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## Fink, Walters retire from Thayer County Court Clerk's office

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After 32 years of working side by side in the Thayer County Court Clerk's office, Donna Fink and Marleen Walters have decided to retire.

Fink, Thayer County Court Clerk Magistrate, and Walters, Assistant Clerk, retired on Dec. 31.

Both women began working in Thayer County Courthouse in 1969, although not in the same place. Fink began working in the District Court office and Walters began working in the County Clerk's office.

"I was looking for a job and there was an opening," Fink said. "It was as simple as that."

So at that time, both women began their stint working in the courthouse. After a bit of moving offices, they both ended up in the County Court Clerk's Office.

Walters has been working in the County Court Clerk's office for 32 years while Fink has been working

there for 42 years. Fink has been County Clerk Magistrate for 30 of those years.

During this time, the two have seen many changes, but the biggest one was the change in technology.

"When we started, we used just pencil and paper," Walters said.

Both agreed that they will miss working with the other employees in the courthouse.

"You make a lot of professional friendships in the courthouse," Walters said. "They are all good people to work with."

Both also agreed that though they will miss many throughout the courthouse, there's a special part of this job they'll miss as well.

"I'm going to miss working with my friend of course," Fink said.

Walters hopes that retirement allows for more time for relaxing and time with family. Fink also hopes to spend more time with her family and eventually plans to move to Las Vegas to be closer to her grandchildren.



Marleen Walters (l) and Donna Fink (r) retired from the Thayer County Court office on Dec. 31. Fink has worked in the office for 42 years while Walters has worked there for 32 years.

### Tidbits

#### TCEDA Kick-off Meeting...

Thayer County Economic Development Alliance (TCEDA) will be hosting a kick-off event on Jan. 10.

The event will feature an update on current projects and a round table discussion about current needs facing businesses in Thayer County.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m., and will take place at the Hebron Activity Center.

#### Area schools return from break...

Area students will head back to school following Christmas breaks in the coming weeks.

Thayer Central students will return on Jan. 6.

Bruning-Davenport students will head back to class on Jan. 7.

Deshler will resume classes on Jan. 7 as well.

#### TCEDA Speaker Series...

The Thayer County Economic Development Alliance will be presenting Gary Keibel as a part of its speaker series on Jan. 22.

Keibel is a professor at the College of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

His presentation is entitled "Reaching Youth: If it's not on a cell phone, it doesn't exist."

He will be speaking at the Majestic Theatre in Hebron.

There will be a social held at 5:30 p.m., and the presentation will follow at 6 p.m.

#### Twelve Week Study...

First Community Church in Hebron will be hosting a twelve week study on the end of times.

The study will begin on Jan. 8, and take place from 6:45-7:45 p.m.

For more information on this study see the ad on page 10.

### ~Obituaries~

**Hissong**, Allen, 72, Hebron

**Peake**, Rodney, 64, formerly Chester

## Commissioners vote to join SE Nebraska Drug Court

The Thayer County Board of Commissioners met on Dec. 26. During this meeting, the group spoke with many organizations' representatives and made decisions about on-going items of business.

One of the decisions made during the meeting was concerning the Southeast Nebraska Adult Drug Court. Last month, the group had discussed this program with Cristy Rivers from the Southeast Nebraska Drug Court. After more consideration, the group voted to join other counties in providing the option for at least one year.

Commissioners also opened bids for new motor graders. Bids were received from Murphy Tractor and Nebraska Machinery. Representatives from both businesses were

present to discuss the bids. A decision will be made on the bids on Dec. 30.

Kurtis Elting, from the Thayer County Ag Society, spoke with commissioners to get approval to use their equipment in March. Elting told the group that there was interest in holding a three-day event that would include two nights of races at the fairgrounds. There would be admission taken during the two nights. For the trailer races in the past, the Ag Society has asked to use the county's equipment to help prepare the track. This is the idea for the March races as well. The plan is for many different classes to race during the event including sport mods and modifieds. There is a sponsor who will provide checks

for the winners and will set up the admission fee, but the Ag Society will also receive money from the event.

The commissioners approved the use of the county's equipment for the March races and for the trailer races during the 2014 Thayer County Fair.

Another ongoing discussion was the resolution for salaries for elected county officials and deputies for 2015-2018. After speaking with other commissioners and getting information of salaries in other Nebraska counties of similar sizes, the group brought back some ideas for the salaries. After more discussion, commissioners voted to set the county official deputies' salaries at 80 percent of the elected

officials. They also approved a salary of \$46,353 for elected county officials in 2015 and then a three percent cost-of-living increase for every year following that. Salaries for commissioners were set at 38 percent of the elected officials' salaries.

In other business, the commissioners:

- approved the purchase of one new piece of computer equipment.
- authorized the purchase of a new copy machine for the Extension office.
- approved two permits to occupy county road right-of-way.
- spoke with Richard Heinrichs about current road department projects.

## This week we review July through December

# 2013

Each year the Hebron Journal-Register takes a look back as we prepare to head into another year of news worthy events. This week we continue our year in review with a look at the second half of 2013.

### July

On-going drought conditions led to the USDA authorizing emergency haying and grazing in Thayer County in July. The USDA also authorized emergency haying and grazing in July of 2012.

The Little Blue Natural Resources District (LBNRD) Board of Directors voted to terminate the Davenport dam project. This termination came after a highly attended public meeting where area residents voiced opposition to the dam.

### August

A Diversified Ag Tour throughout Thayer County brought out a crowd of around 25. The tour included stops at four different farming operations.

Thayer County Health Services announced that a new CEO had been hired. Michael Burcham, Sr., joined the staff on Aug. 26.

The Thayer County Board of Commissioners discussed establishing a new economic development foundation. The discussion in August was the very first step since many decisions still needed



The Alexandria train depot was transported from Alexandria to its new spot near the railroad tracks in Belvidere on Oct. 16. The train depot has been in Alexandria for over a century. It is the last depot left in the county.

to be made. The hope is that this fund would be available to new or existing businesses. The businesses

could apply for loan funds to help improve their current business or start a new one.

**September**  
The Davenport Community  
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# Pages of the Past...

From The Hebron Journal-Register

## 1884

### 130 Years Ago

E. Troxell from Richardson County, this state, is now one of the new citizens of Spring Creek precinct.

M.H. Weiss of Mitchell, Dakota Territory, youngest brother of attorney Weiss of this place, is here for the purpose of seeking a location.

A.L. Stonecypher, editor of The Chester Tribune, was in Hebron to inform us that the Tribune will soon appear as a six-column quarto. Bro. Stonecypher is getting up a good paper and deserves success.

At his examination before Jacob Hendershot, Esq., Willie Mott, arrested on a warrant issued by Coroner B.R. Smith, for shooting James Bishop, was released under \$1,000 bond to appear at District court.

Manager Past informs us that the opera house is now returning a good revenue which is being applied on the indebtedness.

The new station between Hebron and Chester has been named Warren.

The First National Bank will soon have a fine cut-stone sidewalk.

Belvidere is soon to have a new church building.

Hebron now has three banks: The Nebraska Loan and Mercantile Association, M.H. Weiss, president and F.L. Gibbs, secretary and treasurer, now appears as The Bank of the Little Blue Valley.

The first regular freight train arrived. It consisted of 16 loaded freight cars, five of which contained lumber for F.S. Baker.

The dimension material of the new depot has arrived, and is ready to put together. When it is completed, Hebron will have the most elegant depot in the state west of Lincoln.

Depot Agent R.C. Hayes is occupying a small tool house temporarily as an office until the new depot is built.

Road Master C.B. Rodger viewed the Hebron branch of the B&M Railroad (for as such is it known). The new combination coach for the Hebron branch is handsome enough for a bridal tour.

The first paid telegraph message over the new line was directed to F.J. Hendershot.

The new Howe truss for the permanent span of the railroad bridge was unloaded near the river.

An engine house, coal house and depot will soon be realities here.

Two of our four typos have been sick this week, and the Journal is consequently late. After we get our new power press, we expect to be more punctual, as our large issue, now requiring two days of press work, can then be run off in half a day.

Two Kiowa boys claim to have husked 400 bushels of corn in two hours, and another party of three boys in the same precinct claim the honor of husking 20 bushels in half a day. But for double-gear electrical cornhusking, you ought to see J.J. Malowney go through a cornfield.

The first Express receipt issued in Hebron was issued by Wells, Fargo and Co's express to the Exchange Bank for a package containing \$2,000, addressed to Marsh National Bank, Lincoln. It was presented to us as a souvenir by W.D. Galbraith, cashier, and we have filed it away with the first postal note issued by this post office.

Attention is called to the special of R. Ellison and L. Zihlman. Zihlman claims that he paid Ellison \$100 in gold. Ellison thinks Zihlman is mistaken. Both gentlemen unite in an advertisement to get the testimony of a man and woman who

Zihlman says were present.

Donovan's Original Tennesseans, an unexcelled black concert company will delight the citizens of Hubbell and those who may attend from a distance, with beautiful plantation melodies, grand choruses and a novel and attractive program.

A remonstrance against the saloon petition has been circulating through Belvidere. The "remonstrance" party, as it is called, has hired a lawyer and intend fighting it to the bitter end, as they should. We do not want to see a saloon here, but while they are fighting, would it not be well to kill the unlawful sale of liquor which is carried on here so very dead that it would never dare raise its head above the surface again?

## 1894

### 120 Years Ago

F.E. Roper will take charge of the Hebron Post Office.

An effort is being made to move the post office into W.L. Thompson's building.

Josie N. Coon, the ten-year-old daughter of Mrs. Kelso, died of consumption.

Jacob Bauer of Gilead precinct recently completed a fine barn.

The Klicquee had a very enjoyable and successful party New Year's night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Dinsmore.

Julius Thomas butchered a hog that furnished him 19 gallons of lard, which, he says, at 12 1/2 cents a pound was worth \$19, then he had the meat besides. It is better to be a butcher than a banker these times.

J.J. Werner will soon be "mine host" of the Commercial Hotel.

Our old acquaintance, Michael N. Miller of Dry Creek, came in and after telling us that he was flourishing like a green bay tree and blooming like the roses of Sharon, recalled the days of 1869. And the writer well remembers that among all the brave, hardy and true frontiersmen and pioneers, there was none who could draw a finer bead on a deer, elk, buffalo or Indian than he. And on one occasion, when a party of 28 were after Indians and had run out of provisions the accuracy of Mr. Miller was especially complimented. Just at night a solitary buffalo was seen. Two of the best hunters in the party were detailed to get that buffalo. M.N. Miller was one of the two. That buffalo was brought into camp.

Dan Whitson is acting as local editor of the Byron Gleaner, which is now being published in Hardy.

The Aufderheide Implement house in Deshler is completed and J.H. is placing what stock was saved from the fire in position.

Jessie Starbuck of Deshler is building some extensive corn cribs between the stockyards and the mill to hold a big lot of corn for future markets.

## 1904

### 110 Years Ago

The last day of 1903, people working outdoors in shirt sleeves; the first day of 1904, shivering around the stove.

Two rural telephone lines have been established from Hebron, one extending about five miles northeast, and the other line about three miles northwest. This accommodates about 15 farmers on the routes.

Guy Fitzsimons, formerly editor of the Wood River Sunbeam, is now in the real estate business with his brother at Bruning.

The obituary of Silas Garrison appears in this issue. Gar-

ison came to Thayer County in 1866 and homesteaded.

Miss Estelle Ferguson and Edna Pratt gave a New Year's party to 26 young people at the home of the latter. It was a "proposal party," and the young ladies improved the golden opportunity. Mittens and hearts were distributed to the young men to be used in accepting or rejecting the sudden proposals. Miss Grace Collins got the most hearts and was given some "sour drops" as a prize to prevent getting too sweet. Miss Catherine Stutzman of Davenport received the most mittens and was given a string of hearts as a consolation. Over each chair was hung mistletoe, and it is said the young men had a good time, to say nothing about the young ladies.

Married: Roy Sharrock and Miss Lizzie Hendershot; and John E. Palmer and Miss Gertrude Samuells.

Dr. Robert Goble, who lives in Lincoln, Ill., and who owns considerable real estate in and around Byron, has just finished constructing several much needed and marked improvements on his latest acquisition on the northeast quarter of section 30, west of town. A new story and one-half house, a barn, a corncrib and granary are among the principal additions.

Fred Nehrig and Chris Wilkening have given the contract to Ed Cannon for the erection of their new butcher shop in Deshler and work will begin in the near future.

It beats all what a young fellow will do for his own "Lucinda Jane." Percy Miller of Gilead was over to Hebron to attend a hop, and on Saturday night he brought his best girl down here to the dance at the hall.

A wedding on a wholesale line occurred at the German Lutheran Church in Gilead when the following young people were united in marriage: Louis Bodke and Miss Anna Husa; Herman Ennen and Miss Minnie Bodke, and Herman Duden and Miss Lydia Bodke, all of Gilead.

## 1914

### 100 Years Ago

At Mrs. Mary F. Lindsey's green house can be found plenty of flowers all the time.

Wm. Sharp dammed up Spring Creek on his place and the young people have had some jolly skating parties there.

The Sixteen and One whist club enjoyed an elegant dinner at the home of W.L. Bozarth on Christmas night.

The Kensington club delightfully entertained the husbands of the members at an elegant dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Wood.

There was a young people's watch-social at the Presbyterian Church, New Year's Eve.

The only incident to mar the pleasure of the New Year night's cantata, "The Coming of the King" rendered by the Christian Church's choir, was the limitation of the seating capacity. At a little after seven the doors were forced open and by half past seven, the house was filled. Hundreds were turned away and by request, the cantata will be repeated.

Sandy Siftings

Louis Northrup and family moved down from Davenport and are now located on Chas. House's farm east of Belvidere.

Chester Marion Leland Crump, aged 28 years, died in the room where he was born on the old home place near Chester.

Weddings: Miss Genevieve and A.G. Harder of Hebron; Sherman Ball and Mrs. Florence Armstead; Miss May Davis and Ross Taylor Lane.

Bruning



J-R File Photo

**This Week 1994...** Trees and brush have been removed along the banks and in the channels of Snake Creek which winds through Deshler. The Little Blue NRD helped in the channel clean-up project to reduce flooding. Water will be less restricted as it flows through the channel. This photo was taken looking southeast from the Fourth Street bridge.

I.J. Kirker, representing the National Highway Association, was in Bruning several days talking good roads. No one can dispute the proposition is the best yet, and if you will only put your shoulder to the wheel, you will see the Meridian road made of solid concrete 22 feet wide and the government will pay for it.

From the Hubbell Standard Philip A. Southwick and Miss Zoe Lair made their way to the M.E. parsonage and were quietly united in marriage.

W.V. Hudson, an old settler of this neighborhood, passed away at his house.

From the Deshler Rustler The funeral of Francis Drohmen was held from the Presbyterian Church.

From the Carleton Leader W.A. Fellers departed for Wilson, Kan., where he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Dague.

## 1924

### 90 Years Ago

Thayer County will soon have a complete directory. Such is the announcement of the Baldwin-Franklin Directory Co., publishers of Marysville, Tenn., who have opened offices in Hebron in preparation to beginning work on the new directory. Baldwin is a Hebron boy.

At a meeting of dairymen and farmers held at the courthouse, under the auspices of the Farm Bureau, it was decided to send a buyer to Wisconsin to purchase a carload of cows to be shipped into Thayer County for the new improvement of the dairy industry.

A fire starting at about 9 o'clock completely destroyed the farm residence of Henry Franzen, residing on the Meridian highway a mile north of the city.

## 1934

### 80 Years Ago

Approximately \$2,900 has been appropriated by the federal CWA head to the city for graveling approximately 60 blocks within the city limits. According to the estimates of the officials, from 25 to 30 men will be given work until the middle of February, who will work in two shifts of three days each, and receive about \$12 a week. The CWA office here will furnish men for the project.

A real Christmas gift was received by wheat allotment heads when 1,089 checks, amounting to more than \$75,000 were received for payment to the Thayer County farmers. The payment is one that has been anticipated by farmers in the county since early last fall when they signed contracts to cut down the wheat acreage.

Miss Maxine Gates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F.G. Gates, will dance and sing at the Y.M.C.A. program in Lincoln on New

Year's night. Miss Gates has great talent and is the drawing card at all Hebron entertainments. (Maxine went on to be an actress in Los Angeles, Calif. She starred in over 35 films; best known for her appearances in the 1950s-era Three Stooges films.)

According to Mayor Cottrell, there is much enthusiasm among the young men here for building an ice skating pond at the pavilion grounds.

## 1944

### 70 Years Ago

(The Alexandria Argus)

Funeral services were held in Alexandria for George Goodman, 55, who passed away at Ketchikan, Alaska, where he taught in the high school.

Private Jack Houser of Little Rock, Ark., was spending his furlough with his father, Ed Houser, and family.

Pfc. Wallace Busing, stationed in California, was spending his leave in and around Alexandria, especially to visit his mother, Katherine Busing. Two years of rationing has been completed.

Two-hundred million is the goal for the 1944 War Fund of the American Red Cross to finance its global service for victory program, according to M.L. Christensen, chairman of the Thayer County Chapter.

## 1954

### 60 Years Ago

(The Bruning Banner) A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. O'Dale Hermann.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blunk of Carleton.

Mrs. Jess Betscher left for her home in Bell, Calif., after spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. George Bliss, who was ill.

## 1964

### 50 Years Ago

Retirement ceremonies were held for LCDR Robert Day after completing 20 years service in the U.S. Navy.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Harry J. Nun Jr., and their son, Jeff and daughter Debbie arrived in Colorado from the Azores Island. They spent a ten-day visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nun Sr., and Judy.

Births: Carmen Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Heider of Deshler; Nicholas Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Behring of Deshler, and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard O. Schardt of Carleton.

Public Auctions: Eugene Buller and Henry Korensky.

Obituaries: Arthur Ernest Wolcott, Walter F. Powell, and Leroy Manning.

Announcing a new price policy: Blue Valley Bowl — 25 cents per line including shoes,

Sundays for children, high school age and under, bowling with parents.

## 1974

### 40 Years Ago

Thayer County Commissioner Bruno Fangmeier has been appointed a member of the National Association of Counties Land Use Steering Committee. Fangmeier had completed 11 years as a Commissioner of Thayer County and had also been elected president of the Nebraska County Officials Association.

Dana Pletcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Pletcher of Alexandria returned from Chicago where she attended the 4-H Congress.

Morton frozen dinners were selling for 59 cents each at Standard Market in Hebron.

## 1984

### 30 Years Ago

Frank Hartley was making his final rounds for the Hebron Post Office. At the *Journal-Register* he was surprised to find his friend Bob Woolston waiting for him with a cast-iron peddler's wagon along with an inscription thanking the mailman for 36 years of courteous service. Hartley collected cast-iron pieces and had nearly 300 in his collection.

High temperature for the week was 38 and low was -5 degrees below zero with .21 inches of precipitation.

Thayer County Roads Department was able to get almost all the county roads open after the snow storm.

## 1994

### 20 Years Ago

High temperature for the week was 52 with a low of 10.

The federal government presented a check for \$88,923 to the Thayer County Commissioners which is 75 percent of Thayer County's \$118,564 payment for flood damage during the year.

Trees and brush were removed along the banks and in the channels of Snake Creek which winds through Deshler. The Little Blue NRD helped in the channel clean-up project to reduce flooding. Water will be less restricted as it flows through the channel.

## 2004

### 10 Years Ago

Showing at the Majestic Theatre in Hebron were the "Haunted Mansion" and "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World."

Blue Valley Care Home Maintenance Supervisor Delmer Marquart strung lights in the care home courtyard for the holidays.

Nancy Baden of Alexandria graduated with distinction from Southeast Community College.

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# Courthouse News

## DISTRICT COURT

Catherine D. Lang v. Christina E. Colson. Appeal-Other Agencies-DMV, etc.

Jeanne Kuhlmann v. Sarah Watson. Protection Order, Harassment.

## COUNTY COURT

### Fines Paid

by Dec 25, 2013

Court costs \$48.00 unless otherwise stated. Probation costs also include \$30 enrollment fee and \$25 per month on probation. Chemical testing costs are \$5 per month on probation.

### Local Law Enforcement

Dustin Boyd, Fort Worth, Texas. Speeding (68/55), \$75.

Jason Watts, Abilene, Texas. Speeding (65/55), \$25.

Michael Romp, Fremont. Speeding 6-10 mph County/State, \$25; Fail to appear or comply with citation, \$300.

Christopher Yeazell, Laurel Hill, Fla. Over axle weight, 37,140 pounds, 3,140 pounds overweight, 9.2 percent, \$75; Overaxle weight, 37,160 pounds, 3,160 pounds overweight, 9.3 percent overweight, \$75; Failure to appear, \$250.

### Nebraska State Patrol

The County Court processed nine scale citations issued to eight commercial vehicle drivers for Nebraska road violations in the last week. Drivers from four states paid \$525 in fines.

Curtis Abell, Durham, Mo. Improper stopping or parking, \$10.

Lawrence Brige, Lake Dallas, Texas. Improper stopping or parking, \$10.

Mary Dickson, New Caney, Texas. No operator's license, \$75.

John Eason, Silsbee, Texas. Speeding (78/65), \$75.

Lance Lock, Milligan. Possess or use drug paraphernalia, \$100; No operator's license, \$75.

Raymond Newman, Gordon, Texas. Speeding (69/55), \$75.00.

Daniel Nussbaum Loving, Hebron. Speeding (76/60), \$125.

Roger Paw, Lincoln. Speeding (76/65), \$75.

Jason Sautter, Prairie Village, Kan. Speeding (77/65), \$75.

Karita Soper, Hebron. Speeding (78/60), \$125.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Lynn P. Dubin to Kevin Wiedel. Pt Lot 12 in Block 1, Eads addition of Hebron.

Jeffrey D. Jones to Jeffrey J. Pingel. Lot 6 in Block 13, Original town of Chester, and part of vacated Kendall Street,

Thayer County.

Larry E. Nippert, Patricia Nippert, Ward A. Nippert, Pat Nippert, Gail K. Ward, and Ron Ward to MEVF LLC. S25 T4N R3W E 1/2 SW 1/4.

Jacqueline J. Wiedel to RJW Farms, LLC. S15 T1N R1W, Pt E 1/2 NE 1/4; S14 T1N R1W, E 1/2 SW 1/4 N 1/2 SE 1/4 (including former BNSF RR); S25 T1N R1W NE 1/4 SE 1/4; S36 T1N R1W NW 1/4; S36 T1N R1W W 1/2 NE 1/4; S34 T1N R1W N1/2 NE 1/4 NW 1/4; S35 T2N R2W SE 1/4; S23 T2N R3W SW 1/4; S23 T2N R3W SE 1/4; S26 T2N R3W Pt NW 1/4; S24 T2N R3W W 1/2 NW 1/4; S26 T3N R3W NE 1/4; S23 T3N R3W E 1/2 SW 1/4 SE 1/4; S26 T2N R3W Pt NW 1/4 Pt E 1/2 W 1/2 SW 1/4; S34 T2N R3W SE 1/4; S26 T3N R3W NW 1/4; S24 T2N R3W Pt SW 1/4; S25 T3N R3W Pt NW 1/4 Pt SW 1/4; S 25 T3N R3W SE 1/4; S2 T1N R2W N 1/2 NE 1/4.

## TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

December 30: A 2013 Chevy Impala received \$3,500 damage in an accident on US 81, 2,640 feet south of County Road F.

Angela Weidenberner, North Newton, Kansas was traveling south on US 81 when three deer ran east to west across the highway. The vehicle missed the first two deer. The third deer hit on the driver's side front and side panel.

## Chester Senior Diners

**Monday, Jan. 6:** Chicken patty on a bun, scalloped potatoes, seasoned carrots, pineapple and oranges. *Word Pics.*

**Tuesday, Jan. 7:** Cavatini, garlic toast, green beans, sliced peaches. *Bird jokes.*

**Wednesday, Jan. 8:** Chicken noodle soup, cheese salad sandwich, carrots sticks, apple crisp. *Spelling birds.*

**Thursday, Jan. 9:** Hamburger gravy over a biscuit, peas and pearl onions, cookie, fruited jello. *Piece of this and that.*

**Friday, Jan. 10:** Potato and ham casserole, broccoli florets, apricots, Danish petite. *Pie Day.*

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

# Santa Hears Christmas Wishes In Byron And Chester



JR Photo/Jean Crouse

Santa hears what Huxton and Kypton Freitag want him to bring them for Christmas during his appearance in Byron.



JR Photo/Jean Crouse

Abby Tofteland tells Santa in Byron what she wants for Christmas this year.



JR Photo/Jean Crouse

Ayden and Trenton Nutsch visit with Santa in Chester.

## Resolve to Get Healthy in the New Year

Are you making a resolution to get in-shape or get healthy in the New Year? If you are like most of us, you start out strong, but then your determination quickly fades and you fall back into old, bad health habits.

What if instead of making mega-changes, with the all-or-nothing approach, you resolve to tackle a few simple changes at a time? Studies show that new habits with the best chance of success are the ones that start with smaller, doable changes that are realistic about what you can achieve.

Consider the following ten motivational tips to help you make small, positive steps each day.

1. **Feel Good About Yourself Today** — Be sure the people around you make you feel good about you — no matter what your size or health. In addition, if close friends contribute to your bad habits: smoking, overeating, or drinking too much, it might be time to time to friends who have healthier habits and also want a healthier you.

2. **Rethink Your Role Model** — Select positive role models. Choose role models that help you feel positive about yourself. Find a role model who is strong, healthy — and real.

3. **Know What Makes You Overeat** — The key to staying motivated is to know where your problem areas are and have a plan for dealing with them. Do you use food to cope with disappointment, rejection, boredom, or even personal success?

4. **Make Simple Daily Change** — Who said health-related lifestyle changes had to be all or nothing? Start small and make a few simple weight loss and exercise changes each day. These small changes can add up over time to give you a big health boost. Here are some suggestions:

- Add 5 more grams of fiber and cut out refined carbohydrates, such as white bread and sweets
- Avoid foods with trans-fats and add two more servings of veggies at lunch and dinner

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- Drink three more glasses of water each day
- Add 10 minutes of walking to your daily exercise regimen.

5. **Find a Cheering Section** — We all need a cheering section. Being accountable to someone else gives you a reason to hang in there. Talk to others about being on your support team. Ask them to encourage you, but also hold you accountable as you work toward your weight loss or health goals.

6. **Forgive Yourself** — If you slip up and overeat, drink too much, or fail to exercise — forgive yourself. Don't beat yourself up, but get back on track.

7. **Never Go Hungry** — Rigid diets don't work for anyone. Include planned snacks in your daily diet to prevent binges. Make sure you allow for treats once a week without feeling guilty. i.e., have a brownie every Friday, and enjoy every bite.

8. **Remember That Change Takes Time** — Make the commitment to change some lifestyle habits and allow yourself plenty of time to reach your goal. In addition, accept the fact that your body is meant to be a certain size and feel good about it.

9. **Move Around More Today; Sit Less** — Make healthy choices by being more physically active. Make a deliberate effort to move more and sit less to increase your physical activity.

10. **Celebrate Each Day** — In the midst of your exercise and weight loss goals, don't forget to enjoy each day. While having healthy weight loss/exercise goals are important, make sure to take time to celebrate the journey and savor some of life's simple pleasures every day.

Source: www.webmd.com



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Sisters Anna Mae and Aliencia Howe receive their bags of Christmas treats from Santa in Byron.



JR Photo/Jean Crouse

Peter and Reed Newman visit with Santa during his stop in Byron.



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Parker Nutsch sits on Santa's lap during his visit to Chester.



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Grace Wit also visits with Santa during his stop in Chester.

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### SPECIALTY CLINIC SCHEDULE

**EAR, NOSE & THROAT**

Dr. Bowen..... January 6

**VASCULAR SURGERY**

Dr. Tyndall..... January 7

**GENERAL SURGERY**

Dr. Ye..... January 8

Dr. Tommerassen..... January 8

**WOUND CLINIC**

Dr. Tommerassen..... January 8

**ORTHOPEDIC**

Dr. Bohlen..... January 9

**BHI CARDIOLOGY**

Dr. Miller..... January 10

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

# Letter To The Editor

To all my patients and friends:

I am writing this letter to say "Thank You" for the years of medical practice we have shared at Thayer County Health Services (TCHS). For the past 24 1/2 years, the staff and I have worked together to provide the best possible health care experience for patients. I have been privileged to provide medical care to a large number of patients; some at the beginnings of life, some at the end of their lives and all throughout the span of their lives. My goal was to help make them as healthy and happy as they could be.

One of the best things about practicing medicine in a small town is the ability to create friendships alongside taking care of people. I feel that you need to be able to like and relate to your patients and that they need to feel the same toward you. This is what truly can make a healthcare experience positive for the patient. I feel we have done that well here at TCHS and I intend to continue to do it at my new practice in Lincoln.

It takes a team effort to support and provide medical services to a group of people, and in a small town and county like ours, it is even more challenging. Without the generosity, determination and hard work of local community leaders,

patients and staff, our facility would have been closed years ago. Instead we see a thriving medical community poised for continued growth and development. It just takes people ready and willing to continue to strive for a common goal: quality healthcare provided locally.

I know there have been some bumps along the way and sometimes we lose sight of the big picture. But if folks stop and think about what really needs to be done, it has been my experience that challenges become ways to improve the whole enterprise, and success and growth will follow.

Leaving TCHS has not been easy, but it helps to know I am leaving you in good care. Dr. Vonderfecht, Dr. Hubl and the mid-level providers; Kay Elting APRN, Maggie Johnson - PAC and Brent Madsen - PAC at TCHS will continue to provide you with the quality care you have come to expect from TCHS. Dr. Waldman, with his many years of experience, will join the medical staff in March, 2014.

I am honored to have been your doctor and friend over the years and wish my patients continued success and health. Thank you again.

Sincerely,  
TIMOTHY SULLIVAN,  
M.D.

## Area UNK Students Earn Degrees

More than 400 graduate and undergraduate degrees were conferred at the University of Nebraska at Kearney winter commencement exercises Friday, Dec. 20, at the Health and Sports Center.

In all, there were 411 candidates for degrees — 313 undergraduate and 98 graduate degrees.

Students graduating with honors have the honors noted after their names. Honors, along with grade point averages necessary to earn those honors, include summa cum laude, 3.90-4.00; magna cum laude, 3.80-3.89; cum laude, 3.70-3.79; and honorable men-

tion, 3.50-3.69.

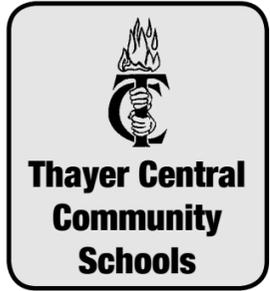
Students from this area earning degrees include:

Leah Nelson of Deshler, bachelor of fine arts, visual communication and design comprehensive, marketing/management, honorable mention.

Amanda Arnold of Hebron, bachelor of arts, journalism: mass media, art, cum laude.

Whitney Itzen of Hebron, bachelor of science, organizational communication comprehensive.

Lori Tinkham of Hebron, master of science in education, clinical mental health counseling.



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### ACTIVITIES

**Thursday, January 2:** No school.

**Friday, January 3:** No school; staff inservice work day; wrestling at Sutton invitational, 11 a.m.

**Monday, January 6:** School resumes; start of second semester.

**Tuesday, January 7:** Boys' basketball, home with Wilber-Clatonia, 6:15 p.m.

### MENU

**Thursday, January 2:** No school.

**Friday, January 3:** No school.

**Monday, January 6:** Breakfast: Whole grain breakfast taco. Lunch: Beef taco on whole grain tortilla, fiesta beans, whole grain chips and salsa, ham sandwich.

**Tuesday, January 7:** Breakfast: Whole grain French toast sticks. Lunch: Tomato soup, whole grain grilled cheese sandwich, turkey sandwich.

**Wednesday, January 8:** Breakfast: Cheese omelet, whole grain muffin. Lunch: Hamburger on whole grain bun, French fries, chicken salad sandwich.

## Meyer-Cahill Engagement



Cahill, Meyer

Steven and Betty Meyer of Hebron are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Cassandra Ann Meyer, to Cody Michael Cahill, son of Rebecca Cahill and the late Kent Cahill of Deshler.

The couple currently resides in Hastings, where Cassandra works as a perioperative RN at Mary Lanning Healthcare, and Cody teaches and is also an assistant boys basketball coach at Adams Central.

The couple is planning to wed on January 18 at Peace Lutheran Church in Deshler.



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## Special Occasions



**Happy 90th Birthday  
Ardene Mammen**

Help this "swinger" celebrate her 90th birthday on January 5. Cards may be sent to Ardene Mammen, 501 North 13th, Geneva, NE 68361.

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

# Thayer County Health Services

### Things And Stuff

January 2: Hebron  
January 3: Bruning  
January 9: Gilead

Hebron volunteers will provide coverage for the remaining open days to the above schedule. Hours: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to noon.

The Things and Stuff shop in Hebron is staffed by volunteers from Thayer County and surrounding communities. To volunteer at the shop, contact Pat Pumphrey at 402-768-6513.

**Children Immunization Clinics:** Immunization Clinic for children will be held on January 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the conference room in the lower level of the hospital in Hebron.

To make an immunization appointment, call 402-768-4629.

**Adult Immunization Clinic:** If you need an adult vaccine, contact Karen Schardt, Immunization Coordinator

for Thayer County Health Services at 402-768-4629.

**Foot Clinic:** Call 402-768-4625 for an appointment.

### CLINIC SCHEDULES

#### Hebron Clinic

January 1 ..... Closed  
January 2 ..... Regular hours  
January 3 ..... Regular hours

#### Bruning Clinic

January 7 ..... 9 a.m.- Noon  
Kay Elting, APRN

January 9 ... 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Brent Madsen, PAC

#### Davenport Clinic

January 6 ..... 9 a.m.-Noon  
Kay Elting, APRN

January 8 ..... 9 a.m.-Noon  
Brent Madsen, PAC

#### Deshler Clinic

January 6 ..... 1:30-4:30  
Kay Elting, APRN

January 7 ..... 1:30-4:30  
Maggie Johnson, PAC

January 9 ..... 9 a.m.-noon  
Dr. Scott Vonderfecht

#### Milligan Clinic

January 7 ..... 8 a.m.-Noon  
Dr. Scott Vonderfecht

#### Chester Clinic

January 7 ..... 1:30-4:30  
Maggie Johnson, PAC

## Dux Among Graduates at Winter Commencement

Melissa L. Dux, Fairbury, was among approximately 100 graduates who were awarded degrees during the Doane College Winter Commencement celebration held December 15, in the George and Sally Hadix Recreation and Athletic Center on Doane's Crete cam-

pus. The ceremony honored students in the Master of Arts in Counseling, Master of Arts in Management and the Master of Education programs.

Dux received a Master of Education in Curriculum & Instruction.

## Sell It With The J-R Classifieds!

**Dr. Timothy Sullivan** **Thayer County Health Services**

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JANUARY 4-5

THE HOBBIT: DESOLATION OF SMAUG  
PG-13

JANUARY 11-12

ANCHORMAN 2 - PG-13

JANUARY 18-19

SECRET LIFE OF WALTER MITTY - PG  
NO SUNDAY MANTINEE!

JANUARY 25-26

WALKING WITH DINOSAURS - PG

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CLOSED New Year's Day  
Thurs., Jan. 2, 10 am to 6 pm

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## BLUE VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION THANKS YOU!!

Blue Valley Community Action in Hebron would like to thank the following for helping make Christmas bright for so many local families. This community's generosity is amazing, and without your support, we would be unable to serve the many families in need.

Special thanks go to:

Thayer County Bank	St. Peter Lutheran Davenport	American Legion
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Sam Mills	Pleasure Cruiser Care Club	James Laverentz
Mary Christine Fehr	Just Us Friendship Club	Girl Scout Troop 409
Belvidere United Church of Christ	Shirley Huber	Diane Jacobsen
Bruning Methodist Church	Alexandria Presbyterian Church	Ethan and Teagan Moeller and Family
Belvidere Church	Trinity Lutheran Church	Nancy David Family
Hebron Bible Club	Bruning	Gary Poppen
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	Auxiliary Deshler	

...and anyone else who donated food, gifts, coats, warm clothing, personal items, cash, and anything else for Christmas. It was a wonderful Christmas season. Thank you all and Happy New Year!

# Area Church News

**\* ALEXANDRIA \***

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

**\* BELVIDERE \***

**BELVIDERE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Eldon and MaryBeth Nicholson, Pastor  
Sunday, Jan. 5: Worship, 9 a.m., Sacrament of Holy Communion, Message: The World Didn't Even Take Notice.

**\* BETHEL \***

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

**\* BRUNING \***

**TRINITY LUTHERAN**  
Stuart Sell, Pastor  
Sunday, Jan. 5: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship with Holy Communion, 10 a.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 7: Circle 2, 9 a.m.  
Wednesday, Jan. 8: Confirmation Class Charity Circle, 7:30 p.m.; Church Council, 8 p.m.

**UNITED METHODIST**

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

**\* BYRON \***

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN**  
Pastor Breen Marie Sipes  
Sundays: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

**ST. PETER LUTHERAN RURAL BYRON**

Pastor Breen Marie Sipes  
See St. Paul, Byron.

**\* CARLETON \***

**ZION LUTHERAN**  
Rev. Jonathan K. Jensen  
Sundays: Worship, 9:30 a.m.

**\* CHESTER \***

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN**  
Rev. Christopher Gerdes, Pastor  
Sundays: Worship, 11 a.m.

**\* 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 LUTHERAN**

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

**UNITED METHODIST**

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

**\* DESHLER \***

**ABIDING WORD LUTHERAN**

George Lautner, Pastor  
Friday, Jan. 3: Parkview Haven Bible study, 11:15 a.m.  
Sunday, Jan. 5: Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; Worship with Communion, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 6: Council meeting, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, Jan. 8: Blue Valley Care Home, 9 a.m.

**PEACE LUTHERAN**

Phillip Nielsen, Pastor  
Wednesday, Jan. 1: PVH Chapel, 3 p.m.  
Thursday, Jan. 2: Secretary office close.

Friday, Jan. 3: Annual Report deadline; Meadowlark Heights Bible study, 11 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 4: Holy Communion, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 5: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Holy Communion with installation of Church Officers, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 7: Preschool resumes; LCMC Days of Prayer service, 7 a.m.; Staff meeting, 4:30 p.m.; LCMC Days of Prayer Service, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 8: LCMC Days of Prayer service, 7 a.m.; Meadowlark Heights Communion, 9:45 a.m.; Parkview Haven Communion, 10:30 a.m.; LCMC Days of Prayer service, Noon; PACE 5 and 6, 4 p.m.; PACE 7 and 8, 5 p.m.; LCMC Days of Prayer service, 7 p.m.; Peace choir, 8 p.m.

**ST. PETER LUTHERAN**

Brian Francik, Pastor  
Wednesday, Jan. 1: New Year's Day Worship service with Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 3: Bulletin folders, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 5: Worship service with installation of Officers and Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school and Adult Bible class, 10:45 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 6: Elders, 7:30

p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 7: Men's Breakfast Bible study, 7 a.m.; Desher Lutheran School resumes; Communion at Meadowlark Heights, 1 p.m.; Midweek Confirmation, 4 p.m.

**\* FRIEDENSAU \***

**TRINITY LUTHERAN**  
B. J. Fouts, Pastor  
Sundays: Worship service, 10 a.m.; Bible class, 11:15 a.m.

**\* GILEAD \***

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN**  
Connie Raess, Pastor  
Sundays: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

**\* HARDY \***

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN**  
Interim Pastor Tom Miller  
See St. Paul, Byron  
Sundays: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

**\* HEBRON \***

**FAITH LUTHERAN**  
Rev. Christopher Gerdes, Pastor  
Sundays: Worship, 9:30 a.m.

**FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Steve Speichinger, Pastor  
Sundays: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

Connie Stone, Pastor  
Sundays: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Keith Brozek, Pastor  
Wednesday, Jan. 1: No confirmation class.

Thursday, Jan. 2: Holy Communion at Courtyard Terrace, 9 a.m.; Holy Communion at Blue Valley Lutheran Homes, 10 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 4: Worship with Holy Communion, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 5: Worship, coffee fellowship, Sunday school, 9 a.m.; Bible study, 10:30 a.m.

**HEBRON & CHESTER UNITED METHODIST**

Mark Baldwin, Pastor  
Sundays: Service 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, 3 p.m.; Sunday School, 2 p.m.; first and third Sundays of month.

**NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY**

Mike Hood, Pastor  
Wednesdays: Kids on the Move, 7 p.m.; Bible Study alternating Wednesdays, 7 p.m.  
Sundays: Every other Sunday, men's Bible study, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC**

Father Rudolf Oborny, Pastor  
December: Altar Society Advent Baby Shower. New or gently used baby clothes are needed.

Wednesday, Jan. 1: Holy Day Mass, 10 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 2: Quilting, 1 p.m.; Altar Society meeting, 3 p.m.; Holy Hour, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 3: First Friday Mass, 7:20 a.m., Food and fellowship following at Mary's Cafe;

Appreciation supper for acolytes and lectors at home of Leland and Carl Weber, 5:30 p.m. (402-353-6285).

Saturday, Jan. 4: Mass, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 5: Mass, 10 a.m.; CYO soup lunch following.

Wednesday, Jan. 8: CCD classes resume, 7 p.m.

**HEBRON BIBLE CHURCH**

Jeff Friesen, Pastor  
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. Christopher Gerdes, Pastor  
Sundays: Worship, 8 a.m.

**\* OAK \***

**FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Keith Brich, Pastor  
Sundays: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; worship 10 a.m.

Wednesdays: Men's Bible study, 7 p.m.

Fridays: Women's Bible study, 2 p.m.

First Saturday: Men's breakfast, 7:30 a.m.

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Copy requested by noon on Mondays. To make additions or changes, Fax 402-768-7354, e-mail hebronjr@windstream.net or phone 402-768-6602.

## Obituaries

### Allen Hissong

Allen Leroy Hissong of Hebron, the son of Dorell and Dorothy (Willem) Hissong, was born February 23, 1941, in Hebron. He departed this life Wednesday, December 25, at Thayer County Health Services in Hebron, at the age of 72 years.



He was baptized March 16, 1941, by Pastor E.G. Allwardt and confirmed April 11, 1954, by G.J. Meyer, both at Grace Lutheran Church in Hebron.

Allen grew up in the Gilead area, attending country school through the eighth grade. He then came to Hebron High School and graduated with the class of 1959.

He married Frances Bringer on February 26, 1961, at Carleton Brethren Church in Carleton. This union was blessed with the birth of five children.

Allen was a farmer at heart, realizing God's great gifts, having dairy cattle, but he especially liked stock cows. He enjoyed the drive to the farm checking on the cattle.

He worked at Hebron Livestock, farmed, Plains Equipment in Concordia, Kan., and 36 years at Virus Implement, now Case-IH, as sales manager. All of Allen's jobs were agricultural related.

Allen's pastimes included buying presents for his wife Frances, like a cafe, dairy cattle, and other things for her to do. He really enjoyed driving around in his pickup and checking on family to make sure they were safe and if they needed anything.

He is preceded in death by

his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Frances of Hebron; sons, Todd Hissong, Troy Hissong and wife Karen of Hebron, Travis Hissong DVM and wife Abby of Oberlin, Kan.; Tysen and wife Tina of Hubbell; daughter, Kim Hissong MD of Omaha; brother, Randy and wife Cheryl of Hebron; sisters, Bev Kuhns and husband Don of Waverly, and Linda Fangmeyer and husband Leroy of Deshler; grandchildren, Kale Hissong of Omaha, Coty Hissong of Lincoln, Conner Hissong of Hebron, Colt Hissong of Pea Ridge, Alaska; Alexis Hissong and Gatlin Hissong both of Oberlin, Kan.; Logan Tietjen, Cameron Hissong, and Jayden Hissong, all of Hubbell, Clare Coleman of Russell, Kan.; Mollie Stierlen of Hebron, Leigha Stierlen and fiance Bryce of Friend, and Travis Stierlen of Lincoln; great-grandchildren, Aniya, Collin, Ava, Keiara, and Bennett; and nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were December 28 at the United Methodist Church in Hebron. Officiating was Pastor Mark Baldwin. Organist was Diane Smith. Music was a congregational hymn "Just A Closer Walk With Me" and a recorded selection "Amazing Grace" by Jim Nabors.

Casket bearers were Janet Eggers, Kelli Day, Matthew VanWesten, Brandon Rausch, Doug Huber, Cody Turan, Shayne Rausch, Jeff Bleich, Garrett Effenbeck, Brian Templin, and Dylan Hellbusch.

Honorary casket bearers were grandchildren.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery Hebron.

Memorials are in care of the family. Condolences may be left at www.krollfh.com.

Hebron Memorial Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### Rodney Peake

Rodney R. Peake, son of Ray Peake and Dorothy (Parker) Peake, was born August 7, 1949, at Omaha and passed away on December 21, 2013, at Glendale, Ariz., at the age of 64 years, four months and 14 days.

He graduated from the University of Nebraska with a degree in law. He was an attorney/businessman in Belleville, Kan., and Chester for many years.

He was united in marriage to Charlotte R. Heitmann on August 7, 1971.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Dorothy Peake.

He is survived by his wife, Charlotte Peake of Glendale, Ariz.; son, John Peake of Glendale, Ariz.; daughter, Kelly Peake (Melissa Matos) of Phoenix, Ariz.; grandson, Trevor Peake; other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held December 27, at the United Methodist Church, Chester. Officiating was Pastor Mark Baldwin.

Interment was in the Chester Cemetery, Chester.

Memorials may be given to family choice.

Online condolences and information at www.bachelor-surber.com

Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, Belleville, Kan., was in charge of arrangements.

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### Bruning

By Lola Johnson

Christmas guests of Fred and Penni Bruning were Adam Bruning and Carley Chapman of Holdrege. Heather Oentrich of Omaha, Abby Bruning of Portland Ore., Ione Schelbitzki of Geneva and Reiss Bruning. On the 23rd they traveled to Chester and Belleville, Kan., for supper and to see the Christmas light displays. Lunch guests on Thursday, December 26, were Harold and Susie Branting of North Platte.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kluck and Johanna and Joan Langhorst spent Christmas Day at the Jane Ellefson home in Columbus where Mr. and Mrs. Doug Kluck and Vaughn of Kansas City, Mo., and Burns Ellifson of Columbus and John Ellefson and Elaine Morgan of Richland joined them.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Francis and Beth Garrison were Paula and Duane Wyssman, Ken and Jennie Buehner and family, Brian Wyssman of Omaha, Julie Wainwright and Addison and Andrea of Iowa, Jarred and Abby Smith and family of Bloomfield, Bryan and Ashley Perez and family, Judy Wyssman of Lincoln, Jeff and Ami Koehler and family of Johnson, Brad and Alissa

Bankson of Holdrege, Patrick Houser and Kelsey Brown of Hebron, Cody Houser and Page of Peru, Mitchell Houser of Hastings, Barb and Jay Schoenholz, and Mike and Lynne Houser of Bruning.

Christmas Day guests of Lola Johnson were Deanna Dirks of Hastings, Denise, Sam, Mollie and Oliver Packard of Lincoln, Dean and Chelle Dirks of Bruning, Halsey Dirks and friend Matt of Dannebrog, Bethany and Mallory Bechtold of Minneapolis, Kan.; and Taylor Dirks of Deshler. All enjoyed a variety of soups, baked potatoes, sandwiches, pecan pie, desserts and a birthday cake for Denise Packard and Deanna Dirks birthdays.

### Alexandria Community Club

Santa arrived in Alexandria on December 21, at 2 p.m., transported by Alexandria Fire Department elves Diana Vorderstrasse and Daniel Durlfing. Children and their parents were waiting at the Legion Hall for his arrival. Elves from Alexandria Community Club, Pat Knigge, Ruth Schultz, Lisa McKinney, Pauline Disney, Dale and Jean Pletcher, welcomed the group and served cookies, cocoa, spiced apple juice. They took pictures of the children with Santa as they received their treat sack. An extra gift for the children was selecting a book or two from the group deleted from the library inventory. Everyone enjoyed a time of socializing and refreshments. After they left the Legion Hall, Santa and the fire department elves delivered treat sacks to older residents in Alexandria.

In the evening, judges chose winners of the home decorating contest. Congratulations to the winners: First place: Bob and Marilyn Bahle; Second place: Jack Hunt; Third place: Jim and Marge Durlfing; Honorable Mention: Jeremy and Christine Van Westen and Jack and Bonnie Buchli.

Happy New Year from Alexandria Community Club.

**Storm**  
**Bruning-Davenport Unified School**

**ACTIVITIES**

**Thursday, January 2:** No school.

**Friday, January 3:** No school.

**Saturday, January 4:** Girls' and boys' basketball with David City Aquinas at Bruning, 4, 5:30 p.m.

**Monday, January 6:** No school.

**Tuesday, January 7:** School resumes.

### Hubble Women's Club

The Hubble Women's Club will host a Community Potluck dinner at 12:30 p.m., January 5, at the Hubbell Community Hall. Following the dinner, Nebraska Humanities speaker Paul Siebert, of Lincoln, will do a musical performance at 1:45 p.m. He plays various instruments and sings. Everyone is welcome to join us for the free concert and dinner.

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# 2013 in Review...

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Foundation dedicated a new park in downtown Davenport. Although the idea came up about two years ago, the park was constructed in just a few short months and was ready for the community to use on September 19.

The Village of Alexandria Board discussed a new ordinance in September that would restrict where sex offenders could live in the village. The ordinance passed its first reading, but failed at the second reading in October.

Results were released from

the Thayer County Economic Development Alliance's industry/marketing gap survey. The survey was meant to help TCEDA pinpoint what county residents thought was needed in the county.

### October

The train depot that was formerly located in Alexandria was moved to the train watching station in Belvidere in October. The depot is the last remaining in the county.

Two area veterans made a trip to Washington D.C. on the Heartland Honor Flight. Ed Hergott and Glenn Fischer

were two of the 135 veterans who made the trip.

A new business opened its doors in Hebron in October. Paige Cottam opened the Hair Barn in downtown Hebron.

### November

Work on the Little Blue River continued through Thayer County in November. Thayer County was the last leg of this part of the project. The project will continue in the spring.

Thayer Central Elementary was filmed for a documentary in November. The documentary features the school's wellness program.

The Bruning-Davenport-Shickley volleyball team brought home second place from the state tournament.

### December

The Hebron Community Foundation Fund saw a \$1 million donation to establish the Kenneth and Glenn Korff Endowment.

The Hebron City Council decided to move forward with a floor plan for the community center.

Bruning-Davenport students placed second at the State Play Production Championship on Dec. 11.



JR File Photo

Area kids get a train ride during the parade at the annual Fourth of July Celebration in Hebron last summer.



JR File Photo

The Lady Eagles hold up their second place trophy following the game against St. Mary's last October.

## Belvidere

By LaDonna Avers

After a dull week of news the week before last, Christmas week produced good weather and lots of traveling. Now that the wind is blowing, it is cold again and traffic might be slowed down.

Logan and Paula McGinness enjoyed an evening Christmas dinner and gift exchange with Gale and Audrey Rickers and their family Mary, Chrystal, Anisha, Ryder and Nash. Their daughter Alexis, son-in-law Derrick Nutsch and grandson Parker from Chester also joined them. Shane Rickers and his fiance Jamey, both from York, were also part of the festivities.

Visiting Donna Bedlan this past week were her daughter and son-in-law, Dawn and Jey Johnston. They also visited Vicki and Vaughn Hinrichs and their families who were here for Christmas.

Russ and Bonnie Priefert had a very busy week. Christmas Eve they attended church in Belvidere with their daughter Jennifer from Omaha. Tom and Angie Priefert joined them there. After church, the whole family, including Linda Hudson and LaDonna Avers, returned to the Priefert home where they enjoyed a light supper and lots of good visiting. On Christmas Day they again entertained their children including Jennifer, Tom and Angie and Teresa, Pete and Rubie Demma. Bonnie's mother Lorna Waldmeier, from Beatrice, came with the Demma's to enjoy Christmas Day. Rubie Demma stayed for a few days visit. Bonnie took her and JessaLynn Hudson to the free movie at the Majestic on Thursday afternoon. The little cousins always enjoy their time together. Rubie

returned home to Lincoln on Friday.

Arriving on December 20 to visit Ila Currey was her son Mike of California. He enjoyed several Christmas gatherings while in Nebraska. He and Ila were able to spend some time with his Aunt Barbara Lewis and cousin Tina Tyler of Lincoln before he had to return on Dec. 29.

Ruth Joachim entertained her family at the Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall on Christmas Day. Kirk and Wanda came as did Jon, Jamie, Clara and Caroline from Deshler. Joshua Joachim also from Deshler joined them. Included in the group were Kevin and Colleen, Courtney from Lincoln and Thomas and friend Amy Wood; Tim and Gaylene Calahan from Syracuse, their son Connor, son Ryan, and Alicia.

After having Christmas Eve with Russ and Bonnie, LaDonna Avers drove to the home of Audrey and Larry Mathiesen in Milford for Christmas dinner. Joining them were daughter Katie, Jeremy and Calee Brown of Lincoln and son Vagas Mathiesen of Pleasant Dale. They had a fun day, especially watching little Calee's eyes light up at her treasures. However, she was a little unhappy with the Elf on the Shelf for eating up her Christmas treats.

On Saturday, LaDonna and grandson Nic Dunsmoor drove to Hampton to have a holiday dinner with Ardys and Jeff Dunsmoor and the rest of their family. Chelsea Dunsmoor Rice, Sharmelle Rice and children CJ, Tori, Logan and Dylan came from Audobon, Iowa, for a short

visit. Anastacia Korth from St. Lindsey came, but had to leave her husband at home suffering from the flu. Nathan Avers, Haileigh and Nathaniel were also guests of Uncle Jeff and Aunt Dolly, who consider them part of the family too. Gifts were exchanged and everyone had a great time.

On December 22, Randy and Dianne Waldmeier of Belvidere held a pre-Christmas dinner at their home. Present were, Josh, Jenny, Treyton, Tara and Tyson Waldmeier from Belvidere, Doug and Sharon Sellenrick of Plymouth, Dennis and Nancy Vorderstrasse of Hastings, Kristin Vorderstrasse of Kearney, Brent and Lauren Vorderstrasse and Angie Mucklow all of Ayr.

On December 24, Randy and Dianne Waldmeier spent Christmas Eve at their home with their children. Those present were Josh, Jenny, Treyton, Tara and Tyson Waldmeier of Belvidere, and Tanner, Jess, Haylee and Bo Schlegel of McCook. They all enjoyed pizza and snacks before the gift exchange.

On Christmas Day, Randy and Dianne Waldmeier spent the day at the home of Cliff and Sherry Vetch, Madison, Zach and Allison of Fairbury. Other guests were Leroy Vetch of Fairbury and Chris, Kathy, Maya and Jon Vetch of Lincoln. Later, family members visited with Donna Vetch at the Gardenside Nursing Home.

I know there were others who were out and about this week, so if any of you want to give me your news, I'll be happy to see it's printed next week. My email is la91848@windstream.net or phone # 402-768-6567.

### VILLAGE OF GILEAD REGULAR MEETING DEC. 3, 2013

The Village Board met in public session on December 3, 2013, at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall. Notices were printed on resident statements and published in the Hebron Journal, as well as posted at the USPO, Village Hall, and Pioneers Inn. Roll call was taken; board members present were Lyle, Larry, Mike and Quint. Also present was Misty Rayburn, Linda Abelson, and Carol Krueger, along with the current village clerk Ashley Hellbusch.

Minutes from the November 2013 meeting were read. There were no corrections to the minutes.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Mike made a motion that the bills be paid as presented. Quint seconded, all in favor, motion carried. The bills that were paid are: Salaries \$497.57, Germer/Murray \$192.00, Fairbury Light and Water \$2557.35, Hebron Journal \$34.98, Fairbury Journal \$24.75, Neb Dept of Rev \$75.14, Fairbury Light and Water \$2600.11, Hebron Journal \$25.35, Fairbury Light and Water \$98.50, Walmart \$34.14, LBPWP \$24.55, Mid State Engineering \$1795.00, and Garbage Co South \$170.00.

Interviews were conducted for the new Village Clerk position. Mike made a motion to accept Linda Abelson as the new Village Clerk, seconded by Larry. All in favor, motion carried. Linda will start training December 2013. The current Village Clerk, Ashley Hellbusch, will train Linda for two months. The first month she will receive her usual salary, and the second month she will be paid \$10.00 per hour for any time she records and submits.

A CD is maturing. Quint made a motion to rollover the CD, seconded by Mike. All in favor, motion carried.

The board reviewed the banner permit and will enroll in the program for 2014.

The board had a request from Hines Construction to fill the streets. The members decided to postpone this until next year.

The village members then discussed the sewer lagoon. There has been a counter offer from the land owner. The board is looking into different options at this time.

There being no further business, Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Quint. All in favor, motion carried. The next meeting will be held January 7, 2013, at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Ashley Hellbusch, Village Clerk  
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### VILLAGE OF DAVENPORT DEC. 2, 2013

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Davenport, Nebraska, met in regular session on Monday, December 2, 2013, at 7 p.m. in the fire hall conference room.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof as shown by the certificate of posting notice attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was in regular session and open to public attendance. Notice of the meeting was mailed to all board members, and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda are also attached to the minutes. The agenda was on file in the office of the Village Clerk and available for public inspection.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Trustee Trapp noting the availability of the Open Meeting Laws. Answering roll call were Littrel, Stone, Trapp, Holtzen and Knigge were absent for the entire meeting. Also present were Deputy Johnson, Terry Enghauser, and village employees Everett Braun and Arlene Vorce.

Minutes of the November regular meeting were declared approved as printed, there being no additions or corrections, and reading aloud being dispensed with, as copies of the minutes were distributed to trustees along with their notices.

The treasurer's report was given. Stone, seconded by Littrel, moved that the report be accepted. Roll call vote: Ayes: Littrel, Stone, Trapp. Motion carried.

November patrol reports were available. Correspondence reviewed: NPPD's December 9 meeting in Beatrice and the December 5 meeting of the Homestead Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Claims for November expenses were presented and audited. Littrel, seconded by Trapp, moved that the claims be paid. Roll call vote: Ayes: Littrel, Stone, Trapp. The Chairman declared the motion carried and ordered payment of the following claims: Wages, less withholdings, \$4079.18; ins. benefit, \$1259.99; Trustee fees, less withholdings, \$766.50; Arend's, supplies, \$10.91; BD USD, fee, \$300.00; Burton Enterprises, service, \$957.00; Capital Guardian Trust Co., employee match, \$94.23; employer match, \$94.23; Cornerstone Bank, rent, \$25.00, FICA, \$1327.40, sales tax, \$1597.21; CPS, fuel, \$218.73; Davenport Building Supply, supplies, \$70.36; Davenport Legion Aux., meals, \$385.00; Davenport Public Library, lease, \$800.00; Deshler Elect, repairs, \$275.50; First State Ins, premium, \$4178.00; Hebron Journal, publish, \$38.46; Joe Murray, fee, \$160.00; Kriz Davis, supplies, \$117.63; MARC, supplies, \$649.00; Matheson, supplies, \$83.17; NE Muni Clerks', dues, \$10.00; NE Public HE Lab., test, \$455.00; Norris Public Power, trans charges, \$1646.96; NPPD, power purchase, \$16879.45; Public Safety Cntr, supplies, \$164.42; Source Gas, service, \$340.29; U

## Public Notices

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Chairman Trapp declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman Trapp called the reorganizational meeting to order. Trustees present were Littrel, Stone and Trapp.

Trapp declared the meeting open for nominations for Chairman for the year 2014. Stone, seconded by Littrel, moved that Trapp be retained as Chairman. Roll call vote: Ayes, Stone, Littrel, Abstain: Trapp, Stone, seconded by Trapp moved that Littrel be retained as Vice Chairman. Roll call vote: Ayes: Trapp, Stone, Abstain: Littrel. Motion carried. Stone, seconded by Littrel, moved to retain all appointments and committees as previous year. Roll call vote: Ayes: Littrel, Stone, Trapp. Motion carried. Votes shows Thomas L. Krueger from JEO Consulting Group appointed as our Street Superintendent; Attorney, Joe Murray; Engineer, JEO; Depository, Cornerstone Bank; Publication, Hebron Journal-Register; Library Director, Jerry Littrel; Health Officers, Davenport Clinic; all Trustees serving on all committees--Finance, Utilities, Streets and Alleys, Park. Chairman Trapp, Thayer Co. Sheriff, and the doctors of the Thayer County Health Services will serve as the Village Board of Health.

A list, with a completion deadline, will be forwarded on the clean up property.

An increase in water rates will be researched to aid in a decision on the Water Service Rep's presentation.

The consensus of the Board was to discuss ball field upgrades next month when more information might be available.

Maintenance reported: Christmas lights are up, a new heater has been ordered for the well house—the old one burned up, sewer relays need attention, Drohman building electric hookup is ready.

There being no further items to bring before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Justin Trapp, Board Chairman  
Arlene Vorce, Clerk  
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### VILLAGE OF GILEAD REGULAR MEETING Nov. 5, 2013

The Village Board met in public session on November 5, 2013, at 7 p.m., at the Village Hall. Notices were printed on resident statements and published in the Hebron Journal, as well as posted at the USPO, Village Hall, and Pioneers Inn. Roll call was taken; Board members present were Lyle, Larry, Mike, and Quint. Also present was Ashley Hellbusch, Village Clerk.

Minutes from the October 2013 meeting were read. There were no corrections to the minutes.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Quint made a motion that the bills be paid as presented. Larry seconded, all in favor, motion carried. The bills that were paid are: Salaries \$497.57, LBPWP \$21.35, First National Bank of Fairbury \$91.52, Garbage Co South \$170.

A CD is maturing. Mike made a motion to rollover the CD, seconded by Larry, all in favor.

The state audit report was reviewed and discussed. The board will prepare a response. All requests will be addressed and fixed going forward.

The board reviewed the wetlands delineation report. There is no action that needs to be taken at this time.

It has been brought to the Board's attention that the minutes from September 25 meeting needed corrected in the newspaper as it had the incorrect clerk name. We will republish the minutes.

The new estimates for sewer bills will be \$35.60 per month, \$10.00 will be for operation and maintenance cost. The remainder of \$25.60 will be for paid the CWSRF debt service and coverage requirements.

Lyle Keilwitz signed the rental agreement for the fire hall.

Resumes for the Village Clerk position were reviewed. The applicants will be contacted. Thank you to all of you who put a resume in.

Hines Construction has contacted the chairman about filling the streets. The issue was tabled until next month.

There being no further business, Quint made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mike. All in favor, motion carried. The next meeting will be held December 3, 2013, at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Ashley Hellbusch, Village Clerk  
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# Sports

## GAME TIMES

Friday, January 3:

TC W at Sutton, 11 a.m.  
Deshler BB vs. Lewiston,  
6:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 4:

BDS BB vs. DC Aquinas, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, January 7:

TC BB vs. Wilber-Clatonia,  
6:15 p.m.

## Area basketball teams play in holiday tournaments

The Lady Eagles played the Silver Lake Lady Mustangs in the first round of the Silver Lake Holiday tournament on Dec. 27.

BDS went into halftime with a 15-point lead. In the second half, they couldn't quite hold on to the lead and Silver Lake came back to tie the game sending it into overtime. During the extra minutes, the Lady Eagles were able to come out with a victory. The final score was 44-39.

"We came out flat and effortless in the second half while Silver Lake came out with energy and determination," said BDS basketball coach Shana Gerberding. "We have to learn to put teams away when we have the chance and not let them get back into the game."

Jaycie Hoins led the Lady Eagles in points having 14 on the night. Christy Swartzendruber wasn't far behind with 13 points. Swartzendruber also had 11 rebounds on the night. Jill Schroeder also

contributed six points. Also scoring for BDS were: Jennifer Mick with four, Kalli Schroeder with three, Catherine Mick with two and Matyson Kleinschmidt with two.

The next night the Lady Eagles went on to face Alma.

"It was good to see the girls come out with more energy and passion than they did on Friday," Gerberding said. "We were moving so much better on offense which led to easy baskets for us. Defensively we were much better as well."

The Lady Eagles came out with an early lead of 18-4 after the first quarter. The team continued in this fashion finishing the game out with another win. The final score was 48-21.

The Lady Eagles' leading scorer against Alma was Matyson Kleinschmidt. She had 13 points. Jaycie Hoins contributed nine points while Christy Swartzendruber had eight. Also scoring for BDS were: McKenna Schardt with seven, Jill Schroeder with six and Catherine Mick with

five.

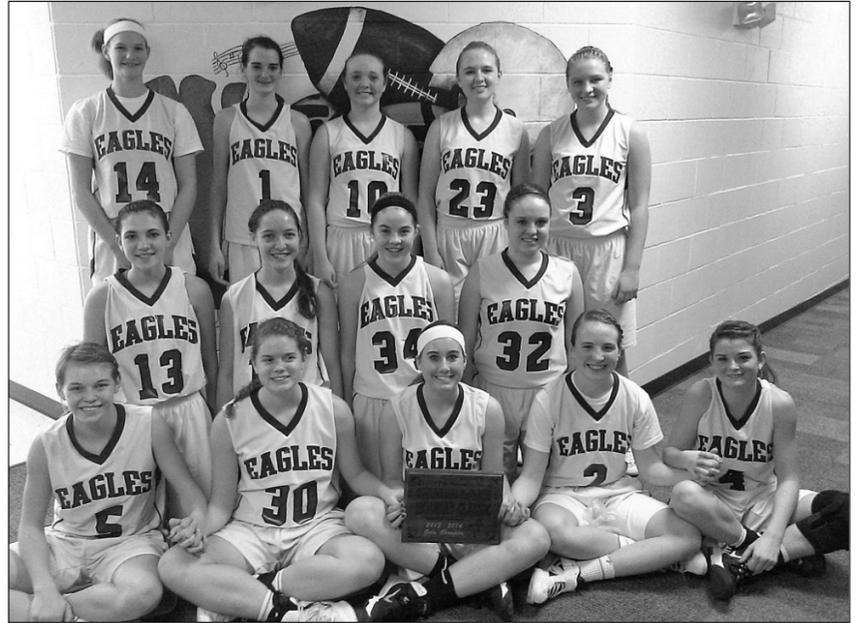
With this win, the Lady Eagles placed first in the tournament.

### BDS Boys

On Friday and Saturday, the BDS Eagles took their annual year end trip to Roseland to play in the Silver Lake Holiday Classic Tournament and came away the winner for the fourth year in a row.

The Eagles faced off with host Silver Lake in the opening round and really came out firing on all cylinders opening up and early for 21-5 first quarter lead.

"Silver Lake decided to make us hit some perimeter jumpers and we did," commented Head coach Fred Kluck. "Some nights that's been a pretty good strategy when you play us, other nights, like tonight, not so good. I guess we'll have to take a five day break a little more often to sharpen up our shooting," he said referring to the NSAA mandated five day dead period that falls around



Courtesy Photo

The Lady Eagles basketball team won the holiday tournament held in Silver Lake last weekend.

the holiday break.

Cody Garland led the way in the first half recording 12 of his team leading 14 points before the break. In addition to that, he ended the game with four steals, two assists and four rebounds as well.

The second quarter saw the Eagles expand their lead to 24 as they went into the half leading 39-15.

The second half was more of the same as all 14 players who suited up saw action and the game ended with BDS on top 68-28.

In addition to Cody, Riley Tegtmeier scored 12 points and added four assists, Grant Norder played a full game coming back from injury and scored 11 points, Sam Christensen had eight as well as four assists, Chris Rohr had five as did Jayden Otto, Joel Schardt had four, Nathan Hendrickson added three points as did Ben Elznic, Wyatt Schoenholz had two as well as a team leading eight rebounds and Kamron Ficken rounded out the scoring with one point.

The Saturday final was a different ball game for the Eagles, as some of the perimeter shooting didn't fall and BDS found itself in a dogfight for the championship.

"Shelton had pretty much

the same game plan as Silver Lake," said Coach Kluck. "The difference was tonight, for whatever reason, our confidence didn't seem to be as high, and we didn't knock down the jumpers quite as well as we did the day before. However, our defense has been consistent and it kept us in the game again tonight."

The game was back and forth early as BDS led at the first quarter break 9-5, but Shelton made a run and only trailed by one 17-16 going into the half. The Eagles opened up a little lead in the third quarter and led 28-23 going into the fourth quarter where they finally took control hitting some free throws and ending the game with a 45-34 margin.

Grant Norder led the way with 12 points, while Cody Garland and Riley Tegtmeier added 11 each. Chris Rohr had seven along with seven rebounds, while Joel Schardt and Wyatt Schoenholz rounded out the scoring with two each.

"This is where we need to mature as a team," commented Kluck. "We're a sound defender and when we just relax and shoot the ball on the offensive end we can be pretty good. When we shoot tight,

we're just average."

### Deshler

The Deshler Dragons traveled to Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer to take part in their holiday tournament.

In their first game of the tournament last Saturday, Deshler took on Pawnee City. The Dragons battled into overtime, but couldn't come up with a win. The final score was Pawnee City 48, Deshler 39.

The Lady Dragons also faced Pawnee City. The girls came out with a big time win with a final score of Deshler 51, Pawnee City 19.

Both teams continued in the tournament on Monday, Dec. 30.

### Thayer Central

The Lady Titans faced Falls City Sacred Heart in their first round of the tournament in Freeman. The Lady Titans fell to Falls City Sacred Heart with a final score of Falls City Sacred Heart 66, Thayer Central 25.

The Titans also faced Falls City Sacred Heart on Saturday. The boys team also fell to Falls City Sacred Heart. The final score was Falls City Sacred Heart 71, Thayer Central 41.

Both Titan teams continued in the Freeman tournament on Dec. 30.



JR File Photo

In this photo from Thayer Central's game against Fillmore Central on Dec. 17, Rachel Johnson (20) and Kelsey Long (25) try to keep a Fillmore Central player from scoring. The Lady Titans faced Falls City Sacred Heart in the Freeman tournament on Dec. 28.

## Titan JV wrestlers travel to Ravenna

The Junior Varsity wrestlers traveled to Ravenna on Dec. 20.

Justin Criner brought home first place in the 138 weight class. In the first round, Criner won by fall over Tanner Chlewski (Arcadia/Loup City). In the next round, Criner won by fall over C.J. Hernandez (Southern Valley). In the final round, Criner won by fall over Clayton Suckstorf (Burwell).

Preston Reese placed second in the 145 weight class. In the first round, Tre Norman (Southern Valley) won by decision over Reese. In the final round, Reese won by fall over Marcos Tovar (Gibbon).

Riley Templin brought home second place in the 152 weight class. In the first match, Kaden Dawe (Ord) won by fall over Templin. In the next round, Templin won by fall over Andrew Miller (Broken Bow). In the final match, Templin won by fall over Zach Harris (Grand Island CC).

In the 285 weight class, Robert Lindsey placed third for the Titans. In the first round, Logan Spencer (Arcadia/Loup City) won by fall over Lindsey. In the second round, Dalton Spies (Grand Island CC) won by fall over Lindsey. In the final match, Lindsey won by fall over Bryce Roach (Broken Bow).

## Tegtmeier matches career high scoring against St. Thomas

Morningside College has been continuing their season with wins over several ranked opponents.

Morningside has a team shooting figure of 50.5 percent from the field and has shot over 50 percent in each of its last four contests.

The Mustangs shot a sizzling 65 percent from the field in a 102-77 victory against Mount Marty College on Dec. 11, 57.8 percent in an 81-71 win against Nebraska Wesleyan University on Dec. 14, 51 percent in an 86-78 triumph against St. Thomas University on Dec. 18, and

51.5 percent in a 95-86 loss against Indiana Wesleyan University on Dec. 19.

Ryan Tegtmeier, a 6-0 freshman guard from Davenport, matched his career scoring high with seven points in the Mustangs' 86-78 upset victory against No. 19 St. Thomas at the Cruzin Classic. Tegtmeier also scored seven points two games earlier in the Mustangs' 102-77 victory against Mount Marty College. He is averaging 2.8 points per game off the Mustangs' bench.

Tegtmeier is a 2013 graduate of Bruning-Davenport-Shickley High School.

## School consolidation in Nebraska

### By The Nebraska News Service

Few issues are as fraught with controversy in the state of Nebraska as the issue of school consolidation.

Largely affected by agriculture, the state's largest industry, school consolidation in Nebraska is also affected by population distribution, transportation, economy and requirements for school facilities. And while the idea of consolidation, known technically as school reorganization, is not new, it almost always has an emotional impact on the communities it affects.

According to Brian Halstead, assistant commissioner and general counsel at the Nebraska Department of Education, Nebraskans have a deep interest in education as well as pride in their hometowns and schools, which is why consolidation can be so difficult.

"What you remember isn't the class work or the assignments," Halstead said. "It was the activity of doing it with your friends and fellow students. You remember more about the relationships; we all are nostalgic about that experience."

Since the early settlers, Nebraskans have "displayed no lack of interest in education," according to a report by the Nebraska Department of Education on the state's school history.

When Nebraska became a state in 1867, it had a total of 797 school districts, 20 of which provided K-12 education. As more settlers arrived and family farming boomed,

the number of school districts continued to climb, reaching its peak at more than 7,000 districts in the 1920s.

Then, the agricultural landscape began to change. With the consolidation of homesteads and the mechanization of farming came the first talks of school consolidation.

Tensions surrounding school reorganization were high from the start. At one of the earliest consolidation hearings in 1919, the chairman of the meeting set a loaded pistol beside himself on the table to maintain order, according to the education department's historical records. Between 1919 and 1949, the number of school districts decreased by about 500 districts.

Consolidation continued as the 1949 legislature passed the Reorganization of School Districts Act, which established a process by which districts could merge as well as the six-member State Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts and the County Committees for the Reorganization. Though slightly modified, these committees are still active today.

The 1949 legislation cut the number of school districts by nearly two-thirds, from nearly 7,000 in 1949 to a little more than 2,000 in 1968.

Despite the cuts, a 1968 study known as the Great Plains Project revealed Nebraska as the state with the most school districts in the nation.

No legislation was passed as a direct result of the Great Plains Project. A 1985 bill fo-

cused on tax equity for school districts but voters blocked it by a referendum in the 1986 election. In the next five years, three significant pieces of legislation were passed that continue to affect Nebraska school districts today.

In 1989, a new law (Legislative Bill 183) allowed students the option to enroll in schools other than their resident district. The law disrupts the oncesustainable enrollment projections for schools across the state and can directly or indirectly affect reorganization.

"A family might live just inside the corner (of a district), but actually closer to another school," Halstead said, "(LB 183) freed up choices for families and where their kids can attend school, so there is no more guarantee that the kids living in the district will go to the public school in that district."

Two laws passed in 1990 continue to affect education today. LB 1059 altered the distribution of state aid to schools, while LB 259 required elementary-only districts (Class I's) to affiliate with a K-12 district for tax purposes.

According to Halstead, Nebraskans can expect consolidation to continue, particularly in the eastern part of the state where there are still small school districts within a reasonable driving distance of each other.

"Valentine is the largest district in the state; there's not a lot more you can reorganize (in western Nebraska)," Halstead said. "There are more school districts east of Grand

Island than west of Grand Island; population shifts are still going on, many counties are still losing people. That's where we'll continue to see consolidation."

Besides population shifts, Halstead said there are other reasons consolidation is becoming more necessary for some school districts. Another contributing factor is that expectations of schools have changed.

"When I went to school in the '60s, the approach wasn't that all students will learn the same things and graduate with the same knowledge and skills," Halstead said. "Now with sophistication in our society, even if you want to be a plumber, it requires some sort of post-high school education. The demands and expectations of society have changed the mission of schools."

And along with these higher expectations comes a higher price tag.

"Costs are higher today. If you want to offer a higher quality of education you have to pay more," Halstead said.

Population shifts and continued consolidation appear to be what's in store for Nebraska for the foreseeable future. Halstead said it's possible that the ability to use technology to work remotely might help reverse these trends, but population shifts are a complex issue.

"If I knew the answer to reversing population decline in rural Nebraska, I wouldn't be here, I'd be rich!"

# Public Notices

## CHESTER, NEBRASKA DEC. 11, 2013

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester, Thayer County, Nebraska, met at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall on December 11, 2013, for their regular monthly meeting. Board members present were: Chairman Carbonneau and Trustees: Wassom, Pachta, Heinrichs and Roop.

Chairman Carbonneau called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Roop moved and Wassom seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Roll call votes: Ayes: Wassom, Pachta, Heinrichs, Roop and Carbonneau. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was then given. Heinrichs moved and Roop seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Ayes: Wassom, Pachta, Heinrichs, Roop and Carbonneau. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A report was given on the progress of the GIS mapping project of the water & sewer systems.

Replacing the cook stove at the auditorium was discussed. Heinrichs moved and Roop seconded a motion to purchase an Amana cook stove from Western Auto for \$589.00. Roll call votes: Ayes: Wassom, Pachta, Heinrichs, Roop and Carbonneau. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Little Blue Natural Resources District has agreed to pay 1/3 or up to \$2500.00 in the reclosing of the village's original water well, if it is decided to do so.

Pachta moved and Wassom seconded a motion to approve the application of David Meyer for membership onto the fire department. Roll call votes: Ayes: Wassom, Pachta, Heinrichs, Roop and Carbonneau. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Wassom moved and Roop seconded a motion to approve a building permit for Phyllis McKusker, for an addition to a garage. Roll call votes: Ayes: Wassom, Pachta, Heinrichs, Roop and Carbonneau. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Village was notified that certain verbiage needed to be added to the ordinance closing a portion of Koch Street. Wassom introduced Ordinance No: 2013-4, AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF KOCH STREET LOCATED WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF CHESTER, NE, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PROVIDING A TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT, read the same aloud in full, and moved for adoption of the same. Pachta seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Wassom, Pachta, Heinrichs, Roop and Carbonneau. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Three-fourths of all members of the Board of Trustees approving said Ordinance, the Chairman declared it passed and adopted. The Chairman, in the presence of the Village Board of Trustees, signed and approved said ordinance and the Village Clerk attested its passage and approval and affixed her signature and the seal of the Village thereto.

Heinrichs introduced Ordinance No. 2013-5, AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE ALL OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF CHESTER by adopting the Nebraska Basic Code of Ordinances, read the same aloud in full, and moved for adoption of the same. Roop seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Wassom, Pachta, Heinrichs, Roop and Carbonneau. Nays: None. Motion carried. Three fourths of all members of the Board of Trustees approving said Ordinance, the Chairman declared it passed and adopted. The Chairman, in the presence of the Village Board of Trustees, signed and approved said Ordinance and the Village Clerk attested its passage and approval and affixed her signature and the seal of the Village thereto.

The Ordinances will be posted at the Village Hall, Post Office and the State Bank of Chester for public viewing.

Pachta moved and Roop seconded a motion to include in the Auditorium Rental Agreement, No Pets.

Roll call votes: Ayes: Wassom, Pachta, Heinrichs, Roop and Carbonneau. Nays: None. Motion carried.

In regard to our contract with Sargent Drilling for the 2012 Water Supply Well Pachta moved and Roop seconded a motion to approve Change Order #1, recommendation of acceptance, Exhibit E, and approve payment of \$7600.00. Roll call votes: Ayes: Wassom, Pachta, Heinrichs, Roop and Carbonneau. Nays: None. Motion carried.

For reorganization purposes, the meeting was then turned over to the Clerk who asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board. Wassom nominated Carbonneau for Chairman of the Board, Heinrichs seconded the motion and to cease nominations. Roll call votes: Ayes: Wassom, Pachta, Heinrichs and Roop. Nays: None. Abstain: Joe Carbonneau. Motion carried. The meeting was then turned back to Chairman Carbonneau.

Wassom moved and Pachta seconded a motion to retain JEO Consulting Group as engineers, JEO Consulting Group, Tom

Krueger, as street superintendent, official depository, Western National Bank, official newspaper, Hebron Journal Register, Village Attorney, Joseph Murray/Germer, Murray & Johnson, auditor, Blobaum & Busboom. Roll call votes: Ayes: Wassom, Pachta, Heinrichs, Roop and Carbonneau. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Committees were set as: Auditorium, Pachta and Wassom; Water, Roop and Carbonneau; Sewer, Wassom and Heinrichs; Electricity, Carbonneau, Pachta and Wassom; Parks, Heinrichs and Wassom; Fire Department, Roop and Pachta; Senior Center, Pachta and Heinrichs; Streets, Carbonneau and Roop; Garbage, Carbonneau and Pachta; and the Board of Health, Pachta, Roop, Carbonneau and County Sheriff.

Wassom moved and Roop seconded a motion to go into executive session at 8:24 p.m. to discuss employee salaries and insurance. Roll call votes: Ayes: Wassom, Pachta, Heinrichs, Roop and Carbonneau. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The following bills were approved for December 2013: Western Auto, stove ..... 589.00 JEO Consulting Group, water supply well ..... 946.25 Adam Tipton, landfill fees for cleanup.... 474.00 C & M Supply, gasoline ..... 295.93 Als Ag Repair, repairs ..... 94.82 Raymond Wit, medical reimbursement ..... 1118.12 City of Hebron, sewer repairs ..... 307.32 Norris Public Power District, electricity ..... 1100.28 Riggs Construction, repairs ..... 2389.35 Nebraska Public Power District, electricity ..... 14,821.32 Village of Chester, electricity ..... 2570.19 US Cellular, telephone ..... 72.55 Sargent Drilling, 2012 water supply well ..... 7600.00 Hebron Central Market, supplies ..... 38.70 Nebraska Municipal Clerks Assn., dues ..... 10.00 American Legal Nebraska basic code ..... 730.00 Joseph Murray PC LLO, legal fees ..... 40.00 Thayer County Register of Deeds, file ordinance ..... 34.00 Hebron Journal Register, publishing ..... 55.95 Geo Hays & Son Inc., supplies ..... 97.50 NE Public Health Environmental Lab, water testing ..... 117.00 Chester Insurance Agency, Bond ..... 100.00 The Garbage Co So, garbage disposal ..... 1075.00 Hometown Leasing, copier lease ..... 54.96 Walter Insurance, insurance ..... 1725.25 Municipal Supply Inc of Nebraska, repair parts ..... 353.17 Dutton Lainson Co, ballast/batteries ..... 216.31 Boettcher Supply Inc., electrical parts ..... 313.25 Post Office, postage ..... 110.40 Source Gas, natural gas ..... 1288.45 Salaries ..... 7387.98 Withholding ..... 2234.37 Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance ..... 1378.81 Amri Gafri, insurance ..... 58.28 Great American Financial, insurance ..... 36.15 Nebraska Dept. of Revenue, sales tax ..... 1649.65 Great Plains Comm, telephone ..... 191.57

There being no further business to come before the Board, Roop moved and Pachta seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting with all members of the Board voting aye.

Joseph R. Carbonneau, Chairman of the Board

SEAL/ATTEST  
Judy I. Smith,  
Village Clerk  
Wk1-1t

## COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS DECEMBER 26, 2013

The Thayer County Board of Commissioners met in open and public session in the commissioner's room of the courthouse at 9:00 a.m. on December 26, 2013. Present were Commissioners Dave Bruning, Chris Frye, Dean Krueger and County Clerk, Marie Rauner. Dave Bruning, chairman of the board, called the meeting to order.

Public meeting laws are posted and available on the north wall of the meeting room in compliance with Nebraska statutes.

The minutes from the previous meeting were mailed to the commissioners for review. Dean Krueger moved and Chris Frye seconded to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2013, meeting. Result of vote: Krueger-yes, Frye-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

Richard Heinrichs, Thayer County Road Superintendent, met with the commissioners to discuss ongoing road projects and give a department update.

Brian Isernhagen applied for a permit to occupy county road right-of-way for an electrical line in the SW1/4 of Sec 36-T2-R4. Chris Frye moved to approve the permit with the request that if done before March 15th the line will be bored under the county road. Dean Krueger seconded the motion. Result of vote: Frye-yes, Krueger-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

Ralph Schardt applied for a permit to occupy county road right-of-way for a gas line in Sec 4-T3-R4. Dean Krueger moved and Chris Frye seconded to approve the permit with the understanding if work is done before March 15th the line will be bored under the county road. Result of vote: Krueger-yes, Frye-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

December 26, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., was the date and time advertised to open bids for motor graders. Present were: Adam Greenquist and Benjamin Rehtus. The clerk opened the following bids:

**Murphy Tractor Option 1 & 2**  
#88174 John Deere 770 GP  
2012 92 hours \$202,331  
#85077 John Deere 770 GP  
2012 273 hours \$223,704  
Less Trade In \$45,000  
Cost to County \$381,035.00  
Additional \$6,317.00 per machine for 5 year-5000 hour warranty

**Nebraska Machinery #1 of 2 Caterpillar 140M2 2013**  
173 hours \$228,200  
Less Trade In \$50,000  
Cost to County \$178,200.00  
Included full machine 5 yr-5000 hour warranty  
Include \$5,000.00 parts credit  
**#2 of 2 Caterpillar 140M2 2013**  
198 hours \$227,600  
Less Trade In \$51,000  
Cost to County \$176,600.00  
Include full machine 5 yr-5000 hour warranty  
Include \$5,000 parts credit  
Action was tabled at this time.

Phyllis Schoenholz, UNL Extension office, met with the commissioners to discuss the purchase of a copier for the extension office. Dean Krueger moved to authorize the purchase of a Sharp MX-2640 Color Copier. Chris Frye seconded the motion. Result of vote: Krueger-yes, Frye-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

She requested the board to appoint Tim Pohlmann to the extension board with the term beginning January 1, 2014. Chris Frye moved and Dean Krueger seconded to approve the appointment. Result of vote: Frye-yes, Krueger-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

Kurtis Elting, representing the County Ag Society, updated the board on fair activities and requested the county's assistance with the track maintenance for races to be held in March, July and during the county fair. Chris Frye made a motion to provide assistance to help with preparation and maintenance of the track for 2014. Dean Krueger seconded the motion. Result of vote: Frye-yes, Krueger-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

Ray Wright, Atomic Consulting, met with the commissioners to request the purchase of computer equipment to be implemented in the County Assessor's office. Dean Krueger made a motion to approve the purchase. Chris Frye seconded the motion. Result of vote: Krueger-yes, Frye-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

County Board members and Hospital Trustees are organizing a meeting in January to have a general question and answer session in regard to hospital matters. The hospital personnel will set the date and notify the board.

Chris Frye made a motion to enter into an agreement for participation in the Southeast NE Adult Drug Court for one year. Dave Bruning seconded the motion. Result of vote: Frye-yes, Bruning-yes, and Krueger-yes. Motion carried.

Monthly reports were submitted from the County Clerk, District Court Clerk, Zoning, Sheriff, Treasurer, Extension, Emergency Manager and Veteran Service Officer. Reports were reviewed and signed. They will be on file in the county clerk's office.

The hospital appointment was tabled until next meeting.

Chris Frye made a motion and Dave Bruning seconded to approve the salary claims being processed by the county clerk. Result of vote: Frye-yes, Bruning-yes, and Krueger-yes. Motion carried.

General	.....\$61853.68
Road/Bridge	.....\$37624.50
Drug Free Grant	.....\$2942.79
Emergency Management	.....\$1984.73
Noxious Weed	.....\$4061.28
Historical	.....\$457.52

**General Fund**  
American Family Insurance,

Employee Insurance	.....\$336.55
Ameritas-Vision, Vision	.....\$40.34
Ameritas Group - Dental, Dental Insurance	.....\$559.88
Coventry Health Care Of Nebraska, Health Insurance	.....\$12,966.35
Hartford Life Insurance Company, Deferred Comp	.....\$676.24
Mutual Of Omaha Life Insurance	.....\$78.26
Nebraska Department Of Revenue, State Taxes	.....\$1,127.92
Retirement Plans Division 002812, Retirement	.....\$5,021.96
Thayer County Bank, Federal Taxes	.....\$9,851.44

**Road/Bridge Fund**  
American Family Insurance, Employee Insurance ..... \$122.34  
Ameritas-Vision, Vision Insurance ..... \$16.40  
Ameritas Group - Dental, Dental Insurance ..... \$345.00  
Colonial Life, Employee Insurance ..... \$19.00  
Coventry Health Care Of Nebraska, Health Insurance ..... \$7,815.01  
Hartford Life Insurance Company, Deferred Comp ..... \$67.50  
Mutual Of Omaha Life Insurance ..... \$45.36  
Nebraska Department Of Revenue, State Taxes ..... \$742.35  
Retirement Plans Division 002812, Retirement ..... \$2,964.38  
Thayer County Bank, Federal Taxes ..... \$6,208.17

**Drug Free Grant Fund**  
Nebraska Department Of Revenue, State Taxes ..... \$95.49  
Thayer County Bank, Federal Taxes ..... \$716.24

**Emergency Management**  
Ameritas-Vision, Vision Insurance ..... \$2.60  
Ameritas Group - Dental, Dental Insurance ..... \$11.80  
Coventry Health Care Of Nebraska, Health Insurance ..... \$402.55  
Mutual Of Omaha Life Insurance ..... \$2.35  
Nebraska Department Of Revenue, State Taxes ..... \$35.03  
Retirement Plans Division 002812, Retirement ..... \$148.28

Thayer County Bank, Federal Taxes ..... \$316.02  
**Noxious Weed Fund**  
Ameritas Group - Dental, Dental Insurance ..... \$23.60  
Colonial Life, Employee Insurance ..... \$10.84  
Coventry Health Care Of Nebraska, Health Insurance ..... \$744.75  
Mutual Of Omaha Life Insurance ..... \$4.70  
Nebraska Department Of Revenue, State Taxes ..... \$113.42  
Retirement Plans Division 002812, Retirement ..... \$323.55

Thayer County Bank, Federal Taxes ..... \$799.23  
**Historical Society Fund**  
Nebraska Department Of Revenue, State Taxes ..... \$4.13  
Thayer County Bank, Federal Taxes ..... \$65.04

Karen Prellwitz and Karla Joe, County Treasurer and Assessor, joined the meeting to discuss the salaries proposed for 2015 to 2018. Following discussion the following was adopted:

**Resolution 1736 Salary Resolution for January 2015 - December 2018**

Be it Resolved, that the Thayer County Commissioners hereby set the salaries for elected officials at the designated rate stated below:

The annual salary for the offices of Thayer County Clerk, Thayer County Treasurer, Thayer County Assessor, and Clerk of District Court are established at \$46,353.00 for the calendar year 2015. That for each year thereafter a 3 percent cost-of-living increase shall be added to the previous year's salary so the total amount paid for the calendar year 2016 shall be \$47,744.46, for the calendar year 2017 \$49,176.79, and for the calendar year 2018 shall be \$50,652.09.

The annual salary of the offices of Thayer County Sheriff and Thayer County Attorney shall be established at 120 percent of the above designated officials. Official deputies of elected officials will be paid 80% of the elected official's salary.

The salary for the County Commissioners for 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 will be established at 38 percent of the elected officials, less than the 50 percent recommended by NACO.

Recommendation for the adoption of the above salaries was moved by Dean Krueger. Chris Frye seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Krueger, Frye, Bruning. The following voted nay: None.

Be it further resolved that in addition to the above stated salary the elected official shall receive during his or her term of office at county expense the employee's portion of the county's health and medical plan, the same as offered to all county employees.

In witness whereof, we the Thayer County Commissioners of Thayer County adopt the resolution as presented this 26th day of December, 2013.

Attest:  
/s/ Marie E. Rauner  
Thayer County Clerk

/s/ Dave Bruning  
/s/ Chris Frye  
/s/ Dean Krueger  
Thayer County Commissioners

There being no other business to come before the board the chairman recessed the meeting at 1:00 p.m. The board will convene on December 30, 2013, at 1:00 p.m.

I, the undersigned County

Clerk in and for the County of Thayer, hereby certify that all the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained on the agenda for the meeting and kept continually current and were contained on said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting. The agenda is available for the public in the office of the Thayer County Clerk. A notice of said meeting was published in the Hebron Journal Register and the Desher Rustler.

These proceedings have been written and available for public inspection within 10 working days and prior to the next convened meeting. The complete text of resolutions and agreements is available in the office of the Thayer County Clerk.

Each commissioner signed the agenda stating a copy was received in the mail. Said agenda is on file in the Thayer County Clerk's office.

Dave Bruning,  
Chairman of the Board  
Marie E. Rauner,  
County Clerk

## Equal Opportunity Statement

Thayer County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

Commissioner agenda and minutes are available at www.thayercounty.ne.gov  
ZNEZ Wk1-1t

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE THAYER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Thayer County Board of Equalization will hold a hearing to consider the tax exemption application of the Thayer County Arts Council on January 8, 2014, at 11:45 a.m., in the commissioners room at the Courthouse.

Marie E. Rauner  
Thayer County Clerk  
ZNEZ Wk1-1t

## NOTICE OF SALE DISTRICT COURT, THAYER COUNTY

Thayer County, Plaintiff, vs. Mechelle Kirkland, et al, Defendants  
Case No. CI 12-69

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Thayer County, Nebraska, in pursuance of a decree of said Court in an action wherein Thayer County, Nebraska, is Plaintiff and Mechelle Kirkland, et al, are Defendants, Case No. CI 12-69, I will at 10:00 o'clock, a.m. on the 4th day of February, 2014, at the east door of the Courthouse in Hebron, Thayer County, Nebraska, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property situated in said county and state to-wit: The South 150 Feet of Block 3, Henry Eitzmann's First Addition To Desher, Thayer County, Nebraska, and That Portion of Suburban Street Vacated by Ordinance #786 Recorded in Book 19 of Miscellaneous Records., Page 325-328 (Ordinance Book 225), Records of Thayer County, Nebraska, on November 26, 2008, all as provided by said order and decree.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 2013.

/s/ David E. Lee,  
Sheriff of Thayer County,  
Nebraska  
ZNEZ Wk1-4t

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Marie E. Rauner  
Thayer County Clerk  
ZNEZ Wk1-1t

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/s/ Marie E. Rauner  
Thayer County Clerk  
ZNEZ Wk1-1t

## NOTICE: IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THAYER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, ORDER TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

CINTHIA ANN MAZZIOTTA, PLAINTIFF, VS. STEPHEN WILLIAM MAZZIOTTA, DEFENDANT, CASE NO. C113-65

This matter came before the Court upon the plaintiff's Affidavit and Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis and to permit the plaintiff to commence the above-captioned action without prepayment of fees, costs, and expenses, or provision of security, and for an Order directing Thayer County, Nebraska, to pay the plaintiff's costs, fees, and other expenses related to this action.

The Court, being fully advised in the premises, finds and orders as follows:

1. The plaintiff brings this action for dissolution of marriage in good faith.  
2. The plaintiff cannot commence the above-captioned action if required to prepay fees, costs, and expenses, or provide security.

3. The plaintiff is without adequate income or resources to pay such costs, fees, and expenses, or to provide security.

4. Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 25-2301 to 25-2310, such costs, fees, and expenses may be paid by the county in which the action is filed.

5. The Clerk of the District Court of Thayer County, Nebraska, shall permit the plaintiff's action to proceed without prepayment of fees, costs, and expenses, or provision of security.

6. The responsible officer of the court shall issue and serve all writs, process, and proceedings without cost to the plaintiff.

7. Thayer County, Nebraska, shall initially pay costs, including the cost of publication, and other expenses related to this action.

Dated this 18 day of December, 2013.

By the Court:  
Vicky Johnson,  
District Judge  
ZNEZ Wk1-3t

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Notice is hereby given that on December 16, 2013, in the County Court of Thayer County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that James Timmermans at 6307 Road J, Hebron, Nebraska 68370 and Martin P Wiedel at 3216 West 16th Street, Grand Island, Nebraska 68803 were informally appointed by the Registrar as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before February 18, 2014, or be forever barred.

/s/ Donna L. Fink  
Clerk of the County Court of Thayer County  
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Room 203  
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Daniel L. Werner (#15880)  
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ZNEZ Wk51-3t

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ZNEZ Wk1-1t

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Thayer County Clerk  
ZNEZ Wk1-1t



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**Written by: Pat Kenner**

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We should be moved to do two things. First, we should be reflective and appreciative of what we have, and we should consider those before us who made what we have possible. While we can profess to be "self-made", others gave us an opportunity and a start. As Warren Buffet has said, "Much

of life is determined by the accidents of where you were born...". Second, we should consider what we can leave to those who follow us. Some can leave financial assets and some can leave fruits of their volunteer work given here in their lives. Everyone has 24 hours in a day and everyone has gifts which they can give to make our community a better place for those who follow us.

We have many great organizations within Thayer County that are working to make our communities a better place. Byron, Chester, Davenport, Deshler and Hebron have affiliated funds within the Nebraska Community Foundation. The Bruning Community Foundation also supports funds for projects in

Hebron, Belvidere and Alexandria as well as in Bruning. The Foundation for Thayer County Health Services serves to provide high quality compassionate care close to home. Blue Valley Lutheran Homes Foundation is dedicated to serving the needs of the elderly and mentally and physically challenged with dignity and respect through Christian love and compassion. Often our Churches have foundations which support the various programs and ministries within those bodies.

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## Bruning-Davenport students collect items for Christmas Service Project

The Bruning-Davenport Middle School FCCLA collected over 1,000 items to donate to Blue Valley during their Christmas Drive. Members Isaac Baysinger, Kim Ardissono, Haley Pena Lopez, Skyler Knigge, Tara Hudson and Chance Vanderpool were in charge of the event.

The students decided to change their annual Christmas Service Project by setting new goals for the elementary and middle school students. During the first week, students were asked to bring packaged items, the second week canned goods, the third week "stocking stuffer" toys, and the fourth week cleaning supplies and hygiene items.

The event kicked off on Nov. 18 and ended Dec. 11.

Students were promised a pizza party for the two classes that raised the most cans per student as well as the opportunity to color their classroom teacher's hair as well as Middle School English Teacher, Mr. Ault and Superintendent, Ms. Clark's hair if they met their goal of 550 items. The students were up to the task as all important goals were met by the middle or the third week. Even though goals were met, items kept pouring in making the grand total over 1,000 items. It was exciting to see the generosity and spirit of good will created by the students.

Classes earning pizza parties sponsored by Valentino's in Bruning and the middle school FCCLA were the eighth

grade and the third grade. Each student was treated to an ice cream bar provided by the Middle School FCCLA.

On Thursday, Dec. 12, eighth grade FCCLA members boxed up the foods and loaded a bus delivering 25 boxes to Blue Valley Community Action in Hebron

At an assembly on Tuesday Dec. 17, students were allowed to color their teacher's hair. Students were chosen to color their teacher's hair through a drawing and Mrs. Pat Remmers (2nd grade), Mrs. Denise Carlson (3rd grade), Mrs. Cathy Hergott, Mr. Rick Alt (Middle School English) and Ms. Trudy Clark (Superintendent) ended up with pink, red, blue, green and orange hair.



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Third graders Zach Hoins, Easton Weber, Lathan Stanek and Kaylee Wilkens enjoy coloring the hair of their teacher, Mrs. Denise Carlson. Mrs. Carlson's class was runner-up in the Christmas Drive challenge.



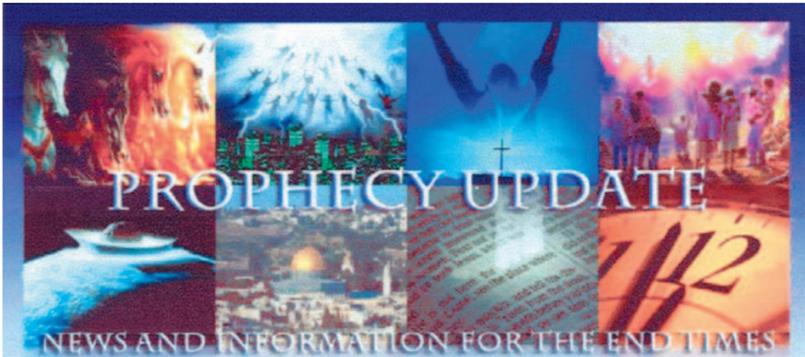
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Bruning-Davenport students delivered the collected items to Blue Valley Community Action in Hebron. Those who helped deliver the items were: Haley Pena Lopez, Caitlynn Beddoe, Austin Cordiss, Skyler Knigge, Kim Ardissono, Preston Sybrant, Isaac Baysinger, Caden Norder, Taylor Anderson and Garrett Schardt.

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**Monday, January 6:** No school, teacher inservice.

**Tuesday, January 7:** School resumes; musical rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 8:** FCA, 6 p.m.

### MENU

**Thursday, January 2:** No school.

**Friday, January 3:** No school.

**Monday, January 6:** No school.

**Tuesday, January 7:** Breakfast: Pancakes, omelet. Lunch: Chicken fajita, iceberg lettuce, corn, pears, snickerdoodle cookie.

**Wednesday, January 8:** Breakfast: Yogurt. Lunch: Pork patty on bun, baked beans, potato wedge, orange.

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