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## Tidbits

### *Shooting case turned over to district court*

Michael Lewis, 21, was in Thayer County Court Monday morning for new charges — three counts of terroristic threats and three counts for using a deadly weapon.

The charges stem from a party in Davenport Oct. 26. Later into the early morning hours of Oct. 27, Lewis shot Reuben, 33 and Remington Elting, 29, after an altercation at his home. He faced two charges related to the shooting of Reuben, which were dismissed last week in Thayer County District Court.

Monday, the case with the new charges was turned over to district court. Lewis, whose bond has been continued from the first case, was ordered to appear in district court June 4 at 9:30 a.m.

### *Send in Memorial Day ceremony information*

Communities in Thayer County are welcome to send Memorial Day Ceremonies schedules, along with guest speakers to the Hebron Journal-Register at [hebronjnews@windstream.net](mailto:hebronjnews@windstream.net).

All information received will be published in the May 22 issue.

### *Humanities Nebraska at Courtyard Terrace*

"Echoes of an Era" will be presented by Paul Siebert through Humanities Nebraska May 15 at 2 p.m., in the Courtyard Terrace Activity Room.

Using the Nebraska State Seal and Flag as a back drop, Siebert will present a musical living history program of a family's journey from Russia to Nebraska in the 1870's. Siebert will use seven different acoustic instruments.

### *Recycling Center open May 18*

The Hebron Recycling Center will be open May 18 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The center is located at 5th and Holdrege Streets and is open every third Saturday.

Accepted are No. 1 and No. 2 plastic, tin, aluminum, newspapers and cardboard.

No lids or motor oil bottles will be accepted.

### *Bowling meeting set for May 23*

A community meeting to discuss the future of bowling in Hebron will hold a meeting May 23 at 7 p.m. in the Hebron Activity Center.

Anyone is welcome to attend.

### **Hebron Majestic Theatre**

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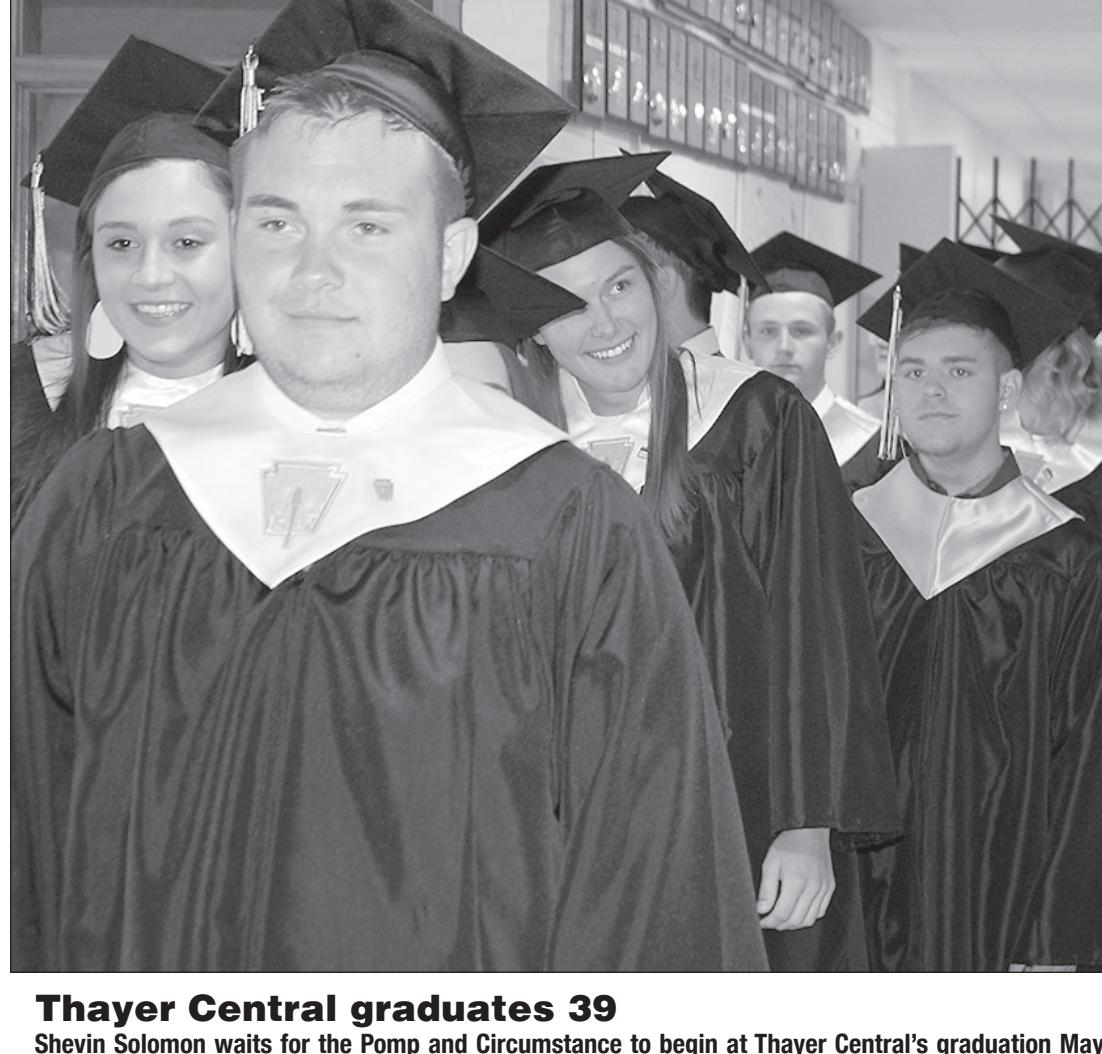
### **Obituaries~**

Larsen, Esther, 103

Powell, Duane, 84

Simonton, LaDonna, 74

**Wednesday, May 15, 2019**



### **Thayer Central graduates 39**

Shevin Solomon waits for the Pomp and Circumstance to begin at Thayer Central's graduation May 11. Class Valedictorian was Holly Timmerman, the daughter of Kyle and Kris Timmerman. Salutatorians were Maggie Harris, daughter of Drew and Amy Harris and Jarod Hergott, son of Joe and Audra Hergott. The class motto was "If we wait until we're ready, we'll be waiting for the rest of our lives," a quote by Lemony Snicket (Daniel Handler). Class colors were coral and navy blue. The flower was Coral Dahlia, and sponsors were teachers, Betty Meyer, Deb Bulin, Andy Long and Justin Bomar.



### **Deshler graduates 19**

The Deshler Public Schools Class of 2019 took the stage May 11 to receive their diplomas and remember Jaide Miller, a classmate who died in December. The Class song was "You're Gonna Miss This" by Trace Adkins. The motto was "We know what we are, but know not what we may be," by William Shakespeare. Colors for the class were royal blue and yellow. The sunflower served as the class flower, and Breann Haney and Joan Unruh were the class sponsors. Officers were Peyton Dubbert as president; Paige Kniep, vice president; and Leah Schmidt, treasurer. Hutch Finke introduced the class for the ceremony.

## **James spent three months in jail**

For shooting with intent to kill John Dobson, Frank James, who had used Jesse James' name as an alias, was sentenced to three months in jail, "kept in labor for and during the period of three months," and a \$100 fine.

The sentence was handed down by Judge W.E. Goodhue in 1891, and was for assault and battery.

On March 5, 1990, James petitioned the court at 5:35 p.m., "25 minutes to 6 o'clock P.M." to release him from the Thayer County Jail. The court figured James could pay the fine sitting in jail for \$3 per day, but granted James his freedom because "after diligent search, was unable to find any goods or real estate belonging" to James.

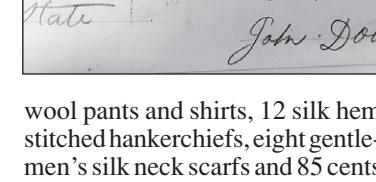
His attorney was J.S. Fisk, and the sheriff was R.J. Town, different from the year before when W.J. Green had arrested James.

The Hebron Journal-Register notes the early cases found in Thayer County records do not verify Frank James was Jesse James' brother, or even related to the infamous duo, therefore, the headline on last week's story, "Frank James used dead brothers name as an alias" was inappropriate.

In another early court case, John Wilson, A.A. Mead and Fred Mack were charged for a burglary that occurred June 19, 1891 "about the hour of twelve in the night season of the same day in said county...a certain stone house of W.A. Camp."

The court record stated the men unlawfully, feloniously, willfully, maliciously and forcibly did break and enter to "carry away the goods of said W.A. Camp."

They "carried away" 12 pairs of men's shoes, 12 men's soft fur hats, 37 pairs of men's ready made



wool pants and shirts, 12 silk hem stitched hankerchiefs, eight gentlemen's silk neck scarfs and 85 cents in nickel and silver pieces "lawful money of the United States of the value of two hundred and seventy-five dollars," and other items.

On June 30, 1891, a warrant was issued and the three men were arrested with car fare costing \$17.45; telegrams and board at \$100; and the arrest for \$3. All three pled not guilty and entered into a \$1,000 recognizance promising to appear in court to answer the complaint against them.

## **Meyer leaving after 27 years**

By Nancy McGill  
Hebron Journal-Register  
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Veteran teachers pack a healthy amount of history in the education system, and after 44 years with 27 spent in the district that became Thayer Central, 1972 Hebron graduate, Betty Meyer, recalls driving down to Chester for the middle school.

"At that time, we had K-2 here, 3-5 in the intermediate, 6-8 at Chester and high school here," she said about the classes. "We were a unified district. We used to go back and forth to all the buildings. It's just nice to be able to walk across the parking lot."

Meyer taught in Bruning, Lincoln and Omaha before making her way back home to farm with husband, Steve. She has master's degrees in music education and library science, along with a degree in early childhood, and undergraduates in elementary education and vocal music.

Simply put, Meyer likes learning, and she applies that philosophy to students.

"You find a kid's interest to get them to read," she said. "I'm open to suggestions and try to purchase the books they want because they'll come back. We need to get them hooked."

Meyer schedules authors to visit the library and spend time with the students, and helps pay for the visits with proceeds from the Scholastic Book Fair she coordinates.

"That way, the proceeds benefit our kids and doesn't go somewhere else," she said.

She also runs a themed reading incentive program from January to April, and rewards students who strive to meet the program's four

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## **Jacobson takes next step in life**

By Nancy McGill  
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Several of Thayer Central's veteran teachers have reached new stages in their lives, and Diane Jacobson is already there — she spends weekends in Lincoln, where her grandchildren live. Husband, Vic, is there most of the week.

They're at a time in their lives they can help out. Jacobson plans to be in Lincoln more after she retires this year, and take more trips with Vic.

She met him when she first started teaching in Hebron 39 years ago. Back then, he taught the fifth and sixth grades.

"I came to Hebron single. We fell in love and were married the next summer," she said.

Jacobson continued the educational tradition she had grown up in with her marriage to Vic. Both parents taught — her mom was a librarian and dad, a superintendent in her hometown of Neligh and in Kansas as well.

Her passion is first grade because she sees the change from kindergarten — students on the verge of developing attention spans, and preparing to become independent learners.

Jacobson's years at Thayer Central included all the milestones of transitioning from Hebron Elementary, and phasing in the preschool, along with moving from the primary building on Lincoln Avenue to

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# Pages of the Past...

From The Hebron Journal-Register

## 1879

### 140 Years Ago

Several wolf hunts occurred last week, and several young wolves met their death.

Fine herds of cattle are being brought into this portion of the "Great American Desert."

Mr. Hill is building a boarding stable on 5th Street, between Lincoln and Jefferson Avenues.

The 4th of July will soon make its annual visit to Thayer county. Will we be prepared to receive this distinguished guest with the high honors customary and appropriate, "in such cases made and provided," or, ignobly sit in unpatriotic listlessness, while more energetic localities celebrate the glorious day with the booming of cannon, the ringing of bells, stirring eloquence, waving banner, and the glad cheers of a free and happy people?

Dr. Evans has the biggest baby yet reported, weight 900 pounds. We almost forgot to state that Baby is the name of his horse.

Messrs. Booth and Shoup are erecting a fine mill on Rose Creek. The dam, which will afford a fall of fourteen feet, is nearly completed.

D. W. Matthew, living on the road between Alexandria and Belvidere, reports the passage of 157 immigrant wagons from the 3rd to 17th inst.

Mr. Sweibel, manufacturer of the Badger State Windmill, states positively that he will move his foundry and machine shops to Hebron as soon as he can close up his matters at Burlington, Wis., which will probably be this coming fall or next spring.

The cornerstone of the new Baptist church at Alexandria is to be placed in position today.

Can you peel the bark off of a dog? If so, perform the operation on Dr. Smith's quadruped canine nuisance.

## 1889

### 130 Years Ago

H. B. Werner is anxious that the cemetery shall receive better care.

An effort is being made to establish a system of penny postage in the United States.

The U.B. church building is up and approaching completion.

The Hebron creamery is now in operation, each day increasing its output.

The butter is gold-centered and gilt-edged. The first shipment of butter from the Hebron creamery, eleven tubs, was made this morning. It went to Chicago.

John Pugh received from the state fish hatchery last week, a can containing several hundred brook trout. They were just hatched, most of them having the egg cell still attached to their active little bodies. Among them all we failed to see any dead ones. Mr. Pugh has a fine running spring and several fish ponds, and will, we believe, be successful as a pisciculturist.

To the churches of Hebron—greetings! Keep hands off of and out of school matters. The members of churches have a clear and undisputed right as citizens to act with other citizens in the settlement of school affairs. But churches have no more business as organizations to interfere in school matters than the Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, the Agricultural Society, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, or any other society. This proposition is true, and you know it, or ought to.

Two boys of tender years but ambitious inclinations thought they would cultivate marksmanship one day last week. One was a son of W. L. Thompson and the other a son of R. D. Ferguson. A pistol of twenty-two caliber, in the hands of the former was accidentally discharged, the bullet striking young Ferguson in the stomach. Fortunately the bullet failed to penetrate his epigastrium, and he still moves, lives, has his being, and uses that portion of his physical system for digestive purposes. Perhaps a lecture would sound a little chestnutty, so we merely advise all parents

to provide their young hopefuls with pistols, cartridges, and the history of "Young Orlando, the Wild Eyed Kid of Spring Creek, or Wild Life Among the Prairie Dogs."

## 1899

### 120 Years Ago

No information available.

## 1909

### 110 Years Ago

(The Alexandria Argus)

The village board has purchased 300 feet of three-inch hose, in sections of 50 feet. The hose has been made to couple together and attach to the hydrants at the post office corner. From the sidewalk the water reached to the top of the two-story building with a remarkable force. At the top of the building the force of the flow was just as strong as it was from the sidewalk.

## 1919

### 100 Years Ago

Stoddard: Word has been received that Mrs. Dick Ablebach, who was very low with pneumonia, passed away at her home Friday evening, leaving her husband and two small children to mourn...Miss Ethel Ray is clerking in the Farmers Union Store...Mr. Joe Stutz was called here by the demise of his brother, Mr. Wm. Stutz...The farmers in this vicinity are putting in their spring wheat.

## 1929

### 90 Years Ago

No information available.

## 1939

### 80 Years Ago

The many friends of Chas. Birkholz were saddened when the wounds inflicted by a vicious stallion caused rapid complications. Gas gangrene developed and Mr. Birkholz died on Sunday.

The Hebron swimming pool will open on Decoration Day under the management of William Cederholm, and the ladies department under Myrtle Steele. A house to house canvas will be made Monday to sell tickets at the following prices: Adult season-\$3; Child's season-\$2; 10 adult swims-\$1.25; 10 child swims-\$1; Single admission-\$1.50.

When corn motor fuel becomes generally marketed, Nebraskans will not worry over limited "consumption" of their agricultural products.

There is no need for nimrods studying timetables and scanning advertisements of fishing resorts in order to enjoy successful fishing. Hebron has a foursome of piscatorial enthusiasts (we aren't just sure what that means, but it sounds splendid) in connection with the names of Jack Stewart, Bill Stewart, Gene Day and Harley Richardson) who know just how to do it. They were out Saturday night and made a wonderful catch--21 fish weighing in all, 65 pounds. One catfish measured 29 inches long and 7 inches across the nose, and tipped the scales at 12 pounds. The quartet used no fancy bait or tackle, but set medium sized bank poles, of willow, and medium sized hooks. There were no incantations, crossing of fingers,--and they claim they didn't even spit on the bait, which consisted of minnows.

## 1949

### 70 Years Ago

Dogs and Gardens--They Do Not Mix: The season of the year is here again when many fine friendships become sorely strained. One friend has a dog, the other, a garden. When the two get together, there are apt to be words said that are not soon forgotten. Shrubbery, gardens and flowers represent months or even years of pre-work. But it can all be wiped out in one night by a group of dogs on the loose. Dog owners should attempt to keep them tied up during such seasons. Of course, there are many dogs having no owners. But there are also dogs on their own, that wear license tags. Such tags are not insurance against sudden death if dogs become a nuisance.

## 1959

### 60 Years Ago

Henry Heller of Reynolds was named a county corn growing champion at a banquet held recently in York where other Nebraska corn growing champions were honored. Heller's yield of 108.88 bushels per acre topped Thayer County in the dryland division of the 1958 National Selected Five Acre DeKalb Corn Growing Contest.

Maxine Gates, ex-Hebron resident, and one of Hollywood's most popular comedienne, makes her appearance on "The Bob Cummings Show," over the NBC-TV network Tuesday night.

Herman Meyer, living north of Deshler, looks over his flock of 800 hens being raised on 800 square feet of floor space by automation, in this issue. Everything is automatic except the egg, which is still manufactured by the hen, but at a stepped-up production of 70 to 90 percent.

## 1969

### 50 Years Ago

After 70 years of existence, Sacred Heart Catholic School in Hebron was closing its doors. The classroom facilities were to be utilized to provide religious education for about 70 grade school children from Hebron, Chester, Deshler and Hubbells.

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students of Gilead Grade School and their teacher, Kermit Cook, went by bus to Nebraska City to tour Arbor Lodge.

Chester-Hubbells sophomores Gayle Duey, Jolene Frye, Jody Grider, Martha Steadman, Pat Zlab, Barry Lamb, Mark Mitchell, Joel Navis, Stanley Schleifer and Leo Schlife served the junior senior prom.

## 1979

### 40 Years Ago

The Hebron Bears snared their third straight Nebraska State Class C Boys' Track crown. It was the first time in Class C history that a team finished on the top for three consecutive years and the Bears were the team. They scored in nine events.

Laurie Mahloch was valedictorian of the Hebron High School senior class and Carole Wiedel was salutatorian.

Street signs for the village of Chester were finally approved and 51 street signs were placed on the corners in the town.

## 1989

### 30 Years Ago

A circus truck carrying tigers, jaguars, cougars, leopards and lions stopped in Hebron for repairs en route to North Platte. The truck driver was a friend of Ken-Boy Motors shop foreman Darrell W. Cook.

Valedictorian at Hebron High School commencement was Alisa Cording. Nicole Percival was salutatorian.

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## 1999

### 20 Years Ago

Lady Bear Tina Hergott set a new Class C State Track Meet record with her 45' 7 1/4" first place shot put effort. Hergott's shot put topped the old mark of 44' 10" held by Kathy Gottberg of Louisville.

Davenport Senior Center held its first annual Senior Olympics. There were 78 area residents participating.

## 2009

### 10 Years Ago

Changes in valuation notices were being mailed from the Thayer County Assessor's office and many farmers would notice increases on the valuation of agricultural land.

Jackie Ficken was honored for her 29 years she worked at the elementary school as an office aide.

Hubbell residents celebrated the finished interior remodeling project of their community building.

Ella Norder was celebrating her 100th birthday.

Cortney Corliss and Nate Michels of Davenport, both members of the high school speech team were set to attend speech camp at Cozad.

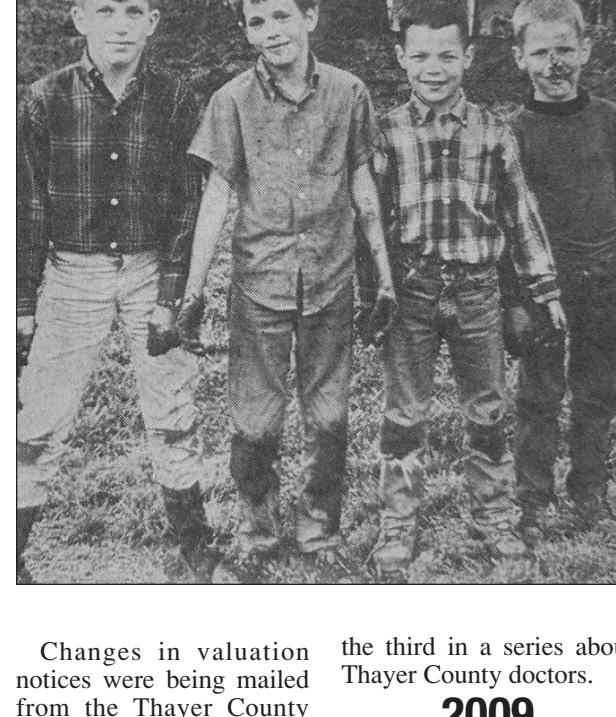
Hubbell, Byron and Chester doctors were featured in



J-R File Photo

**This Week 1969...** An unposed scene caught by the telephoto lens of Editor Tom Long, last Wednesday evening from his kitchen window, shows what happens when four small boys come in contact with a fresh pile of dirt after a spring rain...some real good mud slinging. The plan of attack seems to be centered on one victim hidden behind a tree. Mrs. Long surprisingly reports that none of them were her boys, consequently thought it a humorous incident in the lives of little men.

These boys someday (about 20 to 40 years) will reminisce and episodes such as this will be referred to as the "good old days," probably not so good when they got home that evening though, Eh boys?



A posed picture of the "mud slingers," showing what "mother" had to clean up after the battle! Pictured from left to right: Jim Koerwitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Koerwitz; Brian McLaughlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle McLaughlin; and Bryon and Dean Miller, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Voyle Miller. From the looks of Dean's face, he received a direct hit. (J-R File Photo)

the third in a series about Thayer County doctors.

## 2009

### 10 Years Ago

Accurate and timely spotter reports are critical to local communities and helpful to the National Weather Service; however, those who spot storms should always keep safety uppermost in their minds. Depending on whether spotters are checking storm conditions from a vehicle or fixed location, hazards are likely and should be regarded as dangerous.

Twenty-eight seniors received diplomas at commencement exercises held May 16 at the high school gymnasium in Hebron. The

2009 class valedictorian is Kyle Evans. Salutatorian is Nicole Petersen.

Three Thayer County high schools will send a total 20 student athletes to compete in the 2009 NSAA State Track and Field meet this weekend, beginning Friday, May 22. Students recently qualified for the final contest at district meets last week.

Our classifieds are in print and online. Call to place yours today!

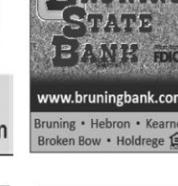
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# Courthouse News

## COUNTY COURT Fines Paid by May 15, 2019

Court costs \$49.00 unless otherwise stated. Probation costs also include \$30 enrollment fee and \$25 per each month on probation. Chemical testing costs are \$5 per month on probation.

### Nebraska State Patrol

Ruben Ontiveros, Round Rock, Texas. Speeding, \$75.

Justin Seamon, Columbia, Mo. Speeding, \$25.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Steven L. Reinke and Judith D. Reinke to K. Kory Koch. Lot 1, 2, 3 in Block 10, First Addition of Davenport.

Oregon Trail Insurance LLC to Insurance Plus Inc. Lot 15, 16 in Block 6, Original Town of Davenport.

William Clifford Reeves II and Stephanie B. Reeves to Morgynn A. Schmidt. Lot

12 and Pt Lot 11 in Block 3, Original Town of Deshler. Duane G. Miller and Debora A. Miller, Trustees, Duane G. Miller Living Trust to Debra A. Miller and Duane G. Miller, Trustees or their Successors in Trust. Debra A. Miller Living Trust. S4 T3N R4W SE 1/4.

Jerry Dittmer, Deceased, and Belinda Dittmer to State of Nebraska, Department of Transportation. Lot 7 in Block 1, Jacque Addition of Alexandria.

Kerry Feld, Attorney at Law to Jeffery C. Bahr. Pt Lot 8 in Block 1, Lockwoods First Addition of Alexandria.

Lester G. Reinke and Kathy A. Reinke to Steven E. Williams and Haylee J. Williams. S7 T2N R2W Pt SW 1/4 Lot 2 Fairway Acres of Rural, Thayer County.

## Area students graduate CCC Hastings

Central Community College-Hastings honored 455 graduate candidates May 4 during its 52nd annual commencement ceremonies.

Eighty-four members of the class achieved an accumulative grade-point average of 3.75 or higher during their college career and graduated with honors.

Recipients of degrees and diplomas were:

Trevor D. Hintz of Bruning, Associate of Applied Science Degree, Criminal Justice;

Erin Koss of Chester, Associate of Applied Science Degree, Early Childhood Education; and

Wade Wenske of Davenport, Diploma, Advanced Manufacturing Design Technology.

## Dodes on Dean's list

Peru State College announced the President's and Dean's List for the Spring 2019 semester. Students representing Nebraska, 34 other states, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia and 6 foreign countries are on the lists.

To make the Dean's List students must have a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.99 for the semester, have completed at least 12 graded credit hours during the past semester, have no incomplete grades for the semester and be degree seeking. Among those achieving this honor was Robert Dodes of Hebron.

## Fangmeier named to Dean's list

Brendan Fangmeier of Hebron, was one of 278 Chadron State College students who met requirements for the Spring 2019 Dean's List by earning at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours of coursework during the semester to qualify.

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## Collins and Kniep receive Aksarben scholarships

The Aksarben Foundation has proudly awarded scholarships to hard-working, deserving heartland youth for over sixty years. In the early 2000's, Aksarben began a partnership with the Horatio Alger Association, one of the nation's largest need-based college scholarship programs in the country, opening the door to reach even more students across Nebraska and western Iowa.

Each year, fifty new Aksarben | Horatio Alger State (4-year) scholarships are awarded for a total of 200 or more students benefitting from these awards, annually. These fifty students are selected from hundreds of applications received by Aksarben's Women's Ball Committee. The committee reviews and selects students based upon exhibited determination, integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity while achieving high academic advancement and leadership potential.

Valued up to \$10,000 and matched by local colleges and universities, such as the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Creighton University, College of Saint Mary, Bellevue University and Metropolitan Community College, each of these

scholarships are awarded to students who have pledged to attend a college or university within the state of Nebraska.

These Aksarben | Horatio Alger State Scholarships are funded entirely by the Aksarben Foundation, through generous donations raised at the Aksarben Ball and to the Foundation directly. "We are honored to be able to assist these hard-working, deserving students on the path to realizing their dreams," says Aksarben Foundation president, Sandra Reding.

In addition to the Aksarben | Horatio Alger State Scholarships, roughly 100 lucky students are awarded The National Scholarship. National Scholars receive an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. during the spring of their senior year to participate in the National Scholars Conference and are awarded scholarships valued at up to \$25,000. Aksarben was honored to attend the 72nd Annual Horatio Alger Awards in Washington D.C. and celebrate this accomplishment with this year's Nebraska National Scholar, Jaidan Hanshaw of Papillion.

Among those receiving scholarships were Andi Collins of Deshler and Paige Kniep of Deshler.

## Kids Archery Clinic to be held at Lovewell

Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism is observing "Kids to Parks" Day, on May 18, and Lovewell State Park is hosting a Kids Archery Clinic for the event. The Kids Archery Clinic will provide an educational opportunity for kids interested in learning about archery.

Pre-registration is encouraged but not required. Interested participants can call the Lovewell State Park office at (785) 753-4971, or stop in during business hours.

Lovewell State Park staff will host clinic sessions at Lovewell State Park Archery Range beginning at 2 p.m. In these sessions participants will learn about archery equipment, safety, and shooting skills.

Some equipment will be available, made possible through the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and

Tourism Hunter Education Program; however, participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment if they have it. A valid state park permit is required to enter the state park, daily permits are \$5 and an annual vehicle permit is available for \$25.

An Amphibians and Reptiles program previously scheduled for this date has been cancelled due to scheduling difficulties. Questions should be directed to the Lovewell State Park Office at (785) 753-4971.

If notified in advance, the department will have an interpreter available for the hearing impaired. To request an interpreter, call the TDD Service at 1-800-766-3777. Any individual with a disability may request other accommodations by contacting Lovewell State Park at (785) 753-4971.

## Reinke awards scholarships to three area students

Reinke Manufacturing is proud to announce that it has awarded the Reinke Employee/Student Scholarship to three area high school seniors as part of its Reinke Scholarship Program. This marks the 15th year of the Reinke Scholarship Program, which includes both the Community Scholarship and the Employee/Student Scholarship.

The Reinke Employee/Student Scholarship Program awards a total of three \$1,000 scholarships to children of Reinke employees. This year's scholarship recipients are:

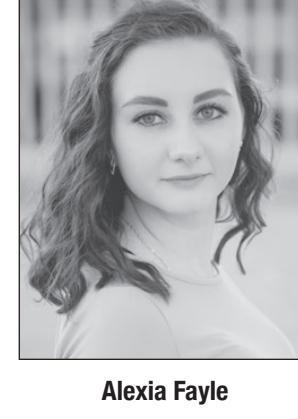
- Alexia Fayle – She is the daughter of Rick and Lori Fayle of Deshler. She will graduate from Deshler Public School and attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln this fall. She plans to study business administration. Her father is a group leader for welding and her mother and mother is a galvanizing planner/scheduler supervisor.

- McKenzie Johnson – She is the daughter of Dennis and Carol Johnson of Hebron. She will graduate from Thayer Central High School and plans to study broadcasting at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. His father, Dennis, is a galvanizing scheduling assistant with Reinke.

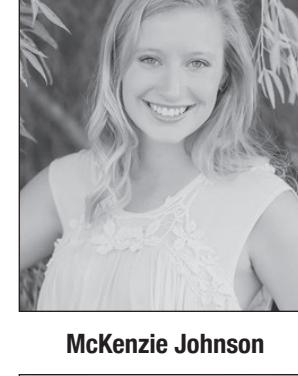
- Sydney Roth – She is the daughter of Chris and Kim Roth. Sydney graduates from Deshler Public School with plans to study elementary education at Doane University. Her father, Chris, is president of Reinke.

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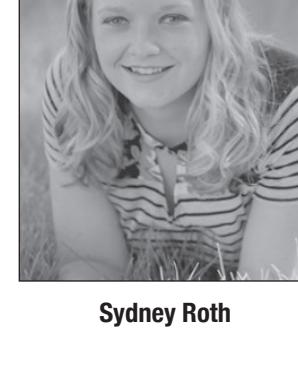
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Alexia Fayle



McKenzie Johnson



Sydney Roth

## Cards of Thanks

By Phyllis Schmitt

### Card of Thanks

The family of Joanne Grone would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and concern shown during the three weeks of Joanne's illness and surgery.

We appreciate the care and efforts of the staff at Thayer County Health Services and the kindness, generosity, food, flowers, cards, and support of friends, family, church, and community after Joanne's passing.

Joanne was a quiet, kind, and loving person, who will be greatly missed.

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Thayer Central Community Schools would like to THANK these local businesses for giving our students the opportunity to learn job skills and work experience at a real location: Central Market, Hebron Secret Library, Blue Valley Care Home, Nursing Home and Assisted Living, MetalQuest, and Reinke Manufacturing in Deshler.

Gaylen and Jackie Cox attended the Elementary Concert of Olivia and Ava Cox in Blue Hill last Monday evening.

On Saturday, Gaylen and Jackie Cox attended the graduation reception of Marisa Griess in Sutton.

Gaylen and Jackie Cox were supper guests of Jeff and Carisa Cox in Blue Hill on Sunday to celebrate Mother's Day.

Donna Gillan was among the quilters last Monday. On Tuesday, she and Terri Oltmans were in Hastings. They had lunch with Cheryl Jensen.

Donna Gillan attended Bible study on Wednesday and had lunch with the other ladies at a local cafe in Nelson. In the afternoon, she attended Women's Fellowship.

Thursday, Donna Gillan had coffee at the Nelson Senior Center and attended Tai Chi. On Friday, she went to Superior and on Saturday, she attended the graduation reception of Jacob Sharp.

On Sunday after church, Donna Gillan, Donna and Darrell Jensen, and Anders Jensen were dinner guests of Brent and Cheryl Jensen. In the evening, Donna went to Jim and Terri Oltmans' for supper along with the Josh Oltmans family.

Dick and Carol Eckles stopped by Phil and Gerry Eckles after church with a gift for Mother's Day. Sonora Peterson and Chelle Cox brought lunch on Sunday to the Eckles home and planted some things for them. Lorrell Peterson also came with flowers.

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## Reinke awards community scholarships to seven area students

Reinke Manufacturing has awarded the Reinke Community Scholarship to seven area high school seniors as part of its Reinke Scholarship Program. This marks the 15th year of the Reinke Scholarship Program, which includes both the Community Scholarship and the Employee/Student Scholarship.

The recipients of the Reinke Community Scholarship will receive a \$500 scholarship. This year's scholarship recipients are:

- Brody Carlgren is the son of Troy and Allison Carlgren. He will graduate from Pike Valley High School and plans to attend Southeast Community College in Beatrice. He is undecided on a major.

- Hutch Finke is the son of Scott and Marla Finke. He will graduate from Deshler Public Schools with plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study agriculture/agribusiness.

- Toriann Likens is the daughter of Tony and Lana Likens. She will graduate from Fairbury High School and plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study agriculture/agribusiness.

- Glenn Meyer is the son of Verryl and Jodi Meyer. He will graduate from the Brunning-Davenport School District and plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study agriculture/agribusiness.

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• Zachary Parde is the son of Josh and Nicol Parde. He will graduate from Republican County High School and plans to attend Fort Hays State University to study business administration.

• Boone Svoboda is the son of Arnold and Teresa Svoboda. He will graduate from Lawrence/Nelson Public Schools and plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study agriculture/agribusiness.

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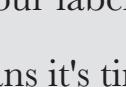
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### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## \* BELVIDERE \*

### BELVIDERE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Kim Dunker, Pastor  
Sundays: Worship, 9 a.m.;

## \* BETHEL \*

### BETHEL CHURCH

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

## \* BRUNING \*

### TRINITY LUTHERAN

Stuart Sell, Pastor  
Sunday, May 19: Worship Service with Holy Communion,  
10 a.m.  
Tuesday, May 21 Text study.

### UNITED METHODIST

Jeanie Leeper, Pastor  
Sundays: Worship, 9 a.m.

## \* BYRON \*

### ST. PETER LUTHERAN RURAL BYRON

Pastor Breen Marie Sipes  
Sundays: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

## \* CARLETON \*

### ZION LUTHERAN

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

## \* CHESTER \*

### ST. JOHN LUTHERAN

Rev. Robert Hopkins, Pastor  
Sundays: Worship, 11 a.m.  
(first, third and fifth Sundays)

## \* DAVENPORT \*

### CHRIST'S LUTHERAN

Kristen Van Stee, Pastor  
Sundays: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

### ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN

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

### UNITED METHODIST

Jeanie Leeper, Pastor  
Sundays: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

## \* DAYKIN \*

### ST. JOHN

Pastor Annette Minderman  
Sundays: Worship, 9 a.m.

## \* DESHLER \*

### ABIDING WORD LUTHERAN

Jon Langness, Pastor  
Sunday, May 19: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

### PEACE LUTHERAN

Pastor  
Wednesday, May 15: YOP assisting in Poppy Awareness campaign; YOP painting night at YOP house.

Thursday, May 16: Staff meeting, 4 p.m.

Sunday, May 19: No Sunday School; Holy Communion with Pastor Ernst, 10 a.m.; Thrivent member meeting following worship; YOP mission trip meeting following worship.

Monday, May 20: Summer newsletter deadline; Blanket tying, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.; Blanket tying, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Thursday, May 23: Newsletter assembly, 2 p.m.

### ST. PETER LUTHERAN

Brian Francik, Pastor  
Thursday, May 16: Conversations, 7 a.m.; Bible study at Meadowlark Heights, 11 a.m.

Friday, May 17: June newsletter deadline, 9 a.m.; Bulletin folders, 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 19: Worship Service, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School closing day, 11 a.m.; Bible class, 11 a.m.

Monday, May 20: DLS Board, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21: Bible study, 10:30 a.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.

## \* FRIEDENSAU \*

### TRINITY LUTHERAN

Rev. Jose Flores  
Thursday, May 16: Elders meeting, 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 19: Communion Service, 10 a.m.

Monday, May 20: DLSS School Board meeting, 8 p.m.

## \* GILEAD \*

### ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

Pastor Kenneth Kramer  
Sundays: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

## \* HARDY \*

### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

Pastor Breen Marie Sipes  
Sundays: Worship, 9 a.m.

## \* HEBRON \*

### FAITH LUTHERAN

Brian Francik, Pastor  
Contact # 402-200-1228  
Sundays: Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.

### FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sundays: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

### GRACE LUTHERAN

## CHURCH

Keith Brozek, Pastor  
Saturdays: Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.

Sundays: Worship, Bible study, Coffee fellowship, 9 a.m.

Thursdays: Prayer time, 9 a.m.

Saturdays (2nd and 4th): Men's Bible study.

## \* HUBBELL \*

### ZION LUTHERAN

Rev. Robert Hopkins, Pastor  
Sundays: Worship, 11 a.m.  
(second and fourth Sundays)

## \* OAK \*

### FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

## \* HARVESTIME NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY

Mike Hood, Pastor

Sundays: Worship, 10 a.m.

## \* RUSKIN \*

### BETHANY LUTHERAN

Irvin Schleifer, PMA  
Gerald Toepper, PMA  
Connie Raess, Pastor  
Sundays: Worship, 10 a.m.

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## Obituaries

### Esther Larsen

Esther Larsen of Hebron, the daughter of Niels and Andrea (Jensen) Nielsen, was born November 20, 1915, in Freeman, S.D. She departed this life on May 6, 2019, at Courtyard Terrace in Hebron, at the age of 103 years.

She was baptized November 26, 1915, and confirmed April 12, 1931, at Bethel Lutheran Church in Abdal.

Esther and her family moved to Nebraska when she was seven. She attended public school in Abdal through the eighth grade. She started working at a young age cleaning and being a nanny in the Superior and Hardy area.

She married Arne Larsen December 23, 1934, at Bethel Lutheran Church near Abdal. This union was blessed with the birth of two children. They lived on a farm near Ruskin, from 1935 to 1946, before moving to Hebron.

She worked in housekeeping at the Hebron Hospital for 21 years, Hebron High School Cafeteria for eight years, and cleaned at the ASCS office in Hebron.

She was an active member of Grace Lutheran Church in Hebron, a member of the Rebecca Circle where she helped as needed with various activities. She was also a member of Hospital Guild, and Hebronette's Extension Club.

Esther enjoyed spending time with her family especially her grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Arne for 80 years; brothers, Amos, Lynn, Peter, Ervin and Kermit Nielsen; sisters, Palma Oliver, Helga Hughes and infant Esther Nielsen; daughter-in-law, Nancy Larsen; and grandson-in-law, Monte Engebertson.

She is survived by her son, DeLoy Larsen of Lincoln; daughter, Rogene Hartley and husband Doyall of Chester; grandchildren, Lori Engebertson of Greensboro, N.C., Randy Larsen and wife Julie of Overland Park, Kan., and Darren Hartley of Lincoln; great-grandchildren, Seth Engebertson of Lincoln, Erin Engebertson of Richmond, Va., Cole and Reed Larsen of Overland Park, Kan., Olivia Hartley

and fiance Tyler Eberspacher of Lincoln, and Halston Hartley of Lincoln; great-great grandchildren, Skylar and Bo Eberspacher; nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held May 10 at Grace Lutheran Church in Hebron. Officiant was Pastor Keith Brozek. Organist was Janet Germer; congregational hymns were "How Great Thou Art," "Amazing Grace" and "Day by Day;" soloist Jamie Luttrell sang "A Mother's Love."

Casket bearers were Randy Larsen, Lori Engebertson, Darren Hartley, Halston Hartley, Olivia Hartley, Seth Engebertson, Cole Larsen, Reed Larsen, Doyall Hartley and Berwyn Petersen.

Honorary casket bearers were Bernard Betten, John Davis and Beauford Hoyer.

Memorial in lieu of flowers in care of the family.

Burial was in the Hebron City Cemetery.

Condolences may be left at www.krollfh.com.

Kroll Funeral Home of Hebron was in charge of arrangements.

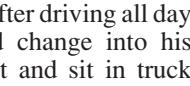
### Duane Powell

Duane Dale Powell of Gainesville, Texas, formerly Belvidere, the son of William and Lilly (Knowlton) Powell, was born November 16, 1934, in Fairbury. He departed this life on April 11, 2019, at Gainesville, Texas, at the age of 84 years.

Duane was a truck driver all of his life. In 1976 he decided to grow a beard for the centennial beard contest. Kids would see him at difference truck stops and ask if he was Santa. This was intriguing to him and he bought a Santa suit and after driving all day he would change into his Santa suit and sit in truck stops and hand out toys and candy canes to children who stopped in with their parents for supper. He paid for all the toys himself. He would buy 250 hot wheel presents for the boys and 250 Christmas tree ornaments for the girls. He would wrap all the gifts himself.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Military graveside services by Thayer County Legion Posts will be held



Thursday, May 16, at 11 a.m., at Belvidere Cemetery in Belvidere.

No visitation-cremation.

Kroll Funeral Home of Hebron is in charge of arrangements.

### LaDonna Simonton

LaDonna Ellene Simonton, age 74, passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by family following a long battle with cancer on May 5, 2019. LaDonna was born to Albert and Gladys (Gifford) Morgan on Dec 15, 1944, in her grandmother's home in Kearney County.

She graduated from Campbell High in 1963 then attended and graduated from Hastings Beauty Academy in 1964.

It was at this time she met the love of her life and joined in marriage to C. Dean Simonton on March 21, 1964. Together they lived in Lincoln and worked at Goodyear, but when ready to begin their family, they called the country north of Campbell their home. They have lived 50 years at this residence and spent a lifetime building memories.

While on the farm not only did she raise five children and assist on the farm but she also had her own LaDonna's Farmette Salon, partnered with Dean with the aerial applicating business starting in 1981 and even bought her husband a birthday present where he could play all the snooker he desired in 2000. (The year she purchased The Campbell Tavern).

LaDonna was baptized, confirmed and married in the same Presbyterian Church, as was each of her children.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband, C. Dean Simonton (Campbell); children, Cody and Kristin Simonton (Upland), Corenna and Michael Iver-

son (Columbus), Crystal Simonton and John Graf (Campbell), and Cindy and Brandon Smith (Manhattan, Kan.); sisters, Gwen and her husband, Burdette Jameson (Upland), Cary and Terry Brown (Coon Rapids, Minn.); sister-in-law, Faye Bonin (Grafton); grandchildren, Katlyn Simonton (Hastings), Brooke Simonton (Campbell), Blaine Simonton (Upland), Joshua and Andrea Bakenhus (Elkhorn), Jacob and Shelby Bakenhus (St. Ed.), Morgan Iverson (Norfolk), Sara, Samuel, Mason, Shirley and Carter Graf (Campbell), Adriana, Clinton, Hazel, Charlotte Smith (Manhattan, Kan.); along with many nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

She is preceded in death by son, Clinton Albert Simonton; parents, Albert and Gladys Morgan; infant sister, Beulah Mae Morgan; in-laws, Clinton and Sadie Simonton; brothers-in-law, Howard Simonton, Merlin Simonton and Elmer Bonin; nieces, Sherry Fox, Debbie Bonin.

Services were held on May 10, at the Westminster United Presbyterian Church in Campbell, with Pastor Mark Diehl officiating.

Burial was in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Campbell.

A memorial has been established to be designated at a later date.

Private condolences may be sent to the family at www.mertenbutlermortuary.com.

Campbell Funeral Home, Campbell, was in charge of arrangements.

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# Sports



## Deshler qualifies two out of three-man team

Hutch Finke and Adam Roth qualified for the Class D Boys Golf Championship at Lake Maloney in North Platte May 21-22.

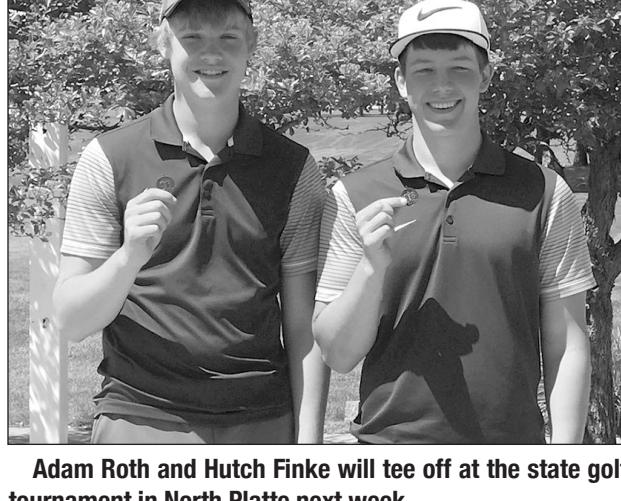
The 18-hole Championship first round begins May 21 at 9:30 a.m. The second round will be May 22.

Finke earned fourth place at 90 and Roth finished in sixth place with a 95.

"The boys had a great day for district golf in Grand Island," Coach Andy Brenn said. "District golf can always be a little nerve racking because anyone who's out on the course wants to place in the top 10. With that being said, you have to play your game and be mentally strong."

The Dragons golf three — Finke, Roth and Peyton Dubbert. Brenn is excited to send two out of three.

"Adam and Hutch are very familiar with the course in North Platte, so I'm expecting some good results from those two boys," he said.



Adam Roth and Hutch Finke will tee off at the state golf tournament in North Platte next week.

## Varsity golfers set for district meet

The home meet for the Thayer Central golfers didn't have ideal conditions — winds were 20 to 30 miles per hour and temperatures were cold.

Neither individual golfers nor the team placed.

"We have to take better advantage on our own course," Coach Trey Strong said.

The C1 district meet was scheduled for Tuesday at Woodland Hills Golf Course in Eagle. Teams in Thayer Central's district

were Centennial; Elmwood-Murdock; Fillmore Central; Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer; Johnson County Central; Lincoln Christian; Lincoln Lutheran; Milford; Palmyra; Southern; Superior; Sutton; and Syracuse.

Strong said the weather looked promising for the meet and the five varsity players were Jackson Feulner, Bailey Kiburz, Logan Wiedel, Carter Miller and Joel Kayser.



Bailey Kiburz is one of five varsity golfers who competed in Class C1 district golf Tuesday.



Carter Miller prepares for the shot during Thayer Central's only home meet of the season May 9.



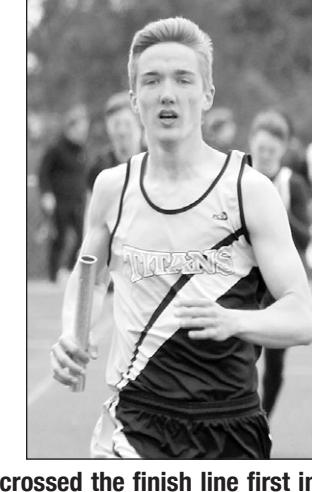
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## Titan boys run ahead of tough teams

The Thayer Central Titan boys' team competed at an "extremely high level" during the C7 district meet for track and field May 9.

Coach Bryan Solomon said he believes the Titans won their ninth district title at the meet in Sandy Creek that will see Titans from the girls' and boys' teams, and one extra, Madelynn Wells in the low 300 hurdles, compete for state medals.

Coach Deb Vorderstrasse said Wells had one of the six fastest times across all districts at 49.39.

Boys who qualified for the state meet at Omaha Burke High School May 17-18 were Kevin Burd (long jump, 18 feet, 10.25 inches); Trey Fischer, Keegan Casey, Dylan Fischer and Zach Koss (3200 relay, 8:31.68); Phillip Price, Dylan Fischer, Casey and Koss (1600 relay, 3:37.27); Koss also qualified in the 400 (53.16) and in the 800 (2:05.57); Price (110 hurdles, 15.69) and Damian Stewart in the 3200 run (10:39.34).

Qualifiers for the girls' team are Mikkeny Andersen

(Pole vault, 9 feet, 4 inches); Emily Welch (Shot put, 39 feet, 9 inches and in as an automatic mark qualifier); Chloe Souerdyke (High jump, 5 feet, 1 inch); and Katelyn Richardson in the 800 (2:28.90).

Out of the qualifiers for the boys' team, Trey Fischer, Casey, Dylan Fischer, Koss, and Damian Stewart will once again take their starting position on the state track.

"These boys don't like to lose," Solomon said about the running performances at the district meet. "If it is going to be a tight race, they embrace that challenge of going out and trying to win."

Every point during the meet matters, Solomon added.

"I know the firsts and seconds are nice, but it is typically your other points that end up leading to team titles," he said.

Efforts made at the meet meant company for Burd in the long jump. He was one of three Titan jumpers competing — Luke Wiedel and Hayden Luttrell came in

right after Burd in third and fourth, respectively.

"They were separated by one-half inch for the spot for state," Solomon said.

Price's efforts nearly won him a slot in the 300 hurdles, but he tripped.

"He was running in first. He came back to run a good first leg in helping the mile relay qualify," Solomon said.

Seniors on the team, Burd, Casey, Dylan Fischer, Koss, Damian Stewart, Price, Keith Hergott, Jarod Hergott, Isaiah Keilwitz and Shevin Solomon have provided quite a bit of leadership for the younger athletes this season.

"This has been a special group. They will be missed,

but greatly appreciated for all of their time and commitment put into Thayer Central Track and Field," Solomon said.

Vorderstrasse said the girls qualified under pressure from tough teams.

Welch enters the state competition as one of the best six throwers out of the Thayer Central's district.

"She is five out of the top six throwers. All came out of our district, so she has already competed against them," Vorderstrasse said.

Chloe Souerdyke should earn a place at state in the high jump (Souerdyke returns from last year, where she crossed over the bar at 5 feet for fourth place), and a vault of 10 feet would put Andersen in place as well.

"She has vaulted the 10-foot height several times this season. Again, if she can focus on fundamentals, she should be able to vault more than 10 feet," Vorderstrasse said.

Richardson ran a good 800 at districts, and placed second. The returning state qualifier in the 800 hit her split marks on the district track so she didn't get boxed in. She is also a returning state qualifier in the 800.

Wells is sitting in a good position in her heat at state. She has a chance of making the finals.

"She had the most personal bests achieved on the team this season," Vorderstrasse said.



The Thayer Central Boys track and field team won the C7 district title at Sandy Creek May 9. The boys had 100 points. Second place was Doniphan Trumbull with 74 points. Coming in third was Sutton with 62 points.

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