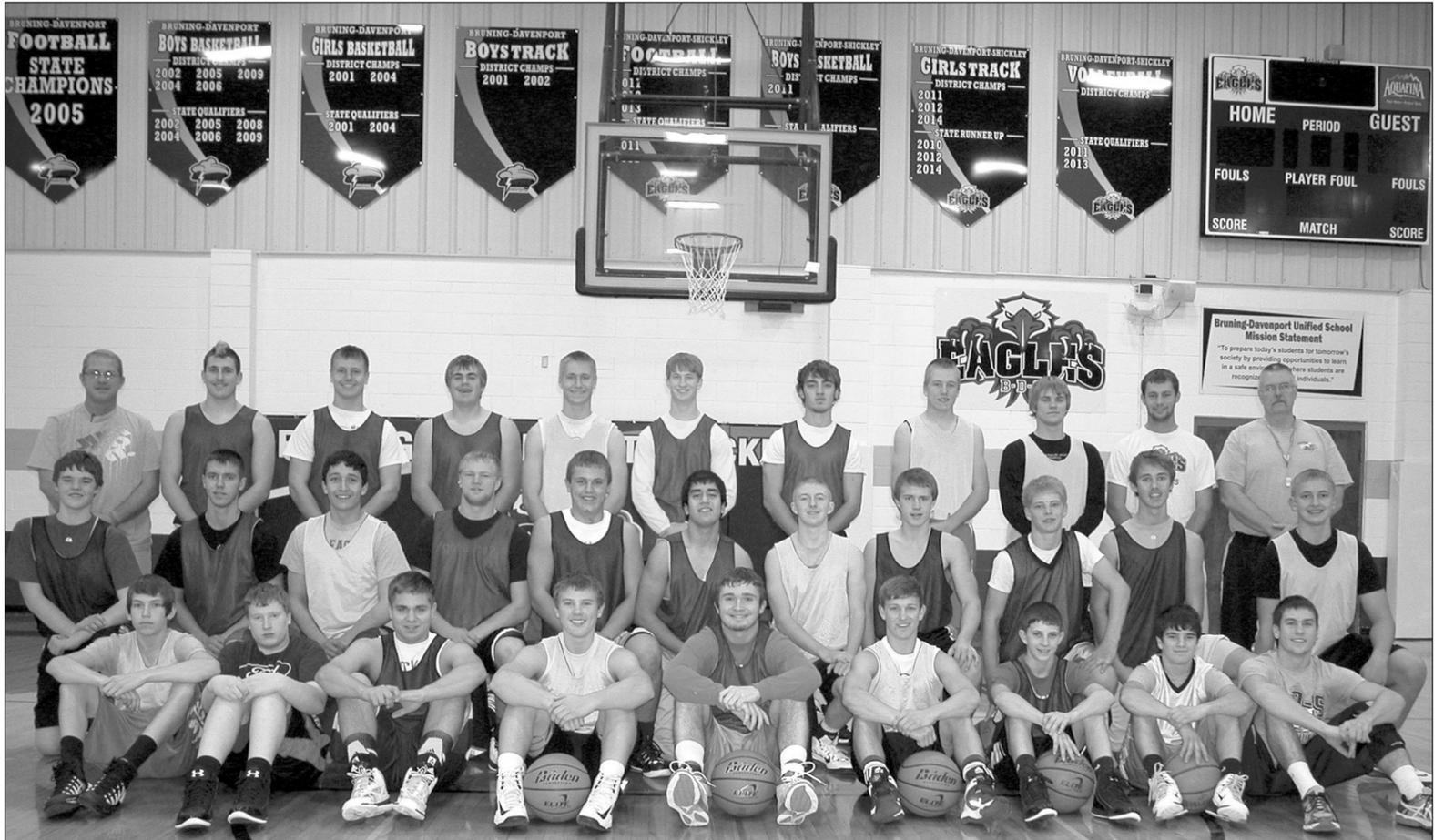


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## USDA -- reminder of closing date for non-insurable crops

The Executive Director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Thayer County, Jay VanWesten, urges producers who want to purchase coverage through the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) to do so before the sales closing date of March 16, 2015.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields/grazing loss, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters including drought, freeze, hail, excessive moisture, excessive wind or hurricanes.

In order to meet eligibility requirements for NAP, crops must be non-insurable, commercially-produced agricultural commodity crops for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available.

According to VanWesten, FSA policy has changed for the 2015 crop year. Producers in Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Texas who annually plant crops used for mechanically harvested livestock feed, can purchase both NAP coverage at the catastrophic level or higher ("buy-up") and Rainfall Index - Annual Forage Insurance plan coverage offered through Risk Management Agency (RMA). However, if a NAP payment and indemnity benefit are payable, the producer must choose. The producer cannot receive benefits under both.

The Agricultural Act of 2014 (the 2014 Farm Bill) allows producers to choose

higher levels of NAP coverage. Previously, the program offered coverage at 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses that exceed 50 percent of expected production. Producers can now choose higher levels of coverage, up to 65 percent of their expected production at 100 percent of the average market price. It is important to note that the higher coverage is not available on grazing crops.

The following crops in Thayer County have a NAP application closing date of March 16, 2015: Spring Seeded Forage, Grass for Forage or Grazing, Spring Seeded Vegetables, Alfalfa and Mixed Forage Crops.

"NAP policies allow producers to protect their investment by purchasing coverage for non-insurable crops," said VanWesten. "Natural disasters are an unavoidable part of farming and ranching and FSA programs like NAP help producers to recover when they experience a loss."

Eligible producers must file the application and pay a service fee by the March 16 deadline. Producers also pay a fixed premium for higher coverage. Beginning, limited resource and under-served farmers may request a waiver of the service fee and a 50 percent premium reduction when the application for coverage is filed.

For more information on NAP, service fees, premiums and sales closing dates, contact the Thayer County FSA office at 402-768-6520 and visit the web at [www.fsa.usda.gov/nap](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/nap).

## Oak

By Phyllis Schmitt

Gaylen and Jackie Cox, Richard and Gaylene Franzen and Rolland and Pauline Franzen accompanied Preston Franzen to Beloit to tour the North Central Kansas Tech campus on Monday. Wednesday night through Friday guests of Gaylen and Jackie Cox were granddaughters Alayna, Ava and Callie Cox.

Gerry Eckles was a guest of Sally Uhrmacher and Mary Ann Billoft was a guest of Carol Eckles at the new Mexican restaurant in Superior Thursday noon for their Random Acts of Kindness.

Rhonda Brubacher came from Lincoln and was a Saturday overnight guest of Phil and Gerry Eckles and was a Sunday dinner guest. Gerry had been a guest of her sister, Marianne Wolfe, at the fish buffet in Lawrence on Friday night.

Playing cards and enjoying snacks at the home of Pat Brusseau Friday afternoon were Lola Billoft, Doris Ahrens and Phyllis Schmitt.

Lola Billoft visited Verna Coxbill at the Nursing Home in Edgar on Sunday afternoon. Paul and Peggy Duey were also visiting her.

The ladies of the church hosted a baby shower for expectant mother, Jakki Drohman, at the First Community Church Saturday afternoon. There were 15 in attendance. A delicious lunch was served along with the opening of gifts and a game was played throughout.

Ray and Peggy Glass helped her mother, Barbara Benda, celebrate her birthday by going to Iowa. They also were Friday night supper guests of Peggy's sister, Joann Campbell and attended an auction on Saturday.

## Shawna Garland featured in national blog

Microsoft IT Academy students and teachers throughout the state of Nebraska have been having success with the program.

Ms. Shawna Garland, the Technology Coordinator and lead business teacher at Bruning-Davenport Unified School District is thankful her school is an IT Academy with testing covered for her students. "It is so important for the students to go out into the world prepared for whatever they face, if not ahead of the game," she explained.



Kim Armgardt is a senior foreign exchange student at Bruning-Davenport. She's certified in Microsoft Word and Excel and will certify in PowerPoint and Access later this school year. Her story is special because she will be able to go back to Germany with these internationally recognized industry certifications, put her skills to use and be ahead of the game.

In Kim's own words she explains, "I'm an exchange student from Germany for one year. In German schools we don't get the opportunity to do Microsoft certifications. My exchange year offers me to learn a lot of new things." It also happens to be a good year for Kim to be at Bruning-Davenport.

Her business teacher Ms. Shawna Garland explained why it's an ideal time for Kim and all of her students currently attending Bruning-Davenport. "In the past, when we were certifying on our own and not with the IT Academy, it was an elective option for the students to certify, but they had to take the course. They paid for the certifications on their own."

Bruning-Davenport has been a testing center for ten years on their own. Now that certifications have been made available through IT Academy, more students are able to take advantage of using the exam vouchers and putting certifications on their resumes.

"That makes them a truly marketable individual," Ms. Garland stated, "I also think that whatever the high school educator can cover to prepare these students for the real world makes it less that the college educator has to do." She went on to give an example close to her heart.

Shelby Garland, her daughter, is currently a junior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She also happened to be her student when she was enrolled in Bruning-Davenport. When Shelby attended Bruning-Davenport they didn't have testing costs covered for students. Despite the costs, Ms. Garland urged her daughter Shelby to sit for all of the Microsoft Office exams after completing the IT Academy coursework. Shelby took her up on the plan and certified in 2010 Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

"My mom is the one who got me to attempt the certification exams. She encouraged me by telling me that employers like to see certifications on resumes, and I actually got a

job because I am certified," Shelby explained.

Currently, Shelby is working with Excel and doing some video editing at a local Agricultural Commodities business as a junior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Shelby says her employer was impressed that she was certified in Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. "I use Excel every day at work. It has also made me better prepared for college and the workplace. I have a better knowledge than most concerning Microsoft Office, and that has helped me to get ahead quickly."



Shelby plans on being a Ruminant Nutritionist (Cattle Nutritionist) and to work in a large feedlot operation after college. She is thankful to have a mother and teacher who has helped shape her future in so many ways. "She's taught me how to be a great person and how to achieve my goals. She has been behind me from the start and is an excellent role model, not only for myself and my younger brother, but for many students who come through her program."

If you'd like to learn more about Microsoft IT Academy and how to get involved visit: [www.microsoft.com/itacademy](http://www.microsoft.com/itacademy)

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Steavan Sedlachek

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The PLUS Certified Technician Program consists of a series of technical service-training classes and tests. Sedlachek received the PLUS award by completing all of his classes and receiving high marks on all testing.

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- 3:30 p.m. Commission RM, City Hall Building - Sabetha, KS**
- 6 p.m. Library - Seneca, KS**

**Thursday, March 19, 2015:**

- 8 a.m. Wagon Wheel Cafe - Marysville, KS**
- 10:30 a.m. Mayberry's Restaurant - Washington, KS**
- 2 p.m. Carnegie Library - Clay Center, KS**
- 5 p.m. Community RM, City Hall Building - Concordia, KS**

**Friday, March 20, 2015:**

- 8 a.m. Bel Villa Restaurant - Belleville, KS**
- 10:30 a.m. Sacred Heart Parrish, Mtg. Hall - Hebron, NE**
- 2:30 p.m. Library - Superior, NE**
- 5:30 p.m. Community Center - Red Cloud, NE**
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## Public Notices

### Commissioner Proceedings

March 4, 2015  
The Thayer County Board of Commissioners met in open and public session in the commissioner's room of the courthouse at 9:00 a.m. on March 4, 2015. Present were Commissioners Dave Bruning, Chris Frye, Dean Krueger and County Clerk, Marie Rauner.

Dave Bruning, chairman of the board, called the meeting to order. Public meeting laws are posted and available on the north wall of the meeting room in compliance with Nebraska statutes.

The minutes from the previous meeting were mailed to the commissioners for review. Chris Frye moved and Dave Bruning seconded to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2015 meeting. Result of vote: Frye-yes, Bruning-yes, and Krueger-yes. Motion carried.

Steve Bateman met with the commissioners to discuss the details of the upcoming 2015 Nebraska State Fly-In and Air Show. The event is set for June 6 at the Hebron Airport. He provided the board with flyers and posters with details of the weekend activities.

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

Rex Biegert applied for a permit to occupy county road right-of-way to bore in a natural gas line from the NE1/4 of Sec 9-T4-R4 to the NW1/4 of Sec 10-T4-R4. Chris Frye made a motion to approve the permit. Dean Krueger seconded the motion. Result of vote: Frye-yes, Krueger-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

Board members reviewed and discussed the amendment to the compensatory time policy in the Thayer County Employee manual. Information was provided by the NLRMA labor law attorney and relayed to board members. Chris Frye made the motion and Dean Krueger seconded to adopt the following policy with a review of accumulated hours in December: Special arrangements may be warranted for certain employees by the department heads for compensatory time accumulated during special activities or acts of nature. Payment of overtime shall be paid or used at the employee's current hourly rate at the department head discretion. The County will allow the employee reasonable use of compensatory time with approval by the department head. All unused compensatory time remaining when the employee leaves the employment of the County shall be paid at the employee's current hourly rate or at the average rate for the final three years of employment, whichever is greater.

Result of vote: Frye-yes, Krueger-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

Ray Wright met with the commissioners to update them on network issues between the courthouse and road department. Replacement parts have been ordered to help with the communications. Ray will continue to improve the electronics required in district court as instructed by the judge and attorneys.

William McPherson, Emergency manager, informed the board that Dan Fink, the deputy emergency manager resigned his position on February 27, 2015. Following discussion it was decided not to name a new assistant at this time.

The emergency manager presented Resolution #1756: Resolution for Participating in All Hazards Mitigation Planning Update Process

WHEREAS, a joint All-Hazards Mitigation Plan identifies the vulnerability of public bodies to natural or manmade hazards and the projects that can be implemented to reduce or eliminate vulnerability and exposure, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that a public entity must have a current All Hazards Mitigation Plan in place before they are eligible for Federal funding for hazard mitigation projects and mitigation efforts resulting from natural disasters, and

WHEREAS, the Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District and the Little Blue Natural Resources District will serve as the coordinating agencies for the updating of the multi-jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan for the respective districts and the nine-county area including all of Adams, Clay, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Nuckolls, Saline, Thayer, and Webster counties and all associated local governmental entities for which hazard mitigation planning is desirable, and

WHEREAS, Thayer County, Nebraska desires to participate in the multi-jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan update process for the benefit of the public we serve.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the governing board of the County of Thayer hereby states its willingness to participate in the proposed All-Hazards Mitigation Plan update process described above and will attend necessary meetings and participate in those activities necessary to complete an effective plan for all counties in the nine-county area.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this resolution was approved and executed on the 4th day of March, 2015.

Chris Frye made a motion to adopt Resolution #1756 and Dave Bruning seconded the motion. Result of vote: Frye-yes, Bruning-yes, and Krueger-yes. Motion carried.

Gary Watson, David Lee, and board members reviewed the applications received for the part time maintenance position. All agreed to continue to advertise for additional applicants.

Chris Frye made a motion to approve the salary claims as processed. Dean Krueger seconded the motion. Result of vote: Frye-yes, Krueger-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

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<b>Road/Bridge Fund</b>	
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Dental Insurance	\$303.26
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Life Insurance	\$42.19
NE Department of Revenue	
State Taxes	\$729.76
Retirement Plans Div. 002812	
Retirement	\$2,847.59
Thayer County Bank	
Federal Taxes	\$6,082.16

<b>Drug Free Grant Fund</b>	
NE Department of Revenue	
State Taxes	\$65.60
Thayer County Bank	
Federal Taxes	\$515.14

<b>Emergency Management Fund</b>	
Ameritas Group - Dental	
Dental Insurance	\$13.10
BCBS of Nebraska	
Health Insurance	\$379.01
Mutual of Omaha #G000502F	
Life Insurance	\$2.35
NE Department of Revenue	
State Taxes	\$35.15
Retirement Plans Div. 002812	
Retirement	\$148.28
Thayer County Bank	
Empo Fica	\$313.95

<b>Noxious Weed Fund</b>	
American Family Insurance	
Bp78	\$32.50
Ameritas Group - Dental	
Dental Insurance	\$26.20
BCBS of Nebraska	
Health Insurance	\$706.77
Colonial Life	
After Tax	\$10.83
Mutual of Omaha #G000502F	
Life Insurance	\$3.88
NE Department of Revenue	
State Taxes	\$119.09
Retirement Plans Division	
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Retirement	\$337.50
Thayer County Bank	
Federal Taxes	\$825.19

<b>Historical Society Fund</b>	
NE Department of Revenue	
State Taxes	\$4.13
Thayer County Bank	
Empo Fica	\$65.04
Dean Krueger made a motion to approve the vendor claims as presented. Chris Frye seconded the motion. Result of vote: Krueger-yes, Frye-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.	

<b>General Fund</b>	
Action Auto Supply	
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Jury Fees	\$2,688.45
Scott Karmazin	
Feb Expenses	\$317.07
Kass Ford Sales	
Veh Repairs	\$87.54
Kelly Supply Co	

Email Block	\$315.40
Shelo LLC	
Transcriptions	\$392.70
Law Enforcement Systems, Inc	
Leg Supplies	\$82.00
Linton Small Engine	
Tire Chains	\$131.94
Mary's Cafe	
Juror Meals	\$235.20
Nancy McLaughlin	
Prior Service	\$11.00
Stacey McLaughlin, Clk Dist. Cr	
Court Costs	\$139.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc	
E-Share Doc	\$145.00
Mid-American Res. Chemical	
Janitor Splys	\$189.69
Midwest Bank	
Health Savings	\$200.00
Jacie Milius	
Feb Expenses	\$116.21
MIPS Inc	
Data Process	\$2,584.25
Nebraska Assn. Co Treasurers	
2015 Dues	\$75.00
Neopost Usa Inc	
Meter Rental	\$135.00
O'Keefe Elevator Company, Inc	
Svc Agreement	\$256.17
Norma Oliver	
Prior Service	\$25.00
Paper Tiger Shredding Inc.	
Courthouse Pu	\$35.00
Platte Valley Comm. Inc	
Radio Equip	\$738.45
Precision Signs & Graphics Llc	
Safety Equip	\$670.00
Priefert Pharmacy Inc	
Prisoner Meds	\$140.94
Quill Corporation	
Ofc Supplies	\$49.98
Reliable	
Ofc Supplies	\$165.90
Sack Lumber Company	
Supplies	\$6.79
Phyllis Schoenholz	
Feb Expenses	\$516.31
Shell Food Mart	
Fuel	\$752.96
Sourcegas LLC	
Heating Fuels	\$1,009.83
The Spyglass Group LLC	
Consulting Fee	\$2,219.02
Thayer County Health Services	
Prisoner Meds	\$823.46
Thayer County Bank	
Health Savings	\$900.00
Thayer County Court	
Court Costs	\$454.00
Thayer County Sheriff	
Sheriff Fees	\$91.00
Thayer County Treas. -Fund Tran	
Fund Transfer	\$20,000.00
Mitchell Thiemann	
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Daniel L. Werner	
Ofc Supplies	\$5.27
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Reimbursement	\$13.16
Western Auto Store	
Supplies	\$198.98
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Supplies	\$32.78
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<b>Road/Bridge Fund</b>	
Action Auto Supply	
Repair Parts	\$37.98
Aurora Cooperative Elevator Co	
Equip Fuel	\$2,103.83
Auto Value Parts Store	
Repair Parts	\$136.95
Robert B. Barton	
Prior Service	\$12.00
Bruning Lumber Co	
Supplies	\$68.75
Central Market Inc	
Shop Supplies	\$71.02
City of Hebron	
Utilities	\$310.09
Crop Production Services Inc	
Equip Fuel	\$1,195.11
Deshler Municipal Utilities	
Lights	\$59.49
Deshler Rustler	
Advertisement	\$6.30
Eakes Office Solutions	
Ofc Supplies	\$224.67
Fairbury Light & Water Dept	
Lights	\$52.09
Fastenal	
Supplies	\$28.66
Foley Industries	
Repair Parts	\$2,638.41
Hebron Electric & Air Condition.	
Bldg Splys	\$21.00
Richard Heinrichs	
Prior Service	\$14.00
Heyen Oil Co	
Equip Fuel	\$2,163.80
Inland Truck Parts Company	
Repair Parts	\$249.47
J & J Diesel Service, Inc	
Repair Parts	\$877.41
John Deere Financial	
Parts & Labor	\$718.52
Lichti Oil Co Inc	
Parts & Fuel	\$6,077.93
Linton Small Engine	
Supplies	\$97.80
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Drug Tests	\$98.00
MIPS Inc	
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Moeller Electric Enterprises Inc	
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Networkfleet Inc	
Repair Parts	\$71.80
NMC Exchange LLC	
Parts & Labor	\$4,906.17
Norris Public Power District	
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Supplies	\$85.61
U.S. Bank	
Repair Parts	\$1,091.17
Verizon Wireless	
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Village of Chester	
Electricity	\$45.66
Village of Hubbell	
Electricity	\$17.99
Watson Auto Supply	
Repair Parts	\$546.07

Western Auto Store	
Repair Parts	\$99.00
Windstream	
Phone Service	\$292.72
Yant Equipment Co., Inc	
Repair Parts	\$17.53
<b>Drug Free Grant Fund</b>	
Megan E Hinrichs	
Feb Expenses	\$869.11
Patrick Moore	
Travel Expense	\$936.87
Ruskin Community Center	
Bldg Rental	\$150.00
Jana Tietjen	
Feb Expenses	\$423.68
True Value Hardware	
Program Splys	\$22.77
US Cellular	
Cell Phone Svc	\$127.36
Kurk Wiedel	
Travel Expense	\$1,756.92

<b>E911 Wireless Fund</b>	
Windstream	
E911 Phone Svc	\$873.80
<b>Emergency Management Fund</b>	
Platte Valley Comm. Inc.	
Radio Repair	\$285.00
Shell Food Mart	
Fuel	\$64.55
Verizon Wireless	
Cell Phone Svc	\$117.45
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<b>Historical Society Fund</b>	
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Utilities	\$293.76
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Great Plains Comm. Inc	
E911 Phone Svc	\$10.70
Sourcegas LLC	
Generator Gas	\$1.10
Windstream	
E911 Phone Svc	\$789.10

There being no other business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:00. The board will convene on March 18, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

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

Dave Bruning,  
Chairman of the Board  
Marie E. Rauner, County Clerk  
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ZNEZ 1t-4

**THAYER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
Notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Thayer County Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 in the Thayer County Courthouse, 2nd floor. The meeting of the Board of Commissioners will begin at 9:00. The meetings are open to the public.

The agenda is kept continually current and is available for public inspection in the Thayer County Clerk's Office, Room 201, Thayer County Courthouse, Hebron, NE.

Marie E. Rauner  
Thayer County Clerk  
ZNEZ 1t-11

**MEETING NOTICE**  
Thayer County Weed District Board meeting will be held **Thursday, March 19th, at 9:00 AM** at the Weed Control Office in Deshler.  
ZNEZ 1t-11

**NOTICE**  
A total of 172 cases will be heard by the Board in March, 2015. The following cases sentenced in Thayer County will be seen by the Board of Parole.  
9:30 a

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## Playing in the sunshine...

Olivia and Natalie Eiseman had fun swinging on one of several beautiful days last weekend.



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## Enjoying pancakes...

Brianna Svoboda was one of many who were served pancakes at the Lion's Club supper last Sunday evening at the Hubbell Community Hall.

## Rexroad wins second place in severe weather poster contest

Domanick Rexroad of Thayer Central received second place in the 2015 Nebraska Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest. His poster cautioned "Be Aware of bullies in Dark Alleys" and featured a tornado alley. The contest was sponsored by the Nebraska Association of Emergency Management (NAEM), the National Weather Service (NWS), the Nebraska Military Department and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA).

Natalie McNamara, a fourth grade student from Bellevue Elementary School in Papillion (Sarpy County), earned first place. McNamara's poster depicts a lightning bolt and the phrase "When you see my flash, you better dash" with a child and adult quickly exiting a park to return to their home and safety.

The contest was open to all fourth grade students in Nebraska. The top four finishers will be recognized by Gov. Peter Ricketts at a proclamation signing for Severe Weather Awareness Week at the State Capitol on March 18, at 10 a.m.

Nebraska Severe Weather Awareness Week is March 23-27, and is observed to increase awareness of, and response to, severe weather hazards. A statewide tornado drill is scheduled as part of the week's activities at 10 a.m. on March 25.

"We hope Nebraskans will take time during Nebraska Severe Weather Awareness Week to prepare for the severe weather we face in Nebraska during the spring and summer months," said Bryan Tuma, NEMA assistant director. "Making a safety plan and reviewing proper safety precautions is a good practice for those of us who live in areas affected by tornadoes, floods and severe thunderstorms."

Severe weather can result in tragic losses that preparation and planning can prevent. Through the poster contest, fourth graders from across the state encourage Nebraskans to follow weather safety precautions.

The third place poster, "Stay alert and don't get hurt!", was entered by Emma Krusemark of Pender Public Schools and featured a tornado approaching homes. Her picture included a storm cellar with an emergency kit.

The fourth place poster, by Kaitlyn Emanuel of North

Bend Central Elementary School, reminds people to stay inside when it is storming. It featured a lightning storm.

Lindsay Johnson, Hebron, Thayer Central Elementary, Thayer County was listed as an Honorable Mention.

Posters were judged on originality, effort and accuracy. The top prize is a \$125 gift card, second is \$100 and third \$75, all sponsored by NAEM. NWS provides a \$50 gift card for fourth place.

Each of the winners will receive a Weather Alert Radio courtesy of B.J. Fictum, Saline County Emergency Management director. NEMA provides certificates for all the students and the Nebraska Military Department mats the posters as a remembrance for students.

## Chester Senior Dinners

**Monday, March 16:** Polish sausage in a bun, sweet potato tots, corn, brownie. *Fairbury trip; "Green" trivia.*

**Tuesday, March 17:** Corned beef, cooked cabbage, Irish potatoes, lime jello. *Irish trivia.*

**Wednesday, March 18:** Chicken noodle soup, provolone on rye, peaches, cookie. *Humor day.*

**Thursday, March 19:** Baked steak, mashed potatoes, garden trio vegetables, roll, ice cream. *Word pictures.*

**Friday, March 20:** Cod strips, potatoes O'Brien, buttered beets, chunky fruit. *Spring trivia game.*

*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.*

## Students to participate in ACTIONS Day

About 700 students from 25 high schools are expected to participate in ACTIONS Day on March 18 at Central Community College-Hastings.

ACTIONS, which stands for "Academic Competition That Inspires Our Nation's Scholars," will feature 40 testing areas, from agriculture to world history. Each participant will take at least two exams.

The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude with an awards presentation at 2 p.m. Trophies will be awarded in each area for first through fifth place.

Participating schools will be Adams Central in Hastings, Alma, Blue Hill, Bruning-Davenport, Chambers, Deshler, Doniphan-Trumbull, Exeter-Milligan, Franklin, Harvard, High Plains in Polk, Kenesaw, Lawrence-Nelson, McCool Junction, Meridian in Daykin, Red Cloud, Sandy Creek in Fairfield, Shelton, Shickley, Silver Lake in Roseland, Superior, Sutton, Thayer Central in Hebron, Wilcox-Hildreth and Wood River.

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## LBNRD and Game and Parks team up to upgrade Liberty Cove Grassland

The Little Blue Natural Resources District (LBNRD) and the Nebraska Game and Parks (NGPC) have entered into agreement to enhance wildlife habitat at Liberty Cove southwest of Lawrence in Webster County, Nebraska. The WILD Nebraska Wildlife Extension Agreement Plan will enhance the grasslands of the Recreational Area owned by the LBNRD.

The purpose of this project is to manage grassland habitat for the benefit of game species, migratory grassland birds, and other wildlife species while enhancing recreational opportunities.

The project involves managing the native plant community by removing invasive species like eastern red cedar, autumn olive, smooth brome to name a few and creating a manageable site.

The restoration and management of this grassland will promote and encourage a diverse and vigorous native plant community and will enhance habitat for a variety of wildlife species.

This project is approximately 193.8 acres of grasslands that will be cleared of invasive woody plants and enhanced through various techniques. The area will be broken into four different units that the upland wildlife habitat will be improved.

The undesirable woody vegetation will be mechanically removed from upland areas and the stumps of deciduous trees will be treated with an appropriate chemical. The tree piles will be burned as soon as possible when clearing is completed.

"The LBNRD's management activities have not been devoted to fostering diverse and productive grasslands," says LBNRD Manager Michael Onnen. "Other than spraying for thistles and harvesting hay, the grasslands have not been managed adequately for sustaining and developing wildlife populations. Other wildlife agencies have also recognized that producing productive natural

environments means more than simple land set-aside," says Onnen.

"When lands are simply left idle without proper management, natural plant succession and invasion of none productive species can render an area void of the very wildlife species that you are trying to enhance."

The renovation process will focus on the suppression of invasive cool-season grasses. Smooth brome will be treated on a "spot spraying" basis in late fall following the first hard frost. The designed management to reduce these grasses will not compromise the established native plants.

The use of prescribed burning is essential to the long term health of grasslands. Prescribed burn will be utilized on one management unit per year, between July 16 and April 31. The GPC will assist the LBNRD in timing of herbicides and application of fire management.

The use of haying is intended to maintain the floristic diversity of Liberty Cove and reduce the amount of woody re-growth to benefit an array of wildlife species. The haying will be done on one management unit per year, typically the one on which burn management has been implemented.

The district entered into a 10-year agreement with the Game and Parks for management practices. To maximize benefits, mechanical control

of invasive species, along with any other woody species control, will be done outside of the April 15 to July 15 timeframe to avoid interference with nesting birds.

"Game and Parks will pick up approximately 75% of the cost of the renovation activities," says Onnen. The NRD will carry out those activities that require a longer-term commitment to grassland health."

The NGPC share will be funded through fees on the sale of guns and ammunition, a fund which has seen significant growth in recent years. Total project costs shall not exceed \$60,000 (LBNRD \$13,109.60; NGPC \$39,328.80).

Work will begin at Liberty Cove as soon as bids are let for the tree clearing but must not occur during the bird nesting season.

According to Onnen, "Neighbors will see a different vegetative landscape develop over the next few years as we transition from a primarily brome grass environment with invasive tree growth to an open and diverse prairie with native grasses, forbs and wildflowers. Haying will still be accomplished but on a rotational basis with fire management used to stimulate prairie grasses and suppress invasive tree growth."

For further information on this Grassland Enhancement Project call the LBNRD at 402-364-2145.

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## Nebraska corn growers joining lawsuits against Syngenta

Nebraska farmers are joining a growing number of Midwest farmers who are filing lawsuits against Swiss-owned Syngenta alleging the corporation's practices caused them to lose thousands in revenue during the last two years.

A group of local lawyers has partnered with the firm of Watts Guerra of San Antonio, Texas, to represent Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota and Nebraska farmers in the lawsuits. The lawyers will hold a series of free town hall meetings across the region in the next 21 days to explain the allegations and litigation process to more farmers.

In mid-November, the Associated Press reported that farmers and companies — including ADM and Cargill — have filed more than 50 lawsuits against Syngenta in eleven major corn-growing states, including Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska. Hundreds of additional lawsuits are being prepared, including some in Minnesota.

The litigation claims that Syngenta released a corn variety Agrisure Viptera (MIR162) in 2009 before it was approved for import to China, that the company misinformed farmers, grain elevators, grain exporters and the general public into believing that Chinese regulatory approval was imminent, and that the lack of Chinese approval would not impact corn market prices.

MIR162 was not approved for import to China, however,

and traces of MIR162 found in grain shipments caused the Chinese to reject more than 130 million bushels of U.S. corn as of October. Those rejections set off a snowball effect that included an 85 percent decline in U.S. corn exports in 2014 compared to 2013, and the price of corn falling from a high of \$8.28 per bushel in August 2012 to near 10-year lows.

In October, the Lincoln Journal-Star reported The National Grain and Feed Association estimated the situation with China has cost \$2.9 billion in economic losses to the U.S. corn, distillers grains, and soy sectors. The lawsuits seek compensation from Syngenta for those and other losses.

At the free town hall meetings, lawyers will explain the allegations to farmers who may be entitled to compensation even if they didn't grow corn that included Syngenta's MIR162 trait.

A town hall meeting will be held in Hebron on March 13 at 2 p.m. at the Hebron Activity Center, in Red Cloud at 11 a.m. on the same day at the Red Cloud Community Center, and in other area Nebraska locations. Visit the website at [LostCornIncome.com](http://LostCornIncome.com) for meeting times and places.

For more information, please visit [lostcornincome.com](http://lostcornincome.com). For interviews, please contact Ruth Nicolaus at [Nicolaus@gtmc.net](mailto:Nicolaus@gtmc.net) or 319.321.2152.

- See advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

## Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

Two concerns all Nebraskans have are tax relief, particularly property tax relief, and higher educational affordability.

Governor Ricketts agreed with the caller on his Governor's call-in show that the only way any tax relief could be obtained is through spending cuts in the state budget. But one question whether this is a politically correct response or facing the reality that state spending will soon impoverish the struggling Nebraska families who are barely meeting their budgets.

Publicly announcing that he would support a three percent increase in the state's largest budget item has to be paid from taxpayers funds. Hiring individuals through a search firm at salaries that are much higher than the current expenditure for those positions again depends on the state taxpayers anteing up the funds.

The legislative Appropriations Committee has already decided to request 50 million dollars more for several departments. Where will the funds come from besides the taxpayers pocket. Other additional spending measures have gained the Appropriations Committee approval.

Less than a year ago, legislative candidates were asking for your vote on the basis that they would get tax relief and particularly property tax relief. These are the same individuals that now have no consciousness about forgetting those promises and increasing the taxpayers financial contributions.

Affordability of higher education has become a thing of the past. Even with the generosity of Governor Ricketts with your tax money, the average student has a debt of \$30,000. This turns the most creative rural minds away from high education because of affordability.

The only solution to this problem is to contact your state senator and ask him to give you the relief they promised. By doing nothing, you are in agreement with continual increases in taxation since simply complaining has no effect on your future financial status.

The choice is clear, financial relief or tax increases. The joke is on you if your elected representatives move down the path that seems clear they are taking.

Sincerely yours,  
Robert J. Prokop, M.D.  
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## LBNRD and Game and Parks team up to upgrade Bruning Dam grassland

The Little Blue Natural Resources District (LBNRD) and the Nebraska Game and Parks (NGPC) have entered into agreement to enhance wildlife habitat at Bruning Dam east of Bruning in Thayer County, Nebraska. The WILDNebraska, Wildlife Extension Agreement Plan will enhance the grasslands of the Recreational Area owned by the LBNRD.

The purpose of this project is to manage grassland habitat for the benefit of game species, migratory grassland birds, and other wildlife species while enhancing recreational opportunities. The project involves converting, establishing, and managing the native plant community by removing invasive species like eastern red cedar, autumn olive, smooth brome to name a few and seeding a diverse native plant mix and creating a manageable site.

The restoration and management of this grassland will promote and encourage a diverse and vigorous native plant community and will enhance habitat for a variety of wildlife species in a diversity of vegetative structures.

This project is approximately 98.2 acres of grasslands that will be cleared of invasive woody plants and enhanced through various techniques. The area will be broken into different units that the upland wildlife habitat will be improved, the contract will extend over 10 years.

"The LBNRD's management activities have not been devoted to fostering

diverse and productive grasslands, says LBNRD Manager Michael Onnen. "Other than spraying thistles and harvesting hay, the grasslands have not been managed adequately for sustaining and developing wildlife populations. Other wildlife agencies have also recognized that producing productive natural environments means more than single land set-aside," says Onnen.

"When lands are simply left idle without proper management, natural plant succession and invasion of non-productive species can render an area void of the very wildlife species that you are trying to enhance."

Upland wildlife habitat will be renovated and/or established through tree clearing, spraying and killing smooth brome, and seeding native plants. Undesirable woody vegetation will be mechanically removed from upland areas on the property while avoiding the April 15-July 15 bird nesting window.

The project also involves establishing native grasses and forbs on areas dominated by invasive cool-season grasses. The smooth brome will be sprayed two times and then native prairie plants will be seeded across the upland habitat as soon as possible following the second brome spraying.

The use of prescribed fire is essential to the long term health of grasslands. Prescribed fire, when utilized, will be timed in a manner to make the burn safer and to maximize the benefits for desirable plant species. This practice

should be used on one management unit per year, between July 16 and April 31.

The NGPC staff will evaluate the habitat conditions of the site and monitor plant species observed on the area and their relative abundance to determine the success of the project on a vegetative level. Wildlife species use of the site will also be noted and documented.

"Game and Parks will pick up approximately 75% of the cost of the renovation activities. The NRD will carry out those activities that require a longer-term commitment to grassland health," said Onnen.

The NGPC will use monies from the sale of guns and ammunition. Total project costs shall not exceed \$42,228 (LBNRD \$10,557; NGPC \$31,671). Work will begin at Bruning as soon as bids are let for the tree removal and during nesting season will be halted.

According to Onnen, "Neighbors will see a different vegetative landscape develop over the next few years as we transition from a primarily brome grass environment with invasive tree growth to an open and diverse prairie with native grasses and forbs. Haying will still be accomplished but on a rotational basis with fire management used to stimulate prairie grasses and suppress invasive tree growth."

For further information on this Grassland Enhancement Project call the LBNRD at 402-364-2145.

## Belvidere

By LaDonna Avers

Finally it looks like Spring might be just around the corner. The last few days of nice weather has improved everyone's spirits. The flu bugs that have been flying around also seem to be going into hiding, much to everyone's delight. The sound of a hacking cough has been everywhere you go this winter.

Linda Hudson went to Lincoln last week and spent two days visiting her daughter Angie and Ben Barrett. Her granddaughter, Sarah, who is an employee of Whole Foods in Lincoln, gave them a tour of the store. She visited Nicaragua in the winter to study how coffee is grown since she works in that department.

Sunday was a beautiful day to celebrate a 100th birthday. The United Church of Christ congregation was privileged to do so for Doris Deepe. She is the oldest member of the church and has been very active with church activities almost all of her life. She will also be honored at the Belvidere Alumni Banquet in May.

Doris' daughters, Beverly Keever and husband Chuck Keever and Joan Deepe came from Hawaii and San Francisco to help her celebrate this milestone. Her sister, Audrey Else, brother-in-law Loren Else, nephews Bob and Tim Else and nieces Sally and Barbara and Brad Carson were all there to wish her well.

After church services they served breakfast snacks, coffee and juice and a beautiful birthday cake. Everyone joined in singing Happy Birthday to her and enjoyed visiting with her and her family.

Beverly Deepe Keever will be sharing her seven years of experiences as a war correspondent at the Courtyard Terrace Activities Hall. Her book, "Death Zones and Darling Spies," will be the topic of her talk. Her book was selected as the One Book One Nebraska this year. It tells about this Thayer County farm girl reporting about her seven years in Vietnam Nam reporting as an American correspondent.

## Belvidere Woman's Club

The Belvidere Woman's Club has had to change their meetings for several months so they finally got together on March 3, at 4:30 p.m.

Bad weather has interfered with the planned Mardi Gras party and meetings for two months, so the committee finally gave up and decided to try again next year. The same committee has agreed to be in charge.

An impromptu meeting was held at 4:30 p.m. to discuss some business that needed to be taken care of.

President Hudson called the meeting to order and called for the minutes of the last meeting which Jenni Waldmeier read and the club approved. Cheryl Marsh gave the Treasurer's Report. Annette Laber read a short "Thought for the Day."

Eleven members answered roll call by naming their favorite Girl Scout cookie. Junior member, Tara Waldmeier, was also present and was a big help in serving coffee and tea.

Linda announced she is looking for an old fancy porch post to turn into a pole to hold a birdhouse in the Main Street

Park. Linda also asked if the club wanted to continue to sponsor the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 4. They voted to do so and each member was asked to bring two dozen plastic eggs filled with candy and a dime. They can be left at the museum on Wednesday or Sunday afternoons. Cheryl Marsh and Gina Hudson agreed to be in charge of the hunt again this year.

President Hudson also asked that each member fill a sock with change for a fund raising event. The money from that will be divided between YRTC in Geneva, Shots for Children, which is the President's special project, and St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

The State Convention will be held in Seward this year and, since it is nearby, Linda asked that several members consider going. It will be held April 17-19.

The next meeting will be April 7. Hostesses will be Linda Hudson and Annette Laber. More details will be published later.

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## Community Action of NE to release assessment report on food and nutrition

Community Action of Nebraska and the nine Community Action Agencies in Nebraska will release the results of their statewide Community Assessment report on food and nutrition on March 10, at 2:30 p.m., at Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties (210 O Street).

The Community Action of Nebraska Community Assessment Report on food and nutrition is based on a random survey of residents across the entire state of Nebraska. The report sheds light on the food and nutrition challenges and opportunities facing many Nebraskans. Both statewide and regional data will include, but not be limited to the following:

- Food Sources by Income Groups
- Food Sources by Urban and Rural Nebraskans
- Food Purchase Decisions by Factors of Influence (i.e., price, taste, quality, etc.)
- Monthly Grocery Expense by Household Type
- Frequency of Food and Nutrition Household Experiences
- Negative Food and Nutrition Experiences by Income Groups, SNAP Eligibility,

Age, etc.

- Sources of Information on Food and Nutrition
- Food and Nutrition Learning Interests

Community Assessment Report highlights:

- Regardless of Income, 99 percent of all respondents reported the Grocery Store as the source of food eaten at home
- 67 percent of respondents reported that in the last 90 days they had received information related to food and nutrition via print media, and 56 percent via television

- Respondents from the income of group of \$60,000 or more had the highest response rate for Fast Food/Take Out/Restaurant Delivery as source of food eaten at home
- Households with children selected Fast Food/Take Out/Restaurant Delivery as a food source more often (81 percent) than households with no children (69 percent)
- 43 percent of respondents with less than a high school diploma or GED reported Fast food/Take Out/Restaurant Delivery as a food source eaten at home compared to 86 percent of respondents with a graduate/professional degree
- In the past 12 months,

32 percent of respondents reported reducing the amount spent on food to pay for other expenses; 24 percent worried about how to pay for food; and 21 percent ran out of money for food

The most frequently reported problem related to food and nutrition among Nebraskan's was Staying Within a Monthly Food Budget

The report will be available on the Community Action of Nebraska website: [www.canhelp.org](http://www.canhelp.org) after the March 10 statewide release. Community Action of Nebraska (CAN) is the state association for Nebraska's nine Community Action agencies (CAAs), serving all 93 Nebraska counties.

CAAs are private non-profit organizations established under federal law to combat the causes and conditions of poverty in communities across the U.S. Programs commonly administered by CAAs include employment assistance, home weatherization, Head Start and Early Head Start, food assistance, housing assistance, and utility assistance.

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### Youth Jazz/Pom group...

Back (l-r): Makayla Sasse-Deshler, Kaylee Rimel-Wilber, Luisa Bonilla-Dorchester, Olivia Pomajzl-Wilber. Front (l-r): Brooke Sasse-Deshler, Meghan Brandt-Ruskin.



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### Junior and Senior Jazz/Pom group...

Back (l-r): Madison Sasse-Deshler, Tiffany Bernasek-Milford, Chloe Souerdyke-Hebron, Helen Walenta-Crete, Josephine Blatny-Fairbury, Lexy Bodfield-Crete, Hailey Wilshusen-Hebron, Grace Souerdyke-Hebron, Dominique Ortega Nguyen-Crete, Jena Cottam-Hebron. Middle (l-r): Neleigh Weers-Diller, Kenzie Clouse-Friend, Alana Walenta-Crete, Sahmera Watson-Milford, Zoe Wells-Crete, Emma Niemeier-Friend, Saige Mach-Milford, Maddie Wittstruck-Milford. Front (l-r): Regan Kolbo-Crete, Brennan Kolbo-Crete, Lindsey Turner-Crete, Kassie Kent-Hebron.

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