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Trees axed to meet FAA regulation

By Jacque Rocole
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The Hebron Airport Authority is closing in on the finish of a lengthy project that required the removal of hundreds of trees along Spring Creek at the southeast edge of Hebron. The trees obstructed FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) clearance regulations, said longtime Airport Authority member Marlowe Huber. "We didn't have proper clearance for the approach surface, so we needed to remove the trees."

The approach surface is the imaginary sloping plan beginning at the end of a runway or landing strip and rising uniformly over the approach area at the required slope. For the Hebron Airport, a 20:1 slope is required, meaning the line of approach must rise one foot above the ground for every 20 feet out from the runway.

Huber said the project is being funded with a federal grant acquired in 2006 by the late Clarence McGhghy. "The grant pays for 90 percent of the project," he said, "and the Authority takes care of the rest."

The Hebron Airport offers aviation fuel, aircraft parking, hangars, a pilot's lounge/snooze room and



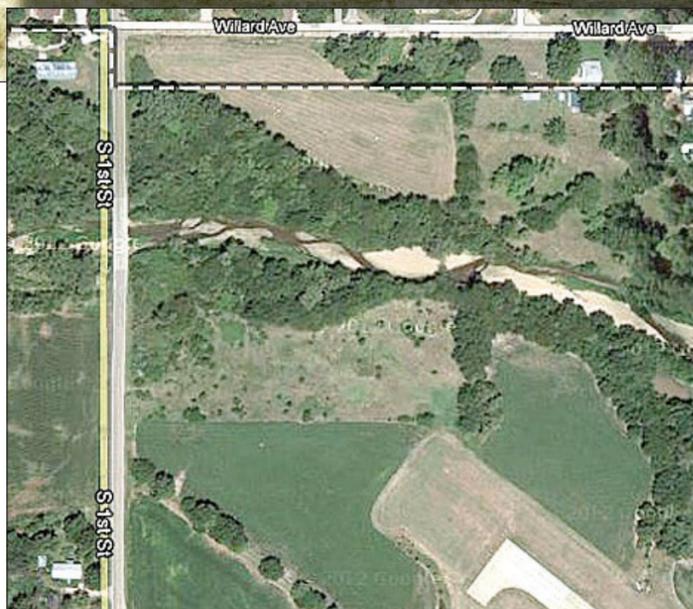
restrooms to those who aviate. Larger craft, such as a King Air, are often seen using the facility these days, Huber said.

Bringing the airport's clearance standards up-to-date is part of an ongoing list of improvements the Authority has been working on for several years. A new hangar and fuel storage are next on the agenda, Huber said of the group's future plans. Extending the runway also appears on the task list, but Huber said that project is at least three to five years away.

The Hebron Airport Authority is presided over by Bill Linton. Jay Huhmann and Andrew Fangmeier were recently appointed to fill vacancies in the group.

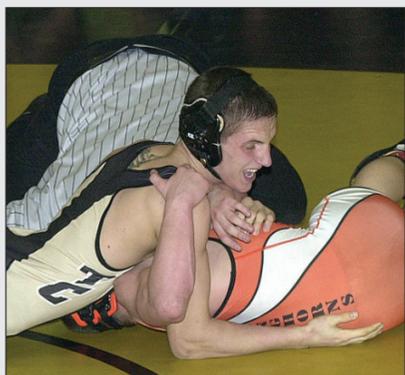
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Above: The scenic view upon entry into Hebron has changed along First Street due to the removal of hundreds of trees along Spring Creek. The Airport Authority is removing the trees in order to be compliant with FAA regulation regarding aircraft approach clearance onto runways. Visible houses line Willard Avenue as it intersects with First Street. At right: This aerial view of Spring Creek shows how the area appeared before removal of the trees. The local airport runway appears at the lower right.



Titans host annual meet

Thayer Central held its annual wrestling invitational last Friday where the Titans finished fifth behind seniors Clayton Hintz (pictured) and Dalton Kenning who both collected championships in their weight divisions. There were 12 teams competing in the annual event; 16 wrestlers represented Thayer Central. For details see Sports.



Fiery crash leaves Hebron man injured

Tuesday morning accident involves three pickups

Hebron emergency workers were called to the scene of a fiery crash that left one man injured Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m., in Hebron. The extent of Joshua Gumaer's injuries are unknown, but according to the Thayer County Sheriff's Office, he was expected to be held overnight Tuesday at Thayer County Health Services.

Gumaer, heading east on Highway 136 in his 1994 Chevrolet pickup, was stopped at the U.S. 81 intersec-

tion stop sign when he proceeded to pull into the path of an oncoming pickup pulling a camper.

Donald Grondahl, of Minnesota, was headed north on U.S. 81 when Gumaer pulled into his lane of traffic. Grondahl could not avoid a collision and hit Gumaer sending both into a westbound 2007 Toyota Tundra driven by Dana Schleufer of Beatrice. Schleufer was stopped at the Highway 136 stop sign when Grondahl and Gumaer hit his vehicle.

Gumaer's truck entered the northeast ditch and caught fire. Rescue personnel were able to retrieve Gumaer from the fiery accident and take him to the hospital.

Grondahl and a passenger were also taken to the hospital where they were checked over for injuries and released.

Schleufer was not hurt and was able to drive away from the scene.

Both Gumaer's and Grondahl's vehicles were totalled.

County Sheriff makes arrests

Drugs, firearms, stolen vehicles involved

The Thayer County Sheriff's office reported Tuesday afternoon that they arrested a 14-year old juvenile for stealing firearms from a Byron residence. The juvenile is alleged to have stolen four fire arms from a residence in Byron on Jan. 11.

The weapons were traced to a pawn shop in Concordia, Kan., and have been recovered. The juvenile is being held at the Youth Detention Center in Lincoln. He is also being charged with the attempted theft of a 4-wheel ATV from Byron on Jan. 15.

Included in the news release, the Sheriff also reports a separate case involving a school student and drugs in a locker. On Jan. 17, the Thayer County Sheriff's K-9 unit conducted a random search of the Deshler Public Schools in Deshler. The K-9 gave a positive indication for drugs in a school locker and after searching the locker, an item was recovered and sent to the state lab for testing. "This incident is still under investigation," the Sheriff said in the news release and added that a student was cited for possession of marijuana while on the school grounds approximately one week ago.

And finally, on Jan. 22, the Thayer County Sheriff's Office recovered a vehicle in Hebron which had been stolen from Polk County. The suspect in that theft is alleged to have stolen a vehicle from the area of Seventh St., and Lincoln Ave., in Hebron, as well, the sheriff said. The individual was arrested in Salina, Kan., on Tuesday and is being held in Salina for local charges of possessing stolen property. The suspect is believed to have stolen vehicles in Platte and Polk counties.

Tidbits

County One and Six...

The annual One and Six Year Road hearing will be held in the clubroom of the Thayer County courthouse, Feb. 5, at 10:30 a.m.

All Thayer County residents are urged to attend since this hearing helps to govern the future improvements on all rural roads within Thayer County.

~Obituaries~

- Bethscheider**, Joyce A., 81, Hebron
- Hoops**, Vernon F., 88, Byron
- Koerwitz**, Noah J., 1 mos, Beatrice
- Koss**, Melvin L., 78, Chester/Hubbell
- Kriesel**, Nadine, 84, Gladstone
- Leitner**, Lucille E., 85, Concordia, KS
- Nippert**, Katherine A., 95, Hebron
- Presnell**, Donna M., 83, formerly Hastings



In both photos Hebron Volunteer firemen and rescue workers work a three-pickup accident at the intersection of U.S. 81 and Highway 136 one mile southeast of Hebron Tuesday morning.

JR Photos/Jacque Rocole

Pages of the Past...

From The Hebron Journal-Register

1883

130 Years Ago

Hon. C.B. Coon kindly remembered the editor with a generous piece of venison, which he had brought back from his mountain hunting expedition.

Andrew Olesen, living on Dry Creek, is very sick with lung disease and fears are entertained for his recovery.

The Methodist church in Hebron, under the management of Rev. Van Fleet, has succeeded in getting a donation of the Church Extension Society of \$250. As soon as spring returns they will complete the building.

The office of deputy sheriff of Thayer County, made vacant by the appointment of A.W. McKinney, sheriff, has been filled by the appointment of W.L. Thompson.

F.A. McMillan and family have moved into their new house in the eastern part of town.

D.W. Cole of Chester, has rented the Central House and took possession. Mr. Cole is an old hand at the hotel business, and will, no doubt, merit a share of the patronage. W.B. Hughes and lady retire for a rest and have rented the rooms over Mrs. Correll's store, lately vacated by F.A. McMillan, where they will live in quietude, away from the hurry and bustle of hotel life.

The announcement of the marriage of T.E. Hitt and Miss Millie Ballard of Carleton will take place publicly in the M.E. Church of that place. She is the step daughter of Uncle David Olds of Carleton.

A new railroad running from Hebron to Belvidere is the talk of the day.

It is stated that Hiram Jones of Dry Creek is being visited by his first wife from whom he separated some years ago, and married another woman from whom he also separated. It looks now as if the old love would be revived, and another wedding take place on Dry Creek.

The storm of last week was not nearly so bad in this part of the country as it was at other places. About eight inches of snow fell, which drifted badly. The mercury fell to about 22 degrees below zero. The weather was the coldest that we have had for several years, but notwithstanding the severity of the storm, trains on the B&M and St. Joe & Western were running on time by Saturday.

We can but express our indignation when we see men who have families that should receive their attention and a passable living, idling their time away, hanging around saloons and billiard halls, and going to theatres, spending money that should be used for the support of the family or paying off the debt, and allowing their business to suffer for the want of attention. It is to be regretted that such men exist all around us; and in every stage of society.

Sixty-four car loads of animal and vegetable products were shipped from Davenport during the month of December. If there is another town in the county that can make a better showing than that, we will announce the fact free of cost.

Davenport

Our feed mill is running, all in apple pie order, wind is the motive power.

Our drug store is as neat as a pin, and is well kept by Harding & Flynn.

Mrs. Julia Hughes has a fine stock of millinery goods which she will sell at cost for the next 60 days.

1893

120 Years Ago

Creviston & Shearer received a car of sawdust this week to be used in packing their ice.

Mrs. J.H. Lynch has organized a class at her studio in china painting. After the pieces of china are complete they will be taken to Omaha to be fired. Mrs. Lurch expects soon to have a kiln in which to fire the china at home.

A temporary cemetery organization was formed at the city council rooms. Geo. M. Hunt, being temporary chairman, and W.H. Barger, temporary secretary. They have purchased NE 30 acres

NE of NE 36-3-3, located about a mile and a half north of the city.

Joe Wheaton made the trip to Nelson on a bicycle the first of the week.

H. Burgess has his elevator at Stoddard completed.

Married by the Rev. Silas Cooke at the Presbyterian parsonage, James H. Emmett and Miss Joan Lovercheck, all of this county.

January has been unusually balmy and pleasant. Open doors and low fires have been the rule. Plowing and harrowing are reported from Frontier and other western counties of Nebraska.

Stoddard

E.B. Stauber expects to move to Sheridan County, Kan., this spring.

Prof. N. Cowdin has sold his place and intends joining some theatrical company.

Davenport

David Waldermuth, who left his home last fall without giving any intentions to leave, his friends knowing not of his whereabouts, has of his own accord returned to his father's home.

Philip Glock purchased a quarter section of raw land lying three miles west of here last week. The consideration being \$4,000.

C.J. Lichty is in the wheat business and buying on the track here.

Married at the home of the bride, Mrs. Hellen Parth and Mrs. William Hatcher.

Carleton

A.M. Dyer and W.F. Tritsch have gone to Colorado to establish an office of the Western Home Association.

The well borer, J.A. Beggs, returned from Stansberry, Mo., where he was visiting his old home

Alexandria

George Edwards returned with his bride from Missouri. They will make their home north of Alexandria.

M.D. Scriven of Geneva was here and purchased the Walker quarter, two and one-half miles northeast of Alexandria, in Jefferson County, for \$4,400.

Belvidere

N.F. House, our worthy postmaster, is the recipient of a neat rocker as a premium from the Lincoln State Journal for getting up the tenth largest list of subscribers to that popular daily, of anyone in this state and Iowa.

Mr. Trip shipped a carload of old iron to Kansas City.

Byron

Charles Devore and Vernon Covert are building an ice house in which they expect to store 100 tons of ice for summer use.

Fred Fitzman has contracted to build a new store building for the use of Mr. Freitag of Auburn. Mr. F. will be here with his stock of goods as soon as the building is completed.

Hubbell

Louis Lange is doing a rushing business in rock. He has all the orders he can fill for several weeks to come. Louis has some of the finest building stone in the state, and he has been advertising the fact over the country pretty well lately, and as a result his trade is immense.

J.Q. Adams, who is well known here and who was a resident eight or ten years ago, has been in town several times lately entertaining with a phonograph.

Chester

Will Hunt returned from a five months visit to his old home in England. We understand that he brought a wife back with him.

J.A. Lasby returned from a month's visit to his old home in the province of Ontario in Canada. He was accompanied by his brother who will probably remain during the summer.

Martin Duey has purchased A.W. Hindman's farm north of town for \$35 an acre.

E.G. Currier, living south of town, died and was buried in the Register cemetery.

Mary, wife of J.O. Fraley, aged 35 years, died at her residence south of town.

1903

110 Years Ago

The Helget Bros. thrashed their last job of the season for Cash Flowers.

Ross Bros. thrashed 348 bushels of kaffir corn in two hours for Geo. Sinn.

August Baruth began to lay the foundation for a new house. Size 28 feet by 30 feet.

1933

80 Years Ago

Robert Stastny is proudly displaying a ribbon as the reward of winning first premium on market corn in the Central Section of Nebraska, awarded by the Nebraska Growers Association, also a silver watch fob as 1932 champion of Thayer County.

Alexandria's oldest citizen Jorgen Sinn, observed his 92nd birthday anniversary.

New officers of the Alexandria Whisker Club were President Lee Wiswell, President pro-tem James Houser, Secretary/Treasurer Henry Sinn. Anyone wishing to join this club must display not less than six month's growth of whiskers.

With the announcement of the honor roll society, the girls of Bruning High School have tangible proof that they are intellectually superior to the boys. Of the five students elected to the society, four are girls. The only boy to contest the girls' academic preeminence is Joy Lutlich, a junior. Three of the girls to attain this high rating are seniors. They are Florence Block, Velma Bruning and Dorothy Laners. Dolores Middendorf, a freshman, completes the list.

Bruning High School didn't have enough Eilert Wilhelms Friday night to match the basket shooting of Issler, Burns and Coleman of Grafton.

Although the Bruning ace collected 14 points, his teammates were unable to contribute more than six points, which lacked six of being sufficient to win the game.

1943

70 Years Ago

Torpedoman Third Class Eldon John Hawkins, son of Garfield Hawkins of Deshler, is listed among the wounded in the Navy's casualty list No. 20, covering the period from Dec. 16, 1942 to Dec. 31, 1942.

Relatives of Rose Knappe-Harrah have learned through the Red Cross that she is imprisoned in Manila.

The Lions Club, Civic Club and American Legion, have raised funds for the construction of a county board 10x14, displaying the names of boys from the county serving in the present world war. So far, 475 names have been painted on the board, which will be displayed on the northeast corner of the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Fourth Street.

Maxine Gates, former Hebron girl, writes that she is still dancing and has recently received publicity in the Hearst newspapers.

Hebron is sponsoring a dance for the officers and men of the Bruning Air Base at the Legion Hall.

Margretta Heimer was married to T-Sgt. Jack W. Butterbaugh Jr., at Sapulpa, Okla., and LaVieve Gates to Pvt. John C. Forbes in the Chapel of Knottling Pines at St. Louis, Mo.

The Votipkas received a letter from Chas. Votipka Jr., stating he was somewhere overseas. He is in the medical corps and at present he was working in a hospital, but could not tell them where he was located.

1963

50 Years Ago

On January 31, 25 Nebraska stockmen will depart the



J-R File Photo

This Week 1963... Erma Hornbostel, Arlene Carstens, Betty Soukup and Betty Thieme, from left, members of the Deshler Community Improvement Committee, held their first meeting at Betty Soukup's home.

Omaha airport on the first leg of a 21-day People-to-People Goodwill Journey, which will take them to Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile and Peru. F.W. McKenzie of the Standard Market will represent the Thayer County area.

Russ Snyder, outfielder for the Baltimore Orioles, was guest speaker at the regular Hebron Rotary luncheon. Snyder's home is Nelson. Snyder, a prolific hitter and all around fine ball player gave a short talk and presented films of the Orioles in action.

William A. Hawks, 72, of Bruning was found dead in his overturned truck three miles north of Belvidere on the old 81 Highway.

Thieves entered and robbed the Nebraska Grain Co., Superior Deshler Propane Gas Co., and Kershners Filling Station in Davenport and in Carleton, the Farmers Elevator. The sheriff's office said that apparently the same thieves broke into all four businesses.

Mayor Louis McKenzie stated that Hebron needs additional paving to control flooding and prevent excessive wash-outs of city streets not now paved. "The present limited tax structure," McKenzie said, "does not provide sufficient funds to adequately maintain Hebron streets. Unpaved Hebron streets, on the whole, are alternately muddy or dusty and paving of these street will make a tremendous general improvement to the residential districts and the city." Thirty-eight blocks were paved prior to 1962 and 30 additional blocks were paved during 1962 for a total of 68 blocks of paving in Hebron to date. An additional 46 blocks of paving during 1963 would improve the general condition of Hebron streets and represent a total of 114 blocks of paved streets, making Hebron comparable with the finest towns of its size anywhere.

1973

40 Years Ago

Markets: Milo \$2.75, corn \$1.38, wheat \$2.37, eggs .24 and butterfat 60.

Fern Polage of Alexandria was appointed Heart Fund Campaign chairman for Thayer County.

Bryan Heinrichs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Heinrichs of Davenport was the Thayer County March of Dimes Poster Child.

The Hebron Bears beat the sixth ranked Class B York High Dukes, 72 to 68.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holmes of Davenport and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Russel of Hubbell attended a national farm business conference in Honolulu, Hawaii.

President Nixon announced

a cease-fire in Vietnam and that all American troops would be withdrawn within 60 days.

1983

30 Years Ago

Jack Chapman of Hebron was scheduled to become the next president of the Nebraska Fair Board. He had served 12 years on the Nebraska State Fair Board.

Doris O'Neal of Blue Valley Community Action announced that under the Nebraska Food Distribution Program, surplus USDA processed cheese and butter would be given away for needy families.

Thayer County Hospital Administrator Marilyn Cooper accepted a check from Lions Club President Lavon Bohling for the purchase of a bilirubin lamp, used to fight jaundice in new born babies.

A story on Harold Hergott featured his home wine making.

Brent Blau, Lanny Keim, Jeff Lowery, Joey Meers, Robert Reese, Scott Shelburn and C.J. Young attended a meeting to become Webelo Scouts in Davenport.

1993

20 Years Ago

The Hubbell and Chester Volunteer Fire Departments responded to a fire at the Lane and Rhoda Zlab home in Hubbell. No one was living in the house at the time. The house and its contents were a total loss.

Mike Prellwitz was installed as the new Hebron Postmaster.

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Courthouse News

COUNTY COURT Fines Paid by Jan. 16, 2013

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.

Nebraska State Patrol

The County Court processed 29 scale citations issued to 19 commercial vehicle drivers for Nebraska road violations in the last week. Drivers from 9 states paid \$2545 in fines.

Douglas Burchett, Wamego, Kan. Speeding (83/65), \$125.

Sombath Daosisavanh, Tecumseh. Speeding (82/60), \$200.

Sherry Fulton, Omaha. Speeding (70/55), \$75.

Matthew A. McCalys, Omaha. Speeding (76/65), \$75.

Vieva McClure, Papillion. Speeding (79/65), \$75.

Marcus Phillips, Ft. Worth, Texas. Speeding (70/55), \$75.

Jason Ullman, Wymore, Neb. Speeding (72/60), \$75.

Jenifer Waechter, Belleville, Kan. Speeding (80/65), \$75.

Michael J. Pacheco, Omaha. No proof of insurance, \$75.

Game and Parks

Christopher A. Cline, Daventry. No deer permit, \$150. Shoot game from road, \$100. Liquidated damages, \$1,000.

Local Law Enforcement

Christopher A. Hacker, Yukon, Okla. Speeding (77/55), \$200.

Adalberto Quiroga, Columbus. No valid registration, \$25.

Donald R. Wehrs, Auburn, AL. Speeding (75/55), \$125.

Jeffrey Fangmeyer, Deshler. Barking dog, \$50.

Chad Stalling, Fairbury. DUI, Second offense. Fine, \$500. Costs, \$186. 12 Months probation. License revoked 1 year--interlock allowed.

David A. Poley, Fairbury. Issue bad check. Sentence: 30 days jail. Failure to Appear: Sentence: 60 days jail. Jail terms are concurrent.

Lynn R. Dejmaj, Abilene, Kan. DUI, 1st offense. \$500 fine; Costs, \$147. 12 Months probation. License revoked 60 days--Interlock allowed.

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Ron Bartels and Marcia Bartels to James M. Dwerlkotte. Lot 4, 5 in Block 2, Original Town of Alexandria.

Roger L. Virus and Nancy L. Virus to Jerrold A. Wiedel and Lynne R. Wiedel, Husband and wife, Brinegar and Son Inc. (An undivided 1/2 Interest) in SW1/4 Section 26, T2N, R2W; (An undivided 1/2 Interest) in NW1/4 Section 35, T2N, R2W.

Louis E. Schafer and Linda L. Schafer to Linda L. Schafer, Trustee of Linda L. Schafer Family Trust. NW1/4 Section 1, T4N, R1W.

Eugene J. Wiedel, Barbara A. Wiedel, Harry J. Wiedel, Linda L. Wiedel, Geraldine A. Hergott, Donald M. Hergott, Co-Trustees of the Hergott Family Revocable Trust, to James A. Wiedel and Denise I. Wiedel. NW1/4 (and also all that part of the former ROW of Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company) in Section 25, T2N, R3W; NE1/4 Pt E1/2 SW1/4 Section 26, T2N, R3W.

Nebraska Timeline

BY THE NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Subject: The Clough Murder Case

New Year's Day in 1891 was a momentous one for Warren Clough, who had spent almost fifteen years in the Nebraska State Penitentiary for the 1876 murder of his brother, Nathan, in Seward. Clough was granted a new chance for life outside prison walls by a pardon issued by Nebraska Governor John M. Thayer, which took effect on January 1.

The crime for which Clough was convicted and incarcerated was well remembered by residents of Seward and York counties. Warren Clough, who with his wife kept the Blue Valley House hotel at Seward, was accused of murdering his brother, Nathan Clough, a horse breeder, at the hotel. The motive was apparently robbery. Warren denied any involvement in the crime, but it was noted that some jealousy had existed between the two brothers and that only Warren had known that Nathan had with him a large sum of money at the time he was killed—money that was missing after the murder was discovered.

Despite the lack of definitive evidence against Warren Clough, he was widely blamed by his neighbors for the gruesome killing (done with an ax), and he was eventually indicted and tried for murder. Feeling against him was so strong in Seward that a change of venue was granted and the trial took place in the neighboring city of York. He was convicted of murder in the first degree and was sentenced to be hung. On the evening before the execution was to take place, Governor Silas Garber commuted the sentence to life imprisonment.

As the years progressed, however, doubts grew about Clough's guilt. The Omaha Daily Bee in its January 1, 1891, report of Thayer's New Year's pardon, said, "The evidence that convicted Clough was circumstantial only, but somebody had to be punished for the crime and on the brother of the murdered man the blame was laid. The old neighbors

of Warren Clough in Seward have of late begun to believe that possibly an innocent man might have been punished. The testimony brought out in the trial a decade and a half ago has been reviewed and not only have his old acquaintances, but the prosecuting attorney that worked for his conviction, the judge that sentenced him, and a number of the surviving jurymen that sealed his doom, have all united in asking Governor Thayer to free the old man."

Judge O. P. Mason, who had defended Clough at trial, "made a most eloquent plea for the imprisoned man. He declared that there had not been a scintilla of evidence presented that would convict Clough, that the conviction was on only the slightest evidence; that the testimony which sent Clough to the penitentiary was, in fact, not sufficient to bind him over to the district court." The Bee noted on January 2, 1891, that "[w]ithin the past few weeks important testimony has been developed showing that Jacob Trent and Charles Wilcox, both in the employ of Warren Clough at the time, were the real murderers." Trent had reportedly once told Mason "that Clough was an innocent man and if the worst came he would tell all. Before he could tell all he suddenly died with heart disease in the penitentiary."

After his release, Clough went back to Seward, where he was given a reception and dinner, but he found it difficult to return to his former life. The hotel he once operated was now owned by others, and his wife had secured a divorce and married again, relocating with their son to Oklahoma. Warren Clough reportedly went to Oklahoma to visit them, and died there several years later.

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National Birth Defects Prevention Month

January is National Birth Defects Prevention Month and Thayer County Health Services along with the National Birth Defects Prevention Network (NBDPN), want to raise awareness about birth defects, the leading cause of infant mortality in the United States. This year's key focus is on brings attention to congenital heart defects in hopes of reducing their risks. Congenital heart defects are one of the most common types of birth defect and some forms may be preventable through healthy life style choices and medical interventions before and during pregnancy. In addition to information about prevention, the NBDPN offers support to families who are dealing with the realities of a child born with one of these conditions.

Congenital heart defects include abnormalities of the heart that are present at birth. Some have only a minor and brief effect on a baby's health and some have very serious and life-long effects. Nearly 40,000 cases (approximately 1 in 110 live births) are reported annually in the US. Public awareness, accurate diagnosis, and expert medical care are all essential for adequate prevention and management of these all too common and deadly conditions.

A baby's organs, such as the heart, brain, and spine, begin developing in the first few weeks, before a woman may even realize she is pregnant. Diet, life-style choices, factors in the environment, health conditions and medications all can play a role in preventing or causing congenital heart defects. If you are taking medications, it is important to talk with your health care providers about any risks for birth defects associated with them.

Studies have demonstrated several important steps women can take to help prevent congenital heart defects in

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By Joyce Beck, CEO
Thayer County Health Services



newborns. Women who are pregnant or may become pregnant are advised to:

- Avoid all alcohol and illegal/recreational drugs.

- Avoid exposure to smoke, chemicals and toxins both at work and at home.

- Take a folic acid supplement and check with your healthcare provider to confirm that you are getting adequate amounts of all the essential nutrients.

- See a physician prior to pregnancy, especially if there are medical conditions which require medications, any known metabolic conditions including diabetes, obesity, phenylketonuria (PKU), or a family history of congenital heart defects. Diabetic or obese women should make sure that blood sugar is under control and work toward a healthy weight through a nutritious food plan prior to conception.

- Receive regular medical check-ups and educate themselves about their family history and potential genetic risks

The National Birth Defects Prevention Network is working with healthcare professionals and public health agencies around the country to encourage prevention and awareness of congenital heart defects among the over 60 million women of childbearing age in the United States.

For more information on preventing birth defects you can discuss your risks and what you can do to lower them with your provider. The National Birth Defects Prevention Network also has more information on their website at www.nbdpn.org.

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Jan. 30: Hebron
Feb. 1: Bruning
Feb. 6: Alexandria
Feb. 7: Deshler
Feb. 8: Hebron

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.; Saturdays 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.

Attention Parents: Important Immunization Clinic Changes for Children.

Children Immunization Clinics: There are two separate immunization clinics for children. Call 402-768-4629 to make an appointment or with any questions.

*Immunization Clinic for fully insured children will be held on Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013, from 12 noon to 5 p.m.,

in the conference room in the lower level of the hospital in Hebron.

*Vaccines for children (VFC) Immunization Clinic will be held on Friday, Feb. 15, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the conference room in the lower level of the hospital in Hebron.

Adult Immunization Clinic: If you need an adult vaccine, contact Karen Schardt, Immunization Coordinator for Thayer County Health Services, at 402-768-4629.

CLINIC SCHEDULES

Bruning Clinic
Jan. 29: 9:00-Noon Dr. Sullivan
Jan. 31: 1:00-3:30 Madsen PAC

Davenport Clinic
Jan. 28: 9:00 Noon Dr. Sullivan
Jan. 30: 9:00-Noon Madsen, PAC

Deshler Clinic
Jan. 28: 1:30-4:30 Elting, APRN
Jan. 29: 1:30-4:30 Johnson, PAC
Jan. 30: 9:00-Noon Dr. Lanik
Jan. 31: 9:00-Noon Dr. Vonderfecht

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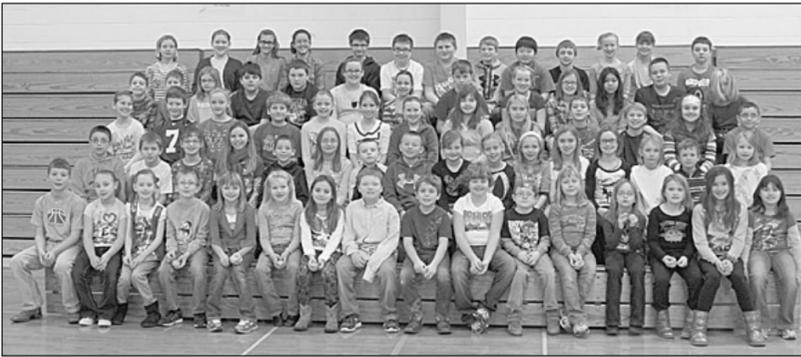


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Thayer Central Students Meet December Reading Goal



A total of 72 students in grades two through six met their AR goal for the month of December. Students at the elementary read over 7.5 million words and gained 1,174 points for the month.

The fifth grade won the monthly challenge by averaging 11.5 points per student and were rewarded with a bowling party in Hebron. Students are currently working to earn a sno-cone for the month of January.

Logan Wiedel was the top reader in December gaining a total of 64.3 points for the month. Logan (middle) is

pictured are Thayer Central Media Specialist Betty Meyer (left) and paraprofessional

Bonnie Kassebaum (right) who help to support the program.



Keilwitz On honor List

Central Community College has announced the names of full-time students who earned spots on the president's and dean's honor lists for the 2012 fall semester.

The students were enrolled at one or more CCC locations, which include the Columbus, Grand Island and Hastings campuses; Holdrege, Kearney and Lexington centers; and learning centers in about 60 central Nebraska towns.

Students on the dean's honor list earned a GPA between 3.5 and 3.99.

Levi Keilwitz of Gilead is among the students listed on the dean's honor list.

Bloodmobile In Deshler

The Bloodmobile will be in Deshler on Feb. 8 from 12-6 p.m., at the Thayer County Expo Building.

All blood types are currently needed. For more information and to make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-Red Cross.

Hebron Senior Dinners

Monday, Jan. 28: Beatrice Trip. Creamed chicken on a biscuit, tator triangles, broccoli florets, tropical fruit.

Tuesday, Jan. 29: Cavatini, garlic toast, green beans, apricots. *Toe Nails.*

Wednesday, Jan. 30: Ham and bean soup, corn muffin, celery sticks, pear half in lime gelatin. *Bingo.*

Thursday, Jan. 31: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peas, strudel stick.

Friday, Feb. 1: Chicken patty on a bun, scalloped potatoes, calico beans, sliced peaches.

Meals served with bread, butter and milk. To make reservations, phone 768-6052 by 1:30 p.m., the day before you wish to dine.

Cards of Thanks

Card of Thanks

Gee whiz, it's great to be ninety! Thanks for all the sunshine, cards, flowers and gifts from friends and family who shared my special day.

MARIE HUBER

Card of Thanks

The family of Nadine Kriesel would like to express its deepest appreciation for the prayers, cards, food, memorials and flowers given to us at the time of her death. We are truly grateful for everyone's friendship and support.

KENT, JULIE AND ANDREA KRIESEL, PHYLLIS KRIESEL, CAROLYN AND RALPH TATE AND FAMILIES

Card of Thanks

A special thanks to my family for my birthday celebration. Everything was greatly appreciated, phone calls, cards, gifts and flowers and what anyone else might have done. This was one I won't forget. Also hope everyone that uses the activity center keeps it clean and nice. A great improvement to the city and the ones that did the work need to be thanked many, many times.

ROSE KRAUSE

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We wish to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, flowers and for coming to help us celebrate our 60th anniversary. A big, thank you to our families for putting in so much time and effort to make it such an enjoyable day. We love you.

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Special Occasions



Happy 85th Birthday Emil Pearson

The family of Emil Pearson requests a card shower in honor of his 85th birthday on February 7th. Greetings may be sent to Emil Pearson, 100 N. Fir Court, Davenport, NE 68335.

Wishing you a Happy Birthday Emil!
Love, Jan, Deb, Megan, Sue, Kevin, and Teresa

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.

MEETING NOTICE

The Thayer County Historical Society will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 30, starting at 7:30 p.m., at the museum annex building in Belvidere. The meeting is open to the public and anyone wishing to join the group to aid the society and museum is welcome to attend.

Am. Legion Auxiliary Meets Jan. 14

American Legion Auxiliary Saxton Post No. 180 met at the Country Club on Jan. 14. The Auxiliary joined the Legion members for the opening ceremonies. All enjoyed the speeches given by Rachel Heitmann and Bailey Remmers on "Freedom of Speech" and "Women's Rights." They had given these at the oratorical contest and won. Each was presented with a check from the Legion.

Connie Pesek called the meeting to order and announced that letters from juniors interested in attending Cornhusker Girls' State will be read and a representative will be selected.

Jean Brown, membership chairman, reported 51 paid up members for the coming year. Lorene Saathoff reported on taking flags to the kindergarten class and Connie Pesek reported on County Government Day.

It was decided to bring items to the next meeting to fill a box to send to an overseas serviceman.

The meeting closed with a prayer for peace by the chaplain and retiring of colors by the Sgt. of Arms.

All enjoyed a delicious lunch served by Rose Rauner and Annabelle Nacke.

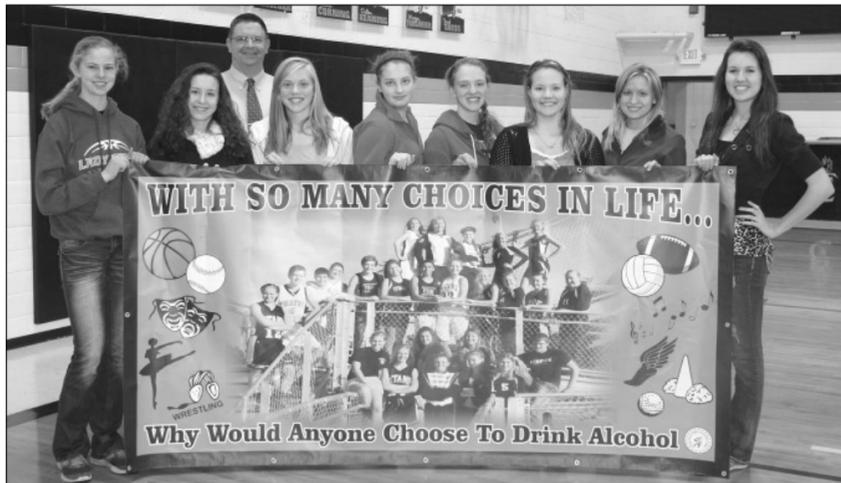
News Reporter



Courtesy Photo

Student published...

Thayer Central junior Cole Harris' poem "The Song of Job" was accepted for publication in the anthology *A Celebration of Poets Fall 2012* as part of a poetry contest he entered in Mrs. Boatright's 10th English course. This is an honor as there were thousands of entries in the contest where most entries were not selected for publication.



Courtesy Photo

TCHCC presents new banner...

Thayer Central high school members of Thayer County Healthy Communities Coalition (TCHCC) presented Dr. Tom Kiburz with a new banner to be placed in the high school gym. The banner features some of the coalition members wearing outfits that represent different sports, activities, and organizations that they belong to. The members wanted to show students and community members that there are a wide variety of things that you can do in a small town without needing to drink alcohol. The message states: With so many choices in life...why would anyone choose to drink alcohol.

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Area Church News

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

* BELVIDERE *

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Eldon and MaryBeth Nicholson, Pastor
Sunday, Jan. 27: Worship 9 a.m. Message: "Food News; Good Ways."

* BETHEL *

BETHEL CHURCH

Jim Hubble, Pastor
www.bethelccn.org
Sunday, Jan. 27: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.

* BRUNING *

TRINITY LUTHERAN

Stuart Sell, Pastor
Wednesday, Jan. 23: Confirmation class
Sunday, Jan. 27: Sunday School, 9 a.m. Worship, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 30: Confirmation class

UNITED METHODIST

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

* BYRON *

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

Interim Pastor Tom Miller
Sunday, Jan. 27: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN RURAL BYRON

Interim Pastor Tom Miller
See St. Paul, Byron.

* CARLETON *

ZION LUTHERAN

Rev. Jonathan K. Jensen
Sunday, Jan. 27: Worship, 9:30 a.m.

* CHESTER *

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN

Rev. Timothy Prince, Vacancy Pastor
Sunday, Jan. 27: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

* DAVENPORT *

CHRIST'S LUTHERAN

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

ST. PETER LUTHERAN

Timothy Prince, Pastor
Sunday, Jan. 27: Sunday Service, 9 a.m.; Bible Class/SS at 10:15 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST

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

* DESHLER *

ABIDING WORD LUTHERAN

George Latner, Pastor
Sunday, Jan. 27: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

PEACE LUTHERAN

Phillip Nielsen, Pastor
Wednesday, Jan. 23: 5 & 6 PACE, 4 p.m.; 7 & 8 PACE, 5 p.m.; Membership and Friendship meeting, 7 p.m.; Peace Choir, 8 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 25: Meadowlark Heights Hymn Sing, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 26: Worship 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 27: SS for all, 8:45 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m.; Youth of Peace Bowling @ Hebron,

1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 29: Staff meeting, 4:30 p.m.; Crossways Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 30: Newsletter assembly, 1:30 p.m.; 5 & 6 PACE, 4 p.m.; 7 & 8 PACE, 5 p.m.; Tentative Youth Praise Team, 6:30 p.m.; Ministry and Mission meeting, 7 p.m.; Peace Choir, 8 p.m.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN

Brian Francik, Pastor
Wednesday, Jan. 23: Pastor at Faith Lutheran, Hebron, 10 a.m.; Chapel at PVH, 3 p.m.; Midweek Confirmation, 6 p.m.; Bells rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.; Choir rehearsal, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 24: Quilt tying, 9 a.m.; DLS Chapel, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 25: Bulletin folders and newsletter assembly, 1 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 26: Elders' training workshop, 10-3.

Sunday, Jan. 27: Worship w/Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.; DLS sings at Trinity, Friedensau, 10 a.m.; Adult Bible class (No Sunday School), 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 28: LLL, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 29: LifeLight Bible Study 10 a.m.; LifeLight Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 30: Pastor at Faith Lutheran, Hebron, 10 a.m.; Midweek Confirmation, 6 p.m.; Bells Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.; Choir rehearsal, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 31: Quilt tying, 9 a.m.; DLS Chapel, 9:15 a.m.

* FRIEDENSAU *

TRINITY LUTHERAN

B. J. Fouts, Pastor
Wednesday, Jan. 23: Confirmation Class, 5:30 p.m.; Lutheranism 101 class, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 24: DLS Chapel, 9:15 a.m.; Pastor @ Ruskin
Saturday, Jan. 26: Lectionary

Bible Study, 7:30 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 27: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; SS and Bible Class, 11:15 a.m.; Council meeting, 2 p.m.; Voters' meeting, 3 p.m.; Men's Network, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 30: Confirmation Class, 5:30 a.m.; Lutheranism 101 Class, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 31: DLS Chapel, 9:15 a.m.; Pastor @ Ruskin.

* GILEAD *

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

Connie Raess, Pastor
Sunday, Jan. 27: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.

* HARDY *

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

Interim Pastor Tom Miller

* HEBRON *

FAITH LUTHERAN

Brian Francik, Vacancy Pastor
Sunday, Jan. 27: Worship
Wednesday, Jan. 30: Pastor Francik at Hebron.

FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH

Steve Speichinger, Pastor
Sunday, Jan. 27: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; worship, 10 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Connie Stone, Pastor
Sunday, Jan. 27: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Keith Brozek, Pastor
Wednesday, Jan. 23: Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 25: "Men of Grace" breakfast at Mary's Cafe, 6:30 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 26: Worship, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 27: Worship, 9

a.m.; Coffee fellowship, SS, Adult Bible study; "Psalms of Grace," 11 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 21: Quilting Day.

Wednesday, Jan. 30: Confirmation class, 6:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Dave Coleman, Pastor
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HEBRON & CHESTER UNITED METHODIST

Mark Baldwin, Pastor
Saturday, Jan. 26: Worship, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 27: Worship in Hebron, 9 a.m.; Sunday School in Chester, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School in Hebron, 10:15 a.m.; worship in Chester, 11 a.m.

KING OF KINGS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Darrell Sutton, Pastor
Tuesdays: Service, 7 p.m.

Sundays: Worship, 3 p.m.; Sunday School, 2 p.m.; first and third Sundays of month.

Heartland Revival Hour Broadcasts Sunday mornings, 10:45 a.m., KRVN Radio 880, 11:30 a.m. to noon; Friday on HCTV, 4:30 p.m.

NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY

Tim Boatright, Pastor
Wednesdays: Kids On The Move, 7 p.m.; Bible study 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
Every evening at 8 p.m.:

pray one minute for religious freedoms.

Wednesday, Jan. 23: CCD classes, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 25: TMIY, 5:50 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 26: Mass, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 27: Mass, 10 a.m.

Next R.C.I.A.: Monday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 30: CCD, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 1: First Friday Mass, 7:20 a.m.; Fellowship at Mary's Cafe following Mass.

Sunday, Feb. 3: Knights Soup Dinner, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Next Marriage Encounter: Feb. 15-17 in Lincoln. (402) 768-6293.

HEBRON BIBLE CHURCH

Jeff Friesen, Pastor
www.hebronbiblechurch.org

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

Wednesdays: Pioneer Club, 6:30 p.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.

Thursdays, prayer time, 9 a.m.

* HUBBELL *

ZION LUTHERAN

Rev. Timothy Prince, Vacancy Pastor
Sunday, Jan. 27: Worship, 8:30 a.m.

* OAK *

FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH

Keith Brich, Pastor
Sundays: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; worship 10 a.m.; prayer meeting, 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Obituaries

Nadine Kriesel

Nadine Flora (Wade) Kriesel was born on a farm in rural Nuckolls County between Ruskin and Oak on Oct. 7, 1927. She was granted a desire of her heart, to be able to live her entire life on a farm until her passing on Thursday, Dec. 20, 2012.



Nadine was the only daughter of farmer-stockman Robert E. and Hazel (Peckinpaugh) Wade. She attended both Hebron High School and then graduated from Nelson High in 1945, where she had completed the normal education course to become a teacher. She taught for four years in rural Nuckolls County Schools.

Nadine was married on June 18, 1949, to Walter Kriesel of rural Gladstone in the Oak Community Church. They were blessed to celebrate 59 years together. Five children were born to this union.

She is preceded in death by her parents; Robert and Hazel Wade; infant brother, William; husband, Walter; children, Roberta and Bob (Robert) Kriesel.

She became a member of Zion UCC Church of Gladstone, where she was a faithful member, as she and Walter raised their children to serve the Lord. She served in the Women's Fellowship and as a Sunday School teacher.

Nadine was also active in giving back to the community by serving as a PTA president and a 4-H leader in sewing, sheep and livestock. She enjoyed belonging to the Sugar and Spice Extension Club, Friendly Thursday Club and a pinochle club with neighbors.

Kids, critters, music and her garden were great sources of joy throughout her life.

Survivors include children, Carolyn (Ralph) Tate of Papillion, Phyllis Kriesel of Fairbury, Kent (Julia) Kriesel of Hebron; grandchildren, Daniel (Hannah) Tate of Omaha, Abigail Tate of Missouri, Jeremy (Luice) Tate of Virginia and Alison (Mark) Wyatt of Arizona and Andrea Kriesel of Hebron; great-grandsons, Jonathan, Luke and Philip Tate of Omaha; cousin, Clarence

Cully of California; sister-in-law, Viola Kriesel of Sidney, nieces, nephews and many friends and neighbors.

Services were held Dec. 29 at Zion United Church of Christ in Gladstone. Pastor Debra Valentine officiated. Organist was Mary Johnson. Soloist Alfred Hanson sang "In The Garden." Congregational hymns were "Borning Cry" and "Precious Lord, Take My Hand."

Bearers were Ken Loso, Arlon Seelhoff, Randy Drees, Elton Schoenrock, Mike Itzen and Roger Schoenrock.

Honorary bearers were Clarence Cully, Marvin Heller, Jeff Horky, Don Mitchell, Wade Nystrom, Alfred Schoen, Brad Seitz and Don Larry Williams.

Interment was in Zion UCC Cemetery at Gladstone.

A memorial has been established to the family's choice Gerdes-Meyer Funeral Homes were in charge of arrangements.

Joyce Bethscheider

Joyce Alice Bethscheider of Lincoln, formerly of Hebron, the daughter of Omer and Alice (Moran) Poutre was born Dec. 31, 1931, in Wymore. She departed this life Friday Jan., 18, 2013, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Lincoln at the age of 81 years.

Joyce grew up in the Wymore area and attended school graduating from Wymore High School. She continued her education in Omaha and graduated from LPN school, and worked one year before getting married.

Her mother died when Joyce was 12 years old leaving Joyce to help raise her younger brothers.

She married John Bethscheider June 22, 1963, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wymore. This union was blessed with the birth of two children.

Joyce was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Lincoln, a former member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hebron, member of St. Ann's Altar Society for 48

years, and a member of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Joyce enjoyed playing bridge, helping at church, learning the computer, reading to the children at St. Patrick's Parochial School answering to "Granny Joyce," but she especially enjoyed spending time with her family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband John, brothers, Brendan, Gerard, John, and Paul Poutre.

She is survived by son, John Bethscheider of Davey; daughter, Mary Bethscheider of Denver, Colo.; brothers, Bob Poutre and wife JoAnn of Lincoln, Pat Poutre and wife Karen of Redding, Calif.; sister-in-law, Judy Poutre of Saratoga, Calif., nieces, nephews and friends.

A mass of Christian burial was held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hebron Jan. 22 with Father Rudy Oborny officiating. Acolyte was Ken Else, lector, Jim Fraser, and cantor, Robin Timmerman. Organist Carlece Kenner accompanied congregational hymns, "On Eagles Wings," "One Bread One Body" and "Hail Holy Queen."

Casket bearers were Bobby Poutre, Tim Poutre, Michael Poutre, Steven Hennings, Paul Hennings, and Jon Zvolanek.

Burial was at the church cemetery.

Memorials are in care of the family: Mary Bethscheider, 3676 S. Dewey St. No. 101, Denver, CO 80235.

Condolences may be left at www.krollfh.com. Hebron Memorial Funeral Home of Hebron was in charge of arrangements.

Vernon Hoops

Vernon F. Hoops, the son of Henry C. Hoops and Anna (Meyer) Hoops was born Dec. 7, 1924, on a farm northwest of Byron. He departed this life on Jan. 20, 2013, at Parkview Haven, Deshler, at the age of 88.

He was baptized Dec. 21, 1924, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, rural Byron, by the Rev. C.W. Seybold and was confirmed at the same church on April

23, 1939, by Pastor L. Hoefler. His confirmation verse was Psalm 27:1.

On Aug. 30, 1944, Vernon joined the U.S. Army during WWII. He was wounded on March 27, 1945, at Lantern, Germany, and received the Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged on July 13, 1946. After his discharge, he returned to the family farm to begin his lifelong career of farming and raising livestock.

On Aug. 7, 1949, he was united in marriage to Norma Graue at St. John Lutheran Church, Chester, with the Rev. E. Hilst officiating. This union was blessed with the birth of four children, Patricia, Steven, Michael, and Joni.

Vernon and Norma lived on a farm in Republic County, Kan., for the first 11 years, then moved to the family farm in rural Byron and continued farming. In 1997 they retired and moved to Byron. Vernon continued helping on the farm until his health began to fail.

Vernon was a charter member of the Byron Lions Club, where he served as president, and was active on several other committees. He also served as secretary-treasurer on the district level, was a member of the American Legion, Fintel Golden Post 205 since 1946, where he served as Commander and adjutant, and served two terms on Thayer County ASCS Committee.

He was a lifetime member of St. Peter Lutheran Church, served on the Council, was a Sunday School teacher, and was on various other committees. He was a 4-H leader and served on boards for the Beatrice Martin Luther Home, Superior Good Samaritan Home, Thayer County Feeders, and Thayer County Weed Control.

Vernon enjoyed bowling, square dancing, traveling, and attending the grandchildren's games and activities. His children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were the highlight of his life.

Due to ill health, Vernon entered Parkview Haven Nursing Home on June 3, 2010, where he resided until his death. He loved the visits from family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; son, Steven Hoops; brother, Martin Hoops;

sisters, Esther Loontjer and Lola Kirchhoff; brothers-in-law, Henry Loontjer, Martin Kirchhoff, and Harlan Graue; sisters-in-law, Margery Hoops, Jackie Hoops, and Arlene Hoops.

He is survived by his wife, Norma, of 63 years; children, Patricia of Independence, Mo.; Michael (Yvonne) Hoops of Byron, Joni (Steven) Woodside of Columbus, daughter-in-law, Karen Hoops of Omaha; grandchildren, Brent (Sarah) Hoops, Cpt. Jill (Cpt. Zac) Seidel, Joshua (Melissa) Hoops, Sarah (Tony) Jackson, Kate Hincapie, Cpt. Darren Woodside, Chelsey (Brandon) Jacobitz, 2LT Dustin Woodside, and Christina Woodside; four great-grandchildren; brother, Dr. Merlin (Elizabeth) Hoops; sisters-in-law Lucille (Harold) Gerberding, Donna Harms, and Mary (Bruce) Black, nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Funeral services will be on Friday, Jan. 25 at 2 p.m., at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in rural Byron, with Pastor Breen Sipes officiating.

Interment will be in the St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery with full military honors.

Visitation will be from noon until 7 p.m., with family greeting friends from 5-7 p.m., at Ahrendts Funeral Home, Deshler.

Memorials have been established to the St. Peter's Lutheran Church in rural Byron, or to Parkview Haven in Deshler.

Condolences may be sent in care of www.pricerbaurendts.com. Ahrendts Funeral Home of Deshler is in charge of the arrangements.

Noah Koerwitz

Noah Jordan Koerwitz, the one-month-old son of Emily Brown and Jordan Koerwitz, passed away at the St. Elizabeth Regional Hospital in Lincoln Thursday night, Jan. 17, 2013. He was born on Dec. 17, 2012.

Survivors include his parents, Emily Brown and Jordan Koerwitz of Beatrice; his Opa, Dwayne VanHauen of Wellsburg, Iowa; grandparents, Linda and Allen Mangold of Summerfield, Kan.; Jim Koerwitz, Lisa Dudgeon, and Mike Dudgeon, all of Hebron; great-grandmother, Norma

Dutcher of Hebron and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Noah is preceded in death by great-grandparents, Richard Dutcher, Ralph and Lois Koerwitz, Martha and Herman VanHauen, Robert Samas, and Dorothy Velvick.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 24, at the St. John Lutheran Church with the Rev. Glenn Schacht officiating.

Interment will be in the Evergreen Home Cemetery in Beatrice. The body will lie in state Wednesday from 1 to 8 p.m., at the Griffiths-Hovendick Chapel in Beatrice only, and not at the church, and his family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

A memorial has been established to the St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center and to the family's choice with the funeral home in charge. Sign Noah's guest book at www.ghchapel.com. These services have been entrusted to the Griffiths-Hovendick Chapel, 708 N. 6th Street, Beatrice NE 68310.

Donna Presnell

Former Hastings resident Donna M. Presnell, 83, died Saturday, Jan. 6, 2013, at Amber Lane Residence in Boise, Idaho.

Donna was born in Lincoln to John and Marie (Potthoff) Hampton. She graduated from Deshler High School.

On Sept. 17, 1948, she married Frank Presnell in Hebron. She worked at Hastings Orthopedics for many years.

Donna was a published writer and poet.

Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law, Franki Hargrave, Kathleen Presnell and Reed Johnson, Denise Presnell-Weidner and Bill Weidner; son, Clint Presnell; siblings, Roy, Mary, Lester, Carlene, Joan, Susan and Barbara; grandchildren, Sumner, Justin, Josie, Frank, Sam, Lizzy, Elliot, Addison, Griffin and Story; great-grandchildren, Alex and Conner.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Winter Fun

Talented at many sports, Andrew Heinrichs enjoyed the "tramp" on a nice day last week in Chester.

FSA Emergency Loans Available

Farm Service Agency (FSA), Thayer County office announced that family farmers in six Nebraska counties who suffered physical or production losses due to damages and losses caused by drought that occurred on Nov. 15, 2012, and continuing, may be eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency (EM) loans. Those counties are Gage, Jefferson, Nuckolls, Pawnee, Richardson and Thayer.

These six Nebraska counties became eligible for this assistance because they are contiguous to one or more of the 17 Kansas counties that were designated a disaster area on January 16, 2013, by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Family farmers in Thayer County interested in finding out if they are eligible should contact Jay A. VanWesten, county executive director, for information. VanWesten can be reached Monday through Friday at the Thayer County FSA Office, 1220 South Avenue, Hebron, 402-768-6520.

Emergency loan applications are available and must be submitted through the local FSA county office from any applicant who qualifies for a physical or production loss (at least a 30 percent reduction from normal) in a single enterprise from this disaster in the counties. To qualify for an EM loan, an applicant must be an established family farm operator; provide evidence of having suffered a qualifying

physical or production loss; be unable to obtain suitable credit from a source other than FSA. The low interest loans may cover up to 100 percent of their actual production losses, up to a maximum amount of \$500,000.

The applicants must show ability to repay the loan and the loan must be adequately secured. FSA loans for production losses may be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock, or to refinance certain debts. FSA loans for physical losses may be used to repair or replace the property that was damaged or lost. The January interest rate for EM loans is 2.25 percent. The deadline for submitting applications is September 16, 2013.

In addition to the emergency (EM) Loan Program, FSA has other loan programs and disaster assistance programs which can be considered in assisting farmers to recover from their losses. Please contact your local FSA Service Center or access additional information about FSA Disaster Assistance and Farm Loan programs at www.fsa.usda.gov/dafl.

While this release pertains to the availability of FSA programs, other federal agencies such as FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and SBA (Small Business Administration) may also have assistance available to the public. Information is available from these two agencies at the following websites; www.fema.gov and www.sba.gov.

Chester Senior Diners

Game night, Thursdays: 6 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 28: Creamed chicken on a biscuit, tator triangles, broccoli florets, tropical fruit. *Michele's Melodies.*

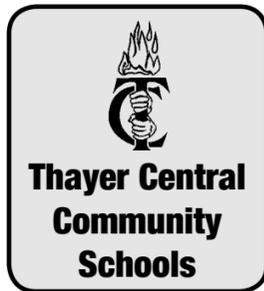
Tuesday, Jan. 29: Cavatini, garlic toast, green beans, apricots. *Joke Day.*

Wednesday, Jan. 30: Ham and bean soup, corn muffin, celery sticks, pear half in lime gelatin. *Curiosities.*

Thursday, Jan. 31: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peas, strudel stick. *Wheel of Fortune.*

Friday, Feb. 1: Chicken patty on a bun, scalloped potatoes, calico beans, sliced peaches. *Celebrate February.*

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.



ACTIVITIES

Thursday, January 24: Junior varsity basketball at Fillmore Central, 6, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, January 25: Girls' and boys' basketball with Centennial, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 26: Wrestling at Red Cloud, 9:30 a.m.; junior high boys' basketball tournament, 9:30 a.m.

Monday, January 28: UNK Honor Band.

MENU

Thursday, January 24: Breakfast: Ham and cheese croissant. Lunch: Pork rib on bun, bean salad, corn, fruit, deli sandwich.

Friday, January 25: Breakfast: Pizza. Lunch: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, French fries, fruit, Rice Krispie treat (6-12), peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

Monday, January 28: Breakfast: Hot Pocket. Lunch: Hot ham and cheese, garbanzo bean salad, celery and cucumbers, fruit, turkey sandwich.

Tuesday, January 29: Breakfast: Sausage and cheese biscuit. Lunch: Lasagna, garden salad, carrot sticks, fruit, breadstick, ham sandwich.

Wednesday, January 30: Breakfast: Omelet, toast. Lunch: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit, dinner roll, tuna sandwich.

USDA is an EOE and provider. Juice, cereal and toast served daily with breakfast. Bread basket, fruit and salad bar served daily for grades four through 12, second choice daily for kindergarten through fourth grade. All meals served with milk. All menus subject to change without notice.

Lucille Leitner

Lucille E. Leitner, 85 years of age, of Concordia, Kan., passed away unexpectedly Monday, Jan. 7, 2013. She was born May 15, 1927, in Thayer County, Nebraska to Leonard and Martha (Schutte) Dankenbring.

She graduated from Bruning High School and received her business degree from National Business Institute in Lincoln. She first worked for an attorney in Bruning and then decided to follow her parents to Goodland, Kan., where she was employed by BE Bridges and ultimately met her future husband, Bill Leitner.

They were married Sept. 7, 1947, and lived in Goodland, Kan., until August 1977. Bill's job moved them to Norton, Kan., until his retirement when they moved to Bennington, Kan., to be closer to 'the kids' where she was actively involved with the United Women With a Mission (UWWM). After Bill's death in Oct. 2004, Lucille moved to Concordia, Kan., to be closer to her daughter Shari and family.

Lucille is preceded in death by her parents and husband, Bill.

She is survived by her children, Gary, of Olathe, Kan., Cindy Tieperman and husband Greg of Plano, Texas, Shari Johnson and husband Ron of Concordia, Kan.; grandchildren, Lauren and husband Ryan, Lacey and fiancée Andrew, Gentry, Tyson and wife Brooke, Bryant and fiancée Shaley, Taryn; great-grandchildren, Zachary, Tyler, Kayla, Braden, Bowen, Kippen; sisters, Arlene Mesloh of Corpus Christi, Texas; Dolores Peters of Colby, Kan.; Wilma Casey and husband Pearson of Waco, Texas; sisters in law, Darla Mather and husband Lowell of Sharon Springs, Kan.; Joanie Leitner of Lincoln, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lucille was passionate about so many things. She loved her family more than anything and treasured her time with them as well as watching pictures and memories on her digital photo frame. Lucille loved flowers, working crossword puzzles, working with stained glass, reading her newspapers and following local sports plus K-State and KU (often watching one on TV and listening to two more on the radio), talking with her sisters on the phone, reading Sharon Randall and Guideposts. She was fondly known as mom, grandma, great-grandma, 'gram cracker,' grams, Lucille and 'Cille.

She was a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Goodland, Kan., and attended the First United Methodist Church in Concordia, Kan.

Funeral services were held January 11 at the First United Methodist Church in Concordia, Kan., with the Rev. Tessa Zehring officiating.

Graveside services were held Jan. 12 at the Goodland Cemetery, Goodland, Kan.

The family suggests memorials to Neighbor to Neighbor, Concordia, Kan., in care of the funeral home.



Obituaries

Melvin Koss

Melvin L. Koss, son of Wesley Koss and Sylvia (Cecrle) Koss, was born Jan. 10, 1935, at Belleville, Kan., and passed away on Jan. 16, 2013, at Thayer County Health Services, Hebron, at the age of 78 years and six days.

Melvin attended country grade school and graduated from Mahaska High School, Mahaska, Kan.

He was united in marriage to Shirley Miller on Aug. 5, 1955. He was a former employee of Goodyear Rubber Company and the State of Nebraska in Lincoln, and was a life long farmer.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Hubbell, and the Hubbell Lions Club.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Wesley and Sylvia Koss; wife, Shirley Koss; great-granddaughter, McKayla Koss, brother, Donald Koss.

He is survived by sons, Steve (Joanna) Vanderslice of Omaha, Greg (Bobbi) Koss of Madison, Bill Koss of Reynolds, Jody (Heidi) Koss of Chester; 14 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; sister, Darlene (Roger) Lambert of Mahaska, Kan.; sister-in-law, Delores Koss of Belleville, Kan., other relatives and many friends.

Memorial services were held Jan. 19 at St. John Lutheran Church, Chester, conducted by Pastor Richard Gudge.

Inurnment was in Zion Lutheran Cemetery, rural Hubbell.

Memorials may be given to family choice.

Online condolences and information may be left at www.bachelor-surber.com. Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, Belleville, Kan., was in charge of arrangements.

Katherine Nippert

Katherine A. Nippert of Hebron, the daughter of Arthur and Susanna (Hanson) Venell, was born Oct. 25, 1917, in rural Shickley. She departed this life Monday, Jan. 14, 2013, at the Blue Valley Lutheran Nursing Home in Hebron at the age of 95 years.

Katherine attended country school at rural Shickley District No. 87 and graduated from Shickley High School with the class of 1934. She attended Kearney State College for a year and another summer at Hastings College before



teaching the next four years at rural Valley View district No. 59 near Davenport.

It was while teaching at Valley View that she met Ellsworth Nippert, a young farmer-to-be in the rural Davenport area. Katherine and Ellsworth were married on June 15, 1941, at her parents' farm near Shickley. This marriage was blessed with the birth of three children.

Katherine and Ellsworth enjoyed traveling with family and friends. Their home was always filled with lots of fun and fellowship and delicious meals. Music, card games, quilting, and entertaining family and friends — that was mom. It was a wonderful life. Her family will love her forever.

Katherine was a member of the United Church of Christ in Belvidere. She took an active part in the church, teaching Sunday School, serving on various committees, and church board over the past 68 years. She was also a member of numerous community organizations, such as the Help One Another Club, Bruning Woman's Club, bridge club, Extension Club and other social groups over the years.

She is preceded in death by her parents, A.J. and Sanna Venell; husband, Ellsworth; and sisters, Moneta Swenson and husband Elmer, Maurine Zetterman and husband Verlie, Marian Venell, and Ruth Pearson.

She is survived by children, Larry Nippert and wife Patti of Carleton, Gail Ward and husband Ron of Fairbury and Ward Nippert and wife Pat of McPherson, Kan.; grandchildren, Krista Sanchez and husband Roger of Dublin, Calif.; Kasi Horwart and husband Patrick of Cambridge, Jesse Nippert and wife Anna of Manhattan, Kan.; Lynne Ward of North Platte, Jani Billups of Omaha, Aaron Ward and wife Shannon of Lincoln, Heather Dannahower and husband Dan of Fort Collins, Colo.; and Sara Arens and husband Chad of Waverly; 18 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Emil Pearson of Davenport and nieces and nephews.

Funeral service were Jan. 19 at the United Church of Christ in Belvidere with Eldon and MaryBeth Nicholson officiating.

Casket bearers were her grandchildren.

Memorial are to the church or HoriSun Hospice 3883 Normal Blvd, Suite 108, Lincoln, NE 68506.

Condolences may be left at www.krollfh.com. Hebron Memorial Funeral Home of Hebron was in charge of arrangements.

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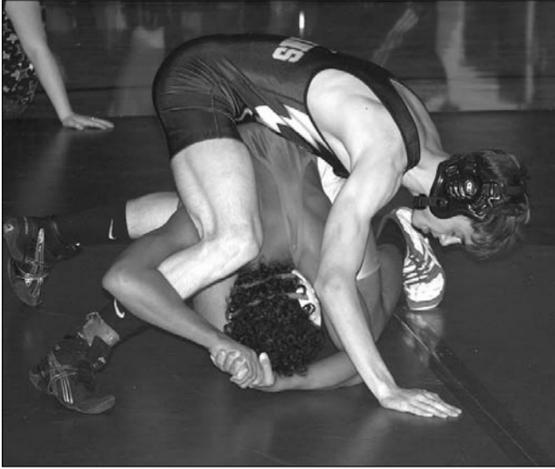
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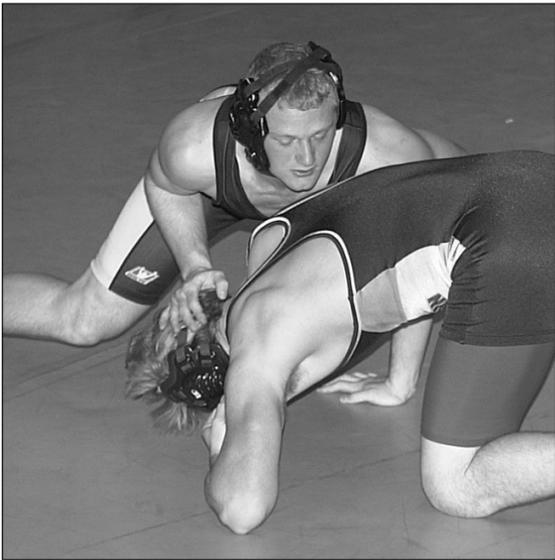
Titans claim fifth at annual invitational

Team Finishes

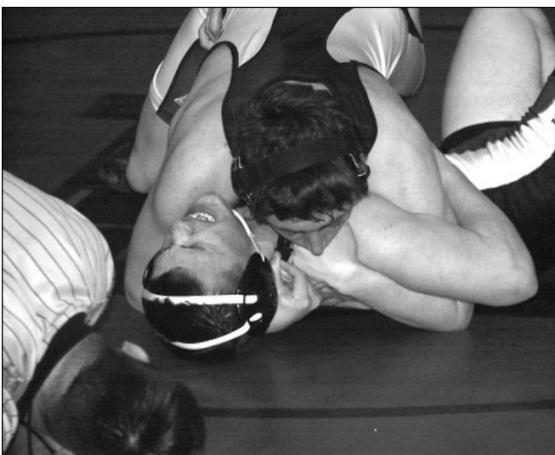
1-Fairbury (173); 2-Shelton/Kenesaw (162); 3-South Central (118.5); 4-Meridian (116); **5-Thayer Central (109)**; 6-Freeman (101.5); 7-Fillmore Central (97.5); 8-Minden (83); 9-Unattached (80); 10-Southern (39); 11-Superior (36); 12-McCool Junction (18); 13-Dorchester (17).



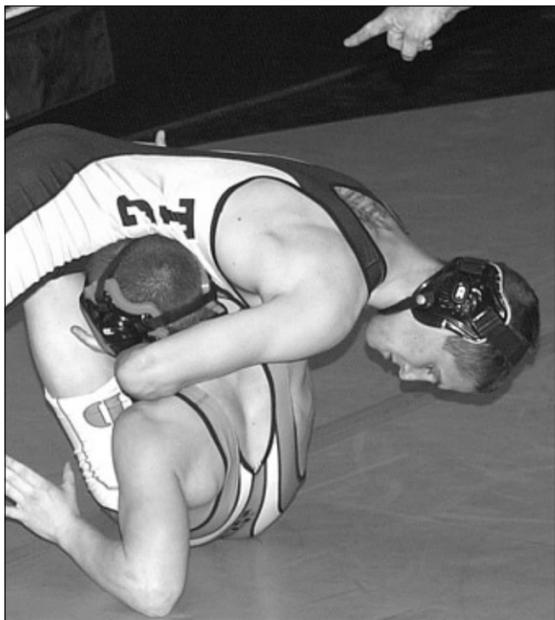
Sophomore Adam Hellbusch



Junior Cole Harris



Sophomore Tyler Hergott



Senior Clayton Hintz

The Thayer Central Titans hosted 12 teams to its annual wrestling invitational Friday evening where fans filled the gymnasium seating. The black and gold team finished fifth in the contest with 109 points; Fairbury won the meet with 173 points.

Thayer Central was led by seniors Dalton Kenning and Clayton Hintz who both took championships in their respective divisions. Sixteen wrestlers represented the team.

"I thought the guys looked much better this weekend," said Titans coach Brett Larson. Our 'mat-sense' was also much better. We were much more physical in our matches and that helped us get eight of our wrestlers to medal."

Kenning, wrestling at 145, defeated Jake Corbin of Fairbury, 7-5, in the final bout to claim the championship. Kenning went 4-0 on the day lifting his personal record to 23-8.

Clayton Hintz, wrestling at 138, defeated Tyler Fisbeck of Fairbury by a major decision, 9-1, in the final match. Hintz went 2-0 on the day to lift his personal record 23-7 on the season.

Earning silver medals were Cody Krula and Adam Hellbusch.

Krula, wrestling at 152, fell to Riley Noel of Meridian, 10-3, after going 2-1 on the day. The second place win lifts his personal record to 22-6 on the season.

Hellbusch secured a spot in the final match of the 132 weight division after winning three competitions. In the final round, Hellbusch was pinned by Kyler Pfingsten of Fairbury. He lifts his record to 14-7 on the season.

Finishing third on the day, Jamie Lange, wrestling at 132, pinned Austen Bailey of South Central in the consolation bout. Lange went 4-1 on the day to advance his personal record to 24-14 on the season.

Three Titans finished fourth to round out the team's scoring including Jayden Dightman, Tyler Hergott and Cole Harris.

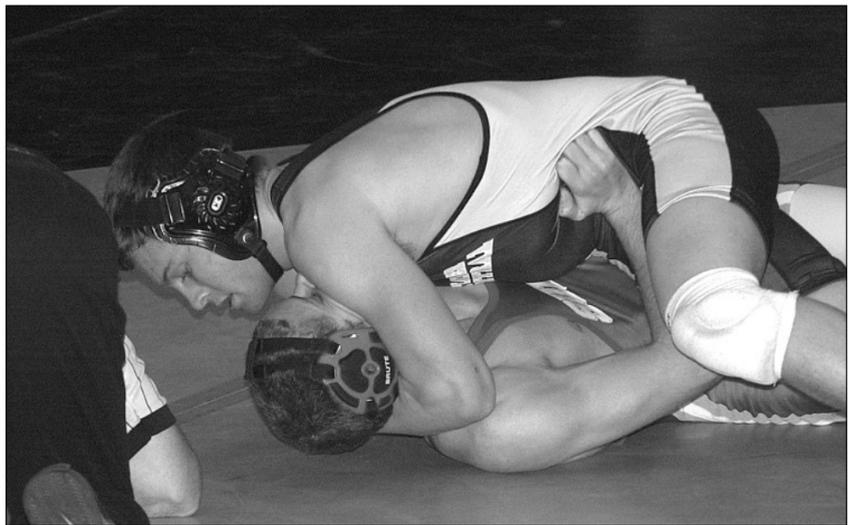
Dightman, wrestling at 113, fell to Micah Magnuson of Shelton/Kenesaw in the consolation final after going 2-2 on the day. Dightman currently carries an 8-12 personal record.

Hergott, wrestling at 160, fell to Chris Gillming of Shelton/Kenesaw in the consolation final after going 1-2 on the day. Hergott's season record is currently 15-11.

And in the 182 weight division, Cole Harris fell to Gar-



Senior Dalton Kenning



Junior Cody Krula

ritt Van Engen of Freeman in the consolation final to place fourth. Harris, who went 2-2 on the day, currently carries an 11-6 record.

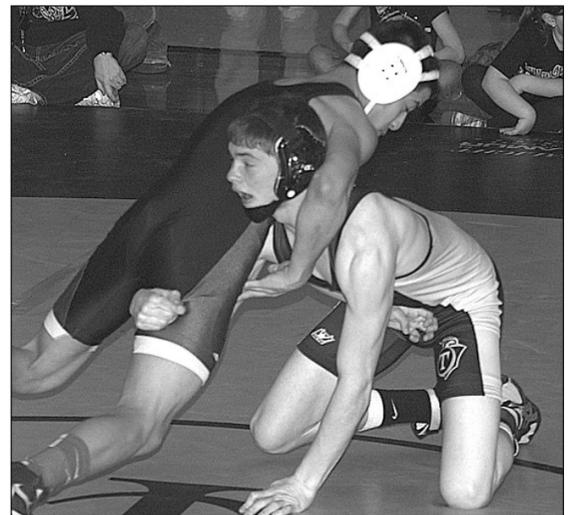
Coach Larson also commended the junior varsity wrestlers stating the young athletes are coming along nicely this year and getting better every time they step on the mats.

Others wrestling for the Titans (all went 0-2 at the home meet) and their current weight divisions and personal records include:

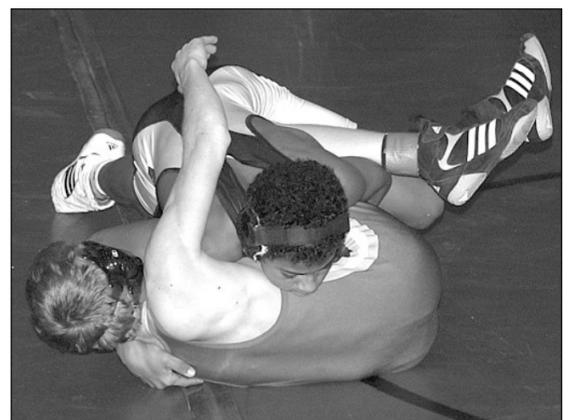
106-Kylea Hintz (7-9); 126-Justin Criner (12-13); 132-Ali Ashmore (0-8); 138-Tyler Edwards (2-9); 145-Zach Mumm (2-11); 182-Judd Holtzclaw (0-9); 195-Brian Kovacs (4-17); 220-Colton Fangmeier (4-13).

The Thayer Central Titans will head to the Red Cloud/Blue Hill tourney this Saturday, Jan. 26, at Red Cloud. The meet rounds out the regular season for the wrestlers and sets the stage for the Southern Nebraska Conference tournament on Feb. 1 at Centennial in Utica.

The district competition is scheduled for Feb. 8-9 at Central Community College - Columbus Campus, with the state tournament scheduled the following week, Feb. 14-16 at the CenturyLink Center in Omaha.



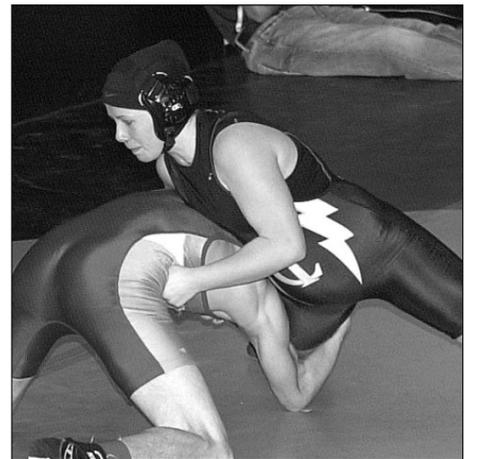
Junior Jamie Lange



Freshman Jayden Dightman



Kylea Hintz



Ali Ashmore

Look for basketball and wrestling photos following the regular season online at hebronjournalregister.com.

The Thayer Central wrestling squad has two female competitors this year. Freshmen Kylea Hintz, wrestling at 106, and Ali Ashmore, wrestling at 132, have competed throughout the season. Although it is not unusual for females to wrestle in high school, these two young ladies are the first female members for the Thayer Central Titans team.