



Tidbits

Public discussion invited at meeting

The Thayer Central Board of Education will hold an informational meeting prior to making its final decision on plans for its \$3.5 million renovation, tentatively scheduled for a groundbreaking in March.

The meeting is Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

Time to talk more trails in Hebron

The Walkability Summit held in November will be continued at the Hebron Activity Center Jan. 18, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

All those interested in Hebron's trail system are welcome to attend the meeting.

New series of Grief Share meetings to start

A new round of Grief Share meetings will be Jan. 21, 6:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in the educational unit.

Anyone who has lost a loved one will be welcomed, encouraged and helped with the challenges of moving toward rebuilding their life.

There is help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. Participants will meet friendly caring people who will walk beside them through one of life's most difficult journeys.

The church is located at 224 N. 4th St. in Hebron. Meetings are approximately two hours long.

Free water quality home testing kits

Through a special project funded primarily through the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality's Small 319 Grant, domestic well owners can obtain Water Quality Home Testing Kits free of charge.

The kits are a resource for any well owner wanting to begin to gain an understanding of their specific water quality.

If by using the test kit, domestic well owners notice disconcerting results, follow-up samples could always be submitted for further testing.

The quality of water is of the utmost importance, but unlike community systems, the responsibility for monitoring individual domestic well water falls solely on well owners.

The typical cost of similar analyses has ranged from \$7 to \$25, but through the grant, over 300 free kits will be made available to domestic well owners.

Blue Valley Community Action needs volunteers

Blue Valley Community Action Partnership (BVCA) is in need of a few more volunteers who can donate their time or talent.

The Thayer County Family and Community Service Center located in Hebron is in need of volunteers who can assist in the store Monday-Friday.

Duties would include sorting and stocking donated items, operating the register, answering phone calls and assisting customers.

For more information or to fill out an application, please visit our website at www.bvca.net, email volunteer@bvca.net or contact our home office at 402-729-2788 ext. 151.

First Street bridge pushed back - again

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The Thayer County Commissioners agreed to send out two letters at their Jan. 6 meeting – the first to Nebraska Department of Roads Director Kyle Schneeweis and the second to Gov. Pete Ricketts because construction on the First Street bridge will not go according to the schedule Commissioner Dave Bruning was previously given by NDOR Engineer Larry Legg.

Legg had told Bruning bid letting for the bridge would begin in February, however, Thayer County Road Superintendent George Gerdes received a letter from NDOR's construction division Jan. 4 that stated bid letting will begin March 10 with a

construction start date of April 18.

Thayer County Attorney Dan Werner will draft the letter.

"It's disappointing news," Commissioner Dean Krueger said.

Not only has the project been delayed, but the county will incur expense in addition to its 20 percent responsibility of the \$1.5 million project because the updated construction start date follows the migratory bird season.

It will be Thayer County's responsibility to cover vulnerable areas to swallows nests with netting at the bridge site to ensure the project begins on time.

According to NDOR's letter, the nesting season for swallows begins

April 15 and continues to Sept. 30. Other migratory birds start nesting April 1. That season's duration is five months.

In addition, the letter states nesting could begin earlier in the event of a mild winter.

If nests are present, the state will delay construction yet again until the following construction season, all at the expense of the county.

The letter does not give a reason for pushing the project dates back.

Gerdes said the netting will be up before mid-March.

"It's necessary to get a letter out," Bruning said.

Commissioner Chris Frye said he would talk to the Thayer County

Health Services Board of Trustees because CEO Michael Burcham is also interested in expressing his displeasure with the project's changing timeline.

In other business, Karen Else was appointed to a six-year term on the Thayer County Health Services Board of Trustees; Tyler Tietjen and Marlyn Heitmann will serve three-year terms on the Byron Community Building Board, effective Sept. 1; and Gene E. Troxel will replace Joe Posey on the Hubbell Community Hall Board. Posey resigned.

Also serving on the Hubbell board will be Freda Wiedel and Marsha Welch for two-year terms expiring in June of 2018.

Oregon Trail now Landmark

As of Jan. 1, Oregon Trail Equipment in Hebron merged with Landmark Implement, and is now one of 17 Landmark agricultural dealerships in Nebraska and eastern Kansas.

Hebron Location Manager Les Brandt said the dealership should run as is with some internal changes, such as software.

Brandt, who has seen several mergers throughout his career in agriculture equipment, parts and service, said longtime Oregon Trail Equipment Owner Rick Bennett's retirement spurred the merge.

Brandt said the mergers have always gone well and he expects this one will, too.

It definitely opens up more opportunities, Brandt said.

"I think it will be good for us. There will be more equipment to choose from with over 17 stores compared to the seven we had before. I think it will also benefit the customers because we'll have better discounts on certain items," Brandt said.

Landmark was formed in 1947, following the purchase of Brown Implement Company.

The dealership offers new and used John Deere parts and equipment, along with service.

The Hebron Landmark Implement location is 745 N. 13th St.

Sixty days to talk state business

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District 32 Sen. Laura Ebke is facing a short, but loaded second session of the 104th Legislature that will end on Day 60 April 20.

One issue that will remain a "hot button" is the correctional system's long awaited reformation.

Ebke said overcapacity in the state's prisons are an unnecessary burden on society.

"We can't afford to keep warehousing people indefinitely," she said, citing one way to keep people out of prison is to help them transition from behind bars to the freedom of the streets.

Time and again, people leave prison and they have no place to live and little education to pull them from returning to crime, Ebke said.

A lot of ideas are being tossed around, as well as tips from other states coming into help the system form a plan that will work.

"Our goals are to make sure these problems don't return," Ebke said.

She leans toward a correctional system that is community-based.

But isn't easy to sort through the many layers of the system.

"You have multiple DUIs, rapists, murderers and people who have all kinds of different issues.



JR Photos/Nancy McGill

Flash Save

Saturday evening's break between the girls and boys basketball games featured the Chest Compression Only CPR Flash Mob, made up of third through eighth grade students and a couple of adults who were willing to role play - Thayer Central Elementary Principal Kurk Wiedel (above) and High School Principal Tom Kiburz. Administering chest compression on Wiedel is Maddie Crouse while Chloe Souerdyke prepares to help. Standing are Isaac Montes (left) and Carter Miller.

A CPR "flash" mob of students stormed the gym with their equipment and went right to work. Taiyry Virus and Adam Lukert (at right) show their skills. All students earned a certificate for their efforts. Two more photos on page 2A.



Tara Jade first baby of New Year

Thayer County Health Services welcomed its first baby of 2016, Tara Jade, born Jan. 5. She is being held by her mother, Jonna Sanchez, who is joined by dad, Kenneth Turley and big sister, Breanna Turley. On the left is Chief Nursing Officer Jamie Koch and Registered Nurse Kim Ruhnke. Both nurses were with the family during their stay. Sanchez and her family were given a large gift basket filled with needed items and other goodies, along with a handmade quilt by the TCHS Guild. The gift basket was made possible by sponsors from the Hebron and Deshler areas.

~Obituaries~

- Kenning**, Herman, 90, Steele City
- Philippi**, Rex, 91, Fairmont
- Posey**, Sue, 78, Belleville, Kan.
- Wiedel**, Herbert, 90, Hebron

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Pages of the Past...

From The Hebron Journal-Register

1886

130 Years Ago

Ice gatherers are busy putting up ice. The ice is about 10 inches thick and clear and solid.

Joseph Brewer, architect, has drawn some fine plans for business buildings to be erected in the spring.

The proprietors of the packing house are not killing hogs at present, but are curing the meat they have on hand.

The late storm was very severe on the quails, large numbers of these beautiful birds having been frozen to death. One man reports finding 17 dead in one place.

At the last session of the County Commissioners, the overseership of the county poor farm was awarded to C. B. Trout, of Carleton precinct, at a salary of \$725 per annum and \$2.50 a week for each pauper.

Wesley Vannortwick, of Spring Creek, is feeding 106 steers, 80 stock cattle, 16 horses and quite a large number of hogs. As showing his extensive stock business, we note that he put up 400 tons of hay last summer for his own use.

It is estimated by railroad men that during the storm of last week, which so blocked the movement of trains, there was not a pound of freight transported for five days; that the loss sustained will be more than can be recovered in the next two or three months.

On Wednesday, a large number of the citizens of Hebron went down to the railroad to witness the arrival of the snow plow, news having been received that the road would be opened. Shortly after 1 o'clock, an engine mounted by a snow plow came along, throwing the snow out of the way and showing in its appearance some of the results of its many hard battles with the drifted "beautiful."

Belvidere: Thomas Burruss died of consumption, at the residence of his brother, P. F. Burruss, Jan. 5...Mr. Naylor's youngest child, a little girl, aged 18 months, died on Thursday night...Mrs. Strickland, aged 73 years, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Warren, on Saturday...Our blockade has been raised and trains are running through today, Tuesday...The carpenters are working on the frame of the new Methodist Church as rapidly as the weather permits.

For the past week Chester has been shut out from the world, on account of severe snow and wind storms which prevailed during that time. Wednesday the B&M Company succeeded in getting a snow plow through as far as Byron, and there it stuck. Two miles west of Byron, while engaged in bucking snow, an engine became derailed thus blocking the road from that way.

1896

120 Years Ago

Many dinners, teas and parties are absorbing the social element of Hebron.

The Alexandria schools are closed on account of prevalence of diphtheria in that community.

Mr. Rosenbaum came in from Harvard Monday to assist Mr. Weil in invoicing the stock of the firm here.

Young, Knod & Co. are closing the Haines & Robinson stock of furniture out at cost. Now is the time to buy at wholesale price.

Gail Bros. put down a 55-foot well for Frank Hutchinson, last week, which he intends to use for irrigating purposes.

The structure for Ed Shearer's ice house west of town is rapidly nearing completion, and will soon be ready for the storage of a large supply of congealed water.

County Superintendent Morris announces that he will issue no more third grade certificates to teachers.

Gust Dumdi unexpectedly arrived from Washington Monday after an absence of 13 years. He had not heard of his father's death and was greatly grieved to find him gone after their long separation.

Henry Burgess came in from Blue Springs this week. He has sold his interest in the King Press Drill Co., and is undecided at present what line

of business he will enter, or where he will locate.

Carleton: J. W. Beavers has started to rebuild his residence which was burned a few weeks ago. The new house will be the same size as the one burned...

J. M. Myers butchered three hogs for W. W. Lichty last Thursday and rendered 60 gallons of lard, 30 gallons from one hog alone. Who can beat the record?

1906

110 Years Ago

Herman Schmaltz, of Gilead, leaves for Brazil Mills, Nebr., where he purchased a fine farm. He came to Thayer county a poor man, a few years ago, and now goes away rich. No flies on Thayer county!

T.C. Marshall and J.P. Baldwin have formed a partnership in the law business, under the firm name of Marshall and Baldwin.

John Currier and D.T. Mitchem started for the western part of the state and eastern Colorado for a week's strip buying up a carload of horses.

W.M. Orth of Bruning was a pleasant caller at this office and renewed his subscription to the Journal, for the 23rd year, having been a subscriber since his first arrival in the county in 1883.

The County Fair that was advertised for Jan. 26-27, will be given Feb. 2-3, in the K of P Hall. There will be exhibits of various kinds, good music, hot lunches, side show, and all that goes to make a first class county fair. Admission 15 cents.

1916

100 Years Ago

V. H. Wesley, jeweler and optician, has purchased the interest of his partner, Taylor Wilson.

At the poultry show in Fairbury Dr. H. Pew of Hebron won a bunch of ribbons.

Mrs. E. Hoatson, who has been visiting at Buffalo, Mont., was called to York by the serious illness of her son, Ralph, who has been very sick in the hospital there with typhoid fever.

M. G. Corliss went to York on Monday to attend a cattle sale, with a view to purchasing some Shorthorn stock to improve his herd.

Gilead: A county federation of the "drys" met at the courthouse Tuesday afternoon, and showed their earnestness by selecting for secretary a man with an arid name, Mr. Dry of Chester, who ably filled that position. E. M. Alden of Hebron was the genial chairman.

Carleton: Again the Methodist parsonage was sought by two of our well known young people desirous of taking the marriage vows. Mr. Merl Graves and Miss Flossie Griffith took their station before Rev. C. Culmer Saturday evening to have the marriage ceremony performed that united them "till death do us part."

1926

90 Years Ago

(The Bruning Banner) Roy Carter left Tuesday for Alma to look over a location for a produce station for the Fairmont Creamery Company. If "Hap" finds a location that suits him, he will locate permanently.

Last week a story was printed about a stolen Buick held in Bruning. This morning Constable Bruning receive word from Omaha officers that there was a confusion of figures and that Peterson was the legitimate owner of the car and apologies for any delay were in order.

There are now three things that are sure, according to the Columbia Missourian: Death, taxes and detours.

1936

80 Years Ago

The day before Christmas, Claude Young was seriously injured and had a close call for his life when the light truck he was driving plunged through the railing of the bridge over the Little Blue River on First Street, falling a distance of over 20 feet, into the stream. Mr. Young, who is the city marshal and helps with various kinds of city work, had been taking supplies to the broken water main at the Spring Creek bridge, which had been broken two days before. Driving north, Claude was on the west

side of the Little Blue River bridge when he met Miss Ruth McDonald driving a sedan. Realizing the close quarters, Mr. Young put on the brakes, and the truck slid into the railing which gave way.

President W. H. Hellman of Hebron College received a telegram from Elk Creek telling of the tragic death of Paul Brokering, 18, a sophomore in the college. Paul was spending the holiday vacation with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. Brokering, where Rev. Brokering is pastor of the Lutheran Church. They resided at Daykin until August 1934. Paul was retrieving a squirrel which he had shot. The squirrel lodged in the fork of a tree. Paul got the animal and as he started to descend, a limb broke, plunging him to the ground on his head and fracturing his skull.

Obituaries: Wm. Bates Steinbrook; Ford Ashleman; Rev. Townsend Alloway.

1946

70 Years Ago

The death of Staff Sergeant Gilbert A. Maple was reported officially Monday to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Maple of Hebron. Gilbert was reported missing a year ago while serving as a waist gunner with the 306th Bombardment Group, stationed in England.

E. F. Woodard and his son, Francis, and Gerald Ross have taken over the International Harvester Agency in Hebron, formerly operated by the Glaser Implement Co.

Victor B. McClure, who replaces Philip Sutton, is now in charge at the County Agent's Office.

Mr. Louis Wiedel of Hubbell was the winner of the Conklin Award in the Soil Conservation District. Two other close contestants were Fred Krueger, Gilead, and Guy Archer of Strang.

Adolph Duensing and his son, Norbert, were killed in an auto accident at Jerome, Idaho. The funeral services were held at St. John's Lutheran Church at Chester, with burial in the cemetery there.

Obituaries: Edward L. Westel; Mrs. George E. Ekstein.

1956

60 Years Ago

(The Bruning Banner) A gigantic earth moving job commenced this Wednesday at the Homer Bumgarner farm north of Bruning. Kiester-Walker Construction Co. of Geneva moved in with five Caterpillars, four scoops, patrollers and chisels to cut down hills and fill draws on 70 acres of land in preparation for irrigation. The topsoil is being stockpiled and will be replaced when the leveling is finished.

1955 was a good year for soil conservation in Thayer County, according to Ivan Miller of Carleton, board chairman. Over 10 percent of farm units in the county now have irrigation wells.

1966

50 Years Ago

(The Bruning Banner) Alvin Dageforde, 49, was killed in a head-on crash about 30 miles from his home at Anderson, Ind., Jan. 10.

Howard Glenn was re-elected to the position of Superintendent of Schools of the Bruning School District 94.

Davenport: Walter Ervin Voigt, 78, passed away Dec. 21...Katie S. Koizan departed this life on Jan. 6.



J-R File Photo

This Week 1986... The Hebron Sons of the American Legion presented a \$400 check to the American Legion Saxton Post 180 Monday night. Pictured are Dan Fink (left) and Jeff McLaughlin (right) who presented the money to Legion Commander Joe Hergott. The funds were raised by the Sons of the American Legion pre-July 4th kickoff dance, canoe race on the Little Blue river and a teen dance in November. The Sons of the American Legion are planning more fund-raisers in 1986.

1976

40 Years Ago

Thayer County Commissioners appointed Maxine Kulba as Thayer County Assessor replacing Dean Miller who resigned citing the need to devote more time to his farming interests.

The Hebron City Council adopted an ordinance to increase electric rates 35 percent in Hebron. Mayor Clarence Wright explained that this was the first increase in Hebron's rates since 1958.

Hebron High School's instrumental music instructor Robert Baker was pictured with nationally-noted trumpet player Jay Sollenberger, a member of the Stan Kenton jazz group, who conducted a one-day brass workshop at Hebron.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Jagels and sons of Davenport spent a week vacationing in Florida.

1986

30 Years Ago

The first baby of 1986 born at Thayer County Memorial Hospital was Lisa Marie George, born to Gary and Kathy George of Hebron.

Headlining the Thayer County Livestock Feeders Banquet was Dorothy Stager, "Granny — that funny old lady." A popular comedienne, she traveled extensively

from her home in Pipestone, Minn.

Thayer County Attorney Dan Werner reported that there had been no major breakthroughs or developments as to the identity of the dead boy found near Chester. The boy's body was being kept preserved in cold storage for identification.

Chosen as resident council members at Blue Valley Lutheran Home were Christian Hoops, Edith Coordsen, Erna Meyer, Leona Petrie, Martha Geertz and Marjorie Ross.

1996

20 Years Ago

A late night fire destroyed the rural Hebron farm home of Kevin Hoffmeyer as firemen from Hebron, Chester and Deshler battled the blaze for over 12 hours. Hoffmeyer was not at home at the time of the blaze.

Lenore Holmes, a sophomore at Davenport High School, was the district winner of the VFW Voice of Democracy contest.

Esther Hudson of Alexandria celebrated her 92nd birthday. She was also treated to a horse and buggy ride.

The Bruning-Davenport Bearcat wrestling squad included Joe Rose, Quenton Pulliam, Ryan Fisher, Matt Lindersmith, Brian Rose, Shiloh Littrel, Jed Pederson,

Travis Schweer and J.J. McDole.

2006

10 Years Ago

Dylan Dean Williams, son of Shanon and Jennifer Williams, was the New Year's baby at Thayer County Health Services. A baby quilt was presented to him which was made by sisters, Margaret Karnatz, Wanda Giebel and Audrey Trowbridge of the Thayer County Quilt Guild.

Thayer County Assessor Russ Lountjer was leaving the county assessor's office before his term expired to move to Lincoln.

The family of Phillip Weber of Hebron was requesting a card shower in honor of his 95th birthday.

Laura Ross of Hebron was celebrating her 100th birthday with a card shower.

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by January 6, 2016

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

Local Law Enforcement

Jacquelyn Schwickerath, Omaha. Speeding, \$125.

Michael Dvorak, Elkhorn. Speeding, \$25.

Nebraska State Patrol

Robin Fisher, Bennington. Speeding, \$25.

Robert MacDonald, Twain Harte, Calif. Disobey traffic control device, \$25.

Juan Gonzalez, Deerfield Beach, Fla. Disobey traffic control device, \$25.

Erin Gallion, Salina, Kan. Speeding, \$25.

Jaime Velasquez, Houston, Texas. Speeding, \$75.

Bradley Jacobson, Blair. Speeding, \$25.

Stephen Cleary, Alvin, Texas. Speeding, \$75.

Hillary Breene, Kearney. Speeding, \$75.

Donna Thompson, Davey. Speeding, \$75.

Jeffery Gray, Oklahoma City, Okla. Speeding, \$125.

Eliss Hall, Omaha. Speeding, \$75.

Laura Griger, Omaha. Speeding, \$125.

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Marcella M. Kniep, Pers Rep. Estate of Lavern A. Kniep to Margie S. Nichols, Subject to Life Estate of Marcella M. Kniep, S34 T1N R4W Undivided 1/2 interest E 1/2 SE 1/4 (Subject to Life Estate).

Pattywagon LLC to Brendan M. Schardt and Michelle Schardt. S14 T2N R4W Pt NE 1/4 Lot 16 Thayer County Nebraska (Schardt Second Addition - a replat of Lots 1, 2, and 3).

Dolores M. Wiedel, Trustee, Herbert P. and Delores M. Wiedel Revocable Trust to Dale Wiedel. S10 T2N R3W Pt SE 1/4.

Donald E. Sandman and Rebecca L. Sandman to Rory A. Corliss. Lot 6, 7 in Block 9, Thompsons Addition of Hebron.

Rory A. Corliss and Kathleen M. Corliss to William T. Linton and Bettene K. Linton. Lot 6, 7 in Block 9, Thompsons Addition of Hebron.

ZONING PERMIT

APPLICATIONS & FEES

Steve Lemke, 6630 Hwy 4, Bruning, Greenhouse, \$25.

Muriel Gebers, 583 RD 5700, Hebron. Car port, \$25.

Mike Tipton, 409 RD 6200, Chester. Concrete patio, \$25.

Stuart Sell, 2241 RD 5200, Davenport. Move in garage, \$25.



Saving Dad

Bailey Kiburz practices Chest Compression Only CPR on her father, Thayer Central High School Principal Tom Kiburz. Joining her are (From left) Rhyley Murchison, Sydney Havel and Siraya Wiedel. Below, members of the Hebron Volunteer Fire Department demonstrate the transport of their patient, Thayer Central Elementary Principal Kurk Wiedel.



T.C. Senior of the Week – Fangmeier

Thayer Central Senior of the Week is Colton Fangmeier. Colton is the son of Todd and Crystal Fangmeier.

His favorite classes at Thayer Central are art, ag, choir, and Spanish. Colton's favorite food is Peanut Butter Cheerio Bars and his favorite pastime is working with his sheep on the farm.

At Thayer Central, Colton has been involved in FFA, speech, wrestling, Rhythmaires, choir, and Trap Team. Colton is also very active in 4-H.

His advice to underclassmen is, "Be yourself. If someone doesn't like you being yourself, then you don't need them in your



Colton Fangmeier

life. Also, enjoy high school while it lasts, because it flies by fast."

Following graduation in May, Colton plans to attend college and major in Veterinary Medicine and minor in Spanish.

National Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

January is National Cervical Cancer Awareness Month.

During the past several decades, screening and testing for cancer before symptoms develop has helped reduce the number of deaths from cervical cancer. Testing has allowed doctors to find cancer early and treat it, or prevent it from ever developing.

However, the declines in deaths have begun to taper off; especially among younger women. From 2007 to 2011, death rates from cervical cancer remained the same among women younger than 50, while decreasing by 1.1 percent per year among women 50 years of age and older.

The reason is because younger women are not as likely to get screened. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and prevention (CDC), eight million women who should be getting screening tests for cervical cancer aren't getting them. More than 12,000 women get cervical cancer every year and, according to the CDC report, more than half of them occur among women who have never or rarely have gotten screened.

Thayer County Health Services want to remind all women to protect themselves and the women in their lives from this disease. Unlike other cancers, cervical cancer is almost always preventable because we know what causes it; the HPV infection. More importantly, the tools are available to prevent cervical cancer in women.

Cervical cancer is caused by persistent infections with high-risk types of the human papillomavirus (HPV). HPV is a very common sexually transmitted infection that three of four adults will have at some



time in their lives. Most of these infections go away on their own without treatment. Infections that do not go away on their own can lead to cervical cancer.

Another way of preventing cervical cancer is to get vaccinated against human papilloma virus (HPV). To get the most out of the HPV vaccine, a woman should get it before she has any type of sexual contact with another person. The American Cancer Society recommends that the vaccine be given to girls at age 11 to 12.

Even with vaccination, though, screening tests are still important for preventing cervical cancer or finding it early. There are two types of tests used for cervical cancer screening.

The Pap test can find early cell changes and treat them before they become cancer. The Pap test can also find cervical cancer early, when it's easier to treat.

The HPV test finds HPV infections that can lead to cancer. HPV infections are very common, and most go away and don't cause problems. The HPV test along with a Pap test can help doctors decide how to treat women with an abnormal Pap test.

For more information on the prevention, testing and treatment for cervical cancer you can contact your health care provider or visit the National Cervical Cancer Coalition (NCCC) website at www.nccc-online.org. Source: www.cancer.org

Thayer County Health Services

Things And Stuff

January 13: Deshler
January 14: Davenport
January 15: Hebron
January 16: TCHS Employees
January 20: Alexandria
January 21: Hebron

Hebron volunteers and Thayer County Health Services employees will provide coverage on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Things and Stuff shop and the hospital gift shop are staffed by volunteers from Thayer County and surrounding communities. To volunteer at the Things and Stuff shop, contact Judy McLaughlin at 402-768-6724.

Children's Immunization Clinics: Immunizations for children will be offered with well child appointments in the clinic. Appointments for immunizations will be offered on the second and third Thursday each month. To schedule a clinic appointment, call 402-768-7203.

Foot Clinic: Call 402-768-4625 for appointments.

Adult Immunization Clin-

ic: For all adult vaccines, contact the Immunization Coordinators: Haley Wiedel at 402-768-7203, ext. 214 or Rhea Kniep at 402-768-6041, ext. 273.

CLINIC SCHEDULES

Bruning Clinic

January 19 9:00-11:30
Dr. Randy Waldman

January 20 1:00-4:30
Brent Madsen, PAC

January 21 9:00-11:30
Dr. Leann Heinrichs

Davenport Clinic

January 18 9:00-11:30
Kay Elting, APRN-C

January 20 8:30-11:30
Brent Madsen, PAC

Deshler Clinic

January 18 1:30-4:30
Kay Elting, APRN-C

January 19 9:00-11:30
Maggie Johnson, PAC

January 21 9:00-11:30
Dr. Scott Vonderfecht

Milligan Clinic

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Dr. Scott Vonderfecht

Chester Clinic

January 20 1:30-4:30
Maggie Johnson, PAC

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Join us between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at the Bob and Wauneta Burkley Wellness Center for a free event which will include booths about various programs and tools which can assist in a healthy lifestyle; demonstrations of classes and exercises; screenings; healthy snacks; tours of the wellness center; and a drawing for a free wellness center membership.

The open house format will allow area residents to come and go, and take in any or all of the day's activities. Admission is free. Everyone is encouraged to wear comfortable clothing – they might have the opportunity to give something a try if they would like.

For more information about Get Healthy 2016, call Jefferson Community Health Center at (402) 729-3351.

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Titan speech team begins season

On January 9, the Thayer Central Speech Team kicked off their season with a new meet on their schedule. The Titans took 12 total entries to the Adams Central contest in Hastings, which featured both Varsity and Novice levels of competition.

In the Varsity contest, Senior Kassie Kent placed fifth in Persuasive Speaking. On the Novice side, Junior Hyeon Wang and Freshman Maggie Harris won the Duet Acting category. Joining Wang and Harris as Novice medalists were Freshman Dakota Cheney (2nd in Entertainment), Senior Kylea Hintz, Junior Collin Fink and Freshmen Makayla Johnson and Sierra Hatcher (4th in OI), Makayla Johnson (5th in Informative) and Freshman MaryRuth Dodes and Tionna Wiedel (6th in Duet Acting).

"It was a great meet for the start of the year and especially for a team like ours that has a big mix of upperclassman and underclassman," said Thayer Central Coach Justin Bomar. "Now we have the first meet under our belt, we can make the necessary adjustments for the season."

The Thayer Central Speech meet will next compete at their home meet, the Thayer Central Invite, on January 23 before attending the Osceola Speech Meet on January 30.



Courtesy Photos

ALA presents flags to kindergartners...

In honor of Veteran's Day, Thayer Central kindergartners were presented American flags by the American Legion Auxiliary. This special activity is done each year. In addition to their flags, students are each given a pamphlet regarding flag etiquette. Pictured with the students are Auxiliary members: Ramona Kenning and Dee Camp. Thayer Central kindergarten teachers are Mrs. Nanci Dye and Mrs. Amy Tietjen.



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The Thayer County Family and Community Service Center located in Hebron is in need of volunteers who can assist in the store Monday-Friday.

Duties would include sorting and stocking donated items, operating the register, answering phone calls and assisting customers.

For more information or to fill out an application, please visit our website at www.bvca.net, email volunteer@bvca.net or contact our home office at 402-729-2788 ext. 151.

Bulin named to Dean's list

Megan Bulin of Bruning, daughter of Alan and Deb Bulin, has been named to the Bryan College of Health Sciences Dean's list for the Fall 2015 term. Megan is a sophomore studying nursing.

The Dean's list is composed of students who were taking 12 credit hours or more and received a 3.5 GPA or higher.

JCHC and Cedarwood staff honored

At the annual JCHC and Cedarwood Christmas party held in December, staff members for both organizations were honored for their years of service, in 5-year increments.

Being honored for Cedarwood were: Amy Hasselbring, service coordinator, for 10 years of service; and Connie Jurgena, direct care staff member, for 5 years of service.

Being honored for JCHC were:

45 years: Gloria Everhart, human resources; 35 years: Cindy Schoenholz, health information services; 30 years: Becky McClure, outpatient services; 25 years: Judy McGee, acute nursing; Brenda Placek, Gardenside;

20 years: Gary Mitchell, pharmacy; Barb Schwisow, Gardenside; 15 years: Teri Hein, unit clerk; Lori DeBoer, business office; Yvone Anderson, housekeeping; Carrie Branson, acute nursing; Chad Jurgens, CEO;

10 years: Megan Tracy, Gardenside; Deb Sutton, Gardenside; Christy Lucking, unit clerk; Tammi Davis, laundry; Diane Kujath, wellness center;

5 years: Kayla Bennett, Rehab and Sports Clinic; Michelle Goedeken, acute nursing; Leta Mau, nutrition services; Shaylin Likens, acute nursing; Cindy Melcher, surgery; Debbie Tracy, nutrition services; Cheryl Kislung, Gardenside; and Shannon Robertson, outpatient services.

Hebron Senior Dinners

Monday, January 18: Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Tuesday, January 19: Sweet'n sour chicken, white rice, California blend veggies, tropical fruit. *Bingo*.

Wednesday, January 20: Chili soup, cinnamon roll, celery sticks, peach half with cottage cheese.

Thursday, January 21: Ham ball, hash brown casserole, German blend veggies, roll, birthday cake. *Music with Joy*.

Friday, January 22: Salmon patty, macaroni salad, peas, sliced peaches. *Bingo*.

PrairieLand food order in on Jan. 11; delivered on Jan. 23.

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Card of Thanks

We would like to thank friends and family for all the cards and well wishes in celebration of our 60th wedding anniversary. Having you as a part of our lives for these 60 years has enriched and blessed our lives. Thank you for all you have done for us. We cherish all of you.

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

*** BELVIDERE ***

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

*** BETHEL ***

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

*** BRUNING ***

TRINITY LUTHERAN
Stuart Sell, Pastor
Sundays: Sunday School, 9 a.m.;
Worship, 10 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST

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

*** BYRON ***

ST. PETER LUTHERAN RURAL BYRON
Pastor Breen Marie Sipes
Sundays: Worship, 10:30 a.m.;
Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Meal
and Annual meeting, 11:45 a.m.

*** CARLETON ***

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

*** CHESTER ***

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN
Rev. Christopher Gerdes, Pastor
Sundays: Sunday School, 10

a.m.; 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'S 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.

*** DAYKIN ***

ST. JOHN
Connie Raess, Pastor
Wednesday, January 6: Con-
firmation classes resume.
Sunday, January 10: Sunday
School, 8 a.m.; Worship, 9 a.m.

*** DESHLER ***

ABIDING WORD LUTHERAN
George Lautner, Pastor
Sunday, January 17: Sunday
School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship,
10:30 a.m.

PEACE LUTHERAN

Rich Stevenson, Pastor
Wednesday, January 13:
Men's breakfast at The Wheel-
house, 7 a.m.; Meadowlark
Heights Bible study, 10:30 a.m.;
Staff meeting, 12:30 p.m.; 5 and
6 PACE, 4 p.m.; 7 and 8 PACE,
5 p.m.; Adult Praise team, 6:45
p.m.; Peace choir, 8 p.m.
Thursday, January 14: Annual

report assembly, 2 p.m.; Disciple-
ship and Education team meeting,
7 p.m.

Saturday, January 16: Wor-
ship, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 17: Sunday
School for all, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10
a.m.; PEPY meeting (youth and
parents); WOW board, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 20: Staff
meeting, 12:30 p.m.; 5 and 6
PACE, 4 p.m.; 7 and 8 PACE,
5 p.m.; Adult Praise team, 6:45
p.m.; Peace choir, 8 p.m.

Thursday, January 21: YOP
meet in high school parking lot
to attend concerts in Des Moines,
Iowa, 4 p.m.; Worship and Evan-
gelism team meeting, 7 p.m.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN

Brian Francik, Pastor
Wednesday, January 13:
Bell choir, 5:45 p.m.; Midweek
confirmation, 6 p.m.; Vocal choir,
7 p.m.

Thursday, January 14: Quilt ty-
ing, 9 a.m.; DLS Chapel, 9:15 a.m.;
Church council, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, January 15: Bulletin
folders, 1 p.m.

Sunday, January 17: Life Sun-
day; Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee
fellowship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday
School and Annual voters meet-
ing, 10:45 a.m.

Monday, January 18: DLS
board, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 19: Men's
breakfast Bible study, 7 a.m.;
Tuesday morning Bible study,
10 a.m.; Tuesday evening Bible
study, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 20:
Bell choir, 5:45 p.m.; Midweek
confirmation, 6 p.m.; Vocal choir,
7 p.m.

*** FRIEDENSAU ***

TRINITY LUTHERAN
B. J. Fouts, Pastor
Wednesday, January 13: Bible

Study -- Worship and Liturgy,
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 14: DLS
chapel, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, January 16: Llection-
ary Bible study, 7:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 17: Com-
munion service, 10 a.m.; Sunday
School and Bible class, 11:15
a.m.; Annual report items due;
FOF hosted by Marla Jirkovsky,
7 p.m.

Monday, January 18: DLS
school board meeting, 7:30
p.m.

Tuesday, January 19: LLL,
7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 20:
Parkview Haven Communion,
2:30 p.m.; Parkview Haven chap-
el, 3 p.m.; Bible study - Worship
& Liturgy, 6:30 p.m.

*** GILEAD ***

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

Connie Raess, Pastor
Wednesday, January 6: Con-
firmation class resumes; Congre-
gational meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, January 7: Women's
Bible study, 7 p.m.

Sunday, January 10: Sunday
School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11
a.m.

*** HARDY ***

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
Pastor Breen Marie Sipes
Sunday, January 10: Worship,
9 a.m.; Fellowship, 10 a.m.

*** HEBRON ***

FAITH LUTHERAN
Rev. Christopher Gerdes, Pastor
Sundays: Worship, 9:30 a.m.;
Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays: Bulletin items
due; Matins and Bible study, 9
a.m.; confirmation, 6 p.m.

FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

Wednesdays: Bible Study,
6:45 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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

Keith Brozek, Pastor
Wednesday, January 13:
Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; Choir
rehearsal, 7 p.m.; Administrative
council meeting, 8 p.m.

Thursday, January 14: Ministe-
rial meeting, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 16: Wor-
ship with Holy Communion,
6:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 17: Worship,
coffee fellowship, Sunday School,
Annual meeting, potluck, 9 a.m.

Monday, January 18: Quilt-
ing day.

Wednesday, January 20:
Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; Women
of the ELCA leadership meeting/
prayer ministry meeting; Choir
rehearsal, 7 p.m.

HEBRON & CHESTER UNITED METHODIST

Mark Baldwin, Pastor
Sundays: Worship at Chester,
11 a.m.; Worship at Hebron, 9
a.m.; Sunday School, Chester,
9:30 a.m.; Hebron, 10:15 a.m.

KING OF KINGS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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

NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY

Mike Hood, Pastor
Sundays: Sunday School, 9
a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC

Father Rudolf Oborny, Pastor
Thursday, January 13: CCD
classes, 7 p.m.; Knights of Co-
lumbus meeting, 8:20 p.m.

Friday, January 15: That Man
is You, 6 a.m.; breakfast, 5:30
a.m. to 5:55 a.m.; "To hear the
voice of God."

Saturday, January 16: Mass,
6 p.m.

Sunday, January 17: Mass,
10 a.m.

Monday, January 18: RCIA
class, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 20: CCD
classes, 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 break-
fast, 7:30 a.m.

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Obituaries

Rex Philippi

Rex Herman Albert Philippi was born on February 13, 1924, on the family farm southwest of Bruning. He passed away January 5, 2016, at Fairview Manor in Fairmont, at the age of 91 years, 10 months and 23 days. He was the youngest of three sons.



Rex was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning. He attended Bruning School, graduating with the class of 1941.

When Rex was a year old, his mother received a gas iron for her birthday. The iron exploded catching her and the house on fire. She saved Rex by throwing him out the window before perishing from the fire. Rex's father was not able to care for the boys by himself, so Rex was sent to live with his maternal grandparents C.F. and Teresa Knutzen and his mother's sister, Emma. Rex always considered "Aunt Emma" as his mother.

After high school, he attended sheet metal school in Lincoln before moving to Omaha to work at the Martin Bomber Factory, now Offutt Airfield, working on P-40 bombers. From there he moved to Buffalo, New York, to work at another bomber factory where he built nose sections for P-26 bombers until he was inducted into the Army on August 13, 1943.

He served his country in the 77th combat engineers, building bridges in the Philippines, Okinawa and in the occupation of Korea until his discharge on February 13, 1946. He rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant at the age of 21. He was proud of his military service, belonging to Durham-Mammen Legion Post 116 throughout the rest of his life.

He returned to Bruning and went to work for Hinrichs and Son Hardware before beginning his career as a carpenter. In Rex's own words, the highlight of his carpenter career was being part of the company that built the current Trinity Lutheran Church.

On May 27, 1950, he married Doris Ann Riel of Geneva at Grace Lutheran Church in

Geneva. The couple settled in Bruning and became business partners with Rex and Doris Wilken as Rex Builders. Rex Builders built countless houses in the Bruning area. In 1973, Rex and Doris purchased the Bruning Grocery. Today, their son Kurt and grandson Paul own and operate the business. Rex served his community as town treasurer for many years and served on Trinity Lutheran Church Council.

Rex loved baseball and played shortstop for several local teams. He shared his love for the sport with his son, grandsons, and great-grandsons. Doris and he rarely missed a ball game, where he offered tips and coached from the bleachers.

Rex enjoyed time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren in Colorado, Oklahoma and Washington. He especially enjoyed the annual family reunion, last celebrated in May 2015, in honor of Rex and Doris' 65th wedding anniversary.

Rex and Doris loved to play cards and almost any board game. They were competitive, yet loved to laugh while they played. Rex used to go to the cafe every afternoon to play cards or cribbage with some of the other local men.

Until just a few years ago, you could find Rex on a ladder trimming trees, checking the roof or hanging Christmas lights. He taught his son and his local grandsons how to carpenter, making sure that each one had their own hammer.

Rex is preceded in death by his parents; his beloved Aunt Emma; brothers, Adolph and Elden; sisters-in-law, Maxine and Lorraine; and a stillborn daughter.

He is survived by his wife, Doris; son, Kurt and wife Kathleen of Bruning; daughter, Mary and husband Bernie Miller of Colorado Springs, Colo.; grandchildren, Josef and Pat Philippi of Kearney, Ryne and Daina Philippi and Paul and Megan Philippi all of Bruning, Joshua and Crystal Johnson of Seattle, Wash., Erin and Billy Scarborough of Woodward, Okla., and Colin Miller of Colorado Springs, Colo.; 11 great-grandchildren with the anticipation of number 12 due any day and five step-great-grandchildren. Rex is also survived by a special niece Judy and Bob Deterding of Belleville, Kan., who he

considered his daughter since the loss of her father during WWII. Countless other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends also mourn his loss.

Rex suffered many tragedies and setbacks in his life, but he never let it define him. He led by example and followed his faith in God to the end.

Funeral services for Rex were conducted from Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning, on January 8, with Pastor Stuart Sell officiating. Myra Kluck accompanied the congregation who sang "Beautiful Savior," "Just as I am," "Amazing Grace," and "How Great Thou Art."

Pallbearers were his grandchildren, Josef Philippi, Ryne Philippi, Paul Philippi, Joshua Johnson, Colin Miller, Erin Scarborough and nephew John Riel.

Interment was in Bruning Lutheran Cemetery with Military Rites performed by the Durham-Mammen Bruning American Legion Post 166.

Farmer and Son Funeral Home of Geneva was in charge of arrangements.

Rex loved the library and stated he had read every book in it. Memorials should be directed to the Bruning Library or to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Herman Kenning

Herman Kenning, 90, of Steele City, passed away January 7, 2016, in Fairbury. He was born March 13, 1925.



He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; son, Dennis (Donna) Kenning; daughters, Marlene (Gregg) Buchli and Diane Kenning.

Funeral services were held January 11 at the Steele City Presbyterian Church.

Memorials are directed to the family's choice.

Gerdes-Meyer Funeral Home in Fairbury was in charge of arrangements.

Sue Posey

Sue Posey, daughter of Theodore Cox and Ina L. (Hannah) Cox, was born October 3, 1937, at Southwest City, Mo., and passed away on January 4, 2016, at Belleville, Kan., at the age of 78 years, three months and one day.

She graduated from Deshler High School with the class of 1956. She was united in marriage to Joe Posey on October 29, 1980. She was a nurse until having a stroke in 1997.

She was preceded in death by her parents; stepfather, Ernest Kapperman; and brother, Robert Cox.

She is survived by her husband, Joe Posey of Hebron; son, Jon Kaenel of New Iberia, La.; daughters, Vernie McNamee of Lafayette, La., Joni (Michael) Branigan of Papillion, Debra Wallace of Siloam Springs, Ark., and Lisa (Kelly) Christensen of Youngsville, La.; 21 grandchildren; 38 great grandchildren; sisters, Kathi (Kenneth) Ekelter of York, and Mitzi (Terry) Gitlin of Castro Valley, Calif.

Funeral services were held on January 7, at the United Methodist Church in Chester, conducted by Pastor Mark Baldwin.

Interment was in Hubbell Cemetery, Hubbell.

Memorials are directed to the family's choice.

Online condolences and information at www.bachelorsurber.com

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

Herbert Wiedel

Herbert Paul Wiedel of Hebron, the son of Bernard and Elizabeth (Sohl) Wiedel, was born July 3, 1925, on a farm near Hebron. He departed this life Monday, January 11, 2016, at Blue Valley Lutheran Care Home in Hebron, at the age of 90 years.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be on January 14, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hebron, at 10 a.m. Officiant will be Father Rudy Oborny. Rosary service will be January 13, at 7 p.m., at the funeral home.

Visitation will be January 13, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Kroll Funeral Home in Hebron.

Memorials are directed to the Hebron Volunteer Fire Department or Thayer Central High School FFA.

Condolences may be left at www.krollfh.com.

Kroll Funeral Home of Hebron is in charge of arrangements.

Meeting Notice

The Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging will hold its regular Governing Board meeting on Monday, January 25, at Valentino's Restaurant, 701 Court Street, Beatrice, at 1 p.m. An agenda is available for public inspection at 1901 Court Street, Beatrice.

Grace Lutheran hosts Grief Share meetings

There will be a new series of Grief Share meetings starting January 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Anyone who has lost a loved one will be welcomed, encouraged, and helped with the challenges of moving toward rebuilding your life. There is help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. You will meet friendly caring people who will walk beside you through one of life's most difficult journeys.

The meetings will be held in the Educational Unit of Grace Lutheran Church, 224 N. 4th St., Hebron. It will be starting on January 21, at 6:30 p.m. The meetings last approximately two hours.

Again, anyone is welcome who has lost a loved one.

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Beef Boosters celebrate new beginning in school lunches

The Bruning Davenport Beef Boosters invited dignitaries and sponsors to kick off its Nebraska beef producer to school lunch program Jan. 8 at Bruning Davenport Middle School in Davenport. Speakers included, Lt. Gov. Mike Foley; District 32 Sen. Laura Ebke; Nebraska Department of Agriculture Greg Ibach; Mike and Jeannette McLean of McClean Beef, the producers of the beef that will be served with Bruning Davenport's school lunches; and Gina Hudson and Mark Jagels, who are the B-D Beef Boosters Coordinators. Hudson is also the chair of Nebraska Cattlewomen. In addition to school lunches, the B-D Beef program will focus on educating students about producers and the process of moving beef from farm to table, and use the education to grow the school's FFA program.



Joy Lenfer carries her plate with the latest addition in Bruning Davenport's school lunches - real beef from McClean Beef out of Benedict. Serving are members of the school's FFA program, Caitlynn Beddoe, Haley Pena Lopez and Morgan Lowery.

Davenport ALA meets

Davenport American Legion Auxiliary held their January meeting on January 4 at the Davenport Community Center.

President Sharon Littrell called the meeting to order according to ritual. Members in attendance answered roll call with what they liked about the month of January. Most answered that they liked to stay in where it was warm.

It was reported that the school had been checked with to see if they had any questions in regard to the rules for the Americanism essay contest coming up this spring. Plans are in the making for the Blood Mobile visit to Davenport on May 17. Interested juniors in high school were asked of their interest in attending Girls

State this coming June. Those interested will be invited to our February meeting.

Prospective members are being contacted for membership in our Unit. The Convention call for Mid Year was read; this conference will be held in Nebraska City on January 15 through 17. Members were encouraged to attend as well as support the "Give 10" program for the schools.

Our Unit will hold their next meeting on February 1 at the Davenport Community Center

We had no further business and Chaplain Zola Johnson closed the meeting with the prayer for peace.

Submitted by Bonnie Dummer, Davenport Unit 335, Publicity Chairman

Davenport Senior Dinners

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

Monday, January 18: Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Tuesday, January 19: Sweet'n sour chicken, white rice, California blend veggies, tropical fruit. *King's in the corner; Pitch tournament.*

Wednesday, January 20: Chili soup, cinnamon roll, celery sticks, peach half with cottage cheese. *Scrabble.*

Thursday, January 21: Ham ball, hash brown casserole, German blend veggies, roll, ice cream. *Mexican train.*

Friday, January 22: Salm-on patty, macaroni salad, peas, sliced peaches.

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

Belvidere

By LaDonna Avers

What would we talk about in Nebraska if it wasn't for the weather? This cold has some of us snuggling up at home, but a few of the breakfast bunch braved the snow and cold to have coffee Saturday morning. Ruth Yoachim, Ila Currey, Audrey Else, Paula McGinness and Betty Dudgeon were the hardy souls who made it for breakfast at a cafe downtown.

The annual Culp/Tripp reunion was held January 2 at the Belvidere Community Center. All ten of John and Virginia Culp's children were in attendance. The oldest one there was 78 and the youngest was 3 1/2 months old. There were 25 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and three great great grandchildren. The children always enjoy the playground at the museum. Food, games and visiting was enjoyed by everyone as they do when they have their reunion every year.

Oak

By Phyllis Schmitt

Pastor Keith's dad, Dave Brich of Council Bluffs, visited a couple days with Pastor Keith, Lynda, Savannah and Meredith Brich.

Bill Shunkwiler of Grove, Okla., visited a couple days with Gaylen and Jackie Cox.

Donna Gillan quilted on Monday. On Tuesday, she accompanied Terri Oltmans to Hastings. Wednesday, she had lunch at Cap's Cafe.

Phyllis Schmitt had dinner with Francis and Beth Garrison in Bruning on Wednesday at the cafe there. On Thursday, Phyllis took Lynda Brich out for breakfast for her birthday.

Donna Gillan had coffee at the Senior Center on Thursday. Saturday night, she joined others in taking down the decorations at the church in Nelson, then they went for supper at the D&D Lyon's Den. On Sunday, there was a potluck at the church which she also attended.

There was a de-hanging of the greens at the First Community Church on Sunday with a potluck dinner following. Dixie Drohman surprised her mother, Phyllis Schmitt, with a decorated cake for her 75th birthday.

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Chester Senior Dinners

Monday, January 18: Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Tuesday, January 19: Sweet'n sour chicken, white rice, California blend veggies, tropical fruit. *Trivia.*

Wednesday, January 20: Chili soup, cinnamon roll, celery sticks, peach half with cottage cheese. *Person, place or thing?*

Thursday, January 21: Ham ball, hash brown casserole, German blend veggies, roll, ice cream. *Name bingo.*

Friday, January 22: Salm-on patty, macaroni salad, peas, sliced peaches. *Word search.*

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.



JR Photo/J Crouse

Celebrating 95 years...

Susan Schlife and others at the Chester Sr. Center helped Willard Rieke celebrate his 95th birthday last week. Nancy Allen baked the birthday cake for him.



JR Photo/J Crouse

Storing up for cold...

Chester has received several small snows this past week along with some bitter cold temperatures. This always-hungry fluffy-tailed squirrel doesn't mind the snow when he wants a snack. He fills his mouth with kernels, jumps down where he may eat them or dig a hole and bury them.

Storm
Bruning-Davenport Unified School

ACTIVITIES

Thursday, January 14: MUDECAS GBB and BBB; JH BBB at Thayer Central, 6 p.m.

Friday, January 15: MUDECAS GBB.

Saturday, January 16: MUDECAS BBB.

Monday, January 18: FC-CLADist Star competition, G/BBB JV tourney at TC (TBA); JH GBB vs. Silver Lake at Shickley, 6 p.m.; JH BBB vs. Blue Hill at Dav, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, January 19: HS G/B BB vs. McCool Jct at Bruning, 6:15 p.m./8 p.m.; JV TBA.

Wednesday, January 20: FFA Leadership Skills events at York.

BRUNING

MENU

Thursday, January 14: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, pear halves, dinner roll; Wisconsin cheese soup.

Friday, January 15: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, apple slices, French bread; salad bar.

Monday, January 18: Macaroni and cheese with Little Smokies, California medley blend veggies, Mandarin oranges; salad bar.

Tuesday, January 19: French toast sticks, hash-browns, sausage, orange juice; cheeseburger soup.

Wednesday, January 20: Meatball subs, oven fries, peach halves, cookie; salad bar.

DAVENPORT

MENU

Thursday, January 14: Chicken stix, tator tots, baked beans.

Friday, January 15: Rib patty on bun, Romaine lettuce, strawberries and bananas.

Monday, January 18: Corn dogs, ravioli, peas.

Tuesday, January 19: Chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, sliced bread.

Wednesday, January 20: Fish treasures, French fries, yogurt cup, carrot sticks.

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

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Scholarship and Fellowship recipients announced

Six young Nebraskans have been awarded \$1,000 scholarships by the Nebraska Corn Board to support their educational pursuits in agriculture at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln.

An additional \$1,000 fellowship has also been awarded to a graduate student at UNL. All recipients are students in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at UNL.

“These young people represent the future of agriculture in our state and nation—and we are pleased to be able to support them in their college education,” said David Merrell, a family farmer from St. Edward, Nebraska and chairman of the Nebraska Corn Board. “We are especially pleased that many of them intend to stay in Nebraska after graduation to continue our state’s legacy of leadership in agriculture.”

Recipients of the 2015-16 Nebraska Corn Board scholarships at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln are:

Gavin Hirsch of McCook is a junior in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, majoring in Animal Science. He is involved in a variety of university activities including Block and Bridle, Campus Crusade, and the William H. Thompson Learning Community. He is also on the Dean’s List. After completing his undergraduate degree, Gavin plans to return to the family farm operation, focusing on building their seedstock customer base.

Emmet Caldwell of Edgar is a freshman in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, majoring in Agribusiness. Throughout high school, he was involved in FFA, earning recognition as a Gold Emblem individual and as a member of the tenth-place 2014 National Ag Sales Team. After completing his undergraduate degree, Emmet plans to continue working with his current seedstock Red Angus herd, while working in either ruminant nutrition or agribusiness.

Grant Suddarth of York is a freshman in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, majoring in Agricultural Economics. Throughout high school, he was involved in 4-H, FFA, National Honor Society and sports. After completing his undergraduate degree, he plans on starting his own rural appraising business.

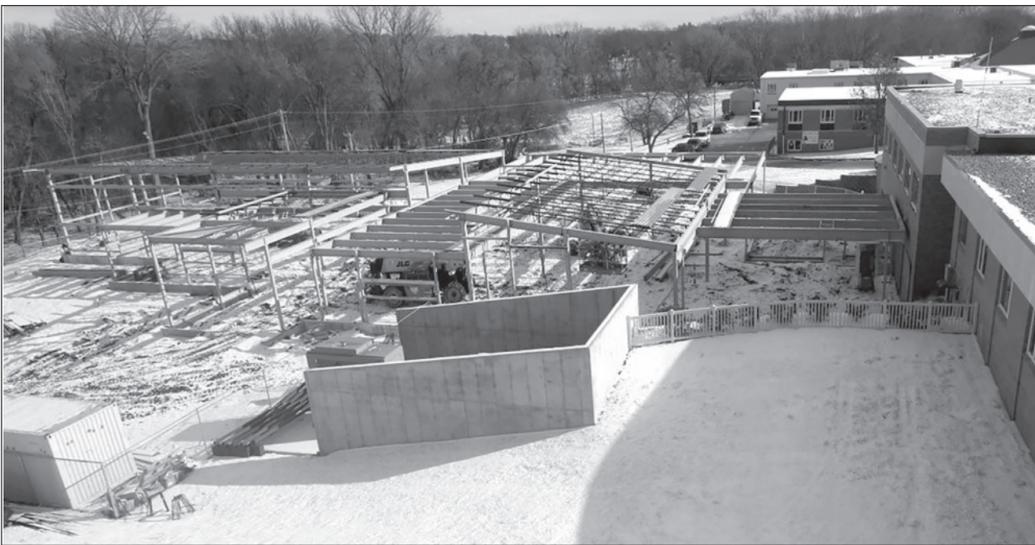
Molli Hagge of Ord is a freshman in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, majoring in Agribusiness. Throughout high school, she was involved in FFA, student council, National Honor Society and the Nebraska Quarter Horse Youth Association. After completing her undergraduate degree, she plans to attend law school or become an equine geneticist.

Adam Leise of Hartington is a freshman in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, majoring in Agronomy. After completing his undergraduate degree, he plans to return home to own and operate the family farm.

Renae Sieck of Martell is a freshman in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, majoring in Agricultural Education. Throughout high school, she was involved in FFA, sports, choir and band. After completing her undergraduate degree, she plans to become a high school agricultural education teacher.

The recipient of the Nebraska Corn Board Fellowship is Zachary Carlson of Cambridge, Minn., a graduate student in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources in Animal Science. He currently works with Professor Galen Erickson and Associate Professor James MacDonald on corn milling byproducts.

The Nebraska Corn Board’s market development, research, promotion and education programs are funded and managed by Nebraska corn farmers. Producers invest at a rate of 1/2 of a cent per bushel of corn sold.



Courtesy Photos

Korff Rehab and Wellness Center Underway...

Despite the cold, framing has begun on for the new Glenn Korff Rehab and Wellness Center being built on the north side of the lower level of the hospital in Hebron. With the First Street bridge out, most people don’t drive by to see the progress being made, however, the project is on schedule. Groundbreaking was Aug. 2 with over 125 people in attendance. The initial phase of the \$6.9 million facility will be a new place for Thayer County residents to improve and maintain their fitness levels. Completion is scheduled for August. Phase II will be the renovation of the current rehabilitation area. Phase III will separate key services the hospital provides, including the emergency room and suites for new mothers and their infants.



Olson new director for area aging agency, funding reaches Thayer County

By Nancy McGill
Hebron Journal-Register
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Zoe Olson is the new executive director for the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, an arm of the state that helps oversee 20 senior centers in eight counties, including those in Thayer County.

Olson accepted her position at the agency shortly before the holidays Dec. 21.

She said the timing correlated with an upcoming regulatory visit from the state, which was scheduled for last week. Blue Rivers is monitored by the state and in operation as a result of the Older Americans Act of 1965.

Olson said tax dollars received by the agency must be spent wisely.

Tax dollars filtered to Blue Rivers cover a healthy list of services, including public transportation systems based in county seats under the agency’s canopy.

Hebron Senior Center Manager Jennifer Blair said Thayer County’s public transportation could use more travelers on its inexpensive routes.

For all Hebron residents, the cost is \$4 round trip to any location in town.

Trips to and from towns or villages in Thayer County run \$8; Beatrice is \$10 for both ways; and Lincoln, \$22 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Young children are also welcome on board albeit state stipulations for parents.

The seats are adjustable for older children, Blair said.

She said anyone needing wheelchair or scooter access, can simply relay that while

reserving a seat.

Trips have been as short as a bus ride home from the New Year’s celebration at the center and as far as the state fair in Grand Island.

“Transportation is one of those things that can isolate people,” Olson said.

She likens the social aspect of transportation to attendance at senior centers.

“We want people to go into senior centers,” Olson said, using mealtimes as an example.

Strengthening the agency’s services from within seems to fit Olson’s background as the director of marketing and public relations for Aging Partners in Lincoln; public information officer for Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services; and the Nebraska Wheat Growers Association executive director.

“We must make sure the organization stays on track and we’re doing the right things for the right reasons,” she said.

That includes taking into account that people are living longer.

“When the Older Americans Act came into effect, the average lifespan was much shorter,” Olson said.

In Nebraska, residents benefit from the fresh air and water.

Then, Olson threw in a twist to elderly living.

“Lifespan shortens at skilled nursing facilities,” she said.

“We have to look at the individual and say, ‘What’s best for them?’”

One of the agency’s services is assistance with the Aged and Disabled Medicaid Waiver program, which offers a liv-



Zoe Olson

ing arrangement choice for eligible adults over 65 years.

Staying home at one-third the price of establishing residency in a nursing facility makes for happy people, Olson said.

Through Blue Rivers, older adults living at home receive help bathing, dressing, eating and budgeting, along with other services tailored to meet individual needs.

Olson said the aging population is becoming the largest demographic on Earth.

“We’re servicing more and serving longer,” she said.

Over at Hebron Senior Center, Blair said through a conglomerate of church groups, students and an individual family, the center has managed to deliver meals to those who are homebound in addition to serving five meals a week in house.

Even in light of observing the center’s drop in attendance and an economic-related stigma, Blair said the center is active with regular sessions of Tai Chi exercise, health and informational presentations required by the state, Humanities Nebraska programs,

Bingo days, birthday celebrations, breakfast specials and help with state paperwork, not to mention the center is a meeting place.

“People come in just to chat,” Blair said. “It’s a pretty good place.”

She receives a lot of good customers for the bake sale fundraiser each year.

“We usually sell out,” she added.

Right now, the center could use more volunteers. Not only do volunteers deliver meals – Blair said the center is running around 10 to 12 deliveries per day – they are checking up on residents to ensure all is well.

“Even a business could do it. We’ve had some businesses. It doesn’t take long,” Blair said.

Hebron’s center is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding government holidays.

Blair will close for inclement weather if she thinks it’s unsafe for her patrons to be out.

Meals are \$4 for adults 60 years and over, and \$6 for people under 60.

Thayer County has four other senior centers in Chester, Deshler, Davenport and Alexandria.

Chester’s hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Deshler’s hours are the same as Chester’s. Davenport is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Alexandria hours are from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information on the services of Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, visit <http://www.braaa.org/>.



Blue Valley Bowl Bowling Results

MONDAY

MEN’S CITY LEAGUE

High Scratch Team Series: Kass Ford — 2242 High Men’s Game: Manny Motto 298, Bryce Mammen 253, Craig Pope 230; High Men’s Series: Manny Motto 768, Bryce Mammen 691, Rick Kassebaum 560.

TUESDAY WOMEN’S BOWLERETTS LEAGUE

High Scratch Team Series: The Bottle Shop — 1679; High Women’s Game: Cheryl Knobel 186, Betty Mammen 181, Amy Peterson 171; High Women’s Series: Betty Mammen 485, Cheryl Knobel 481, Amy Peterson 445.

WEDNESDAY MEN’S AMERICAN LEAGUE

High Scratch Team Series: Kass Ford #2 — 2374; High Men’s Game: Ryan Paul 257, Denny Degenhardt 256, Randy Bartling 251; High Men’s Series: Manny Motto 675, Dean Blincow 667, Randy Bartling 663.

THURSDAY WOMEN’S ROKETTES LEAGUE

High Scratch Team Series: RF Construction — 1714; High Women’s Game: Marissa Wagenblast 193, Crystal Fangmeyer 175, Michele Modlin 168; High Women’s Series: Marissa Wagenblast 521, Michele Modlin 459, Paula Day 456, Mary Fangmeier 456.

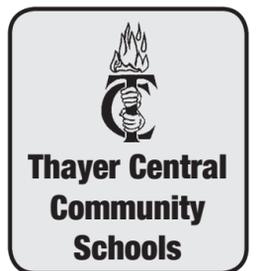
THURSDAY MEN’S PINBUSTER LEAGUE

High Scratch Team Series: Crown Kings — 2138; High Men’s Game: Mike Prellwitz 244, Curt Mumm 229, Aaron Bohling 213; High Men’s Series: Mike Prellwitz 628, Gary Reinsch 557, Thad Mumm 523.

SUNDAY NIGHT MIXED LEAGUE

High Scratch Team Series: Broncos — 1824; High Men’s Game: Mike Prellwitz 214, Dale Werner 213, Tregan Albers 205; High Women’s Game: Diane Jacobson 188, Cheryl Knobel 185,

Deb Kenning 173; High Men’s Series: Dale Werner 587, Mike Prellwitz 560, Tregan Albers 555; High Women’s Series: Cheryl Knobel 535, Diane Jacobson 467, Deb Kenning 461.



ACTIVITIES

Thursday, January 14: Stu-Co-Lunch; Ninth grade BB at Fairbury, 5:30 p.m.; Home JH boys BB with BDS, 6 p.m.

Friday, January 15: WR at UNK, 4 p.m.; BB at Sutton, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 16: Home JH boys BB with Fairbury, 9:30 a.m.; WR at Gibbon, 10 a.m.; Home BB with Milford, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, January 18: District Stu-Co Convention at Superior; JV Thayer Central BB invite, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, January 19: BB at Friend, 4:30 p.m.

MENU

Thursday, January 14: Beef stew, cinnamon roll; turkey sandwich.

Friday, January 15: BBQ pork on bun, French fries; uncrustable.

Monday, January 18: Chicken nuggets, green beans, cornbread; ham sandwich.

Tuesday, January 19: Meatloaf, baked potato, dinner roll; ham sandwich.

Wednesday, January 20: Mandarin orange chicken (K-5), General Tso’s chicken (6-12), lo mein noodles, egg roll (6-12); PB apple wrap.



Eldon and Joy Wolfe are bi-monthly regulars at the Hebron Senior Center, who entertain with music. A retired music teacher, Eldon Wolfe is also a substitute driver for the center.



Hebron Resident Jerry Lontjer sits with Heartland Home Health CNA Jenny Mumford at the Hebron Senior Center. Mumford performs blood pressure checks once a month at the center, and a toenail clinic.

Sen. Ebke...

"You're mixing them all together because it's too crowded to sort people out," Ebke said.

She has faith in Director Scott Frakes and his ability to intelligently space prisoners out.

"We're well over 100 percent capacity," she said. It's more like 120 to 130 percent, Ebke added.

While the correctional system is a definite priority, so are Nebraska's property taxes.

"I don't sit on those committees, but I'm all about reducing. Nebraska has a high tax burden. We have to figure out ways to reduce that," she said.

There will be "lots of tweaks" to try and rework the muddled web of the tax formula that focuses on funding public education.

Ebke said two of her bills that carried over from last session will hit the floor this time around.

Legislative Bill 289 is aimed at placing jurisdictions on one tract toward regulating guns.

Nebraska's jurisdictions operate independently of each other, which penalizes citizens who aren't aware of laws as they travel from one jurisdiction to the next.

"They have no way of knowing about those ordinances," Ebke said.

The bill would set regulations at the state level.

"It would be easy for gun owners to know what they are," she said.

Omaha Mayor Jean Stothert backs the bill, Ebke said.

Meanwhile, District 3 Sen. Tommy Garrett is behind LB 769 that will expand concealed carry to let individual businesses and entities set their own policies when it comes to concealed carry that would remove Gun Free Zone statutory requirements.

Ebke's other major focus is Legislative Resolution 35, so that Nebraska may enter into the Convention of States and become one of several states needed to amend the U.S. Constitution while holding federal power back.

The Convention of States is a nonprofit organized by Citizens for Self Governance



Dist. 32 Sen. Laura Ebke Action.

Thirty-four states are needed to call a meeting of the Convention of States on a specific topic with reducing federal government overreach as the goal.

United States Senator John McCain is featured on the Convention's website because of his newest evaluation of government waste in the fourth edition of "America's Most Wasted."

In the book, the National Science Foundation is reported to have spent \$872,164 on a study about how children cross the street.

In an effort to study the "Hello Kitty" character, the US Department of Education racked up \$5,000.

National Institutes of Health's expenditure on birds singing differently while under the influence was \$51,326.

"The researchers gave Zebra finches grape juice spiked with ethanol and examined whether drinking the spiked juice altered the birds' ability to sing in tune," the report said, according to a news release on McCain's book.

Ebke said fiscal restraints must be placed at the national level with country's debt of nearly \$19 trillion.

"We need to get a handle on this and quit spending trillions," Ebke said.

The Convention of States is provided for in Article V of the Constitution.

"It's a two-part process," Ebke said about reaching the point where states can propose amendments to the constitution. "It's not a quick fix. We're looking at three to five years down the line."

Ebke said the founders believed there would come a day when the national government became too powerful.

In discussing future amendments, Ebke said term limits would be a good start.



Photo courtesy Nebraska Extension

Fangmeier part of National 4-H Congress

Colton Fangmeier traveled to Atlanta, Ga., with 30 Nebraska 4-Hers to participate in the 2015 National 4-H Congress Nov. 27-Dec. 1. The National 4-H Congress is a flagship event of the 4-H program. For over 80 years, youth from the United States and its territories have participated in the youth leadership development conference. The Congress provides youth, ages 14-19, a quality educational and cross-cultural experience. It is designed to address the needs and issues of youth while helping to develop capable, competent and caring citizens. Nebraska youth are selected for this honor based on their leadership, community service and educational activities through 4-H. Conference delegates experienced an educational program during the conference, including a variety of fun and exciting recreational and networking opportunities. Workshop presenters and speakers motivated the 4-Hers and shared current information. A cultural evening exposed the youth to a variety of forms of fine arts. The conference emphasized leadership, youth empowerment and cultural diversity. Delegates visited venues in the city including the Centennial Olympic Park, The World of Coca-Cola, CNN Center, the Carter Presidential Center and the Martin Luther King Center. All youth ages 5 to 19 can explore their interests and enhance their potential through 4-H. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension youth development program offers projects for nearly every interest, ranging from Web design to rockets, genealogy, animals large and small, woodworking, fashion, photography and more.

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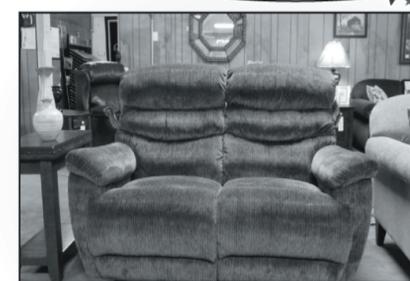
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