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Tidbits

Lenten service...

The annual ecumenical Lenten Reflection/Lunch Series, hosted throughout the season of Lent by five Hebron churches, began Feb. 29, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Today's service will be held at Grace Lutheran Church.

In order to accommodate various schedules, lunch is served at two separate times, 30 minutes prior to the service from 11:30 a.m. to noon and again following the service from 12:30 to 1 p.m.

Following are the locations and dates for the succeeding services:

March 14 at First Community Church.

March 21 at First Presbyterian Church.

March 28 at First United Methodist Church.

Everyone from Hebron and the surrounding communities is invited to attend.

The collection will be donated to Blue Valley Community Action for the food pantry.

TCEDA meeting...

Thayer County Economic Development Alliance is holding a planning session March 22, in the clubroom of the courthouse from 7-9 p.m.

Anyone interested in forming an economic plan for Thayer County for the next five years is invited to attend.

For more information or if you have questions, contact Arlis Hohlf at 402-768-7407 or tceda@diodecom.net.

Election filings...

Election filing deadlines have passed although anyone wishing to run for office can still be added to the ballot as a write-in or by petition.

Filers include:

Commissioner-Chris Frye
Little Blue NRD-Sacha Lemke, Alan Wiedel

Thayer Central Schools-Michael Prellwitz, Curt Mumm, Deborah Craig

Deshler Public Schools-Brian Isernhagen, Maurice Schardt, Wayne Pohlmann, Andrew Schmidt, Scott Finke

Airport Authority-Marlowe Huber

Hebron City Council-James Summers (W1), Elizabeth Goldhammer (W2), Lonnie Kolar (W3)

Deshler City Council-William Brenn, Carol Deepe, Bruce Finke, Nicky Bartling, Glenn Bartling, Eugene Mueller

Village of Carleton-Done Calahan

Village of Byron-Richard Poppe

Village of Bruning-Jeffrey Krehnke, Jerry Catlett

Village of Alexandria-Margie Durlinger, Jeremy VanWesten

Other election filing deadlines including the ESU, villages, class II schools and the noxious week board are due July 16 for incumbents and Aug. 1 for new filers.

~Obituaries~

Johnson, Loetta, Gaithersburg, MD
Rasher, Dorothy M., 82, Grand Island

~Death Notice~

Russell, Lucille, 98, Chester

TCCT kicks off 50th anniversary with '37 Postcards'



JR Photo/Jacque Rocole

Thayer County Community Theatre thespians will kick off the organization's 50th anniversary with "37 Postcards," an adult comedy by Michael McKeever. The production is directed by Mike Dudgeon. The cast includes (l-r): Standing: Justin Bomar, Sharon Holtzen, Anna Sell and John Ruhge. Seated: Malissa Sittler, Dudgeon, Michelle Kuhlmann and Milo the Dog.

What better way to celebrate 50 years of community theater than with dinner and a comedy? That's what longtime Thayer County Community Theatre director Mike Dudgeon thought as he set about getting ready for the troupe's spring production.

"People seem to love a good comedy," he said, "and our dinner theaters have been quite successful in the past."

This year, Dudgeon, who's directing repertoire includes 10 productions for TCCT, has chosen to direct "37 Postcards," an adult comedy by Michael McKeever. The story is about a man who returns home to Connecticut after traveling overseas for several years. "But," Dudgeon adds, "when he gets home, everything seems a little 'tilted' including the house."

Dudgeon said he and the crew had to figure out a way to physically build the stage on a slant, which is what the story calls for. "We think we have it worked out," he said. "We're going to use hydraulic jacks to lift one side of the stage to make the whole set tilted."

Veteran actresses Malissa Sittler and Michelle Kuhlmann return to the local stage heading up a cast of newcomers including Justin Bomar, Sharon Holtzen, John Ruhge, and Anna Sell.

The dinner theater, which includes three performances, takes place March 16, 17, and 18, at the Bruning Opera House in Bruning. The buffet dinner, including fish on Friday, begins at 5:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, and noon on Sunday. Showtime for Friday and Saturday night is 7 p.m., and for Sunday is 1:30 p.m. Tickets are available for the show only and reservations for the dinners are encouraged. For details, see the ad inside this issue.

It's

National Agriculture Week

By Jacque Rocole
Hebron Journal-Register

Generations ago, most families had a connection to farming, but that's no longer the case. And even though we live smack dab in the middle of "ag country," our population continues to decrease as people move away from the family farm. According to the Nebraska Center for Rural Affairs and the 2007 agriculture census, family farms have decreased by nearly half since the 1960's.

Even ag-related jobs and careers draw most young people away as the ag industry becomes just that, big industry.

Food in the United States is produced on a large scale often utilizing hundreds of acres of land for a single crop. Nebraskans buy \$4.4 billion of food annually; however, \$4 billion comes from outside the state.

But what about smaller tracts of arable land? Land not quite big enough to produce thousands of bushels of corn or soybeans, but large enough to sustain a good-sized garden.

Harold Stone of Davenport, says it takes only 250 acres of fruit and vegetables to feed every person in Thayer, Clay, Fillmore and Nuckolls counties. "That's about 25,000 people," he adds.

Stone, who also focuses concern on the outward flow of the area's population, is currently organizing a grassroots group of growers interested in marketing their products. "Creating a food system cooperative is what I am proposing," he says. "Collectively we can grow, prepare and sell



JR Photo/Jacque Rocole

Harold Stone is concerned that rural America, with all its wonders to offer, will be left high and dry as people migrate toward urban areas. He thinks the area has great food growing potential, as is evidenced by the working agricultural society that lives here, and is proposing a food system cooperative among four surrounding counties. "Collectively, we can grow, prepare and sell food, and turn the tide of rural decline," he says. "We need to find ways to hold our money here."

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Join us inside as we celebrate Agriculture Week by taking a look at one of Thayer County's rising entrepreneurs.

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Field fire threatens homes on north edge of Hebron



Photo Courtesy Denese Sudbeck

Five volunteer fire departments fought a field blaze Sunday most of the afternoon. It is thought the fire started when two power lines arced causing sparks that turned to flames late Sunday morning; however, there have been no confirmed reports. Above: Firefighters continue to fight the fire as it makes its way to Dove Road near the Hebron dam late Sunday afternoon.

A field fire Sunday, thought to have ignited by downed power lines, threatened three Hebron homes and outbuildings as it ate through half of a section of grass, trees and other dry foliage before fire fighters could douse the flames. The blaze is alleged to have started after electrical wires came loose when an isolator on a pole broke. The two lines arced causing sparks that turned to flames in a field located at Road P and Road 6600 (First St.) in Hebron. Fueled by 40 m.p.h. winds and dry grass and bushes, the blaze raced toward the homes of Kelly Elting, Dick Walsh and John Musgrave.

According to Hebron Volunteer Fire Department Chief B.J. Linton, five departments including Hebron, Belvidere, Gilead, Chester and Deshler

helped to subdue the fire.

Linton said the Hebron department was dispatched around 11:30 a.m. and had the fire out by 5 p.m. Disks were brought in by area farmers, Neal Wiedel, Scott Elting and Alan Wiedel, to form barriers around the homes and to prevent the fire from jumping across Dove Road as it moved toward the Hebron dam. The Thayer County Road Department also helped by burying a stack of railroad ties and wood chips to prevent them from catching on fire. Williams Drilling of Belvidere was also on the scene providing water. Linton said no structures were damaged although a small amount of damage could be seen on the lower legs of a radio tower that sits in the field.

WEATHER

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Tue., Feb 28	58/28	T
Wed., Feb 29	51/24	0
Thu., Mar 1	56/28	0
Fri., Mar 2	51/20	0
Sat., Mar 3	47/20	0
Sun., Mar 4	61/21	0
Mon., Mar 5	65/24	0

Courtesy of Mike Prellwitz



My Thoughts Exactly

By Jacque Rocolle
Journal-Register News Director

We're back to the subject of dogs again...more specifically, dog owners who let their animals roam the streets of Hebron in search of toilets other than their own yards. We're talking about those collared animals who accompany us, uninvited, on walks, run out in front of cars, threaten to bite or actually do bite based on what they think is their territory and whether you have invaded it or not...the list goes on and on. We're talking about those dogs in City Council...again.

Monday night at the regular meeting, a Hebron citizen voiced concern about the number of loose dogs running around the city. All they wanted to know was who to call when an uninvited one was in their yard. The citizen says calls to the law enforcement center are usually redirected to the city's dog catcher, but there are times when the dog catcher is unavailable.

Mayor Shane Day informed the council that the dog catcher, Stephanie Willhite of Muddy Paws, has requested permission to patrol the city, but the city has to make a provision for that to happen. As the current contract with Muddy Paws stands, Willhite is allowed to pick up stray animals only after she has received a call. Of course, having the dog catcher patrol the streets would be more expensive; a cost the City would eventually find a way to recoup. Right now it looks like tiered citations may be the answer here. In other words, your dog gets caught once, you pay a certain fine, but if it gets caught again, the fine goes up.

The individual said they are not talking about animals that inadvertently get away from their owners, but more about those animals that are repeat offenders; however, while an accidental escape by an owner's dog would still be subject to capture and a fine, steady patrol of the streets might begin to have an impact on those dogs routinely running at large. Actually, it is hoped it might begin to have an impact on the owners allowing their animals to routinely run the streets as they reach deeper into their pockets.

Right now in my own four-block neighborhood (I live on a corner lot and the four blocks extend outward from my corner like spokes on a wheel), there are 15 dogs. While most of the dog owners keep a pretty tight leash on their animals, there are three who actively support the "let-our-animals-be-free" theory. They must think that since they love their dogs, everyone else does too, otherwise I can't imagine why they think it's okay to allow their animals to roam. I'd like to think it's because they haven't been told yet, but I also know that it isn't true - all three have been asked, repeatedly, to control their animals. Since it doesn't seem to work, perhaps tiered citations might, but you never can tell with people and their pets.

The council will address this issue at the April meeting as they look at possibly making a provision for the dog catcher to patrol the streets. They will also look at possibly creating an ordinance dis-allowing some species of dogs, namely Pit Bull terriers.

Just letting everyone know, we're talking about dogs again.

Belvidere

By LaDonna Avers

Thursday four ladies met at the local cafe to enjoy lunch together. They were Ruth Yoachim, Donna Bedlan, Paula McGinness and LaDonna Avers. Later they were joined by Linda Hudson.

On Saturday morning Randy and Dianne Waldmeier attended the funeral for Justin Kunc, age 33 who was killed in a farm accident earlier in the week. Justin was a cousin to Dianne. The funeral was held in Wilber. Many relatives and friends were in attendance.

Mid-afternoon on Saturday Tanner, Jess, Hayley and Bo Schlegel of McCook were guests at the Randy and Dianne Waldmeier home. This was a very belated Christmas mainly because of illness the last few months. Also visiting were Josh, Jen, Treyton, Tara and Tyson Waldmeier of Belvidere. The Schlegels returned home on Sunday afternoon.

After church services on Sunday the congregation adjourned to the fellowship hall where Doris Deepe was honored with a small party for her 97th birthday. Her sister, Audrey Else, served rolls, doughnuts, cookies and coffee. Sister-in-law Marilyn Widler came from Geneva to join her for church and the party. Jody and Bob Else also stopped in later. Members of the church stayed for a short board meeting after the party.

It was very nice to have Norman and Ila Currey back in church after a long absence. Ila is doing very well since her

broken hip and she is mobile again.

Sunday a joint birthday celebration for TaraLee and JessaLynn Hudson was held at the home of their parents, Bill and Gina Hudson. Guests for dinner were their grandparents, Linda Hudson and Russ and Marla Gerberding, Ethan Hudson, Shanna Gerberding, Norman Lunzmann and the Ted Norder family. Each girl had their own cake as they celebrated their February 14 and March 1 birthdays.

While visiting her son Jack and family in Ft. Calhoun, Arlys Dill received word that her sister-in-law, Rita Palmer, had passed away in Big Spring, Texas. With the funeral set for three days hence, she needed to hurry home to Belvidere to pack more clothes and get on the road for a two day trip. All the nieces, nephews and most of their spouses were able to gather for their loved one's memorial service and interment. Family members came from Pennsylvania, Tennessee, various parts of Texas and Nebraska. After three days of visiting in Big Spring, Arlys drove on to Temple, Texas, to stay overnight with niece Rebecca and husband Al Bock. They had just moved back to Texas last year from Virginia and were recently married in Texas. From there it was just a few miles further for Arlys to continue her journey to Georgetown to spend a couple days with sisters-in-law, Carol Lehmkuhl and Jean Anderson, returning home one week after leaving Nebraska.

B-D FCCLA Attends Peer Education Retreat



Courtesy photo

B-D FCCLA members attending Peer Education Retreat are from left, Kelsey Anderson, Ariel Yaney, Sara Hinds, Elizabeth Ohlde, Brenna Meyer, Charlie Martin, Tyler Anderson. Front: Johana Degner.

The Bruning-Davenport High School and Middle School chapters of FCCLA had eight members attend the annual Peer Education Retreat held this past Monday, Feb. 27, in Kearney. The theme of the retreat was Step Up to Peer Education. Over 425 members and advisers from across the state attended the event.

Keynote speaker was Susan Brown, an extension education educator who shared the importance of humor in our lives. Breakout sessions were presented by Tom Knott who was involved in an accident where someone was killed shared the importance of making a wise decision.

Another session was on fitness featuring Zumba dancing and then the three peer team members presented informa-

tion about the peer education programs.

Finalists for the soon to be elected team were introduced and presented certificates. Brenna Meyer and Elizabeth Ohlde are finalists in the selection process. Chapter awards related to the three Nebraska Peer team were announced for the three projects in each area. Door prizes at the conclusion of the event were a hit with members.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is a national career student organization for young men and women in family and consumer sciences education in public and private schools through grade 12. FCCLA is the only national career student organization with the family as its central focus.



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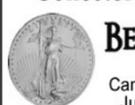
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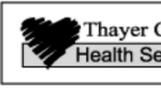
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Courthouse News

COUNTY COURT Fines Paid by Feb. 29, 2012

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

Nebraska State Patrol

Daniel A. Beddoe, Davenport. Speeding (76/60), \$125
Thomas Hand, Western. Speeding (74/60) \$75.
Katie N. Johnson, Weatherford, Texas. Speeding (73/65), \$25.
Mark B. Murphy, Beatrice. Speeding (80/60), \$125.
Naveed S. Nooruddin, Wichita, Kan. Speeding (69/55), \$75.
Brian A. Scheele, Plymouth, Neb. Speeding (70/60), \$25.
Matthew M. Vetter, Fairbury. Speeding (70/60), \$25.
Joshua J. Warner, Ceresco. Speeding (75/55), \$125; Expired Registration, \$25.
Krystal L. Willis, El Paso, Texas. Speeding (83/65), \$125.
Joshua A. Wilson, Fairbury. Speeding (75/60), \$75.

The County Court processed 16 citations issued to 11 commercial vehicle drivers for Nebraska road violations in the last week. Drivers from 7 states and Mexico paid a total of \$1,035.

Local Law Enforcement

Michael J. Deutsch, Beatrice. Speeding (68/55), \$75; No operator's license, \$75.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Donna F. Meyer to Donna F. Meyer Irrevocable Trust, Bruce L. Meyer, Trustee and Bradley G. Meyer, Trustee. SW1/4 Section 7, T2N, R4W.
Bernadene A. Mumm to Max D. Stierwalt and Phyllis R. Stierwalt. Lot 34 Northside Estates of Hebron, Thayer County, Nebraska.
Lavon O. Bohling and Fern E. Bohling to Lavon O. Bohling and Fern E. Bohling, Trustees of the Lavon O.

Bohling Revocable Trust. Irregular Tract No. 2 in NW1/4 NW1/4 Section 8, T2N, R2W; Tract of land located in Irregular Tracts 22 and 15 in SW1/4 SW1/4 Section 5, T2N, R2W.

David A. Keim and Janice K. Keim to Chris Pavelka and Lynne Pavelka. Pt Lot 1, 2, 3 in Block 2, Vanderveers Addition of Davenport, Thayer County, Nebraska.
Judy M. Kujath and Mark Kujath to John F. Recknor. Lot 1 and Pt Lot 2 in Block 4, Roberts Addition of Deshler, Thayer County, Nebraska (The north 43 feet of Lot 2).

Jered L. Hinrichs and Tammy L. Hinrichs to Richard F. Dana and Linda S. Dana. Lot 2, Except the east 6 feet thereto, Block 13, Original Town of Bruning, Thayer County, Nebraska.
Robert L. Norder and Nila Jean Norder to Jered L. Hinrichs and Tammy L. Hinrichs. Lot 4 Casper and Wilkens Addition of Bruning, Thayer County, Nebraska.
Gerald Schweer, Sheryl Schweer, Robert Juedes and Mary Juedes to Bagriel J. Skalka and Amy S. Skalka. Lot 9 in Block 2, Keers Addition of Bruning, Thayer County, Nebraska.

DTR Family Farms Limited Partnership to Daniel J. Miller Trust, Ryan D. Miller and Tyler R. Miller Trust. W1/2SE14 Section 33, T4N, R2W; S1/2 NW1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4 Section 1, T4N, R4W; NW1/4 Section 7, T4N, R3W.
Dixie L. Buchanan to William Baden. Lot 6 and Pt Lot 5 in Block 21, H. J. Struves 1st Addition of Deshler, Thayer County, Nebraska.

Idonna Virus, Trustee of Leona Lipker Revocable Trust, Idonna Virus, Leroy Virus, Dwain Lipker and Carol Lipker to Holtzen Farms. SW1/4 NW1/4 Section 28, T3N, R4W; N1/2, Pt S1/2 NW1/4 Section 33, T3N, R4W.

Thayer County Students To Participate In EverFi

High school students in Thayer County now have the opportunity to participate in the EverFi Financial Scholars Program, a new financial literacy initiative made possible by funds from the John Murrell Family Endowment through the Bruning Community Foundation.

This innovative web-based program uses the latest in media technologies – video, animations, 3-D gaming, avatars, and social networking – to bring complex financial concepts to life for today's younger generation.

The EverFi program is being offered at Bruning-Davenport, Thayer Central, and Deshler high schools. Through six hours of interactive instruction and three hours of adaptive gameplay in real-world simulations, students will learn about more than 600 financial topics such as credit scores, insurance, student loans, credit cards, mortgages, taxes, stocks, and 401k's. Teachers are able to track individual student progress and scores. Students who successfully complete the course will receive their certification in financial literacy, a valuable mark of distinction on college applications and resumes.

"We have made this commitment in our communities because we believe that if we better educate our students on personal finance today, we can set them up for future success and financial responsibility as adults," said Fred D. Bruning, president of the Bruning Community Foundation. "Our area is very fortunate to have funds available from the John Murrell Family Endowment, and we were glad to partner with them to bring this new program to our schools."

EverFi is an education company that teams up with local banks, corporations, and foundations to provide their programs at no cost to schools. To date, more than 3 million students across all 50 states have completed the award-winning EverFi programs.

Thayer County Historical Society Holds Meeting

The Thayer County Historical Society met at the museum annex on Feb. 29. There were 16 people present as Steve Delay opened the meeting and asked for the minutes of the last meeting to be read. Lois Pederson gave the financial report.

Jackie Williamson gave the curator's report. She had several items of interest one being that Julia Pohlman had brought in a fair premium book and a notice about the Bill Lewis shows at the fair. The curators prepared a valentine display for the Courtyard Terrace and that the residents enjoyed it. Annette said they are going to prepare an Easter bonnet display for them also.

Jackie passed around a number of old pictures that everyone enjoyed. One was of the late Jim Bruning as a little boy with the schoolhouse (museum building now) in the background. They discussed an old stone barn in Davenport.

It needs to be taken apart and some of it rebuilt at the museum. Deshler Scout Troup No. 307 is to be commended for all their help and for donating their old Pinewood Derby race track. Three display cases have been purchased at a sale and have been refinished. They look very nice and are a great addition.

Pictures were also shown of the pile of broken pieces that once was a Union Pacific hand car and then of the handcar itself after it had been restored by Charlie Horner.

The annual meeting was discussed and April 29 was decided on for the date. The program is being left up to the curators to plan and they will also decide who will cater the event. There will be more information available after the next meeting which will be held on March 28 at 7:30 p.m., at the museum annex.

LADONNA AVERS, News Reporter

TC Economic Development Alliance Hosting Planning Session

Thayer County Economic Development Alliance is hosting a planning session on March 22. The planning session will be at the courthouse clubroom. TCEDA would like you to help plan Thayer County and your community for the next five years. Other interested folks in your community are also welcome to come and help plan a direction for Thayer County.

The main direction of that night will be what does Thayer County need that will change our economic outlook in the next five years. This may mean new businesses, housing, more people living in the area, keeping our existing businesses, will a wind power project move forward, working on infrastructure, business transfer or succession, is LB 840 good for your community and if so who would be the ones to get that initiative passed, what is the future of the movie theater and how would you want to

see this accomplished, and other topics.

As we see the smaller communities fighting for their post offices, what is next for rural Nebraska. We must have a plan for Thayer County and for all of our communities if we want to compete with the larger communities. We all need to fight together, come together and work for Thayer County to be a better place in the near future.

Please RSVP to Arlis Hohl at 402-768-7407 or tceda@diodecom.net, if you will be able to attend that evening. Remember your presence is essential to plan the direction for Thayer County for the next few years.

ARLIS HOHL

National Nutrition Month

March is National Nutrition Month, a time for us all to set healthy eating goals and work on developing lifelong healthy habits. Pairing healthy eating with regular physical activity has been shown to help reduce the risk of developing chronic illnesses such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes and cancer.

The theme for this year is "Get Your Plate in Shape." By focusing on the "MyPlate" theme, dietitians want to help us make simple changes to our daily eating plans that hopefully will lead to new healthy habits. The idea is to encourage us to return to the basics of healthy eating through the recommended amounts of fruits, vegetables, grains, protein foods and dairy each day. They also want to educate us on how to implement their suggestions into our daily lives.

Poor nutrition is a major contributing factor to the obesity epidemic in the U.S. Over 30 percent of U.S. adults and approximately 17 percent of children and adolescents aged 2-19 years are obese. That is why the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Agriculture Department released the Dietary Guidelines for Americans to promote good health, reduce the risk of chronic diseases, and reduce the prevalence of overweight and obesity.

The guidelines recommend balancing calories with physical activity, and encourages Americans to consume more healthy foods like vegetables, fruits, whole grains, fat-free and low-fat dairy products, and seafood, and to consume less sodium, saturated and trans fats, added sugars, and refined grains.

Incorporating small changes at mealtime can make a big difference. Parents and caregivers need to set an example for children by making healthy food choices and engaging them in meal preparation. Learning healthy habits at an early age can last a lifetime. Here are some easy tips to get started:

- Swap out your cookie jar for a basket filled with fruit.
- Serve vegetables with every meal. Include them in omelets, pasta dishes or smoothies.
- Use smaller plates for portion control.
- Skip the salt and use herbs and spices instead for added flavor.
- Use fresh, frozen, and canned fruits and vegetables. They all offer the same great nutrients. Just be sure to watch the sodium or added sugar on

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By Joyce Beck, CEO
Thayer County Health Services



canned options. Look for those packed in water or 100 percent fruit juice.

• Print out a copy of the new MyPlate food icon at www.choosemyplate.gov and make it a family activity to match your plate with the recommended portions.

• Use tips and resources on making healthy choices the easy choice at www.fitness.gov and www.eatright.org.

For more information on nutrition and how you can develop a healthy eating plan, contact Monica Madsen, registered dietitian for Thayer County Health Services at 402-768-4660.

Sources: www.eatright.org and www.fitness.gov.

Johnson Attends Conference

Approximately 270 individuals attended the 2012 Les Lukert Winter Conference Feb. 10-12 at the Kearney Holiday Inn.

The conference was sponsored by the Nebraska Society of Fire Service Instructors and Central Community College-Lexington. Sessions focused on accountability, adaptive fireground management, avoiding human error, firefighter rehab, ice rescue, leading and learning, pride and ownership, situational awareness, and thriving on the fireground.

Justin Johnson of Hebron attended the conference.

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TC Economic Development Alliance Hosting Webinars

Thayer County Economic Development Alliance is hosting three webinars titled, "Strategies to Recruit Alumni and Young Families to Your Community." The series of webinars are being given by The Heartland Center for Leadership Development in collaborations with the RUPRI Center for Rural Entrepreneurship. The webinars will be held at the courthouse clubroom from noon to 1 p.m., on March 27, April 10, and May 15.

In three one-hour sessions, co-hosts Milan Wall and Craig Schroeder will guide you through the process of identifying your target audience in relation to your community's strongest assets, crafting a

compelling message and brand to attract new residents and building a game plan to recruit alumni and young families to your community.

Upon completion of this series, you will have the knowledge and tools needed to move forward with implementing an action plan.

The webinar is held over the lunch time.

Please RSVP to Arlis Hohl at 402-768-7407 or tceda@diodecom.net, if you want to come and watch the webinar as a group. The webinar will also be recorded and a link will be sent out to view the webinar at your own computer.

Eisenhauer Recognized

The Nebraska Jazzercise District meeting was held at the Embassy Suites in Lincoln on Saturday, March 3.

Jon Eisenhauer of Fairbury was one of nine Jazzercise associates recognized for teaching over 300 Jazzercise classes in 2011.

Currently there are 145 associates teaching in the Nebraska district which includes the states of North and South Dakota.

Along with associate, Tami Francik, of Deshler, Jon and his class owner/wife, Karen, offer Jazzercise classes at their Hebron and Geneva locations.

Birth

Justin Pope and Nicki Ulrich of Shickley would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Callie Ryan. Callie was born Jan. 26, 2012, in Hebron, and weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

Proud grandparents are Craig and Deb Pope of Hebron, Terri Ulrich and Kenny of Hebron, and Thomas Ulrich and Anita of Fairbury.

Great-grandparents are Dale Johnson of Hebron and Doreita Kleider of Roosevelt, Ariz.

CSFP Clinic Scheduled

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) distribution clinic will be held in Hebron at 135 N 4th St., on Thursday, March 29. An appointment is suggested.

CSFP provides nutritious foods to persons who are age 60 or greater, children until they reach age six and women who are pregnant or have had a baby in the past year. Qualified persons must live in Nebraska and be under the income guidelines.

Foods given through CSFP include canned fruits, vegetables and juice; canned and dry milk, hot and cold cereals, canned meat, peanut butter and dried beans, cheese, pasta or potatoes.

To schedule an appointment or obtain information on how to qualify for CSFP, please call Blue Valley Community Action at 402-729-2278 or 402-768-6704.

Hebron High/Thayer Central Meets March 13

The Hebron High/Thayer Central High School Alumni Association will meet Tuesday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the basement meeting room of the Hebron Secrest Library.

Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Petersen On Honors List

Nebraska Wesleyan University has announced its academic honors list for the fall semester of the 2011-2012 academic year.

A student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.75 (on a 4.00 scale) for 12 or more hours of coursework to qualify for the list.

Nicole Reed Petersen of Hebron earned a place on the academic honor list.

Just Us Club Celebrates 40th Anniversary

Celebrating 40 years in March, 2012, are the Just Us Friendship Club. They are hosting a salad supper Monday, March 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Thayer County Courthouse clubroom.

All former members are invited to join in the celebration.

"Come join us for an evening of good food and reminiscing," says their president.

Hebron Senior Dinners

Monday, March 12: Prarie-rieland food order. Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, seasoned carrots, chunky fruit.

Tuesday, March 13: Boneless pork chop, potatoes O'Brien, green beans with bacon, ice cream. *Bingo.*

Wednesday, March 14: Hamburger vegetable soup, crescent roll, cheese stick, sliced peaches.

Thursday, March 15: Smothered chicken bistro bakers, corn, roll, birthday cake.

Friday, March 16: Cod strips, cheesy potato bake, peas and carrots, Danish petite.

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.

MEETING NOTICE

The American Legion and Auxiliary Saxton Post #180 will have a covered dish supper on March 12 at 6:30 at the country club, in observance of the Legion's birthday.

Schoenholz, Bankson To Wed



Bankson, Schoenholz

Jay and Barbara Schoenholz of Bruning are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Alissa to Brad Bankson. Brad is the son of Dave and Christine Bankson of Hordville.

Alissa is a 2000 graduate of Bruning High School. She graduated from the University of Nebraska in 2005 and is now employed at Phelps Memorial Therapy Center in Holdrege.

Brad graduated from Polk-Hordville High School in 1997. In 2001 he graduated from the University of Nebraska. He is currently working for Scoular Co., in Holdrege.

Grandparents of the bride are Francis and Beth Garrison of Bruning. Brad's grandmother is Donna Bankson of Central City.

The couple is planning an April 14 wedding in Bruning.

Special Occasions



Hang on to your Bonnet!
Happy 60th Birthday
Deb Johnson

Happy 90th Birthday!
Congratulations
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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.

TC Elementary Celebrates Read Across America Day



Courtesy Photo

National Honor Society members participating in Read Across America Day at Thayer Central Community Schools are Sara Bulin, Michael Feulner, Ethan Friesen, Jasmine Kovacs, and Andrew Wilshusen.

Betty Meyer, Thayer Central Library media specialist invited the students of the Thayer Central National Honor Society to be guest readers for the elementary classrooms to celebrate Read Across America Day on Friday, March 2.

They read to Thayer Central elementary students, handed out Read Across America stickers, and book marks. They told the students about themselves and why reading

was important in their lives. The students presented the guest readers with certificates for reading, and the guest readers received pictures of themselves reading to the students.

Started in 1998, Read Across America, which the National Education Association sponsors, has become a national tradition over the past five years as a way to promote reading while celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2.

Cards of Thanks

Card of Thanks

A special thank you is extended to the Davenport Fire and Rescue Department that organized David Keim's benefit on Feb. 19 at the Davenport Fire Hall. The support we received was overwhelming and humbling. Sincere thanks to our friends and families for all their prayers and support as we await David's liver transplant. To all who have contributed in the form of donations, food, prayers, and service we truly cannot thank you enough. God has surely blessed us in more ways than we can comprehend. May He be a blessing to you as you have been to us. Thank you,

DAVID, JANICE AND DONA

Card of Thanks

Thanks to all the doctors, nurses and hospital staff at TCHS for the excellent care I received during my surgery and recovery. Thanks also for visits and gifts received while there and since returning home. Special thanks to Doctors Hurlbut, Sullivan and Hubl and the therapy staff.

GENE WIEDEL

Card of Thanks

Words of "thanks" are not enough for the multitude of people that helped with Sunday's fire. Special thanks to Ron Broers for calling in the fire and notifying us; LEC and the sheriff's department; Hebron, Deshler, Belvidere, Gilead and Chester fire departments for their rapid and efficient service; Neil and Alan Wiedel and Scott Elting for the tractors and discs; Williams Drilling for water supply; Dick Heinrichs and the County Road Department for equipment and anyone we may have forgotten. With heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

DICK AND CHERYL WALSH, KELLY AND KAY ELTING

Birth

Ryan and Rachel (Wiedel) Krupicka of Cortland are the proud parents of a son, Kyson Harry, born March 1, 2012, at BryanLGH East in Lincoln. Kyson weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Brother Keston, who was four on Feb. 29, welcomes him home.

Grandparents include Ron and Carol Krupicka of Carleton and Harry and Linda Wiedel of Hebron.

MEETING NOTICE

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 5 will meet in regular session on March 12, 2012, at 7 p.m. at Educational Service Unit No. 5, 900 West Court Street, in Beatrice.

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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, March 11: Worship, 9 a.m. Message: "Beautiful Law." 3rd Sunday of Lent.

*** BETHEL ***

BETHEL CHURCH
Jim Hubble, Pastor
www.bethelccn.org
Sunday, March 11: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.

*** BRUNING ***

TRINITY LUTHERAN
Stuart Sell, Pastor
Sunday, March 11: SS 9 a.m.;
Worship, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, March 14: Confirmation class, 5 p.m.; Soup supper 6 p.m.; Lenten Service, 7:30 p.m.; Church Council after Lenten service.

UNITED METHODIST

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

*** BYRON ***

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
Interim Pastor Tom Miller
Wednesday, March 7: Mary Martha Circle, 2 p.m. @ St. Peter; Lenten service @ St. Paul Hardy; Meal, 6:30 p.m. Worship, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 11: S.S., 9:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m., all at St. Paul, Byron.
Tuesday, March 13: Men in Mission @ St Peter, 7 p.m.; St. Paul, Byron, Church Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 14: St. Paul, Hardy, WELCA meeting, 1:30 .m.; Lenten Service @ St.

Paul, Hardy; meal @ 6:30 p.m.; worship, 7:30 p.m.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN RURAL BYRON

Interim Pastor Tom Miller
See St. Paul, Byron.

*** CARLETON ***

ZION LUTHERAN
Rev. Jonathan K. Jensen
Sunday, March 11: Worship, 9:30 a.m.

*** CHESTER ***

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN
Rev. Timothy Prince, Vacancy Pastor
Sunday, March 11: 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
Sundays: Worship, 9 a.m.;
Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST

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

*** DESHLER ***

ABIDING WORD LUTHERAN
, Pastor
Sunday, March 11: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.

PEACE LUTHERAN

Phillip Nielsen, Pastor
Wednesday, March 7: 7&8 PACE, 5 p.m.; Soup Supper 5:45-6:45 p.m.; Youth Praise, 6:15 p.m.; Lenten Worship, 7:15 p.m.; Choir, 8:00 p.m.; YOP Study Night, 8 p.m.
Saturday, March 10: Worship,

6:30 p.m.; Daylight Saving Time Begins--set clocks ahead.

Sunday, March 11: Sunday School for all, 8:45 a.m.;Worship, 10 a.m., Financial Peace, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13: Morning circle, 9:30 a.m.; Staff Mtg. 4:30 p.m.; Preschool PTC, 5-8; Crossways, 7 p.m.; Council, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14: Men's Breakfast @ Grampa's Crossing, 7 a.m.;Meadowlark Comm., 9:45 a.m.; PVH Communion, 10:30 p.m.; NO PACE; Soup Supper #2, 5:45-6:45 p.m.; Adult Praise Team, 6:15 p.m.;Lenten Worship, 7:15 p.m.; Choir, 8:00 p.m.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN

Brian Franck, Pastor
Wednesday, March 7: Pastor @ Faith Lutheran, Hebron, 10 a.m.; DLS Chapel, 10:15 a.m.; Handbells, 5:30 p.m.; Midweek Confirmation, 6 p.m.;Lenten Service, 7 p.m.; Choir, 7:45 p.m.
Thursday, March 8: No school; Quilt tying, 9 a.m.
Friday, March 9: No school; Bulletin folders, 1 p.m.; Wedding rehearsal, 5 p.m.
Saturday, March 10: Wedding.

Sunday, March 11: Worship w/DLS Choir singing, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee and 7-8th grade bake sale, 10:30 a.m.; SS and Adult Bible Class, 10:45 a.m.

Monday, March 12: Communion @ Parkview Haven, 10:30 a.m.; Agape Readers, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13: LifeLight, 10 a.m.; Circuit Pastors, 12 p.m.; Lifelight, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14: No School; Pastor at Faith Lutheran, Hebron, 10:15 a.m.; Handbells, 5:30 p.m.;Midweek Confirmation, 6 p.m.; Lenten Service, 7 p.m.; Choir, 7:45 p.m.

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

*** FRIEDENSAU ***

TRINITY LUTHERAN
B. J. Fouts, Pastor
Wednesday, March 7: Grandparents' Day Chapel @ DLS,

10:15 a.m. Lenten Supper, 5:45 p.m.; Lent Service, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 8: No school @ DLS; Pastor @ Ruskin

Sunday, March 11: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; SS and Bible Class, 11:15 a.m.; Jr. Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13: Blue Valley Nursing Home Communion Service, 10:30 a.m.; Circuit pastor's meeting @ Shickley, 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14: No School @ DLS; Parkview Haven Chapel, 3 p.m.; Lenten Supper, 5:45 p.m.; Lent service, 6:30 p.m.

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

*** GILEAD ***

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
Nile Buch, Interim Pastor
Sunday, March 11: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.

*** HARDY ***

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
Interim Pastor Tom Miller

*** HEBRON ***

FAITH LUTHERAN
Brian Franck, Vacancy Pastor
Sunday, March 11: Worship, 8 a.m.; Sunday School, 9 a.m.

FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH
Steve Speichinger, Pastor
Sunday, March 11: Worship, 10 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Connie Stone, Pastor
Sunday, March 11: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Keith Brozek, Pastor
Wednesday, March 7: Lenten mid-day service @ Grace, 12:05 p.m. service; lunch, 11:30 and 12:30. Lenten Lecture series, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 8: Ministerial meeting, 10 a.m.;
Friday, March 9: Men's Break-

fast and Bible study at Mary's Cafe, 6:30-7:15 a.m.

Saturday, March 10: Worship, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 11: Worship, 9 a.m., Coffee fellowship, 10 a.m.; SS, 10:15 a.m.; Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 14: Lenten mid-day worship at 1st Community Church, 12:05; Lunch 11:30 and 12:30; Lenten Lecture series in Fellowship Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 15: Prayer Ministry meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 16: American Red Cross Bloodmobile in fellowship hall, 12 noon - 9 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Dave Coleman, Pastor
Sunday, March 11: Services at 6 p.m., 916 Lincoln Ave., Hebron. 8 week series on how to have success in the Christian Life.

HEBRON & CHESTER UNITED METHODIST

Mark Baldwin, Pastor
Wednesday, March 7: U.M.W. meeting, Hebron, 7 p.m.; 2nd Lenten Service at Grace Lutheran, 11:30 -12:30
Saturday, March 10: Worship, 7 p. m. Hebron

Sunday, March 11: Worship, Hebron, 9 a.m.; SS Chester, 9:45 a.m.; Coffee fellowship, Hebron, 10 a.m.; SS, Hebron, 10:15 a.m.; Worship, Chester, 11 a.m.; Pageant practice at J. B. Bratton Ranch., 5 p.m.; Carpool at church, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14: Lenten Service at 1st Community Church, Hebron, dinner at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30; Worship at 12:05 p.m.

KING OF KINGS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Darrell Sutton, Pastor
Tuesdays: Service, 7 p.m.
Sundays: Worship, 3 p.m.
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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
Wednesday, March 7: Lenten Service at Grace Lutheran, 12:05 p.m.; Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m.; CCD, 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 10: Mass, 6 p.m.

Sunday, March 11: Choir, 8:30 a.m.; Mass, 10 a.m.; Holy Hour to pray for the Unborn, 3 p.m. every Sunday

Monday, March 12: Instructions in the Faith Class, 7 p.m. in the social hall. Everyone welcome.

Wednesday, March 14: Ecumenical Lenten Service at First Community Church, 12:05 p.m.; Dinner 11:30 and 12:30 p.m.; Stations of the Cross, CCD, 7 p.m.

HEBRON BIBLE CHURCH

Jeff Friesen, Pastor
Sundays: Worship, 10 a.m.; Sunday School, 9 a.m.
Wednesdays: Bible Study on Revelations, 7 p.m.

*** HUBBELL ***

ZION LUTHERAN
Rev. Timothy Prince, Vacancy Pastor
Sunday, March 11: Worship, 8:30 a.m.

*** OAK ***

FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH
Arthur Taylor, Interim Pastor
Sunday, March 11: Regular worship time.

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

Dorothy Rasher

Dorothy M. Rasher, 82, of Grand Island died Sunday, March 4, 2012, at the Good Samaritan Society-Grand Island. She was born Nov. 12, 1929, at Carleton to Alexander Sr., and Sarah Agnes (Steyer) Dudgeon.

Dorothy grew up and received her education at District 12 School and Carleton High School.

She married Walter J. Rasher on Jan. 15, 1949, at Hastings. They made their home at Belvidere before moving to Grand Island in 1951.

Besides being a wife and homemaker, Dorothy worked for Skagway, and later for Bill's Trading Post for 20 years. She then worked for eight years in food services at Lutheran Hospital, retiring from that position in 1988.

Dorothy loved to travel. She and Walter went on several cruises, and saw different parts of the world. She enjoyed playing bingo, cards, reading and quilting. She especially enjoyed the time she spent with her family.

She was a member of the First Christian Church.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date.

Survivors of the immediate family include her husband, Walter Rasher of Grand Island; daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Patrick Dinnel of Grand Island and Carol and Chuck Ryll of Oroville, Calif.; brothers, Robert M. Dudgeon of Hebron, Gerald D. Dudgeon of Lincoln and Eugene A. Dudgeon of Hebron; grandchildren, Sara Wajda, Melissa Dinnel, Alex and Alyssa Ryll.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her parents and her son, Gary Rasher.

Graveside services were held March 6 at the Grand Island City Cemetery. The Rev. Dr. Scott Taylor will officiate.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at www.apfelnerhome.com.

Loetta Johnson

On Tuesday, February 21, 2012, Loetta "Midge" Johnson of Gaithersburg, Md., passed away.

She is the beloved and adored wife of the late Theodore "Dick" Johnson; beloved and adored mother of Larry Johnson of Bluemont, Va.; Nita Johnson of Rockville, Md.; Michael and Robyn Johnson of Laytonsville, Md.; Beverly Johnson of Gaithersburg, Md.; Barbara Johnson and Ruth Gresser of Silver Spring, Md.; and Rose Fikak of Arlington, Va.; loving sister of Catherine Johnson and the late Rex Johnson, Beth and Keith Beavens, Lo Ella Schoenholz of Bruning and the late Louis Schoenholz, the late Loveda and Irvin Higel and the late Lollen and Dorothy Schoenholz; beloved grandmother of Tracy and Kyle Mulroy, Kelly and Arturo Caraballo, Michelle Johnson, Shannon and Brian Velten, Matthew and Ashley Johnson and Lulia Aron; great-grandmother of Reece Mulroy and Isabella, Alex and Olivia Caraballo; a host of nieces and nephews and several relatives in Nebraska

and close companion Cody.

A mass of Christian burial was held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Gaithersburg, Md., on February 25.

Interment was at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to The Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation (www.oif.org), Art Works Studio School (www.artworksnw.org) or Montgomery County Humane Society (www.mchumane.org).

Death Notice

Lucille Russell

Lucille F. Russell of Chester, age 98, passed away on March 5, 2012, in Deshler.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., on Saturday, March 10, at the United Methodist Church, Chester.

Interment will be in the Chester Cemetery, Chester.

Memorials may be given to Chester United Methodist Church, or Parkview Haven Nursing Home.

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

Bloodmobile In Hebron March 16

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Grace Lutheran will host the visit on March 16 from 12:00 to 6:00. Connie O'Hanlon and her callers will be in contact to make an appointment. Give her a call at (402) 768-6593. Change a Life, find out if you can donate.

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Walk-ins accepted as time is available.



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Geneva Home & Garden Show

March 16 & 17
Fillmore County Fairgrounds Ag Building

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11:00 am: Doors Open	9:00 am: Doors Open
4:00 pm: KUTT Live Radio Broadcast	9:00-11:00 am: Kid Zone Activities
5:00 pm: Fillmore Central 'L' Street	9:00-1:00 pm: Child Identification Program Provided by Geneva Lodge #79
6:00 pm: Geneva Activity & Education Dancers	10:00 am: Edgerton Explorers Program Fun for the Kids!!
6:45 pm: Spring Style Show Presented by Cumberlands Fashions	10:00 am: Kid's Drawing Must be present to win
7:15 pm: Geneva Gold Drawing	11:00 am: Geneva Broadband Demonstration
7:15 pm: "Helen's Many Musical Hats Show" Presented by Helen Johnson	12:30 pm: Geneva Gold Drawing

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Curtain Up...

Installation of the new Chester Auditorium curtains has begun but the company has a ways to go. The goal is to have the work completed before the Last Supper production on Sunday, April 1.



JR Photo/Jen Crouse

Finishing...

Deshler Girl Scouts Chloe Mosier, Paiton Nash, Alexis Holtzen, Brenna Dubbert, Makinna Peterson, Cadence Jacobe, Makayla Wright, Katie Poppe, Trinity Schardt and Sena Petersen spent Saturday afternoon painting the sculptures they had previously made at the Art Department in Chester. Several parents helped Cindy Chinn and Lucky Stradley with the project. After the girls painted the sculptures they attached hair, etc. The pieces will be auctioned off at a later date in Lincoln.

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Effective March 12

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Chester Senior Diners

Game night, Thursdays: 6 p.m.

Monday, March 12: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, seasoned carrots, chunky fruit. *Superstition.*

Tuesday, March 13: Boneless pork chop, potatoes O'Brien, green beans with bacon, ice cream. *Joke Day.*

Wednesday, March 14: Hamburger vegetable soup, crescent roll, cheese stick, sliced peaches. *Cowboy Superstition.*

Thursday, March 15: Smothered chicken bistro bakers, corn, roll, birthday cake. *Luck of the Irish.*

Friday, March 16: Cod strips, cheesy potato bake, peas an carrots, Danish petite. *Green things.*

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.

Deshler Public Schools

ACTIVITIES

Friday, March 9: Boys' state basketball tournament.

Saturday, March 10: Boys' state basketball tournament.

Monday, March 12: Choreography with Patrick; school board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13: Choreography with Patrick.

Wednesday, March 14: No school, district speech; Choreography with Patrick; FCA, 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 15: Physics class to cosmosphere; Choreography with Patrick.

Friday, March 16: No school.

Monday, March 12: Breakfast: Bagel. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, corn, grapes or pineapple, chocolate chip cookie.

Tuesday, March 13: Breakfast: Waffle, sausage, grapes. Lunch: Philly steak sandwich, lettuce salad, trail mix, baked apple.

Wednesday, March 14: No school.

Thursday, March 15: Breakfast: Granola bar. Lunch: Tater Tot casserole, dinner roll, peaches, brownie.

Oatmeal served on Fridays. Peanut butter and jelly or yogurt are alternate entree choices for fourth through sixth grade students. Chef salads available daily and optional entree choice for seventh through 12 grade students. Milk served with all meals. Menus are subject to change.

Friday, March 9: No school.

Monday, March 12: Breakfast: Taco. Lunch: Chicken Alfredo, steamed baby carrots, applesauce, peanut butter and jelly sandwich pack.

Tuesday, March 13: Breakfast: French toast sticks. Lunch: Pulled pork sandwich, coleslaw, mixed fruit, turkey sandwich pack.

Wednesday, March 14: Breakfast: Sausage gravy and biscuit. Lunch: Chili, cinnamon roll, broccoli and cauliflower mix, fresh grapes, ham sandwich pack.

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Blue Valley Bowl Bowling Results

MONDAY MEN'S NIGHT EARLY — City
High Team Scratch Series: Blue Valley Bowl — 2307; High Scratch Game: Bryce Mammen 259, Dale Werner/Ron Mammen 224; High Scratch Series: Bryce Mammen 721, John Coyle 587, Dale Werner 574.

TUESDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S — Bowlerettes
High Team Scratch Series: Hairbenders — 1756; High Scratch Game: Emily Seifert 235, Marlene Kendall 209, Phyllis Luehring 192; High Scratch Series: Sherry Jantzi 520, Emily Seifert 503, Phyllis Luehring 497.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEN'S — American
High Team Scratch Series: Kass Ford #2 — 2118; High Scratch Game: Dennis Degenhardt 248, Grant Worthington 235, David Klaumann 233; High Scratch Series: David Klaumann 655, Dennis Degenhardt 629, Grant Worthington 580.

THURSDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S — Rockettes
High Team Scratch Series: Central Market — 1800; High Scratch Game: Jill Spurling 201, Michele Modlin 192, Dana Bolte 181; High Scratch Series: Marissa Wagenblast 520, Paula Day 477, Diane Jacobson 466.

THURSDAY NIGHT MEN'S LATE — Pinbuster
High Team Scratch Series: True Value Hardware — 2028; High Scratch Game Men: Fred Schmidt 218, Glenn Hinz 216, Gary Reinsch 208; High Scratch Series: Glenn Hinz 589, Fred Schmidt 564, Gary Reinsch 544.

FRIDAY SENIOR LEAGUE
High Team Scratch Series: Fearsome Threesome — 1191; High Scratch Game Men: Lester Ebel 177, Fred Schmidt 172, Brian Francik 162; High Scratch Game Women: Linda Dudgeon 168, Laura DeVore 130, Lela Brettmann 129; High Team Series Men: Brian Francik 445, Fred Schmidt 434, Lester Ebel 425; High Team Series Women: Linda Dudgeon 422, Laura DeVore 372, Lela Brettmann 363.

SUNDAY NIGHT MIXED
High Team Scratch Series: Broncos — 1900; High Scratch Game Men: Mike Prellwitz 215, Devin Burress 205, Doug Modlin 193; High Scratch Game Women: Deb Kenning 206, Diane Jacobson 193, Michele Modlin 183; High Team Series Men: Devin Burress 584, Mike Prellwitz 564, Shaun Calkins 505; High Team Series Women: Deb Kenning 485, Michele Modlin/Diane Jacobson 473.

Thayer Central Community Schools

ACTIVITIES

Friday, March 9: No school; boys' state basketball tournament.

Saturday, March 10: Boys' state basketball tournament.

Monday, March 12: No school, spring break; school board meeting, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14: High school track and golf sports' pictures, 3:35 p.m.

Thursday, March 15: Malcolm junior high music contest; clinician, 10 a.m.; NHS induction, 7 p.m.; choir.

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Baker, Garland Awarded Hastings College Scholarships

Hastings College announces the recipients of its most prestigious academic scholarships, the Walter Scott Scholarships, and other distinguished academic scholarships.

Selected to interview for these scholarships during HC's February 12 Scholars Day based on their superior academic achievement and expected leadership contributions to the Hastings College campus, all the recipients have earned a 26 ACT or 1170 SAT score and currently maintain a 3.75 or higher grade point

average.

In addition to the scholarships listed below, these outstanding students also have been awarded \$12,000 Crimson Scholarships to attend Hastings College

Area students receiving scholarships include:

Trustee Scholarship: \$7,000 Shelby Garland, Bruning-Davenport High School of Ohio.

Dean Scholarship: \$1,000, Lane Baker, Deshler High School of Hebron

Thayer County Health Services

Things And Stuff

March 7: Alexandria
March 8: Gilead
March 9: Bruning

March 14: Davenport
March 15: Deshler
March 21: Bruning

March 23: Belvidere
March 28: 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. If you would like to volunteer at the shop, contact Pat Pumphrey at 402-768-6513.

Children Immunization Clinic will be held on Monday, March 12, 2012 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the conference

room in the lower level of the hospital in Hebron. This clinic is held on the 2nd Monday of the month.

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

Clinic Schedules

Bruning Clinic
March 13: 9-Noon Dr. Sullivan
Mar. 15: 1:30-4:30Madsen, PAC

Davenport Clinic
March 12: 9-Noon Dr. Sullivan
March 14: 9-Noon Madsen PAC

Deshler Clinic
Mar. 13: 1:30-4:30 Johnson PAC
March 14: 9:00-Noon Dr. Lanik
Mar. 15: 9-Noon Dr. Vonderfecht

Milligan Clinic
Mar. 13: 8-Noon Dr. Vonderfecht
Chester Clinic
Mar. 14: 1:30-4:30 Johnson, PAC

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Pages of the Past...

From The Hebron Journal-Register

1882

130 Years Ago

It is said that the G.A.R. Post organized here is one of the largest in the state.

The Werners of Friedensau have purchased a large quantity of lumber for building purposes.

The furniture in the county clerk's office is changed around so that one would think he was in the wrong pew, were it not that the top of Henry Garzee's head was visible above the high desk.

Dr. Thomas D. Bristol has returned to Hebron accompanied by his mother and sister. The doctor has located here and will at once open an office and engage in the practice of medicine and dental surgery.

From S.G.Schoonover we learn that the house of C.F. McGrew at Alexandria, caught fire from the stove pipe last Tuesday morning. Considerable damage was done to the roof, but the prompt action of the citizens who turned out with buckets, subdued the fire and prevented the destruction of the building. Loss, about \$100.

The firm of Naylor & Green, mail carriers, has been dissolved. W.J. Green has received the contract for carrying the mail from Belvidere to Chester during the next four years, his bid being the lowest responsible bid on file.

Joseph Goeller is still prospecting for a thicker vein of coal in his mine near Rose Creek in the southeastern part of this county. The coal he has been mining for two years is almost equal to the Republic County, Kan., coal and improves as the mine goes deeper. We hope his energy and patience will be rewarded by the discovery of a superior quality of coal.

C.C. Fletcher and Miss Addie Helfer were married in Kansas. Charlie Huse, formerly of Hebron, is now running a grocery business in Normalville, Ill.

All of Charley Leslie's children, north of Belvidere, are sick with the whooping cough.

The Fairbury tailor, Mr. Letton, will be in Hebron with samples of new spring goods. He will measure the boys for spring suits.

Prof. A.F. Brockman of Friedensau, is one of the happiest men in the county, having just received from the government \$2,031 back pension.

A.W. Campbell and family have moved to Hebron and are occupying the building adjoining the Central House. E.M. Correll's former residence.

W.D. Church sold 35,000 feet of lumber at Chester. The yard was full of teams waiting for their turn to be loaded. This item indicates a boom.

It is reported that corn has fallen a little in price. Some farmers are talking up sorghum.

Immigrants are already coming into Thayer County by the carload.

Superintendent Powell says the Union Sunday School of this place is to have an immense picnic when the violets bloom.

Hebron is much in need of a coal dealer and a lumber yard.

Good farm hands are getting 16 dollars a month

The G.A.R. Post organized at Hebron consists of 100 charter members.

Belvidere

H.W.L. Jackson, a former teacher of the Belvidere school, but who is at present in the employ at the Lincoln Marble Works, visited our town.

B.S. Peavy has just erected in the Belvidere cemetery for Harrison Moore the finest and best finished monument in Thayer County, to the memory of his children who fell victims of that fatal diphtheria scourge of 15 months ago.

An effort is being made to start a creamery at Belvidere.

Hubbell

Andy Agnew will start for Pennsylvania in a few days. He expects to bring a colony of about 30 families to settle at or near Hubbell.

The cold weather has put a stop to farming, although our agricultural men are busy. Farmers generally have their

wheat sowed and some have sowed oats

Davenport

Miss Maggie Duncan closed her school at Happy Hollow with an exhibition

A post of the G.A.R. was organized by Brad C. Cook. Spring Creek

Someone left the gates ajar and a beautiful angel baby came down to live with Gottfried Schmidt

T.C. Bestor has moved into Henry Miles' house and will manage Henry's farm this season.

There was a jolly and numerous attended party at T.C. Bestor's. The evening was spent in general social intercourse and music, both vocal and instrumental. Mr. Tanner of Hardy, an accomplished and talented violinist, entertained the company with opera music of the highest order.

Chester

Elijah Funkhouser, proprietor of the Western House, still wears that beautiful smile with mouth spread from ear to ear, which indicates prosperity

J.P. Williams and S.L. Wright, our druggists, still continue to dish out the pills to the needy

Dr. Munk is having splendid success in his practice.

Prairie Star

George McLaughlin and wife start for California soon; they intend making it their future home.

A pleasant sociable time was had at the residence of John Dow.

It is reported that Mrs. M.I. Meek has sold her place to J. Meek for \$2,500.

1892

120 Years Ago

Landlord Frost has changed the name of his hotel in Carleton from Sheridan to Tremont.

The marriage of John I. Helton and Miss Jessie Powell at the Christian Church has the distinction of being the first wedding ceremony celebrated in that building.

It appears to us that the continued growth of the city and the continued use of a present cemetery as a burial ground is a menace to public health. Sooner or later, the discontinuance of burials there will be inevitable. Why not stop in time? It is respectfully suggested to the city council that an ordinance should be passed providing that after a reasonable notice, three months, no further burials would be permitted in any cemetery within the city limits.

Henry Othling was married to Bertha Ohlbrecht at the residence of the bride's parents in Deshler precinct. E.W. Robinson, late a successful lumber merchant in Davenport was married at Kingston, Canada to Miss Bishop.

James E. Montgomery's name appears in the list of those granted pensions

C.T. Schlueter, prosperous German merchant at Alexandria, is dead.

1907

105 Years Ago

O.P. Hendershot will build a residence on his lots, corner of Olive Avenue and Seventh Street.

Dr. O.E. Van Doren, a graduate of the College of Dentistry in the Iowa State University at Iowa City, Iowa, has permanently located in Hebron for the practice of dentistry.

Destroyed in Hebron was one of the oldest landmarks in the vicinity, namely the first store building built in Hebron. It was erected by L.J. Correll, 35 years ago, and formerly stood on the lot now occupied by Young, Node & Co., hardware store, and moved by them when their new building was erected, onto the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Second Street, west of the City Hall. It was torn down and there will be built in its stead a more modern structure for a carriage and buggy store house.

Charlie Deming raised over 5,000 pounds of choice popcorn last year and has already found a ready market for over 4,000 pounds and is preparing a larger acreage the coming season. His popcorn is all carefully selected and free from any blemish and some of his customers have been constant patrons for 15 years.

Gilead

L.A. Latimer, who is attending medical school at Kansas City, is reported sick with typhoid fever.

Naiman & Bodtke shipped two cars of hogs from Gilead. They have shipped several cars of stock from the Williams switch on account of scarcity of cars at this place

Belvidere

C.F. Woker received a telegram announcing the death of his mother in Illinois.

Clarence Shugart has joined the United States Navy and is now at a training station on the Atlantic coast.

Davenport

D.A. Berkey has moved the house he recently purchased of the Frank Griffith estate, onto a lot opposite H. Ritzen's residence. He expects to build a new house on the Griffith lot.

Alexandria

The 80th birthday of George Weisel was celebrated by a number of relatives gathering at his home and taking him by surprise.

Chester

Sam Jeffries was thrown from his horse on the way to Hubbell and broke his collar bone. The horse that broke his shoulder bone, while being brought home by Earl Woodford, threw him and gave him a general shaking up, knocking four of his teeth loose and scratching him up generally.

Fred Fry Sr., father of Prof. Fry, of the Chester schools, has sold his farm at Byron and moved to Chester and is making his home with his brother, Theodore Fry, south of the tracks.

Carleton

W.W. Lichty and F.P. Beachy were in Lincoln for a few days arranging for the remodeling of the auditorium building

Stutevoss & Lichty have their building erected for the manufacture of cement blocks.

1917

95 Years Ago

The stockholders of the Hebron Sales Pavilion Co., held a well attended meeting. One-hundred-one shares of stock at \$100 each having been subscribed to, was the first step in forming a \$35,000 corporation.

There is one drive, east of Hebron, that has rare scenic beauty, that down towards the Wheeler bridge. Winding in and out among the trees along the river, part of the way cut into the side of a rocky bluff, the drive could be used as one of the delightful "show" places to strangers coming here. The road should be graded and made wide enough for passage, but should not be straightened, for every new curve is a surprising scene of beauty, particularly in the fall when the red sumac and berries vie with the autumn leaves in a veritable riot of gorgeous coloring.

People's Journal

Howard Snyder returned from Somerset, Pa., and brought with him his bride, Miss Laura Brant.

The Chester Herald

The entertainment given by the Paysen Male Chorus of Hebron made a decided hit with the large audience which greeted them.

Belvidere News

John Bowen and Miss Helen Bell were married at the home of John Brinegar, west of town.

Mrs. Coats, who has been suffering for some time with cancer of the liver, died at her home in the south part of town. She was taken to Missouri for burial.

Deshler Rustler

John Siebolds is operating a Ford assembly plant with a capacity of three cars a day.

1942

70 Years Ago

Pvt. Harold L. Hergott, son of Mr and Mrs. Louis Hergott, left Gilead for Des Moines, Iowa, to report for active duty.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bryan celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Miss Velma Kolling and Edgar Koch of Deshler were united in wedlock.

Mrs. Ad. Elliott reports that her birthday is just one year older than the Hebron Journal's. She came with her parents in the late '60's.



J-R File Photo

This Week — 1962: A good view is shown of Hebron's newest store — Skogmos Department Store in Penny's former location and owned and operated by John and Grace Musgrave. Mildred DeFrain, Joan Hawks, Grace and John are well pleased with the fine response by customers in this area to their grand opening.

They heroically faced Indian raids and suffered the ups and downs of prairie fires, terrible storms and blizzards, crop failure and disasters. They developed faith and fortitude and won their share of the credit which should be bestowed on the hardy pioneers.

1962

50 Years Ago

The Hebron Board of Education met to consider the letter of resignation from Jim Albracht who had received an appointment as director of the Nebraska Wheat Commission in Lincoln.

There was to be "big doin's" on Hell's Corner over in the Alexandria neighborhood where "kith and kin" would gather to again do homage to George Sinn for surviving another birthday. His early experience with porkers was furnished by the fact that he herded hogs on the prairie, as there were no fences.

Selected to the Little Blue All Conference basketball team were Jim Joe, Alexandria; Bill Nass, Sr., Chester and Joe Tietjen, Byron.

Seniors on the He-Hi track team were John Baker, Jim Day, Gene Helget, Mike Iverson, Rusty Russell, Harry Shields, Don Walton and LaRue Wolfkoetter.

1972

40 Years Ago

Harold Beisner, Hebron City Engineer in charge of sewer maintenance, displayed in a photo on the front page of the Journal-Register some of the articles retrieved from the sewer in the south part of town after the line was

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Rural development experts from Turkey tour local facilities

Nebraska USDA Rural Development State Director Maxine Moul and staff hosted a tour last week, Feb. 29, for six of Turkey's rural development experts from the Hatay province, including the Governor of Hatay and the head of its rural development agency. The delegation met with top staff at USDA Rural Development in Washington, DC earlier in the week.

The delegation is seeking

to learn about American rural development policy and programs and to obtain new ideas about successful rural development programs and funding.

"This is a great opportunity for us at USDA Rural Development," said Moul. "To be able to share what practices are working here and what is working in Turkey, puts two perspectives, goals and best practices together bettering

both countries. USDA Rural Development is pleased to share with the delegation a synopsis of our many projects funded throughout Nebraska as well as the partnerships we have built in promoting our programs and initiatives."

The tour, consisting of seven stops in Southeast Nebraska, included stops at Blue Valley Lutheran Homes Courtyard Terrace and MetalQuest in Hebron.



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A delegation of Turkish rural development experts visit with residents at Courtyard Terrace in Hebron. The residents were making cookies as the delegation toured the facility. Shown in red, standing in the background, is Courtyard Terrace administrator Michelle Plock.

Work continues for train watching station

Almost everyone is aware that a major railroad line, The Union Pacific, travels through Thayer County many times every day. People who are train buffs, or those having children and grandchildren who love to watch the trains, find this fascinating. It is not an unusual sight to see railroad enthusiasts sitting beside the route watching the various types of engines and freight as they travel along on the double track through Belvidere. The trains passing through often have over 100 cars and can well be over a mile long.

Many have expressed a desire to have a "Train Watching Station" (similar to the one for Crane watchers near Grand Island). These suggestions have spawned the idea of having a Railroad Park in Belvidere. The village has the perfect site for the station. What better location than Belvidere which is in the center of Thayer County, and is on the historic- ABC Line where the trains pass through every 10 - 15 minutes.

The Belvidere Area Woman's Club voted to become the sponsoring organization for this project and has already contributed a sizable amount. Efforts are underway to make this Railroad Park become an important tourist attraction especially since the county museum complex is located here. The station would also be an educational advantage for the schools and organizations in the area. Viewing stations are unique throughout the 32,000 miles of UP track in the United States. A suggestion for the future is to hold Train Watching Class #101 to teach people about the ABC Line, the meanings of the whistle codes and the many other facts about being a train watcher of the Union Pacific Railroad.

A group of interested train lovers has been formed and a grant was applied for and has been approved by the Union Pacific Railroad Foundation. In May, \$25,000 will be delivered to the group. Some funds have already been raised from



A local group behind a planned train watching station in Belvidere are considering using the same open design as the station pictured above located in Folkston, Ga.

personal donations including a large amount from the Thayer County Visitors Bureau. The train enthusiasts also sold souvenirs and mementos when Locomotive #844 made its whistle stop in May of 2011. A site has been selected and a plan for the building has been approved. The group is ready to move forward with this huge undertaking and is seeking interested individuals to make this railroad dream become a reality. Help us celebrate the 150th birthday of the historic

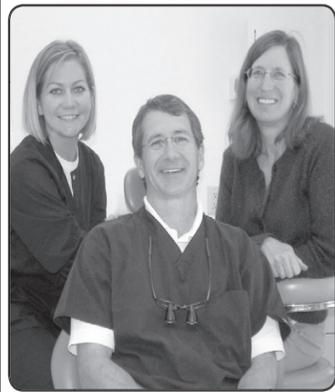
Union Pacific Railroad by making a contribution to this project.

If you want to join the effort, contact the Bruning Community Foundation - Whistle Stop Station. C/o Linda Hudson, 805 C. St. Belvidere, NE 68315 (402)768-6909

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