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Tidbits

Businesses needed for Career Day

In conjunction with Southeast Community College Learning Center of Hebron, the Thayer County Economic Development Alliance will hold a Career Day Sept. 25.

Career Day will feature a second session to provide more space for all four area school sophomore and junior classes to attend.

The morning session will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and the afternoon session is from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Small groups attending will have more time for conversation between professionals and students.

While the event is in September, TCEDA is seeking business representatives now.

For more information, contact Crystal Fangmeier or Blythe Norder at 402-323-5591.

May is Older Americans Month

Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging will be celebrating Older Americans at senior centers and administrative offices in Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson and Thayer counties.

On May 17, Blue Rivers will host an open house at its administrative offices from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 103 Eastside Blvd., in Beatrice.

Presentations for the day will include sessions to help reduce falling and preventing senior fraud.

For more information, contact the agency at 402-223-1376

He-Hi Alumni to meet May 8

The He-Hi Alumni will meet May 8 at 7 p.m. at Hergott Enterprises.

Library to hold story time May 12

The Hebron Secrest Library will hold a story time May 12 at 10 a.m. "Winds and Kites" will be the theme.

Guest reader is Brenda Rippe.

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Preparing for the May primary

Polls will open at 8 a.m. May 15 for the primary election and the *Hebron-Journal Register* contacted candidates running for the Thayer County Clerk's Office and District 32 of the Nebraska Legislature.

Two incumbents, Thayer County Clerk and Election Commissioner Marie Rauner and Sen. Laura Ebke, have been challenged.

Thayer County Clerk incumbent Marie Rauner

Rauner has been with the county for 30 years and said the clerk's office isn't hers.

"It's the county's," she said. "We are here to serve the public and assist in whatever way we can."

A lifelong resident of Thayer County, Rauner said she strives to ensure her staff is educated in order to operate the office as flawlessly as possible, but she said while the accomplishments over the years have been many, there is always more to be done.

"I have discovered over the years that no two days are the same, which has made my job so interesting, from working with the commissioners, insurance brokers, general assistance clients, county residents, county employees and other officials," she said. "I never know what will need to be addressed until I get to the office."

She has seen the numerous changes in elections, such as the decreasing number of precincts from 15 to seven because of population and equipment needs.

"Early voting has really taken off over the last few years," she said.

Voters still use paper ballots in Nebraska with a central counting machine.

"In my opinion, it makes for a very efficient election process," she said.

Rauner is also pleased with the upgrades in the Register of Deeds office. The office maintains access to the old record books for research and genealogy, but has added electronic filing. Staff are currently scanning old deed records to Nebraska Deeds Online. Property owners, attorneys and title agents will have online access to the records.

A new dimension to the office was zoning with subdivision plans and filings.

Rauner feels confident the county's payroll system is in compliance with federal rules regarding hours and wages.

"Since counties are no longer exempt from the federal wage laws, significant changes had to be made in all departments and personnel manuals updated," she said.

The updates to place the county in compliance turned the clerk's role into more of a human resource officer.

"I feel fortunate to have had the cooperation from the commissioners and department heads who moved Thayer County in the correct direction," she said.

Rauner was raised in Alexandria. She and her husband Francis raised two children in Hebron and have four granddaughters.

"Faith and family are a constant in my life."

Thayer County Clerk candidate Megan Hinrichs

Hinrichs said the county clerk's position has always been of interest to her.

"My interest is in serving the residents of Thayer County, and trying to keep the county current on technology, and continue to make those advances," Hinrichs said.

It is the first time Hinrichs has filed for office.

"It's exciting and challenging. I've visited with business owners

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Thayer County Health Services celebrated the completion of its reconstruction project April 29 with Lt. Gov. Mike Foley, Dist. 32 Sen. Laura Ebke and Nebraska Hospital Association President Laura Redouty.

Hospital renovation complete

Thayer County Health Services officially declared its massive reconstruction project completed with an open house April 29.

Chief executive officer, David Burd, thanked the TCHS staff during his opening remarks.

"I'm proud to work with them every day. Construction projects are disruptive and chaotic. The staff has repeatedly stepped up and they did what was necessary," Burd noted.

The massive reconstruction project totaled \$15 million. Of that, \$13.8 million including new construction and renovations.

The Hebron Clinic remodel for \$300,000 was not part of the original project, but was added in in fiscal budget for 2018 to bring the total to \$14.1 million.

The extra \$900,000 was for fixtures, furniture and equipment. Funding came from \$6.9 million from the Korff Estate, \$1 million from the Foundation Capital Campaign, \$4.7 million from local bank bond financing and \$2.4 million from cash reserves.

"Construction is expensive and



Thayer County Health Services CEO David Burd chats with Lt. Gov. Mike Foley at the hospital's open house Sunday.

those who made financial contributions, you have a very big part in this," Burd said. "In terms of looking forward, the construction project has put TCHS in a position

to better adapt to the changing health care landscape, to be more competitive and more important-

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The Davenport Community Foundation launched the final project of its three-phase plan April 24, with a new wellness and exercise center inside of the former medical clinic. The foundation's first phase was new playground equipment and the second, a medical clinic ushered in last year.

Foundation unveils wellness center

The Davenport Community Foundation held a ribbon-cutting ceremony April 24 for the third phase of its community improvements plan started a little more than three years ago.

People from the community and foundation board members gathered in the new wellness and exercise facility for the ceremony inside the former medical clinic, which was the foundation's second phase. The first was new playground equipment.

"We hired a contractor and gutted it," board member Kelly Ficken said about the medical clinic.

The wellness center space fits six cardio machines, including two for step fitness and two treadmills

along one wall.

On the other are free weights and machines for an all-around workout on the arms, legs and chest.

Exercise balls and resistance bands are also in the center. The foundation consulted with Nova Fitness to see which machines would fit comfortably in the building. There are also restrooms and a conference room.

"We ended up having enough room for everything so we didn't have to cut back," Ficken said.

The public was invited to register for memberships at the ceremony. Membership registration will be handled by the Village of Davenport. The foundation will manage the facility and pay the bills.

No one is needed to man the facility. Members will use electronic keycards to gain access. Four cameras will help with surveillance.

The center is closed from 12 a.m. to 4 a.m. each day.

Ficken said the plan to improve Davenport began a little more than three years ago with a community survey and meeting.

"This is what the public said they would like to see done," Ficken said about the center and three-phase plan.

"Everyone laughed and said it was never going to happen, but it did," foundation president Jerry Brase said as he thanked the board members for their work on the phases.

Pages of the Past...

From The Hebron Journal-Register

1888

130 Years Ago

Many farmers have commenced their spring work. Arbor Day in Kansas was April 4.

A train on the Rock Island was delayed a few hours last night. Cause, failure to stay on the track.

E. C. Rapalje sold his row boat last week to a Kansas man for \$25 in gold. It will ride hereafter on an artificial fish pond in Republic County.

There are already nine secret society organizations in Hebron and the number is to be increased by the organization of the Eastern Star, a Masonic degree for women.

The Belvidere Reform Club has been reorganized. W. L. Grigsby is president, F. Bowman vice-president, Wm. Bruning Jr. secretary, and Wm. Bruning Sr. treasurer.

Reports from Belvidere and Chester indicate that those two towns will not have saloons.

1898

120 Years Ago

Alexandria: F. E. Bricka and Chas. Williams drove to Hubbell Saturday and purchased the printing outfit of the Hubbell Times. They intend to take charge of the office in the course of a month. They intend to change the name of the paper to the Thayer County Herald...The Fairmont Creamery Company are pushing their building here and it will be completed before many days...The memorial services of the death of Mr. Chapin and two children, Martha and George, will be at the Pleasant Plain Church... Mrs. Forsha shipped her household goods to Steele City this week where she will make her future home.

Byron: A Klondyke boom has been started in Byron, and a party consisting of W. D. Fisher, I. B. Huffman, I. B. Gaylord, H. C. Swartz and James Williams are contemplating going about the middle of next month... Riggins & Gibbany, a couple of gentlemen from Albany, Missouri, have purchased the building formerly occupied by Dr. Dunn and the Lichty Bros., and will open up a confectionery store and lunch counter...Byron shipped out 6,000 pounds of poultry Tuesday...Mrs. C. E. Krause returned from Bode, Iowa, Monday, whither she had gone in answer to a telegram announcing the death of her father, Mr. Fletcher.

1908

110 Years Ago

(The Alexandria Argus) H. O. Wiswell orders his paper sent to Idaho Falls, Idaho.

New Bank: At a meeting of the stockholders of the new Farmers and Merchants Bank of Alexandria, the following officers were elected: President, John Edwards; vice president, Fred Laune; cashier, O. W. Roush; directors, John Marsh, J. B. Weaver, L. Hoge, Fred Baruth Sr., C. M. Bacon. The bank has purchased the north half of the Beers Implement house and will erect an up-to-date bank building at once. The new bank will be one of the most solid institutions of its kind in Thayer County, having over 40 stockholders in and around Alexandria.

State Bank Reorganized: M. S. Knox of Havensville, Kan., the former president of the State Bank of Alexandria, was in town Wed., April 15, and relinquished his entire possessions of said bank. At four o'clock p.m. the same day the new stockholders met at the bank building and completed the reorganization. The State Bank of Alexandria was reorganized with a capital of \$25,000 with \$20,000 paid up stock, having nineteen stockholders. The following directors were elected: F.A. Jacques Jr., Chas. I. Moore, M. T. Allen, D. P. Grim, Geo. W. Wilson, R. M. Demaray and A. F. Newell. The State Bank has in the past been a solid institution and starts out with the new organization as firm as the rock of Gibraltar so to speak. The directors of the bank met Thursday morning and elected the following officers: President, Chas. I. Moore; vice president,

Geo. W. Wilson; cashier, F. A. Jacques Jr.; bookkeeper, Harlie Wilson.

Richard Barnes buried his two-year-old child last Friday.

Dr. H. J. Newell and C. A. Willard made a trip to Lincoln last week where the former purchased a Ford automobile.

1918

100 Years Ago

(The Alexandria Argus)

A very pretty home wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Williams Sunday when their daughter, Vivian E. Williams, and Mr. A. R. Wheeler, son of L. N. Wheeler of Western, were united in marriage at 4 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Shaffer of the M. E. Church of Western. Miss Wilma Williams and Mr. Walter Wheeler acted as bridesmaid and groomsmen. The bride wore hand embroidered maise taffeta, georgette and pink roses. The groom wore his military uniform. Mrs. C. O. Iverson sang "I Love You Truly" after which she played the wedding march and the bride and groom took their places under an arch of National colors. The groom is home on a furlough and returned to U.S. service at Fort Sill, Okla., this week.

1928

90 Years Ago

Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Van Black, Feb. 29, an eight pound son. The young man will be a long time attaining his majority, as he will have a birthday only once in four years--sometimes one in eight years.

Lincoln Tel. & Tel. Co. last Friday purchased the Davenport-Kiowa telephone company and expect to rebuild the plant in both town and country. The privately owned telephone systems in Thayer County are Alexandria, Byron, Chester and Hubbell.

The basketball tournament of Thayer County high schools, in the Academy gym, drew large crowds of enthusiastic fans. On Thursday evening in a hard fought game, Carleton won the championship in Class C over Davenport. In Class B, Belvidere beat the Academy and Deshler won over Hubbell. Hebron High defeated Chester and Alexandria won over Bruning. On Friday evening Deshler won the championship in Class B, defeating Belvidere and Hebron High School captured the silver cup and the championship in Class A.

Miss Jessica Morgan write from Cortina, Italy, where she is visiting the Winter Sports, given by the Fascisti students of the University of Rome. Fourteen nations are there.

1938

80 Years Ago

An Alexandrian was arraigned in county court on Tuesday on charges of stealing gasoline, and assault and battery. The defendant entered a plea of guilty and was given "30 days in the House of Correction commonly known as the County Bastile." Richard E. Dill, rural route carrier at Alexandria for some time has been missing gasoline out of his private tank. On Sunday night he hid in the garage to await the arrival of a burglar. When someone arrived and helped himself to the gas, Mr. Dill waited until a five-gallon can had been filled and then turned his flashlight on the intruder. The man jumped behind the car and refused to come out. Finally he came out and threw the gasoline can at Dill, who recognized him and later filed a complaint. He admitted to different offenses, in which gas taken amounted to some 60 gallons.

Thirty-four of Thayer County's best spellers participated in the Annual County Spelling Contest which was held before a large audience in the district court room last Saturday. Under the plan now used, each contestant is privileged to write every word and the words are corrected between rounds. This list was doubled this year to 200 words. All of the words used are published in this article, as well as all contestants. The winners were:

first - Caroline Kubes, 11, grade 7, Rural District No. 2, Hubbell, Miss Leona Zlab, teacher; second - Ardeth Davidson, 13, grade 8, Byron Town School No. 68, Russell Sommers, teacher; third - Ruth Heipmann, 11, Rural District No. 92, Deshler, Alma Pape, teacher; fourth - Barbara Schulz, 12, grade 8, Davenport City Schools, District No. 47, Freda Grosshans, teacher.

1948

70 Years Ago

Ralph Hawkins of Hebron was elected president of the State Retail Hardware Association last week at their annual convention in Omaha.

Ralph Hill, our former furniture man, has filed for the legislature from the 22nd district.

Farmers from all parts of the county have been commenting about how much soil was washed away last week during the rain.

1958

60 Years Ago

Deaths: Mrs. Charles Albrecht; Mrs. C. E. Judson; James Lee; Henry Gross; Mrs. Jack Kearns; Adolph Bruning; Oren W. Norman; George Kinzie; Charles McMillan; George Nordor; Mrs. Dale Cramer; Christina DeWald; Frank Werner; Ed Gerdes; John Sponser; W. E. Boyes; Charles Henry Lugenbeel; Mrs. Minnie Elwell.

A spectacular fire destroyed the Standard Oil bulk plant building at Deshler Wednesday morning, but prompt work by the Fire Department held damage to a minimum by preventing the blaze from igniting thousands of gallons of gasoline and other inflammables.

Mrs. Effie Ward, 66-year-old Hubbell telephone operator, was instantly killed late Sunday night in a two-car collision on South 3 Highway on the north edge of Hubbell.

The appointment of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Clarence J. Crowley, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Hebron for the past 14 years, to become pastor of Holy Family Church in Lincoln, has been announced by Most Rev. James V. Casey, Bishop of Lincoln.

Alexandria State Lake No. 3, four miles east of Alexandria, will be stocked with adult rainbow trout in the next week or so, giving anglers in that area an opportunity to sample trout fishing that they have never had before.

1968

50 Years Ago

Hebron Police Chief Charles Henning was shot while attempting to help Thayer County Sheriff Jim Johnson apprehend two youths who were being sought for armed robbery of two elderly Ong women and the attempted robbery of a York motel.

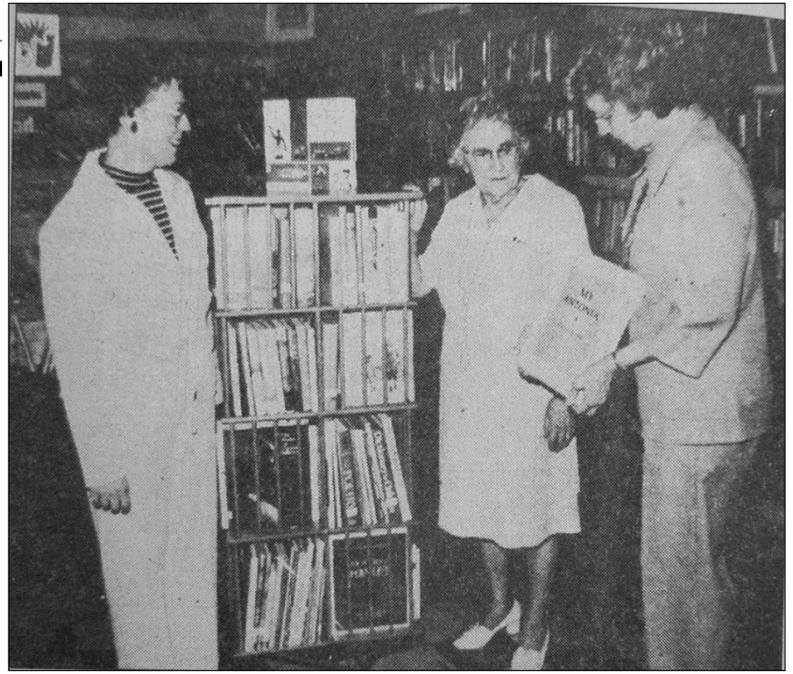
Hebron's mayor-elect Gordon Wilson received the first call after the installation of the 911 emergency telephone number in Hebron.

Swanson's frozen dinners were selling for 45 cents at Standard Market.

Clarence Folkerts of Davenport was honored at the DeKalb 200 Bushel Club meeting. His yield of 193.27 bushels of No. 2 corn, taken from a measured acreage, earned him recognition as one of the top corn growers in the western corn belt.

1978

40 Years Ago



J-R File Photo

This Week 1988... Pictured at the Hebron Public Library at the presentation of the book carousel purchased by Chapter A.E.P.E.O. are Edna Mitchell, librarian; Mmes. John Richards and Hilmar Krueger, representing the P.E.O. chapter. Mrs. Richards is a 58-year P.E.O. member and Mrs. Krueger is on the city library board as well as serving as P.E.O. correspondig secretary. The gift honored the chapter's 75th anniversary and was constructed by Remmer Janssen.

The Belvidere Woman's Club held its annual Arbor Day celebration with a baton recital followed by a potluck dinner. Trees were planted in memory of loved ones: Locust tree in memory Robbie Bennett by his grandmother, Mrs. Lubben; locust tree in memory of Guy Scott by his niece, Loraine Callison; a locust tree in memory of Mrs. Harmon given by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Currey; an emerald ash in memory of Mrs. Gumble given by the Donovan Yoachim family; a red maple in memory of Mrs. Birdie Williams by the Lawrence Williams family; and Mrs. John Bauman of Carleton in honor of the girls in the 1978 Hebron graduating class.

Hubbell received 3.94 inches of moisture for the month of April.

1988

30 Years Ago

A Hebron woman, Satian "Ann" Meers, was killed on U.S. Highway 81 three miles north of Hebron when her car apparently side-swiped a semi-trailer. The fatality was the first of the year.

A welcome rain was received in the area putting moisture into the drying topsoil.

Former Hebron Mayor Ralph Hawkins was honored

by the Hebron Rotary Club for getting the city back on its feet after the 1953 tornado.

The only two-story brick building standing on main street in Belvidere was torn down. It was the Ancient Order of United Workmen dedicated in 1904.

Madge Walsh, age 89, was featured for her 36 years as Alexandria's librarian.

1998

20 Years Ago

After 21 years as president of the Nebraska Security Bank in Deshler, Arnold Otten announced his retirement. Senior Vice President of the Bruning State Bank Rob Schardt was named his replacement.

Reese Pearson, son of Randy and Pam Pearson of Davenport, was named a National Math Award Winner by the United States Achievement Academy.

A heavy turnout was expected for the primary election. The governor's race had drawn a lot of attention along with area races.

2008

10 Years Ago

Thayer County sits smack dab in the middle of "tornado alley," an area in the United States most susceptible to tornadoes. And although

twisters can form at any time of the year, Spring and summer warrant most tornadoic storms. In 2007, the state saw its highest number of tornados in March (16) followed by May (14) and April and August with five each month. In June there were three, July had two and September rounded out the 46 storms with one.

Funnel cloud: A condensation funnel extending from the base of a towering cumulus cloud associated with a rotating column that has not come in contact with the ground.

Tornado: A violently rotating column of air in contact with the ground and extending from the base of a thunderstorm.

Mesocyclone: A storm-scale region of rotation, typically around 2-6 miles in diameter and often found in the right rear flank of a supercell. The circulation of a mesocyclone covers an area much larger than the tornado that may develop within it.

Tornado alley: A central corridor conducive to tornadoic storms in the United States. The area forms a giant "X" from the northwest corner of North Dakota to the southeast tip of Louisiana and from Sanderson, Texas, to Akron, Ohio, and all areas in between.

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Kevin Guthrie, Bruning. Third degree assault, 24 months probation, \$600 fine, probation fee \$30, drug testing, \$120.

Brandon Actemeier, Hebron. No operator's license, \$75.

Chandler Jacobe, Hebron. Possess or use drug paraphernalia, \$100.

Mark Tibke, Hastings. Willful reckless driving, first offense, 7 days jail, 6 months revoked license.

Breana Zoubek, Nelson. Possess marijuana, 1 ounce or less, \$300; Possess or use drug paraphernalia, \$100.

Tiara Von Niessen. No proof of insurance, \$100. No valid registration, \$25.

Nebraska State Patrol
Corey Green, Carrollton, Texas. Speeding, \$200; Reimburse county, \$17; Fail to appear, \$250

William Bowie, Dallas, Texas. Speeding, \$75; Reimburse county, \$17.

Collin Krupicka, Ohioa. Speeding, \$200.

Akot Riak, Denison, Iowa. Drive under suspension, \$100, 6 months probation; Speeding, \$75, 6 months probation; Fail to appear,

\$50, 6 months probation. Samuel Petersen, Hebron. Possess/consume open alcohol container, \$50; Possess or use drug paraphernalia, \$100; Fail to appear, 6 days jail.

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Tourism to Homestead National Monument creates economic benefits

A new National Park Service (NPS) report shows that 123,400 visitors to Homestead National Monument of America in 2017 spent \$3,984,300 in communities near the park. That spending supported 59 jobs in the local area and had a cumulative benefit to the local economy of \$4,387,000.

"Homestead National Monument of America welcomes visitors from across the country and around the world," said Superintendent Mark Engler. "We are delighted to share the story of this National Park Service site and the experiences it provides. We also feature the park as a way to introduce our visitors to this part of the country and all that it offers.

"National park tourism is a significant driver in the national economy, returning \$10 for every \$1 invested in the National Park Service, and it's a big factor in our local economy as well. We appreciate the partnership and support of our neighbors and are glad to be able to give back by helping to sustain local communities."

Engler went on to say "The total solar eclipse that took place last August played a significant role in bringing record visitation to the monument, and with this record visitor spending in our neighboring communities."

The peer-reviewed visitor spending analysis was conducted by economists Catherine Cullinane Thomas of the U.S. Geological Survey and Lynne Koontz of the National Park Service. The report shows \$18.2 billion of direct spending by more than 330 million park visitors in communities within 60 miles of a national park.

This spending supported 306,000 jobs nationally; 255,900 of those jobs are found in these gateway communities. The cumulative benefit to the U.S. economy was \$35.8 billion.

The lodging sector received the highest direct contributions with \$5.5 billion in economic output to local gateway economies and 49,000 jobs. The restaurants sector received the next greatest direct contributions with \$3.7 billion in economic output to local gateway economies and 60,500 jobs.

According to the 2017 report, most park visitor spending was for lodging/camping (32.9 percent) followed by food and beverages (27.5 percent), gas and oil (12.1 percent), souvenirs and other expenses (10.1 percent), admissions and fees (10.0 percent), and local transportation (7.5 percent).

Report authors also produce an interactive tool that enables users to explore visitor spending, jobs, labor income, value added, and output effects by sector for national, state, and local economies. Users can also view year-by-year trend data. The interactive tool and report are available at the NPS Social Science Program webpage: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/socialscience/vse.htm>

To learn more about national parks in Nebraska and how the National Park Service works with Nebraska communities to help preserve local history, conserve the environment, and provide outdoor recreation, go to www.nps.gov/Nebraska.

Remember, Homestead National Monument of America has an exciting schedule of events planned for 2018. Keep up with the latest information by following us on Twitter (HomesteadNM) and Facebook (HomesteadNM).

Homestead National Monument of America is a unit of the National Park Service located four miles west of Beatrice and 45 miles south of Lincoln. Hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free of charge. For additional information, please call 402-223-3514 or visit <http://www.nps.gov/home/>.

Thayer County Health Services

Things And Stuff

May 2: Alexandria
May 3: Hebron
May 4: Chester
May 5: Hebron
May 9: Deshler
May 10: Davenport
May 11: Hebron
May 12: TCHS Employees

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

The Things and Stuff shop and the hospital gift shop are staffed by volunteers from Thayer County and surrounding communities. To volunteer at the Things and Stuff shop, contact Ruth Kripal at 402-768-6755. Shop hours are Wed., Thur. and Fri. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sat. from 9 a.m. to noon.

Donations of household items and clothing items may be made during the hours of operation or leave them in the drop box behind

the shop.

Children's Immunization Clinics: Immunizations for children are done through the clinic. To schedule a clinic appointment, call 402-768-7203.

Adult Immunization Clinic: For all adult vaccines, contact the clinic appointment line at 402-768-7203.

CLINIC SCHEDULES

Bruning Clinic
May 8 9:30-11:30
Maggie Johnson, PAC

Davenport Clinic
May 10 2:30-4:30
Dr. Scott Vonderfecht

Deshler Clinic
May 8 2:00-4:30
Maggie Johnson, PAC
May 10 9:00-11:30
Dr. Scott Vonderfecht

Chester Clinic
May 9 2:30-4:30
Dr. Scott Vonderfecht

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May 8 8:00-10:45
Dr. Scott Vonderfecht

PHS working to lower blood lead levels in children with lead poisoning

In recent months, PHS has received funding from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to educate the public about the harmful effects of lead and to work with families and health care providers to lower blood lead levels in children with lead poisoning.

According to public health nurse, Kate Lange, RN, BSN, "Protecting children from exposure to lead is important to life-long good health. There is no known identified safe blood lead level.

Exposure to lead can seriously harm a child's health and increase their risk for damage to the brain and nervous system, slowed growth and development, learning and behavior problems, and hearing and speech problems.

Health care providers routinely test children for lead poisoning at 12 and 24 months of age. When a child's blood lead level is 5 ug/dL or higher, actions to both help prevent further exposure to lead and to lower the amount of lead in the blood are started.

The new grant funding

allows for a community health worker (CHW) to contact parents and provide education on:

- possible sources of lead in the child's environment,
- the importance of a healthy diet high in calcium, iron, and vitamin c,
- cleaning methods to decrease lead in the home,
- the importance of good hand washing, especially before meals, and
- guidelines for repeat testing

In addition, a public health nurse collaborates with:

- the child's primary care provider to assure follow-up testing is done on time, and
- the DHHS Lead Poisoning Program to schedule a home inspection for children with blood lead levels of 10 ug/dL or higher.

"We are excited to work with families and to teach the public about the harmful effects of lead", says Jennifer Banos, CHW with the PHS Lead Program.

To learn more about lead poisoning prevention, contact Jennifer Banos, or Kate Lange, at 402-826-3880 or go to www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/



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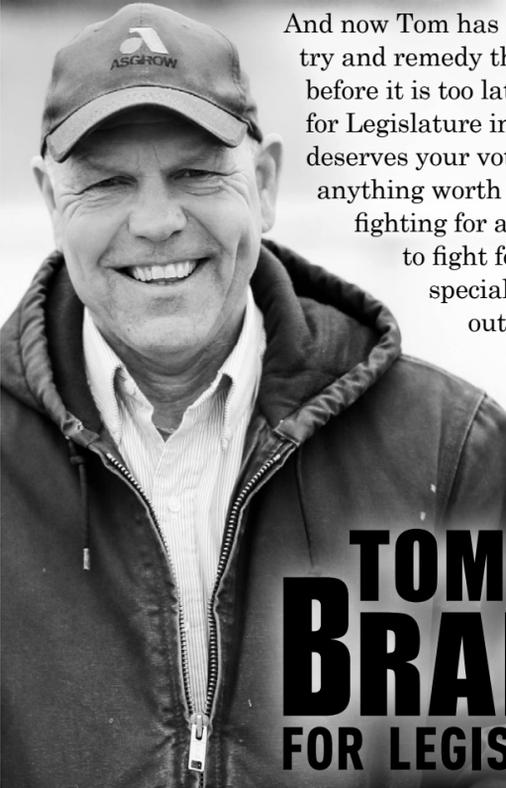
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Binder chosen for Masonic Band Camp



Aspen Binder

Lily Lodge #154 of Davenport is sponsoring Aspen Binder a student at Sandy Creek High School to attend Masonic Marching Band Camp. Miss Binder of Clay Center is the daughter of Evelyn Binder. She is a member of the band and FBLA. She was recommended by her band teacher Brandon Baxter.

The Camp will be held in conjunction with the Nebraska Shrine Bowl on the campus of the University of Nebraska in Kearney May 31-June 4. Students from all over the state attend the camp to form the All-Star Marching Band that plays in the Shrine Parade in Kearney and performs during half-time at the Annual Shrine Bowl Classic football game at UNK.

The camp was created in 1995 by then Grand Master Jerry L. Rittenburg to provide lodges and other Masonic bodies with a way to foster community involvement. The Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp lives on as his legacy, providing excellent experiences for Nebraska youth, while assisting in the mission of the Shrine Bowl - "Strong Legs Run, that Weak Legs May Walk."

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Hospital Guild holds annual meeting



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The Hospital Guild held their annual meeting in Davenport.

On April 25th, the Hospital Guild, held their general membership meeting in Davenport. Shawn Petras, Clinic VP for Thayer County Health Services gave the ladies a tour of the new Davenport Medical Clinic prior to their general meeting.

The Davenport city office also gave them a tour of the old clinic that was recently renovated into a Fitness Center. Both of these buildings are a very nice addition to the community of Davenport.

The guild ladies enjoyed a lunch provided by RW's restaurant. In honor of volunteer appreciation month, the Guild ladies were given a hot/cold acrylic drink mug from Thayer County Health Services.

Thayer County Health Services employees appreciate the guild's hard work. Carol Krueger, Guild President, told the ladies that the guild had provided over \$31,000 in support to Thayer County Health Services in

2017.

The hospital guild raises funds to support Thayer County Health Services through their Things and Stuff thrift shop in Hebron, annual membership dues and several other fundraisers held throughout the year.

If you would like more information on membership in the Hospital Guild or how to become a volunteer, contact Carol Krueger at 402-768-2554.

Bulin receives degrees from Bryan

Megan Kay Bulin of Bruning will be among the Bryan College of Health Sciences graduating class of May 2018.

Megan will receive her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a minor in Social Sciences.

Hebron Senior Center

Monday, May 7: Spaghetti, meat sauce, green beans, garlic bread, pears. *Fairbury trip.*

Tuesday, May 8: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, side salad, pudding. *Bingo.*

Wednesday, May 9: Pork cutlet, scalloped potatoes, mixed veggies, cherry cobbler.

Thursday, May 10: Salmon, baked potato, creamed peas, cake.

Friday, May 11: Hamburger on bun, baked beans, potato salad, peaches. *Sewing.*

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.

Chester residents need to call the Hebron phone number for reservations.

Exercise daily, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.; Tai Chi, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.; "See you lighter", Wednesdays, 8:45 a.m.; Bus to Lincoln on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; Fairbury trips are on first and third Mondays.

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Davenport Senior Dinners

Monday, May 7: Spaghetti, meat sauce, green beans, garlic bread, pears.

Tuesday, May 8: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, side salad, pudding.

Wednesday, May 9: Pork cutlet, scalloped potatoes, mixed veggies, cherry cobbler.

Thursday, May 10: Salmon, baked potato, creamed peas, cake.

Friday, May 11: Hamburger on bun, baked beans, potato salad, peaches.

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

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

Reece to graduate

Madison Reece of Hebron is a candidate to graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree during Chadron State College's spring commencement on May 5.

More than 245 candidates are scheduled to receive their undergraduate degrees in the Chicoine Center at 10 a.m. Former Vice President of Academic Affairs, Lois Veath Podobnik will be the speaker.

Carleton ALA #329 meets

The American Legion Auxiliary met on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, at 2 p.m., for their regular meeting. President Heinrichs called the meeting to order.

The colors were advanced, opening prayer was given and the members joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble. The members also sang the first verse of the Star Spangled Banner. The roll call was taken showing eight members present. The secretary's minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was also read and approved.

Nancy read communications which included a thank you note from Stan Smith and also a thank you note from Maggie Harris.

Under new business, Memorial Day will be held on May 28, 2018, at 2 p.m., at the cemetery. Please note the time change. Jim Barr will be our speaker this year. Cookies and coffee will be served afterwards at the community hall. Poppy Week will be held from May 7th through May 21. We will canvas the town and the surrounding area during this time. Help support our veterans by wearing a poppy.

Election of officers was held. A motion was made by Lucinda and seconded by Cris to have the same officers as last year by accumulation for the upcoming 2018-2019 year. Motion carried.

Having no further business, a prayer for peace was given by Rosalie and Melany retired the colors. Our next meeting will be on June 19th, at 7 p.m., with our Girl and Boy State reports.

The meeting was adjourned. Melany had the program and Judi served lunch.

Submitted by Carol Krupicka, Secretary

Obituaries

Donald Bauer

Donald J. Bauer, 94, of Fairbury, passed away April 29, 2018, at JCH&L in Fairbury. He was born January 8, 1924, in Gilead, to Edward and Jeannette (Zagel) Bauer.

Donald was a WWII Army Veteran.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. on May 3, at Grace Lutheran Church in Fairbury, with Pastor Charles Schmidt officiating.

The family will greet friends on May 2, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Gerdes-Meyer Funeral Home in Fairbury.

Burial will be at Zion Countryside Cemetery in Gladstone.

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

T.C. Senior of the Week – Corning



Thayer Central Senior of the Week is Clinton Corning. Clinton is the son of Jeff and Candida Corning.

Clinton's favorite class at Thayer Central is welding. His favorite food is shrimp and his favorite pastime is "cruising."

At Thayer Central, Clinton has been involved in football.

His advice to underclassmen is, "Keep up on all your work. It's difficult if you fall behind and have to catch up."

Following graduation in



Clinton Corning

a couple of weeks, Clinton plans to attend State Tech in Linn Creek, Missouri, and major in Welding.

Bruning-Davenport Unified School

ACTIVITIES

Thursday, May 3: Track at Sandy Creek high school, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, May 9: Varsity track districts at Tri County high school, 9 a.m.

Deshler Public Schools

ACTIVITIES

Friday, May 4: Field trip, third grade to Morrill Hall; D-Club banquet, 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 5: D-Club elementary track meet; Power Drive competition at Wayne.

Monday, May 7: NHS community service - planting flowers at Parkview; Spanish I program, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 8: Awards

ceremony, 9 a.m.
Wednesday, May 9: Varsity track districts, TBA; Golf invitation at Hebron County Club, 9:30 a.m.

Thayer Central Community Schools

ACTIVITIES

Thursday, May 3: SNC golf at Fairbury, TBA; K-4 Spring program day, 9 a.m.; HS track at Fillmore Central, 2 p.m.

Friday, May 4: I love PS shirt day; SNC JH track at Wilber-Clatonia, 10 a.m.; NSAA awards night, 7 p.m.

Monday, May 7: Academy awards night, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 8: Senior picnic for staff and 9-12th grades, 12 p.m.; Art show/Silent auction during Pop concert, 6:30 p.m.; Pop concert, 6:30 p.m.; Dessert bar for Pop concert, 7 p.m.; Concert on Striv, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 9: Rising Stars graduation; Walk Wednesday, 7:55 a.m.; Thayer Central golf invite, 9:30 a.m.

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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
Wednesday, May 2: Con-
firmation class; Faith Walk
Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 6: Worship Ser-
vice with Holy Communion, 10
a.m.; Trinity high school seniors
honored; Confirmation Day.
Tuesday, May 8: Text study.
Wednesday, May 9: Faith
Walk Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.;
Church council meeting, 7:30
p.m.

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. Christopher Gerdes, Pastor
Sundays: Worship, 11 a.m.
Tuesdays: Vespers, 6 p.m.;
Bible study, 6:30 p.m.

* DAVENPORT *

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

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

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN
Vicar 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
Wednesday, May 2: WMF
Bible study, 1:30 p.m.
Friday, May 4: Ladies Bible

study, 1 p.m.
Sunday, May 6: Sunday
School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship with
Communion, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 9: Quilting,
1:30 p.m.; Missionary presenta-
tion by Matt and Ednay Abel,
7:30 p.m.

PEACE LUTHERAN

Rich Stevenson, Pastor
Wednesday, May 2: Mead-
owlark Heights Bible study,
10:30 a.m.; Staff meeting, 11:30
a.m.; Parkview Haven Chapel,
3 p.m.; 5 and 6 PACE, 4 p.m.;
7 and 8 PACE, 5 p.m.
Thursday, May 3: National
Day of Prayer; Discipleship
and Education team meeting,
7 p.m.

Saturday, May 5: Last Satur-
day night worship, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 6: Last day of
Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Wor-
ship with teacher recognition,
10 a.m.

Tuesday, May 8: Morning
Circle at Meadowlark Heights,
9:30 a.m.; Church council meet-
ing, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, May 9: Last day
of 5 and 6 PACE, 4 p.m.; Last
day of 7 and 8 PACE, 5 p.m.
Friday, May 11: Men's break-
fast at The Wheelhouse, 7
a.m.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN

Brian Francik, Pastor
Wednesday, May 2: DLS
early dismissal, 1:53 p.m.
Thursday, May 3: National
Day of Prayer; Conversations,
7 a.m.; Prayer Service, 7 p.m.;
LWML, 8 p.m.
Friday, May 4: Play day at
Friedensau, 10 a.m.; Bulletin
folders, 1 p.m.
Sunday, May 6: Communion
Service led by Pastor Gudge,

9:30 a.m.; Sunday School,
10:30 a.m.
Sunday, May 6 - Monday,
May 7: Seventh and eighth
grade DLS class trip to Kansas
City.

* FRIEDENSAU *

TRINITY LUTHERAN
Rev. Jose Flores
Sunday, May 6: Worship Ser-
vice, 10 a.m.; Sunday School
and Bible class, 11:15 a.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, 8:00
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.

HEBRON & CHESTER UNITED METHODIST

Rev. Young Je Kim, Pastor
Sundays: Worship at Ches-
ter, 11 a.m.; Worship at Hebron,
9 a.m.; Sunday School, Chester,
9:30 a.m.; Hebron, 10:15 a.m.

KING OF KINGS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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

HARVESTIME NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY

Mike Hood, Pastor
Sundays: Worship, 10 a.m.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC

Father Rudolf Oborny, Pastor
Wednesday, May 2: CCD, 7
p.m. and senior farewell.
Thursday, May 3: Nation
Day of Prayer at Courthouse
steps, noon; Altar Society, 2
p.m.; Rosary, 1:40 p.m.; Holy
Hour, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 4: First Friday
Mass, 7:20 a.m.

Saturday, May 5: Mass, 6
p.m.

Sunday, May 6: Mass, 10
a.m., with crowning of Mary
by the First Communion class;
Rosary for the unborn follow-
ing Mass.

May 11-14: The movie "Paul,
Apostle of Christ" will be shown
at the Majestic Theatre in
Hebron.

HEBRON BIBLE CHURCH

Jeff Friesen, Pastor
Sundays: Sunday School, 9
a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m.
Wednesdays: Women's Bible
study, 7 p.m.
Thursdays: Prayer time, 9
a.m.
Saturdays (2nd and 4th):
Men's Bible study.

* HUBBELL *

ZION LUTHERAN
Rev. Christopher Gerdes, Pastor
Sundays: Worship, 8 a.m.

* OAK *

FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH

Keith Brich, Pastor
Sundays: Sunday School, 9
a.m.; Worship 10 a.m.
Wednesdays: Men's Bible
study, 7 p.m.
Fridays: Women's Bible
study, 2 p.m.
First Saturday: Men's break-
fast, 7:30 a.m.

* RUSKIN *

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Sundays: Worship, 10 a.m.

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Three crosses on a hill...

Takaylynn Hergott made the 'Three Crosses On The Hill' for her confirmation project. Her dad, Jim, and Les Reinke helped her build it out of Apple wood planking. Her mentor is her aunt, Kathy Reinke. Takaylynn's Bible verse is Matthew 5:14. She gets confirmed this Sunday at Grace Lutheran Church.

There are solar lights on the crosses so if you happen to drive at night you can still see them. They are located about one mile south from the Belvidere corner on the high hill on the east side of Highway 81. They will be a friendly reminder of her Bible verse. "You are like light for the whole world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bowl; instead he puts it on a lamp stand, where it gives light for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine before people, so they will see the good things you do and praise your father in heaven."

Belvidere

By Linda Hudson

The noise of the week is the hum of the lawn mowers finally getting a chance to trim the grass as the warmer weather now has allowed it to grow.

The noise of the year is the wind which will always be most days of the calendar as Nebraska is known as the fourth windiest state in the nation.

The scene of the week is the sight of the tractors and monster planters traveling the fields trying to get that corn seed planted in the already fertilized soil.

The celebration of the week would have to be the ribbon cutting and open house of the newly renovated hospital and clinic. It was a well planned enjoyable event and a great opportunity to view all the improvements that have been made.

It brings to mind how very important it is to support our county hospital. For a such a rural location and small population we are very lucky to have a facility such as this to serve our needs. So much modern equipment and the fitness center is something to behold. Do we really take time to appreciate this? The new doctor situation will

soon be under control and we can all continue with our usual routine of patronizing the hospital which is there for us.

Belvidere is busy making plans for the Memorial weekend. Besides the patriotic church service at 9 a.m. at the United Church of Christ on Sunday, May 27 the Belvidere Firemen and the Belvidere Woman's Club and community will join forces and provide a brunch at the Belvidere Community Center to help provide needed funds for the only restaurant in town which is Toad's. With bad luck at their doorstep, the community volunteers had to repair the whole roof of the establishment which meant spending thousands of dollars. This will be open to the public for an enjoyable Sunday meal and all proceeds will go to the roof project. It will be a good opportunity to bring guests for a meal and then, if you so desire, tour your County Museum.

Members of the UCC church were saddened to hear of the death of Cindy Landenberger of Sidney. She was the oldest daughter of members Betty and Gene

Dudgeon of Hebron. She was laid to rest in the Carleton cemetery.

Shari Apking has completed her move from Alexandria to Fairbury. But along with the move came too much lifting. The move was responsible for two broken ribs. Our thoughts are with her as she struggles with the pain.

Kent and Jackie Williamson traveled last weekend with their son, Jerome, to join other members of their immediate family at the home of their daughter, Joy, and her husband, Don James, at their home on Lake of the Ozarks near Climax, Mo., to celebrate Kent's April 22nd birthday. Their son, Jeff of Omaha, and daughters, Jill Grueber and Joni Williamson of Lincoln, also came for the celebration. They enjoyed helping Don and Joy launch their new pontoon boat for its maiden voyage on the Lake and sharing a meal at the Red Fox, followed by a cold ride back to their dock later that day. Sunday was rainy so there were lots of indoors togetherness which included putting together a jigsaw puzzle or two and enjoying birthday cake.

The highlight of the day

was viewing Jackie and Kent's old 8mm home movies, which their son had converted to DVD's. They began with their wedding on June 26, 1955, through 1983. Lots of memories! They returned to Belvidere on Monday, and Jerome, an over the road trucker, left again on Friday, heading to Atlanta, Ga.

The daughter of Steve and Sandy 'Priefert' Kostal of Odell was married Saturday, April 28, in Odell and the reception was in Fairbury. Those attending were Leah and Al Lammers, Jack Priefert, Russ and Bonnie Priefert, Linda Hudson, Angie and Landi Priefert, Craig and Mary Priefert and family of Omaha and Erv Priefert of Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Sandy and Craig are the children of the Erv and the late Nancy Priefert. The married couple is Hillary and Curtis Campbell. They will be living in Hebron and Curtis is employed by Jim and Tori Hergott.

Only two to three weeks remaining before school ends. The school calendars are filled with end of the year activities such as music programs, track meets and graduations.

Next week is the District track meets and then all athletes will know if they qualified for the State track meet which is held in Omaha.

The beginning of a new month brings a birthday celebration at Toad's on May 4, in honor of John the Man-

ager. Be sure to come and bring your singing voice as Karaoke will be there. I know there are singers in Bruning that can sing quite well.

Saturday also brings Cinco de Mayo. I think this is a good opportunity to celebrate also. I have always wanted to go to one of these parties. It is a signal to eat lots of tacos, salsa, Mexican refried beans and rice and drink. When I checked the party supplies for this type of party, I found they even make M&M's for this occasion. They are red, white and green. They have a Mexican message printed

on them. Perhaps we can talk Toad's into having a combination Birthday-Cinco de Mayo party or just have the Mexican party on Saturday night. I believe it would be better to sing my South of the Border song along with a little Karaoke. I am heading for the basement right now to find my Mariachi hat! Who wants to sing with me??

On you way to Belvidere be sure to look for the three new crosses. It is a very nice sight!

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Work to begin on airport Oak

By Phyllis Schmitt

Replacement of the taxiways and approaches around the hangars at the Hebron Airport is slated to start on May 7 if the weather cooperates. M. E. Collins is the contractor that will remove the rough and cracked asphalt approaches and replace it with concrete. Engineering contractor is Kirkham Michael.

The \$700,000 construction project is funded by a grant through the FAA and Nebraska Department of Aeronautics, and covers 90 percent of the construction costs. The Hebron Airport Authority will provide the required 10 percent match.

During the project, the airport will remain open for aircraft to land and depart, as well as access the 100LL and Jet A fueling system. The fueling system, which opened in December 2017, has been a great expansion of the services at the airport with the addition of 24-hour fuel services and credit card pumps.

Aircraft and anyone accessing the airport grounds should be cautious to watch for workers and equipment on site. In addition, if traveling past the airport on Highway 136, please be aware of traffic turning off the highway into the airport. With planting season starting, farm equipment is out on the roads, and the addition of the construction

project adds another element that will increase traffic. The Hebron Airport Authority asks that everyone use caution when traveling in the airport area.

There will be a period of time during the project that hangars will not be accessible. Aircraft tenants and on-site businesses have been asked to make alternate arrangements during this time. Every effort is being made to limit the inconvenience of those utilizing the airport.

The public might also notice a change in the landscape between the Hebron Country Club and the Airport. The Airport Authority received a \$10,000 grant to assist with removal of trees in the path of the runway. This work is nearing completion.

The airport will likely see some increase in activity during the Cattlemen's Ball. The airport will be shut down to outside air traffic immediately prior to and during the air show for the acrobatic pilot's safety. All aircraft utilizing the airport around the Cattlemen's Ball are asked to check for the Notam's that will give the appropriate guidance.

Questions or concerns during the construction project can be directed to Bill Linton, President of the Airport Authority, at 402-768-6597 or Deb Craig, Administrative Support, at 402-768-1379.

Last Monday, Trish Rasmussen visited Phil and Gerry Eckles.

Last week on Wednesday, Gerry Eckles visited her sister, Marianne Wolfe in Hastings. She had dinner with her at the Homestead.

Dick and Carol Eckles visited Phil and Gerry Eckles on Sunday.

Donna Gillan quilted last Monday.

Last Tuesday, Donna Gillan, Trish Rasmussen and Muriel Follmer ate lunch at the Vestey Center in Superior.

The Nelson Rubies attended the Salad Luncheon at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Superior on Wednesday. Attending were Donna Gillan, Gerry Eckles and Phyllis Schmitt.

After the luncheon on Wednesday, Donna Gillan's group had coffee at D&D's Lyon's Den. In the evening, they attended "Evening in Jamaica" at Salem Lutheran Church where three high school children spoke on their trip.

Thursday, Donna Gillan went to coffee and Tai Chi.

Friday night, Donna Gillan attended Honors Night at the high school.

On Saturday, Donna Gillan went with Jim and Terri Oltmans to Crete to watch baseball games.

On Sunday, Donna Gillan was among others that were at Senior Recognition Day at The Nelson Community United Church of Christ. Others attending were Anders Jensen, Cheryl Jensen and Darrell and Donna Jensen. The Sunday School children played the bells at the service. Later, Donna and others had coffee at the C-Store.

Last Monday night, Gaylen and Jackie Cox attended the Spring Concert at Sandy Creek and then on Friday night, they attended the FFA Banquet.

Sunday afternoon, Amanda Hofts and Shelley and



Courtesy photo

Electric car team...

The Electric Car season has been off to a great start for Deshler students. On April 21, car S59 brought home a first place trophy from the endurance race in the Standard class competition from racing at UNL East Campus. The electric car team had their second endurance event on April 28 at Motorsport Park Hastings. The S53 car brought home third place at this event. In Hastings, the boys showed great resilience as they had to overcome a front cross-member break once they arrived at the track. The student's reached out to Justin Jarchow who set up the use of the welder at Eldon's Automotive Repair in Hastings. The boys were able to repair the car and even finished strong in the endurance race. The Deshler team was recognized with 'Best Pit Crew' trophy for their efforts and persistence.

The Deshler electric car team includes Seniors: Ryan Brandt, Derrick Buescher, Ethan Meerkatz, Brett Mundhenke and Daniel Petersen and Juniors: Mason O'Neal and Brenton Laaker.

Conner Kapperman visited Gaylen and Jackie Cox.

Lola Biltoft had back surgery in Lincoln last Tuesday. Those there for that were Don Biltoft, Erin Levering of Lincoln and Lesley, Chase and Halle Jo Soucie of Lee's Summit, Mo. Lola returned home on Wednesday.

Pam Ficken was a visitor of Lola Biltoft's on Thursday, Phyllis Schmitt visited on Friday and Nicole Skinner was there on Sunday.

Last Monday, Phyllis Schmitt was a coffee guest of Jackie Cox.

Last Tuesday, Phyllis Schmitt met Sherry Hartman in Davenport for lunch at RW's Cafe.

On Thursday, Phyllis Schmitt attended the birthday dinner at the Davenport Senior Center.

Obituaries

James Laverentz

James Thomas Laverentz, 63, of Hubbell, the son of Donald and Mary (Hauschild) Laverentz, was born October 6, 1954, in Hebron. He departed this life on April 30, 2018, at his residence in Hubbell, at the age of 63 years.

Following Jim's wishes he was cremated, no visitation and a memorial service will be Monday, May 14, 2018, at Zion Lutheran Church in Hubbell, NE at 10:30 a.m.

Kroll Funeral Home of Hebron is in charge of arrangements.

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The freedoms of speech issue arose at the University this past year. The 2014 regental candidate, Steve Glenn, communicated with the incumbent chairman regent representing the district concerning **Bo Pelini's** action. For political purposes, Glenn's freedom of speech was negated; he was vilified and credibility destroyed for suggesting **Pelini's** discharge. One month later the regental representative allowed **Pelini's** dismissal. Is this representative of the district or to the University administration? Representation for the constituent is vital to your voice being heard.

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COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS APRIL 25, 2018

The Thayer County Board of Commissioners met in open and public session in the commissioner's room of the courthouse at 9:00 a.m. on April 25, 2018. Present were Commissioners Dave Bruning, Dean Krueger, Rick Dageforde and County Clerk, Marie Rauner.

Dave Bruning, chairman of the board, called the meeting to order.

Public meeting laws are posted and available on the north wall of the meeting room in compliance with Nebraska statutes.

The minutes from the previous meeting were mailed to the commissioners for review. Rick Dageforde moved and Dave Bruning seconded to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2018 meeting. Result of vote: Dageforde-yes, Bruning-yes, and Krueger-yes. Motion carried.

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

Andrew Schmidt applied for a permit to occupy county road right-of-way for an electrical line in the E1/2NW1/4 of Sec 5-T2-R4. Dean Krueger made a motion to approve the permit. Dave Bruning seconded. Result of vote: Krueger-yes, Bruning-yes, and Dageforde-yes. Motion carried.

Board members discussed an extension for the Conditional Use Permit for Trey Duensing that was approved for an intensive feeding operation at 274 Road 5000. The Thayer County Zoning board recommended the approval of the extension to the commissioners. Dean Krueger made a motion and Rick Dageforde seconded to grant the extension for the Conditional Use Permit for one year from this meeting. If at that time construction of the facility hasn't started the permit will be expired and a new application will need to be started. Result of vote: Krueger-yes, Dageforde-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

Monthly reports were submitted from the County Clerk, District Court Clerk, Zoning, Sheriff, Treasurer, Extension, Emergency Manager and Veteran Service Officer. Reports were reviewed and signed. They will be on file in the county clerk's office.

Ray Wright met with the commissioners to discuss a new design for the county web site. He also discussed with the board the purchase of a weather camera to have attached to the roof of the courthouse for storm watch. Once established data may be shared among the fire departments for storm tracking. Rick Dageforde made a motion and Dean Krueger seconded to approve the purchase of the camera. Result of vote: Dageforde-yes, Krueger-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

The commissioners moved to the clubroom at 10:30 to listen to a Disaster Recovery Webinar.

At 11:30 they returned to their regular meeting room. Shelley Kuzman, representative from the Cattleman's Ball committee, met with the commissioners to discuss the Special Designated License process and applications that will be coming through for their approval for the wine tasting tent.

Randy & Kelly Meyer from Superior Estates Winery applied for a Special Designated License for the Cattleman's Ball on June 2, 2018. Rick Dageforde made a motion and Dean Krueger seconded to approve the request. Result of vote: Dageforde-yes, Krueger-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

Stutzman Enterprises LLC dba Lazy Horse Vineyard from Ohio, NE applied for a Special Designated License for the Cattleman's Ball on June 2, 2018. Dean Krueger made a motion to approve the permit. Rick Dageforde seconded the motion. Result of vote: Krueger-yes, Dageforde-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

Miretta Vineyards & Winery Inc. dba Miretta Vista Winery Enterprises from St. Paul, NE applied for a Special Designated License for the Cattleman's Ball on June 2, 2018. Rick Dageforde made a motion and Dave Bruning seconded to approve the permit. Result of vote: Dageforde-yes, Bruning-yes, and Krueger-yes. Motion carried.

James Arthur Vineyards applied for a Special Designated License for the Cattleman's Ball on June 2, 2018. Dean Krueger made a motion and Dave Bruning seconded to approve the permit. Result of vote: Krueger-yes, Bruning-yes, and Dageforde-yes. Motion carried.

Review of the information in regard to changes to the employee personnel manual for Thayer County wasn't available from the attorney. Action tabled until the next meeting.

Dean Krueger made a motion and Dave Bruning seconded to direct the chairman to sign a letter of support for Thayer County Economic Development Alliance in regard to an application for a county-wide Owner Occupied Rehabilitation program. Result of vote: Krueger-yes, Bruning-yes, and Dageforde-yes. Motion carried.

Rick Dageforde made a motion and Dave Bruning seconded to approve the salary claims being processed by the county clerk. Result of vote: Dageforde-yes, Bruning-yes, and Krueger-yes. Motion carried.

General.....\$85,972.72
Road/Bridge\$34,452.26
Emergency Mgmt ...\$2,939.03
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General Fund

American Family Insurance, Bp78\$479.56
Ameritas-Vision, Vision Insurance.....\$143.94
Bcbs Of Nebraska, Health Insurance ..\$26,526.30
Mass Mutual Retirement Services, Deferred Comp\$711.24
Mutual Of Omaha #G000502F, Life Insurance.....\$135.14

Nebraska Department Of Revenue, State Taxes.....\$1,498.51
Retirement Plans Division 002821, Retirement.....\$5,964.25

Thayer County Bank, Federal Taxes.....\$11,309.09
United Healthcare Insurance Co, Dental Insurance\$1,090.51

Road/Bridge Fund

American Family Insurance, Bp78\$204.23
Ameritas-Vision, Vision Insurance.....\$59.38
Bcbs Of Nebraska, Health Insurance\$1,188.03

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Retirement Plans Division 002821, Retirement.....\$3,399.88
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Emergency Management Fund

Nebraska Department Of Revenue, State Taxes.....\$72.75
Retirement Plans Division 002821, Retirement.....\$289.02

Thayer County Bank, Federal Taxes.....\$568.56

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Nebraska Department Of Revenue, State Taxes.....\$129.59
Retirement Plans Division 002821, Retirement.....\$360.27

Thayer County Bank, Federal Taxes.....\$805.22

There being no other business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:20. The board will convene on May 4, 2018 at 9:00 am.

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

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

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

Dave Bruning
Chairman of the Board
Marie E. Rauner
County Clerk

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Commissioner agenda and minutes are available at www.thayercounty.ne.gov
Wk18-11

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THAYER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Estate of Annabelle R. Nacke, Deceased
Estate No. PR 18-18

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Formal Probate of Will, Determination of Heirs, and Appointment of Mary B. Rauner as Personal Representative has been filed and is set for hearing in the County Court of Thayer County, Nebraska, on June 11, 2018, at 10:45 a.m.

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Wk18-3t

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THAYER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Estate of Patricia R. Stewart, Deceased
Estate No. PR 18-15

Notice is hereby given that on April 13, 2018, in the County Court of Thayer County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Lynne M. Mesloh, whose address is 1005 Lincoln Avenue, Hebron, NE 68370, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before June 18, 2018, or be forever barred.

Vicki L. Jarchow
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Wk16-3t

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THAYER COUNTY, NEBRASKA NOTICE OF DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS

Robert Agustine Chavez, Plaintiff

vs.
Kristie Nicole Chavez, Defendant

Case No. CI 18-16

To: Kristie Nicole Chavez, whose whereabouts are unknown upon whom personal service of summons cannot be had, and is the defendant in said proceedings:

You are notified that on April 22, 2018, Plaintiff, Robert Agustine Chavez, filed a Complaint against you in the District Court of Thayer County, Nebraska, at Case No. CI 18-16, the object of which is to obtain a dissolution of marriage on the ground that the marriage is irretrievably broken and to obtain an equitable division of the property, among other things.

You are required to answer said Complaint on or before June 8, 2018, or said Complaint against you will be taken as true.

Robert Agustine Chavez
Plaintiff
620 Duffield Ave.
Hebron, NE 68370
641-680-6832
Wk17-3t

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING THAYER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Thayer County Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 in the Thayer County Courthouse, 2nd floor, Hebron, Nebraska. The meeting of the Board of Commissioners will begin at 9:00 am. The meetings are open to the public.

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

Marie E. Rauner
Thayer County Clerk
Wk18-1t

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THAYER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Estate of LaDonna J. Heider, Deceased
Estate No. PR 18-19

Notice is hereby given that on April 30, 2018, in the County Court of Thayer County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Kathryn L. Heider, whose address is 3720 Cherry Street, Building L, Apartment 46, Grand Forks, ND 58201, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before July 2, 2018, or be forever barred.

Vicki L. Jarchow
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NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THAYER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Estate of Velma E. Heitmann, Deceased
Estate No. PR 18-16

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Formal Probate of Will of said deceased; Determination of Heirs; and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed and is set for hearing in the Thayer County, Nebraska Court, on the 14th day of May, 2018, at 9:45 o'clock a.m.

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Wk16-3t

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that LILAC VIEW FARM LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, is organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its designated office at 6379 Road X, Bruning, Nebraska 68322 and the registered agent at such address is Gary Hinrichs. The general nature of its business is to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business for which a Limited Liability Company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska, including but not limited to agricultural production, and for all other purposes authorized by law.

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NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THAYER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Estate of Elaine C. Huber, Deceased
Estate No. PR 18-17

Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of April, 2018, in the County Court of Thayer County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Dawn May, whose address is 6976 Road Q, Alexandria, NE 68303, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before the 2nd day of July, 2018, or be forever barred.

Vicki L. Jarchow
Clerk of the County Court
225 North 4th Street
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Hebron, NE 68370

Mark Goodall, #15400
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Omaha, NE 68114
(402) 391-1697
Wk18-3t

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING THAYER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Thayer County Board of Equalization on May 4, 2018 in the County Board Meeting Room of the Thayer County Courthouse in Hebron, Nebraska. The Agenda for the meeting is kept continuously current and is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk in the Thayer County Courthouse, Hebron, Nebraska.

/s/ Marie E. Rauner
Thayer County Clerk
Wk18-1t

PUBLIC NOTICE EXEMPT VEHICLE APPLICATION

The Thayer County Board of Equalization will hold a hearing to consider exempt vehicle application request on May 4, 2018 at 11:45 am in the Commissioners room of the Courthouse. A list of the organizations seeking exemption is available in the County Clerk's Office.

Marie E. Rauner
Thayer County Clerk
Wk18-1t

VILLAGE OF DAVENPORT APRIL 2, 2018

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Davenport, Nebraska, met in regular session on Monday, April 2, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fire Hall Conference Room. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof as shown by the certificate of posting notice attached to these minutes. Notice of the meeting was mailed to all board members, and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda are also attached to the minutes. The agenda was on file in the office of the Village Clerk and available for public inspection. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was in regular session and open to public attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Trapp noting the availability of the Open Meeting Laws. Answering roll call were Crosier, Enghauser, Oltmans, Seifert and Trapp. Also present were Donovan Knigge, Mark Jagels, Deputy Rose, and Village employees Braun, Ficken, and Vorce.

Minutes of the March regular meeting were declared approved as printed, there being no additions or corrections, and reading aloud being dispensed with, as copies of the minutes were distributed to trustees along with their notices.

The treasurer's report was given. Oltmans, seconded by Seifert, moved that the report be accepted. Roll call vote: AYES: Crosier, Enghauser, Oltmans, Seifert, Trapp. Motion carried.

Current patrol reports were available. BB goal on 7th Street needs to be moved. Seifert is pursuing the generator that may be available from the hospital. It is felt residents need notification about abandoned/junk vehicles being ticketed and towed.

Claims for March expenses were presented and audited. Trapp, seconded by Crosier, moved that the claims be paid. Roll call vote: AYES: Crosier, Enghauser, Oltmans, Seifert, Trapp. The chairman declared the motion carried and ordered payment of the following claims. Wages, less withholdings, \$6551.38; Vorce, supplies, \$28.57; Black Hills, service, \$923.79; Border States, supplies \$566.51; Burton Enterprises, service, \$35.00; Bus World, supplies, \$82.46; C J Tire, unit, \$546.18; Cornerstone Bank, FICA, \$2021.50, sales tax, \$1961.30; CPS, fuel & sup, \$305.43; Darley, supplies,

\$334.40; Davenport Bldg Sup, supplies \$55.74; Davenport Public Library, lease, \$900.00; DHHS, license, 115.00; Edward Jones, 2%, \$257.10; Journal, publish, \$41.42; Murray, fee, \$40.00; Matheson, supplies, \$103.85; NE Dept of Rev. wh, \$874.98; NE Public Health Lab, test, \$15.00; Norris Public Power, trans. Charges, \$1668.20; NPPD, power purchase, \$14879.10; Nova Fitness, equipment, \$21657.23; One Call, locates, \$5.31; Precision Signs, sign, \$5000.00; Thayer Co Treas., law enforcement, \$2850.00; Verizon, service, \$119.79; Watson, supplies, \$13.96; Windstream, service, \$196.76; Zoll pressure/defib, \$18369.99; HOA, labor/mileage, \$531.00; Ne U.C. Fund, unemployment, \$40.47.

Mark Jagels gave an update on the sign.

Some improvement on Wilson's yard, but needs to keep working on it.

When weather permits, His-song will be back to finish the street repairs. He has a jackhammer attachment for a skid steer and would rent it out if the Village should have need of it.

The water tower contract with Maguire Iron was discussed. Everett will contact them regarding further questions and see about getting a second bid on the work that first and foremost needs to be done such as taking care of the hatch, cleaning and sealing.

The Annual Water Quality Report was reviewed. It has been posted as required.

Fire Chief Knigge gave an update on the pumper truck repairs.

Ficken has some clay/sand mix that would work well for potholes and would sell it to the Village for \$10.00 a ton. Consensus of the Board that would be a fair charge.

Maintenance report included: Norris installing electric service for Kennel's building, some modifications on the grapple fork, hopefully the chipper can be repaired within the month, check of sewer manholes and still assessing the problem(s) involving the water controls.

There being no further business to come before the board, Enghauser, seconded by Trapp, moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Justin Trapp
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Sports



Titan boys shine on foot

The Thayer Central boys track and field team came away with a third place in the Southern Nebraska Conference meet April 28 on Sandy Creek's track.

Several running events showed the Titans in the top three.

Aubrey Fangmeier flew to first in three races — the 400-meter dash in 51.12; 800-meter run in 1:57.43; and 1600-meter run in 4:49.43 with Keegan Casey on his trail for a second place at 4:52.85. Damian Stewart came in fifth in the 1600 at 4:57.43.

Zach Koss was on Fangmeier's heels in the 800 to put the Titans in first and second place for the event. Koss's time was 2:00.64.

Phillip Price, Trey Fischer, Dylan Fischer and Koss gave the Titans another first place in the 1600-meter relay with a time of 3:36.55.

Stewart placed second in the 3200-meter run. His time was 10:23.18. Dylan Fischer was seventh in that race. His time was 11:13.15.

In the 3200-meter relay, Casey, Trey Fischer, Dylan Fischer and Koss finished second in 8:25.84.

Thayer Central had 76 points. Centennial was second with 92.50 points. Taking first was Sutton with 107 points.

Remaining results are as follows:

Discus — Keith Hergott, 120 feet, 10 inches, 6th place;

110 hurdles — Price, 16.84;

400 dash — Andrew Heinrichs, 57.72, 16th; Luke Templin, 1:03.26, 25th;

800 run — Andrew Landsmann, 2:34.84, 25th;

400 relay — Isaiah Keilwitz, Kevin Burd, Jarod Hergott and Dominic Stewart, 48.26, 6th.



Andrew Heinrichs



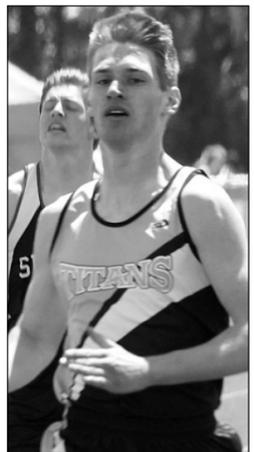
Kevin Burd



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Andrew Engle



Aubrey Fangmeier



Keegan Casey



Chloe Souerdyke, McKenzie Johnson, Kylie Pachta and Katelyn Richardson broke the school record in the 3200-meter relay.

Titans set school record

Lady Titans, McKenzie Johnson, Kylie Pachta, Katelyn Richardson and Chloe Souerdyke broke a school record set in 2002 for the 3200-meter relay.

The record was 10:20.6. The girls went 10:14.64 for first place at the Southern Nebraska Conference meet at Sandy Creek April 28.

The girls also dropped about 30 seconds off their season best, Coach Deb Vorderstrasse said.

"Very proud of these girls. They are taking their workouts seriously and today, they took advantage of the nice weather and left it all on the track," Vorderstrasse said.

As a team, the Titans tallied 13 personal bests.

In field events, Chloe Souerdyke nailed a second place in the high jump at 4 feet, 10.40 inches. Emily Welch placed fifth in the shot put at 36 feet, 5.25 inches. Madalyn Crouse was fourth in the pole vault. Her height was 9 feet, .20 inches.

Grace Souerdyke placed



Maggie Harris

fifth in the long jump with a distance of 15 feet, 5.50 inches.

Running saw the Titans

pick up several medals. Jena Cottam was third in the 100-meter dash, going 13.46. Richardson was second in the 800-meter run. She came in at 2:28.53.

Also second was Sydney Havel in the 300 hurdles with a time of 50.50.

Additional results are as follows:

400 dash — Kaizley Krupicka, 1:06.08, 8th;

3200 run — Pachta, 14:33.96, 9th; Audrey Landsmann, 16:59.06, 14th;

800 run — Bridget Linton, 2:36.89, 9th; Chloe Souerdyke, 2:44.50, 11th;

1600 run — Landsmann, 7:52.22, 19th;

400 relay — Cottam, Grace Souerdyke, Havel and Maddie Williams, 54.31, 5th;

1600 relay — Linton, Richardson, Krupicka and Chloe Souerdyke, 4:28.67, 6th.



Emily Welch

Deshler takes on two meets

Deshler's golf team met in Sutton for a quad meet with Fillmore Central, Thayer Central and Sutton April 23.

"We couldn't have asked for a better nine hole meet due to the course and the weather being perfect," Coach Andy Brenn said. "I'd like to congratulate Adam Roth for his first place finish and his Eagle on par four, hole seven."

Roth tied for first place with a 41. Hutch Finke tied for sixth place with a 45. Aaron Buckles had 56; Peyton Dubbert, 56; and Damian Fayle, 59.

Junior varsity scores were Ryan Brandt with 62; Sam Bohling, 69; Tori Schoof, 71; and McKensi Blau, 74.

The team also had a great day at the Cyndi Peil Memorial Scramble April 24.

"This is always a fun meet for the kids," Brenn said. "We were able to take eight of our nine golfers and give them an experience on how to scramble."

Roth and Finke placed second in flight and overall with a score of 75.

Buckles and Fayle were

at 98.

Dubbert and Brandt made 104.

Juniors play at Fox Hollow

The Thayer Central golfers had the best weather of the season April 23 at Fox Hollow in Sutton.

"The golf course was in great shape," Coach Trey Strong said. We had six junior varsity play in the quad."

Seth Mumford, Joel Kayser and Brennan Harms had varsity experience and shot 56, 56 and 57 respectively.

Inclement weather has hampered the junior varsity

event season. Sutton was the first event this year for the juniors.

Three other Titan golfers, Michael Dana, Wyatt Wiedel and Charlie Mitchell took the course for their first competitive round of the season. They shot 60, 80 and 90 respectively.

A blustery north wind was an issue at the Hastings St. Cecelia Invite on the Southern Hills Golf Club April 26.

"It was a difficult day,"

Strong said. Strong said the wind was blowing 30 to 40 miles per hour.

The wind picked up about 12 p.m., but the Titans had a tough draw for tee times and had to start at 11:40 a.m.

"It was right in the midst of the wind," Strong said.

Max Madsen finished with a low score of 90 for 11th place.

Jackson Feulner swung for 99 points; Carter Miller had 104; and Logan Wiedel, 107.

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BDS fourth at conference

The Bruning-Davenport/Shickley Eagle boys stood out in field events at the Crossroads Conference meet in Osceola April 28.

Thomas Mick was first in the pole vault at 14 feet, 6 inches. Aaron Mick followed in fifth place at 12 feet.

John Christensen placed second in the shot put. His throw was 47 feet, 4 inches. Jacob Schoenholz came later at 40 feet, 11.75 inches for seventh place. Christensen's effort in the discus made it to fourth place at 137 feet, 2 inches.

Nolan Weber wasn't too far behind Christensen. He placed sixth for 128 feet, 3 inches.

In running events, the Eagle team of Thomas Mick, Caden Norder, John Christensen and Garrett Schardt ran to third place in the 400 relay in 45.91.

The 1600-meter relay saw Schardt, Norder, Logan Schroeder and Thomas Mick run it in 3:49.02 for fifth place.

Thomas Mick was fourth in the 100-meter dash, going 11.77. Schardt ran the 200-meter for fifth place. His time was 24.04. Schardt was also fifth in the long jump at 18 feet, 10.75 inches.

In the 3200 run, Dominic Quinones placed fourth in 11:25.50.



Thomas Mick

The boys were fourth overall. They earned 64 points with Giltner coming in third at 66.5 points.

Remaining results are:

High jump — Rodney Wassom, 5 feet, 2 inches, 11th;

Long jump — Dalton Kleinschmidt, 16 feet, 5.75 inches, 113th; Jackson Grote, 15 feet, 9.25 inches, 15th;

Triple jump — Kleinschmidt, 36 feet, 3.25 inches, 7th; Eric Schroeder, 34 feet, 10.50 inches, 13th; Raleigh

Shipley, 33 feet, 8.75 inches, 16th;

Shot put — Holden Stengel, 37 feet, 9 inches, 13th; Discus — Stengel, 103 feet, 5 inches;

300 hurdles — Isaac Bay-singer, 48.60, 14th;

100 dash — Christensen, 12.03, 8th;

800 run — Isaac Else, 2:32.38; Cadden Carlson, 2:38.97;

3200 relay — Quinones, Eric Schroeder, Carlson and Else, 10:16.49, 8th.

Deshler boys win second

The Dragon boys track and field team finished in second place at the Tom White Invitational in McCool Junction April 23.

First place victories came from Grant Hansen with a first place in the long jump at 18 feet, 11.25 inches. Brady Fangmeyer was third in long jump. His distance was 18 feet, 5.50 inches.

Hansen was also first in the high jump at 6 feet, 2 inches, and in the 300 hurdles in 42.19. Hansen earned a personal record in the hurdles.

Fangmeyer was third in the 100-meter dash. His time was 11.9.

Mason Roth placed first in the 1600 and 3200-meter runs. In the 1600, Roth ran a time of 5:03.68 for a PR and in the 3200, his time was 10:58.39.

In the 400-meter relay, Fangmeyer, Coltin Hansen, Grant Hansen and Holden Ruhnke ran to second place in 46.89.

Deshler had 89 points while BDS scooped up the team win at 99 points.

At the Twin Valley Conference meet in Kenesaw April 28, Hansen nearly broke the school record in the 300 hurdles set by Matt Schoof (41.6 seconds) in 2000. Hansen missed the record by 0.1 second.

Ruhnke was close to the pole vault record by clearing 12 feet and then attempting three vaults at 12 feet, 6 inches. He would have tied Al Eberhardt's school record of 12 feet, 6 inches, set in 1972.

Hansen had three first place wins — in the long jump, he went 20 feet for a new PR, the high jump showed Hansen first at 6 feet and he won the 300 hurdles in 41.63.

Ruhnke's place in the pole vault was second. He also snared a PR at 12 feet. Schardt followed in fifth place. His height was 8 feet, 6 inches. Aidan LeFave was in sixth place for an 8-foot vault.

Fangmeyer went for second place in the 200-meter dash (24 seconds) and he set a PR. He was third in the 100 at 11.46 and earned a PR.

Daniel Petersen claimed a third place in the discus at 124 feet, 6 inches.

Roth again earned a medal in the 3200-meter, this time for third place with a time of 10:53.06.

Fangmeyer, Schardt, Hansen and Ruhnke ran the 400 relay in 48.52 to finish in fourth place.

Deshler ended in fourth place for the conference meet.

Additional results are as follows:

McCool Junction

Long jump — Emmitt Hintz, 11 feet, .05 inches; High jump — Coltin Han-



Daniel Petersen

sen, 5 feet, 1 inch, 7th;

Shot put — Derrick Buescher, 39 feet, 7.5 inches, 4th; Petersen, 37 feet, 7 inches, 8th;

Discus — Petersen, 128 feet, 5.5 inches (personal record); Derrick Buescher, 112 feet, 8 inches; Trenton Buescher, 92 feet, 5 inches;

Pole vault — Ruhnke, 10 feet, 6 inches; and Cale Schardt, 8 feet, 6 inches; Aidan LeFave, 7 feet, 6 inches;

100 dash — Ruhnke, 12.68; Orlando Galvin, 13.1;

200 dash — Galvin, 27.57, PR; Julian Voss, 27.62, season PR;

400 dash — Schardt, 1:04.28; Voss, 1:07.12; and Hintz, 1:14.97;

800 run — 3:06.34;

1600 relay — Coltin Hansen, Schardt, Ruhnke and Trenton Buescher, 4:15.76.

Twin Valley Conference

Long jump — Fangmeyer, 17 feet, 8.75 inches; Hintz, 13 feet, 2.5 inches, PR;

Shot put — Derrick Buescher, 38 feet, 1 inch, 7th; Trenton Buescher, 31 feet, 10 inches;

Discus — D. Buescher, 116 feet, 5th; T. Buescher, 83 feet, 3.50 inches;

100 dash — Julian Voss, 13.22; Hintz, 14.5;

200 dash — Ruhnke, 25.62;

400 dash — Schardt, 1:05.91; Voss, 1:07.28;

800 run — Aidan LeFave, 3:05;

1600 relay — Voss, Schardt, Ruhnke and Trenton Buescher, 4:22.34.

Dragon Girls

Leah Schmidt earned a second place finish in the 1600-meter run at the Twin Valley Conference meet. She finished in 6:17.88 for a medal. Schmidt also placed fourth in the 3200-meter run

in 13:25.15.

Leah Dlouhy, Jenna Lemke, Schmidt and Trinity Schardt ran to fourth place in the 1600-meter relay in 4:50.21.

In McCool Junction for the Tom White Invitational, the girls placed eighth at McCool Junction with 18 points.

Placing was Schmidt in the 1600-meter run in 6:11.36. She was also third in the 3200, going 13:33.80 for a personal record.

Dlouhy was fifth in the 300 hurdles. Her time was 58.38.

Results are as follows:

McCool Junction

Long jump — Lemke, 14 feet, 7th place;

Shot put — Sena Petersen 24 feet, 11 inches;

Discus — Petersen, 84 feet, 9 inches, 8th; Victoria Pfaffenrot, 45 feet, 4 inches;

High jump — Dlouhy, 4 feet, 4 inches;

100 hurdles — Dlouhy, 19.97, 8th, PR;

100 dash — Trinity Schardt, 15.49;

200 dash — Cadence Jacobe, 31.70, 8th; Lemke, 30.76; Schardt, 32.86, PR;

400 dash — Schardt, 1:17.53, PR;

1600 relay — Dlouhy, Schmidt, Lemke and Schardt, 4:53.35.

Long jump — Lemke, 13 feet, 6 inches;

Discus, Pfaffenrot, 57 feet, 4 inches;

High jump — Dlouhy, 4 feet, 8 inches;

100 hurdles — Dlouhy, 18.96;

300 hurdles — 56.33;

100 dash — Schardt, .15;

200 dash — Jacobe, 30.51; Lemke, 30.57; Schardt, 32. and PR;

400 dash — Jacobe, 1:10.50; Schardt, 1:19.



Leah Dlouhy



Eagle photos by Greg Scellin

TaraLee Hudson won first place in the shot put with her distance of 36 feet, 11 inches.

Eagle girls place at meet

The Lady Eagles placed several at the Crossroads Conference track meet in Osceola April 28.

TaraLee Hudson placed first in the shot put with a throw of 36 feet, 11 inches. Hudson and Macy Kamler went fifth and sixth in the discus — Hudson with 96 feet, 11 inches and Kamler threw 88 feet, 6 inches.

Mikenzey Andersen took second in the pole vault at

6 feet even.

Rounding out the field events, Jady Kleinschmidt was third in the triple jump. Her distance was 30 feet, 10 inches.

Additional results are:

Shot put — Kamler, 29 feet, 11.75 inches, 10th; Jordan Bolte, 29 feet, 6.50 inches, 12th;

Long jump — Megan Grote, 12 feet, 6.75 inches, 18th;

300 hurdles — Shakira Sunday, 56.71, 11th;

400 run — Mikaela Anderson, 1:08.45, 11th; Miranda Elznic, 1:11.45, 13th;

1600 relay — Miranda Elznic, Carley Elznic, Lexi Kadel and Mikenzey Andersen, 4:43.26, 7th;

3200 relay — Carley Elznic, Bryn Kadel, Macy Kamler and Lexi Kadel, 11:42.12, 7th.

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May 1: Family Fishing Event, Terry's Pit, Terrytown
 May 1: Growing Up WILD educator workshop, Southeast Community College, Lincoln
 May 2: Southeast District Birding Day, Indian Cave State Park (SP), Shubert
 May 2, 9, 16: Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Archery Series, Platte River SP, Louisville
 May 3: Growing Up WILD educator workshop, Ruth Staples Child Development Lab, Lincoln
 May 3-5: Cornhusker Trapshoot, Nebraska Trapshooting Association grounds, Doniphan
 May 4: Outdoor Educational Rendezvous, Niobrara SP, Niobrara
 May 5: Take Pride in America Day, Verdon State Recreation Area (SRA), Verdon
 May 5: Mystery at the Mansion, Arbor Lodge SHP, Nebraska City
 May 5: Family Fishing Event, Red Willow Reservoir SRA, McCook
 May 5-6: Living History, Fort Atkinson State Historical Park (SHP), Fort Calhoun
 May 5-19: Lilac Walk, Arbor Lodge SHP, Nebraska City
 May 7: Linking Literature and Science: Insects and Pollinators, St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Omaha
 May 9: Youth Fishing Instructor Certification, Fort Kearny SHP, Kearney
 May 11-12: Sip Nebraska wine and beer festival, Eugene T. Mahoney SP, Ashland
 May 12: Fort Kearny Outdoor Expo, Fort Kearny SRA, Kearney
 May 12: Women of Arbor Lodge Special Event, Arbor Lodge SHP, Nebraska City
 May 12-13: Cowboy Trail Ultra Marathon, Valentine to Norfolk
 May 13: Mother's Day Buffet, Ponca SP, Ponca; Platte River SP, Louisville
 May 13: Family Fishing Event, Riverside Discovery Center Zoo Pond, Scottsbluff

May 15: Northeast District Birding Day, Davis Creek Wildlife Management Area, North Loup
 May 18: Stargazing, Eugene T. Mahoney SP, Ashland
 May 19: Bill Morris Memorial Fishing Derby, Ponca SP, Ponca
 May 19: Larry Roper Trail Bird Outing, Johnson Lake SRA, Elwood
 May 19: Free Bird!, Mormon Island SRA, Doniphan
 May 19: National Endangered Species Day and Pizza Party, Lake McConaughy SRA, Ogallala
 May 19: Scavenger Hunt, Fort Kearny SRA, Kearney
 May 19: Free Fishing and Park Entry Day, statewide
 May 19: Wildcat Hills Wildlands, Wildcat Hills SRA, Gering
 May 20: Fashion a Feeder, Lake McConaughy SRA, Ogallala
 May 21-June 1: Eligible landowners may apply for one elk permit
 May 22: Family Fishing Event, Holmes Lake, Lincoln
 May 24: Family Fishing Event, Halleck Lake, Papillion
 May 24: Family Nature Club, NGPC Outdoor Classroom, Norfolk
 May 24: Essentials of Kayaking, Lake McConaughy SRA, Ogallala
 May 25: Take Aim at Summer, Platte River SP, Louisville
 May 26: Migratory Bird Day, Indian Cave SP, Shubert; Lewis and Clark SRA, Crofton
 May 26: Early-Bird Bird Watching, Niobrara SP, Niobrara
 May 26: Bird in the Hand Program, Niobrara SP, Niobrara
 May 26: Birds and Breakfast, Ash Hollow SHP, Lewellen
 May 26: National Park Service Event, Niobrara SP, Niobrara
 May 26-27: Birds on Canvas, Lake McConaughy SRA, Ogallala
 May 27: Sidewalk Chalk Art and Bird Program, Niobrara SP, Niobrara
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and it's nice to meet with people," she said. "It's a good opportunity to get to know the county better."

Recently, she has taken to actively campaigning. Hinrichs previously worked in the public sector as an assistant for University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension in Thayer and Nuckolls counties for a little more than three years and after, as a project coordinator for the UNL Department of Agricultural Economics.

At the Extension, Hinrichs worked with 4-H programming, after-school programs, adult programs, helped in multiple areas with two county fairs, maintained a database for potential judges and worked with 4-H to improve county fairs.

As project coordinator, Hinrichs organized the marketing, correspondence, registration and evaluations for Nebraska Women in Agriculture Conferences, which counted 350 people in attendance for 40 presenters and three keynote speakers for each annual conference.

Hinrichs is currently the marketing and development director for Blue Valley Lutheran Homes. Among her responsibilities are gathering information for grants in addition to writing and filing grant reports.

She has experience in grant writing. Hinrichs wrote drug prevention continuation grants and others for the Thayer County Healthy Communities Coalition for four years and subsequently wrote the reports, which included events and budgets.

A resident of Carleton for over eight years, Hinrichs said her professional experience, qualifications and education meet the responsibilities of the county clerk seat.

She is a member of the Carleton Businessmen's Club and has served as secretary-treasurer for six years. She organizes the Easter and Christmas celebrations for the club.

Hinrichs and her husband Andrew own the Carleton Body Shop. They have three small children Hinrichs calls "active and adventurous."

She also teaches Sunday School at Trinity Lutheran Church.

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Nebraska Legislature Incumbent Laura Ebke

Elected to the legislature in 2014, Ebke serves as the chair of the judiciary committee, which just issued a subpoena to the state director of corrections, Scott Frakes.

The committee requested Frakes appear at a hearing May 8 concerning the lethal injection cocktail for the death penalty in accordance with federal law and Nebraska's public records act for transparency on how the lethal drug was obtained.

Ebke said corrections reform will be a long-term project. Challenges continue for overcrowding and understaffing.

Running as an incumbent presents a different slate than a new filer. Ebke was in session until April 18. She missed campaign opportunities, but had people helping out.

"Fortunately, I've got a few volunteers who helped with some door knocking, so we weren't totally forgotten," she said.

The elephant in the room seems to be Ebke's switch in 2016 from the republican party to the Libertarian party.

But Ebke was as transparent as she could be about the change and said for the most part, the reaction was positive.

"But of course, there were a few people who were upset

and I understand that," she said. "While this is a non-partisan race, and my party affiliation doesn't show up on either the filing forms or the ballots, a lot of people still use my party ID as a shortcut for deciding who they're going to vote for," she said.

She admits she probably did lose constituents as a result, but said the switch has not affected her method of doing business.

In fact, LB299 Occupational Board Reform Act introduced by Ebke and recently signed by Gov. Pete Ricketts, was labled as a "model for the nation" by the Wall Street Journal.

The law opens a passageway to a process where the legislature can review all licenses issued by the state to determine if the licenses are even necessary and if changes should be made to existing licenses.

Reform includes seekers of new licenses and whether or not a criminal record would allow them to have licenses prior to obtaining the licenses. In other words, LB299 seeks to lift the regulatory burden.

Ebke takes pride in her ability to cross party aisles in the legislature and encourage civil discourse.

"That puts me in a position to help to find answers," she said about school funding and property tax issues. "I'm someone legislators know will negotiate in good faith, and will talk about ideas forthrightly and respectfully."

While most people enter the legislature with vast ambitions, Ebke said no one lawmaker can make changes — it is a group effort.

"What happens is that you realize the process of the legislative body is such that things don't move fast and you've got to bring other people on board with your ideas," she said.

She will continue to battle over-regulatory limits on individuals and businesses.

"If we can trim government and taxes some more, that's a good thing," she said.

She has many goals with a vested interest in the corrections department.

Ebke is from Manhattan, Kan., and earned a PhD in political science from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2005. She also has a master's degree in political science from the University of Memphis.

She and her husband Russell have three children and reside in Crete.

Candidate Tom Brandt

Brandt said he has received a lot of support since campaigning.

"It's even a surprise to me," he said about his talking points on lowering property taxes and fairness in school funding. "It validates how we are going to fairly fund our schools and keep rural Nebraska competitive."

Brandt has been thinking about running for office for years. He is a farmer and livestock feeder from Plymouth. He and his wife, Sandra, have two children.

"The critical issues facing the 32nd district are the same ones facing me personally — oppressive property taxes and school finance. I got into this race because we cannot wait four more years to fix our problems."

He has visited businesses and residents in the district. "We hope to get to every community to meet people before the election," he said.

On property taxes, Brandt said he just paid his, which were one-third of the rental income his farm would have earned from dryland and pasture, and a tad more than a quarter of irrigated land.

"Nebraska has the highest property tax in the nation on ag land and the seventh highest for homes," he said.

Brandt evaluated the five competing tax relief bills in the legislature and found only one of them was a good start. Legislative bill 1084 proposed over \$600 million be sent back to the schools and landowners.

"It was the only bill to provide a mechanism to fund itself," he said. "It would have raised cigarette taxes, eliminated some sales tax exemptions and placed a small surcharge on net incomes over \$500,000."

The bill would have also enforced the 20 percent income tax requirement by the school finance formula, the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act. Schools would essentially receive 20 percent of their paid income tax to the state back in the form of state aid.

"You need to remember that roughly two-thirds of your property taxes go to local schools. Any money returned to the school is less dollars asked of property taxpayers," Brandt said.

The state aid formula doesn't work for the 178 rural schools in Nebraska, Brandt said. Local schools are forced to rely on taxpayers for operational costs.

Brandt pointed out Omaha schools receive 30 percent of state aid.

"Why is a child in Omaha worth so much more than our kids when we all pay our sales and income tax dollars into this fund?" he asked.

In addition to property taxes and school finance, Brandt is an advocate for improving rural broadband service. While effective gains have been made, Brandt said not all areas have adequate service.

He believes better service would be another positive component for bringing young people back home to rural areas.

On the agricultural side, if the virtual Cloud could cover the rural landscape, farmers would be able to take advantage of the technology built into their equipment instead of having to use SD cards.

"Basically rural broadband is economic development for the 32nd district and the state of Nebraska," he said.

Brandt holds an agricultural degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and is past chairman of Southeast Nebraska Corn Growers. He is still a member.

Brandt also served the Jefferson County Republicans as a chairman; was on the Board of Directors for Farmers Cooperative Dorchester for nine years; past member of Farm Credit Services of America Advisory Council, past president and current member of Plymouth Improvement Association; and is the president of First Trinity Lutheran Church.

Local Option Municipal Economic Development program LB840

The program is designed to use a third of Hebron's sales tax for economic development.

A community survey tallied in 2017 indicated economic development as a top priority.

That survey was crucial to starting the process for LB840, city administrator Chris Fangmeier said.

The city has the funds to provide incentives for startup businesses, but its hands are tied unless the bill, which does not create a new tax, but rather uses the existing sales tax, passes.

The remaining two-thirds of the existing sales tax will be used for general improvements, such as for parks.

For coverage on the May primary, the *Hebron Journal-Register* contacted candidate Al Ristowski and missed attempts via telephone and email delayed his response, which will be featured in next week's issue.

Attempts to contact Deshler's three mayoral candidates were unsuccessful.



Dragons raise funds for Relay

Deshler was the final stop on the Relay For Life tour, which first stopped at Bruning-Davenport and Thayer Central. Relay For Life committee member, Cammie Freitag said students from all schools raised funds with donations and by selling luminaries. The ceremonies held at the schools honored cancer survivors. In past years, Relay For Life has planned one county event, but this year, decided to involve younger people since many adults are occupied with planning for the upcoming Cattlemen's Ball that also raises funds for cancer research. As of April 27, students had raised more than \$18,000 with Bruning at approximately \$6,800 and Deshler and Thayer Central at \$2,000 each. Freitag, who teaches fourth grade at Bruning-Davenport, has been involved with Relay For Life since she was a teenager. She has lost her father, mother-in-law and several other loved ones to cancer. Additional committee members are Andi Domeier, Virginia Brase, Becky Cahill, Naomi Grupe, Kris Miesner, Marissa Wagenblast and Sondra Ehlers.

Hospital

ly, to better meet the needs of the community."

Hospital board chairman, Loren Wiedel said the donation by the Korff family was the catalyst for the project.

"It's extremely important to develop and maintain health care locally. Obviously, the Korffs were a big part of that in developing this hospital decades ago," he said.

Also speaking were Sen. Laura Ebke and Lt. Gov. Mike Foley.

"I was here in August of 2015 when you broke ground on the wellness center. A health care system is important to small towns," Ebke said. "When you have a quality hospital and system that's able to bring in specialists, the better it is for the county and the city."

Foley was thrilled to be at the open house, he said.

"Some rural communities are really struggling and others are thriving and growing. In those communities, the common denominator is high quality health care," he said. "We need to learn more about the challenges rural communities face and their successes."

Also around for the ground breaking in 2015 was Nebraska Hospital Association president, Laura Redoutey.

"Dave and I spent 12 years together at the hospital association and we visited nearly every one in the state," she said. "We represent you in your communities."

Chief financial officer Doug Wismer brought his wife, Chris, to the opening. Her mother and stepfather, Joan and Harold Benker would be proud, she said.

They lived in the area and this was the first time Chris Wismer had visited in years.

"It's very pretty and has changed a lot," she said.

Over at the Little Blue Bistro, which was part of the reconstruction project, chef Jackson Moreno said he is serving more ethnic cuisines. Vietnam and South American cuisines are popular at the bistro. Also served are staple favorites, like chicken fried steak.

Soon, Moreno will coordinate fresh fruits and vegetables. The bistro currently receives fresh meat from Bruning Grocery.

Stephanie Boldt, chief operations officer, said it is an exciting time for the hospital.

"These are positive changes. The renovation is a turning point for the opportunities that lie ahead," she said.

"We're excited about the growth and change." Thayer County Commissioner Dave Bruning said. "Change is good. With growth, you have change."

Beginning May 16, the hospital will offer chemotherapy treatment services with its new oncology clinic.

Two nurses have received



The architects and construction company responsible for the hospital's project are principal Mike Levin and senior architect Scott Oglesby of Altus Architectural Studios and director Ryan Sawall and superintendent Virgil Pope of McCarthy Building Companies. Altus and McCarthy are located in Omaha.



Hospital board chairman Loren Wiedel talks with Dr. Bryan Hubl of Family Practice. A new physician's assistant, Wendy Vanskiver, will arrive in July. Vanskiver is from Fairbury.



Pat Kenner of Thayer County Bank chats with Sen. Laura Ebke prior to the ribbon-cutting ceremony.



Hospital foundation board members, William Kroll, Steve Anderson and Cheryl Walsh.

training and they will assist Dr. Robert Warner from Heartland Oncology and Hematology.

Chemotherapy clinics will be held twice a month. The treatment room is located in the northwest corner of the Specialty clinic. The room accommodates two patients at once in comfortable recliners. A window offers a view of the outside, but is private. A television and blanket warmer is provided to ensure comfort.

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