports



Lady Dragons 1-1 on court

The Deshler Lady Dragons went 1-1 on the hardwood for their season opener against Exeter-Milligan and Silver Lake.

The Timberwolves topped the Dragons, 56-41 Nov. 29.

Coach Andy Brenn said it was a slow start for the Dragons and the defense wasn't there to pick up the slack, however, once the girls began working, they did nail some good shots. Tyra Schardt and Sydney Roth scored 11 points each.

"We will need to get a better inside presence for scoring, and try not to rely on outside shots so much," Brenn said. Schardt and Roth each made baskets from the perimeter, but racked up attempts at the same time. Leah Schmidt had two 3-pointers to her credit and shot a 40 percent.

"This is a nice game to start with and see what you need to work on," Brenn said.

He predicted the girls would return to the court hungry for the Silver Lake game.

"We did a better job of getting the ball inside, at least, for some paint touches to keep the defense honest. One

area we wanted to improve on from the first game was turnovers and the girls did a great job of making smart decisions with the ball," he said. "Always nice to pull off a win at home with our very supportive fans in the stands."

The final score was 47-35 with the Dragons on top.

Roth made 21 points in the game with five 3-point shots. She is a senior for the Dragons, is a returning starter and three-year letter winner. Fellow seniors, Kayla Oakman and Schmidt also bring back experience to the team.

"They have a winning attitude from their previous season," Brenn said.

Another returning letter winner is Schardt. Returning to the court with varsity time are Cadence Jacobe, Trinity Schardt and Jenna Lemke.

"They'll fill some gaps," Brenn said. "I have five freshmen out and a few look like they can give us some minutes."

Brenn is in his fifth year of coaching and is assisted by Chris Roth.

Results from the weekend games are as follows.

Deshler vs. Exeter-Milligan

Points — Roth and Tyra Schardt, 11 each; Oakman, 7; Schmidt, 6; Lemke, 5; and Trinity Schardt, 1;

3-pointers — Tyra Schardt and Roth, 3 each; Schmidt, 2; and Lemke and Oakman, 1 each;

Rebounds — Lemke, 8; Jacobe, Oakman and Trinity Schardt, 5 each; Schmidt and Roth, 4 each; and Tyra Schardt, 1;

Steals — Oakman, 4; Schmidt, Roth and Tyra Schardt, 3 each; Trinity Schardt, 2; and Lemke, 1;

Assists — Oakman, 6; Tyra Schardt, 3; Schmidt, 2; and Roth, 1.

Deshler vs. Silver Lake
Points — Roth, 21; Tyra Schardt, 8; Oakman, 7; Jacobe, 6; Lemke, 3; and Schmidt, 2;

3-pointers — Roth, 5; and Lemke and Tyra Schardt, 1 each;

Rebounds — Jacobe and Roth, 6 each; Schmidt, 5; Oakman, 2; and Trinity Schardt, 1;

Steals — Schmidt, 4; Oakman, 3; Jacobe and Tyra Schardt, 2 each; and Roth, 1;

Assists — Tyra Schardt, 6; Oakman, 4; Schmidt, 2; and Roth, 1.

Lady Eagles start with win

The Bruning-Davenport/Shickley Lady Eagles opened their season visiting the Hampton Lady Hawks Nov. 30.

They jumped to a 19-4 lead in the first quarter and never looked back, with Jadyne Kleinschmidt going 3-4 from the arc while Regan Alfs added 11 points in one quarter.

Final score was 69-44.

"We took advantage of our inside game and the guards hit some outside shots to keep the Hawks' defense honest," Coach Shana Gerberding said. "I was really pleased

with how we played in the first game of the season."

They also kept the Hawks scoreless for the first five minutes of the game. Going into halftime, the girls led 40-18.

Gerberding said the players were unselfish and willing to pass the ball.

"Our defense bothered Hampton on the night and they had hard time knocking down shots," she said.

That led to 32 defensive rebounds for the Eagles and the offense picked up 25.

"Offensive rebounding was another bright spot in the

game," Gerberding said.

Alfs led in scoring with 30 points. She grabbed 13 rebounds. Kleinschmidt had 14 points on the night.

Macy Kamler had an all around night, sinking eight points, nine assists and rebounds, and five steals.

TaraLee Hudson made five points, and Mariah Sliva, Jordan Bolte and Kaylee Noel had four each.

The Eagles did not play East Butler because of inclement weather over the weekend. They will take on Dorchester Dec. 7 and Lawrence-Nelson Dec. 8.

Boys improve over summer

The Titan boys took a hit for their first game out this season — Republic County defeated the boys, 77-37.

"Even though the score didn't favor us, I felt we came away with good feedback with where we're at as a team and areas that need improvement," Coach Don Kayser said.

The boys shot 27 percent from the floor.

"We had nice looks at the basket, but they didn't drop for us," he said.

The team has a slew of players who can score, but Kayser said the boys were trying too hard instead of waiting for better shots.

"The game was really about a 20-point game, but we had to take some big risks to cut the score down and it didn't happen. If we could have hit some shots in there, it might have been a different outcome," he said.

Kayser has just two starters returning this year, Keith Hergott and Zach Koss, but he also has a total of six seniors, Gabe Haase, Dylan Fischer, Taylor Koss, Shevin Solomon, Hergott and Zach Koss.

Kayser is excited about the team that he saw put effort in over the summer.

"Lots of those guys gained inches, too," he said. Last year, he was taller than they were and this year, not so much.

The team has more depth than last year and the boys are more versatile.

"Last year, we couldn't go full court press because we didn't have the numbers and our starters would have been worn out," Kayser said.

He feels comfortable with the 12 players in the mix.

"We may have a few more than that," he said.

He's proud of how far the boys have come since last season.

Improvements over the summer and competitive practices have widened the



Senior Gabe Haase sinks one in the basket. He made a total of seven points on the night. Andrew Heinrichs had eight to his credit.



Keith Hergott looks for a shot. He and Zach Koss are the two returning senior starters to the Titan floor this year.

talent pool.

"When you have a chemistry with the team, you just enjoy it," he said about the season.

Results are as follows:

Points — Andrew Heinrichs, 8; Haase, 7; Taylor Koss, 5; Trey Fischer, 4; and Logan Wiedel, 2;

3-pointers — Heinrichs, 2; and Fischer, Taylor Koss and Haase, 1 each;

Rebounds — Heinrichs, 5; Haase, 3; Taylor Koss and Zach Koss, 2 each; and Fischer, Hayden Luttrell and Wiedel, 1 each;

Steals — Heinrichs, 2; and Taylor Koss and Haase, 1 each;

Assists — Taylor Koss, 3; Fischer, 2; and Haase, 1.

The boys will take on Red Cloud and Fairbury this week.



Chloe Souerdyke tries to tame a loose ball. She was one of two players to grab key steals at the onset of the third quarter to help the Titans gain momentum in the second half of the Republic County game. Grace Souerdyke snatched a ball as well.

Titan girls take win over Republic County

The Thayer Central Lady Titans won their season opener against Republic County, 34-25, Nov. 29. They were set to play Southern Dec. 1, however, inclement weather cancelled the game.

Coach Andy Long said the girls struggled on shooting, but the bright spot was hitting eight out of 12 free throws for 67 percent.

Grace Souerdyke and Sydney Havel led the team with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Long said the defense held Republic County to 25 points and carried the girls to victory.

"Two crucial steals in the beginning of the third quarter by Grace and Chloe Souerdyke helped us sustain our momentum in the second half," Long said. The team collected 13 steals in all and forced multiple turnovers.

Chloe Souerdyke and Stephanie Meyer had five rebounds each for the team. Meyer made three assists and four steals.

Titan Emily Welch had five points and Katelyn Richardson, 2.

The girls were excited to get the season underway and build on their success they had during the volleyball season.

Welch, Havel, Meyer, Grace Souerdyke, Chloe Souerdyke, Bailey Kiburz and Richardson bring their experience back to the court.

Long said sophomores and freshmen will also have playing time to gain experience.

His outlook on the season adds up to more wins than losses. Superior will definitely be a contender.

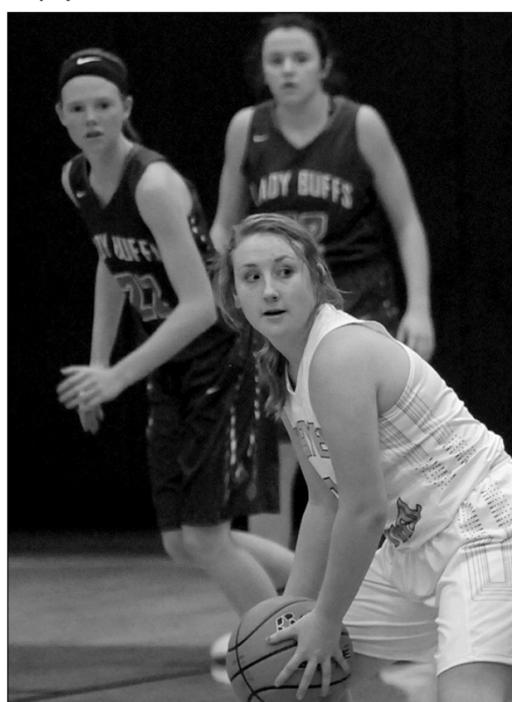
"I think we can be competitive down the stretch and win some of the games we didn't last year," he said.

As of last week, the girls have logged 10 practices since the state volleyball tournament.

"We're more ready to go than we were last year," Long said, meaning the girls were



Grace Souerdyke moves in as Emily Welch prepares for the play.



Steph Meyer looks for the pass. She and Chloe Souerdyke had five rebounds each.

working on more drills and competitive scrimmages in practices because of their

experience. He is assisted by Coach Clint Havel.

Deshler athletes work hard

The Deshler boys finished way ahead of Silver Lake Nov. 30, but couldn't sneak past Exeter-Milligan the night before.

Silver Lake lost to the Dragons, 71-26. Against the Timberwolves, the Dragons were down by three points, 48-45.

"Exeter is always a tough team," Coach Josh Nash said. "We ran into some situations that were new for us and we just didn't shoot the ball well at all."

But the conference win against Silver Lake the next evening was a good priority to meet.

Nash said Silver Lake is a young team with good shooters. The team also has a new coach.

"Those unknowns made it tougher to prepare. I

was proud of the way we responded after last night, especially in the rebound department," Nash said.

The win just may have set the tone for the year for Deshler's hard working athletes.

Senior and returning starter, Peyton Dubbert made 26 points. Trent Buescher had 24 points.

Nash has one more returning starter — Hutch Finke.

"They're the only two guys with varsity experience," Nash said.

Last year, the Deshler boys graduated eight seniors.

"We were fortunate enough to have them four years," Nash said.

They left several open positions, including five seats on the bench.

This year, the boys need

time and experience. Four juniors and one freshman are on the team. The rest are sophomores.

The new classification based on female population is helpful, Nash said.

"For a lot of years, we were really heavy on girls and the count was out of whack. It will help us at district time to even things out," he said.

Remaining points in the Silver Lake game were shot by Adam Roth, 10; Finke, 8; and Holden Ruhnke, 3.

Buescher had 11 rebounds; Dubbert, 10; and Roth, 7.

For the Exeter-Milligan game, Dubbert scored 17; Ruhnke, 7; Roth and Buescher, 6; Finke, 5; and Cayden Loomis, 4.

Nash is assisted by Coach Brad Firley.



Keegan Casey moves for the hold in the Thayer Central home wrestling quadrangular Nov. 30. Casey (132) was over South Central Unified and Superior.

Titans go 3-0 on home mats

The Titan wrestlers held their first meet of the season at home and went 3-0 in the quadrangular with South Central Unified District No. 5, Superior and Sutton.

South Central had a full roster as did the Titans.

"That's kind of unusual. Our dual lasted longer than the other teams. We wrestled all weight classes and didn't have byes," Coach Josh Bower said.

The wrestlers had their techniques down, Bower said. They are going to focus on conditioning and fine tuning their moves.

The seniors have stepped up and Bower sees an advanced team that started the season with experience.

"We're not building from scratch," he said.

The season had an early glitch because of bad weather. Bowers really wanted to see the team travel to Friend for the Bob Arehart Memorial Tournament.

Because of the rescheduling, the Titans won't be able to participate in the tournament. It is Dec. 21 and the Titans will be on the mats at the Sutton dual.

Returning state qualifiers, Keegan Casey, Damian Stewart and Jackson Feulner add to the roster that includes three freshmen and Charlie Mitchell, a heavyweight.

Results from the quadrangular are as follows.

South Central Unified 52-24 Titans

Dominic Stewart (145) over Brayton Jarosik, fall in 1:44;

Feulner (160), forfeit; Dahrran Cast (195) over Julian Geib, fall in 3:06; Ashton Sinn (106), forfeit;

Cooper Casey (113) over John Brodrick, major decision 14-0;

Brenner McLaughlin (120) over Karson Sherman, fall 1:59;

Treyton Waldmeier (126) over Jacob Hagemeyer, fall



Damian Stewart (138) cradles his South Central Unified opponent. The Titans were 3-0.



Dominic Stewart (145) was ready for the takedown. Stewart went 3-0 on the mat as his opponents fell.

45 seconds; Keegan Casey (132) over Wyatt Schutte, fall 28 seconds.

Superior 72-12 Titans

Jarod Hergott (152) over Issac Hathaway, fall 12 seconds;

Feulner, forfeit; Andrew Engel (170), forfeit;

Leyton Mumm (182), forfeit;

Logan Luehring (220), forfeit;

Sinn, forfeit; McLaughlin, forfeit; Cooper Casey, forfeit; Waldmeier, forfeit; Keegan Casey over Seth

Gehle, fall 2:30; Damian Stewart (138) over Jacob Schnell, fall 42 seconds;

Dominic Stewart over Brenden Jensen, fall 37 seconds.

Sutton 54-22 Titans

Hergott, forfeit; Engel over Jaden Nuss, fall 1:08;

Sinn, forfeit; McLaughlin, forfeit; Cooper Casey, forfeit; Waldmeier, forfeit;

Damian Stewart, forfeit; Dominic Stewart over Cory Carlson, fall 1:27;

Buchanan Tietjen (152), forfeit.



Courtesy photo

Quilt winner...

Patrice Hoffman from Edgar was the winner of the Hospital Guild's annual quilt raffle for 2018. Her name was drawn at the November meeting of the Hospital Guild on November 28. This year's quilt was a Christmas quilt pieced together by TCHS employees and hand quilted by Janet Voss from Carleton. Proceeds from this year's raffle will go toward the purchase of new medical equipment for the hospital and clinics. Pictured (l-r): Carol Krueger, Guild President; Patrice Hoffman; Kathy Retzlaff, TCHS quilter.



Blue Valley Bowl Bowling Results

MONDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

High Scratch Team Series: C&M Supply — 2226 **High Men's Game:** Chris Fouch 246, Bob Fayle 222, LaVonne Kassebaum 219; **High Men's Series:** Chris Fouch 634, Bob Fayle, 634, LaVonne Kassebaum 575.

TUESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

High Scratch Team Series: Price Funeral Home — 1687; **High Women's Game:** Wendy Michels 193, Joy Butterbaugh 189, Betty Mammen 184; **High Women's Series:** Joy Butterbaugh 504, Betty Mammen 490, Deb Kenning 489.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

High Scratch Team Series: Kass Ford #2 — 2147; **High Men's Game:** Manny Motto 227, John Luongo 223, Dave Klaumann 219, Denny Degenhardt 219; **High Men's Series:** Manny Motto 618, Bryce Mammen 594, Rick Kassebaum 585.

THURSDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

High Scratch Team Series: Rotorwings -- 1672; **High Women's Game:** Sarah Wiseman 203, Kelly Mumm 187, Ruby Jonas 185; **High Women's Series:** Sarah Wiseman 553, Kelly Mumm 498, Jill Spurling 458.

THURSDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

High Scratch Team Series: Voss Seed --1932; **High Men's Game:** Andrew Wiedel 201, Leroy Voss 197, Alan Bohling 194; **High Men's Series:** Andrew Wiedel 566, Scott Mumm 523, Gary Reinsch 520.

FRIDAY JUNIOR LEAGUE

Boys High Game: Logan Dick 146; Girls High Game: Jadyn Bowman 146.

Public Notices

MEETING NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging will meet in regular session at 1:00 p.m. on December 10, 2018, at Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, 103 Eastside Blvd., Beatrice, NE. The meeting will be open to the public.

An agenda for such meeting is kept continuously current and is available for public inspection at Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, 103 Eastside Blvd. The Agenda may be modified to include items of an emergency nature only.
ZNEZ Wk49-1t

NOTICE In the County Court of Thayer County, Nebraska
Estate of Larry L. Steider Case # PR 18 - 21

Notice is hereby given that the Personal Representative has filed a final account and report of administration and a Petition for complete settlement and adjudication of intestacy have been filed and are set for hearing in the County Court of Thayer County, Nebraska, located at Hebron, Nebraska, on December 10, 2018 at or after 9:45 A.M.
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ZNEZ Wk47-3t

MEETING NOTICE
Thayer County Weed District meeting will be held Thursday December 13th at 4:30 PM at the Weed Control office in Deshler.
ZNEZ Wk49-1t

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THAYER COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Estate of Leah W. Rothrock, Deceased Case No. PR 18-32

Notice is hereby given that the personal representative of this estate has filed a Final Accounting and report of her administration as personal representative, a Formal Closing Petition for Complete Settlement After Informal Intestate Proceeding and a Petition for Determination of Inheritance Tax; which matters have been set for hearing in the County Court of Thayer County, Nebraska, at Hebron, Nebraska, on December 10, 2018, at 11:45 a.m.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING THAYER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Thayer County Board of Equalization on December 19, 2018, in the County Board Meeting Room of the Thayer County Courthouse in Hebron, Nebraska. The Agenda for the meeting is kept continuously current and is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk in the Thayer County Courthouse, Hebron, Nebraska.

/s/ Marie E. Rauner
Thayer County Clerk
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Courtesy photo

The Grinch...

Thayer County Health Services sponsored the free movie matinees during the Christmas Stroll in Hebron on December 2. Employees from the hospital and clinics volunteered to help run the theatre during the afternoon show times. "The Grinch" movie sold out at the 2 p.m. show time with over 140 in attendance. Dave Burd, TCHS CEO, and his staff volunteered to stay around and provide a second free show time for "The Grinch" at 4 p.m.

Between the two movies, over 340 guests were able to enjoy one of the free movies sponsored by Thayer County Health Services. The hospital has sponsored a free movie during the holidays for the past eight years. "Sponsoring this annual event is a great way for Thayer County Health Services and their employees to say thank you for the support they receive and give back to the local communities they serve," remarked Rita Luongo, TCHS employee.

Picture (l-r) are: Joni Fisher, Tamara Deepe, Kathy Bauhard, Sue Orvis, The Grinch, Coleen Yoachim, Rita Luongo and Mary Petersen. Not pictured: Dave Burd, Kassi Hartley, Bethanie Lewellyn and Michael White.

PROKOP SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED

Robert Prokop wants to thank the support he received in the Regents race. Affordability seems to be of no concern to Rob Schaefer, our representative on the Board, since we just gave a settlement to fired football coach Riley of \$3 million of University money. Add to that settlements to Bo Pelini, Shawn Eichorst, A.D., Pederson, A.D. and Callahan, former football coach, and the overall cost is phenomenal.

Enjoy paying taxes.

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Council...

4-feet, 4-inches and does not meet standards; no heating system for the wading and main pools; a pool wall bowing slightly; and no gate for emergency exits in the fence.

The depth of water is maintained by a garden hose that runs continuously during the summer because the pool has been leaking for at least 10 years.

The report included color photos to substantiate the evaluation, including the heavily corroded electrical system and deterioration around the main drain.

The report classified future improvements in three priorities — immediate, planning and budgeting recommendations in the next one to two years, and the next three to five years.

Priority remedies addressed replacing the plumbing and toilets in the bathroom, and based on the number of toilets in the women's section, lowering the capacity from 290 to 200.

For the one to two-year outlook, the city should look at moving either the electrical system or the chemical feed to prevent future corrosion, address the leak from the pool's construction joint, meet current design standards in a number of areas, redirect the chemically-polluted backwash from discharging into the creek and decide what to do about the wading pool that needs grates with larger openings.

The long term outlook recommended a heating system, new lighting for swimming at night — although the pool does have lights, they attract bugs too close to the water — and a new filter that

would make the system more efficient.

In all, the report had 19 recommendations under the three priorities, and followed up with five examples of improvements that were made to rural pools.

Some of the highlighted features were fabric shade shelters, lap pool, water play structure, zero-depth entry, family dressing room, diving boards at different heights, speed slide, new bathhouse and a management/vending area.

Water surface area for the five examples ranged from just above 4,000 to nearly 8,500 square feet. Costs began at \$30,950 and went up to \$101,742.

There were also alternative recommendations to rehabilitate the existing pool facility, a new facility on the existing site or find a new site altogether, and a splash pad.

Construction costs were broken down for each recommendation.

To rehabilitate the existing pool, the estimate was \$608,400 for construction. A new pool at the complex would cost over \$2 million in construction and for a new pool at a new site, the cost was over \$4 million.

Splash pad construction amounted to \$345,000.

The report also pinpointed ways to fund improvements and noted the Local Option Municipal Economic Development (LB840) sales tax, which was voted in by citizens this year, is one way to fund the project.

Grants, such as the Land and Water Conservation Fund and other methods of assistance, along with a local fundraising campaign were also suggested.

NE Community Foundation gathers in Norfolk

**Jeff Yost, President and CEO
Nebraska Community Foundation**

On November 8 nearly 500 Nebraskans gathered at Norfolk's DeVent Center and Divots Conference Center to talk about the future. They represented dozens of the 257 hometowns that make up a growing community of communities, better known as the Nebraska Community Foundation network. They are volunteers, there on their own volition because they care deeply about their hometowns. They are building stronger communities in their own places and together, a Greater Nebraska.

Part volunteer training, part hometown expo, part celebratory banquet, Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF) volunteers report that they attend NCF's Annual Celebration year after year because it affords them the opportunity to connect with peers across the state who share their optimism, goals and ambitions — like providing access to early childhood development and workforce development to all Nebraskans, attracting returners and newcomers, and giving "stayers" lots of reasons to remain in the hometowns they love.

The NCF Annual Celebration puts community "experts" (i.e. the people who live and work there) at the center of learning. All participants are encouraged to engage, exchange information and share their own stories. This peer-to-peer learning model has served NCF well over the years.

The theme of the event was "Unleash, Inspire, Connect," a nod to NCF's newly established mission statement which reads: "We unleash abundant local assets, inspire charitable giving, and connect ambitious people to build stronger communities and a Greater Nebraska."

There are countless community stories across the Nebraska Community Foundation network that embody these pillars of our work and many of their stories were lifted up at this year's Annual Celebration.

"Unleashing abundant local assets" is at the heart of asset-based community development, a philosophy and practice that defines the NCF approach. Asset-based community development flexes the strengths and tools already at a community's disposal, rather than creating new ones.

For instance, the Atkinson Community Foundation Fund partnered with Brush Creek Brewing Company, a local brewery, to concoct Nebraska's only zip code beer, made entirely from ingredients grown in the 68713 zip code. All proceeds from beer sales benefitted Atkinson's community unrestricted endowment. Talk about putting local assets to work.

NCF Annual Celebration attendees were among the very last to enjoy a sample of Atkinson's zip code beer — unsurprisingly, supply was outpaced by demand.

All across the NCF network, volunteers are "inspiring charitable giving," but one of the most impressive examples in recent memory comes out of Pender where an over \$7 million state-of-the-art community center was constructed through the contributions of local citizens, solicited by fellow community members who believe in the future of their hometown.

The Pender Community Center houses the village of offices, veterans organization, a 24-hour fitness center, recreation and fine arts space, and an early childhood development center. Susan Jensen, a volunteer on the Pender Thurston Education & Community Foundation Fund, closed out our evening banquet by telling her extraordinary community's story.

"Connecting ambitious people" is the sole purpose of NCF's Annual Celebration but we also see it happening throughout the year across the state. Four community leaders from Columbus — Karina Perez of Centro Hispano, Yesenia Peck of Nebraska Public Power District, Troy Loefelholz, of Columbus Public Schools, and K.C. Belitz of the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce — had an opportunity to share their story during a lunchtime panel discussion centered on "inviting, welcoming and belonging." In the midst of a massive skilled worker shortage, ambitious citizens and organizations are partnering to attract and welcome newcomers to Columbus to fill hundreds of available, necessary jobs.

You can think of these elements — unleash, inspire, connect — as three circles

Hebron Legion hosts Government Day

The Hebron American Legion Post 180 hosted County Government Day Nov. 28 at the Thayer County Courthouse for 11th grade students from Bruning-Davenport, Deshler and Thayer Central.

Instructors attending from the three schools were Justin Bomar, Fred Kluck and Carson Klute.

Veteran's Service Officer Dr. Marlin Bauhard serves as the program chair. Hebron Legion Commander, Jerry Fink, welcomed the students, who heard speakers employed by Thayer County government in the district courtroom.

American Legion Auxiliaries served refreshments to the students. A presentation on American Legion programs was also held.

The American Legion provides a "side bar" to how students learn about government and encourages them to vote.

In 1944, Nebraska's Chief Justice, Robert G. Simmons proposed to the Directors of Cornhusker Boys State that a study be conducted of extending instruction on government to more boys and girls.

It was his thought the effort should be established at the county and community levels. A committee was formed to explore the judge's idea.

Research showed such a program was unprecedented and the committee found little textbook material on the topic. The committee decided data should be compiled into a textbook format.

Six counties were used in the experiment in 1947-1948. The reaction was overwhelming and the committee became determined to see the program spread to Nebraska's 93 counties.

Eleventh grade students were selected to serve in the six experiments because they were considered mature in judgement and had another year of school to develop leadership qualities and would soon be in the workforce.

In just four years, the



Program chair of County Government Day, Dr. Marlin Bauhard and Hebron American Legion Post 180 Commander Jerry Fink.



Ron Casey and Victor Sorge of Deshler American Legion Post 352.



Thayer County Attorney Dan Werner.



Thayer County Sheriff David Lee.

program was held in all counties and met with success.

Endorsements of the program and organization of Cornhusker Boy's and Girl's County Government, Inc., have been given by the Nebraska State Education System, State Department of Education, conventions of the Nebraska Education Association, Conference of Superintendents and Principals, and several conferences of County Official Associations.

The staff of the Department of Nebraska, the American Legion, are charged with the responsibility of organizing and supervising the program across the state.

County offices and officials in Thayer are listed below:

Office of the Clerk Magistrate — Vicki Jarchow;

Office of the County Commissioners — David Bruning, Dean Krueger and Rick Dageforde;

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Office of the County Clerk — Marie Rauner (Maurica Burns, speaker);

Office of the District Court — Stacey McLaughlin;

Office of the County Assessor — Amy Petersen (assessor elect);

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Office of Emergency Management and Zoning Commission — Colt Farringer; and

Office of Veteran's Services — Dr. Marlin Bauhard.



Fairbury Elks Club brings Ray Lozano to Bruning

Meridian junior, Sonny Scheets, tries to walk while wearing Fatal Vision alcohol impairment goggles at Bruning High School Nov. 29. The Fairbury Elks Club No. 1203 hosted Ray Lozano at Bruning on a Promise grant for combatting drug and alcohol use. Lozano has used entertainment to educate students, and he is also a certified drug and alcohol counselor. Robert Kluge, who has been the chairman for the Elks' Drug Awareness Program for 20 years, coordinated Lozano's visit. Nebraska State Patrol Trooper Charlie Cook was also at the program.

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Jeff Yost is President and CEO of Nebraska Community Foundation. Feel free to contact him at jeffyost@nebcommfound.org.

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