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Memory Eagle At Koss Farm



Courtesy photo

Bill Koss of rural Hubbell commissioned this eagle to be carved out of a diseased pine tree on his farm.

Bill Koss of rural Hubbell lives on the farm purchased by his parents, Melvin and Shirley Koss in 1970 from Walt Kettlehut. His parents are deceased now but Bill told how much they loved their pine trees.

Disease struck some of the trees in the past few years, killing them. Bill thought something special should be done with some of them. He commissioned carver Lyn Robinson of Concordia, Kan., to carve something from one

of the trees. Robinson asked what Bill would like, to which he replied, "I'd like to see an eagle with his head down." Using only chain saws Robinson skillfully created this amazing eagle sitting on the actual stump of the tree, now carved to look like rocks.

The wood carver also made a memory bench, with carved crosses on top for the small Lutheran cemetery, where Bill's parents are buried, located one mile north of the Koss residence.

Chester Senior Diners

Monday, Oct. 14: Closed for Columbus Day.

Tuesday, Oct. 15: Chicken supreme bake, broccoli florets, garlic toast, tropical fruit. *Joke Day.*

Wednesday, Oct. 16: Beef stew with barley, lettuce salad, biscuits, apple turnover. *Table Tennis.*

Thursday, Oct. 17: Boneless pork chop, hash brown casserole, cooked cabbage with baby carrots, ice cream. *Word Search.*

Friday, Oct. 18: Trout melt on a bun, creamy wild rice, mixed veggies, sliced peaches. *Word Pics.*

Meals served with bread, butter and milk. To make reservations, phone 324-5271 by 1:30 p.m., the day before you wish to dine.

TC senior athletes compete during pep rally

The annual Homecoming Pep Rally was held after the parade on September 27. This year's Homecoming theme was, "Parking Lot Party."

During the pep rally senior athletes from all four fall sports competed in 4 different challenges to see which team had the qualities and skills to host the best "Parking Lot Party." The teams were put to the test through four challenges; spirit, food, games, and music.

First, the athletes had to use

their spirit skills to see which team could generate the most audience participation with a "Go Big Black" chant. Then, the teams chose one teammate from each team to show their eating abilities through a banana eating contest.

Next, the coaches used their acting talents in a game of charades.

Finally, the teams were given 30 seconds to come up with a song that they could sing the chorus to.

After an outstanding perfor-

mance by the football senior athletes they locked in a victory and were declared the "Parking Lot Party"

Champions and received a prize bag donated by Thayer County Healthy Communities Coalition.

The cross country, volleyball, and football coaches also gave outstanding pep talks and updated the crowd on their teams success. Madison Reece gave the pep talk on behalf of the softball team.



Courtesy Photos

The football senior athletes (above) work together to try and win the challenges during the homecoming pep rally. The Thayer Central sophomore class (below) held a "50's Parking Lot Party" outside the "TC Diner" on their float for the homecoming parade.



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After School Play...

Noah, on the right, waits to see if Sam will catch the ball he threw. Madilyn and Zach look on. The kids were playing after school one very nice day last week. The weather changed over the weekend with a high on Saturday in the 50s. The community also received four inches of rain last week.

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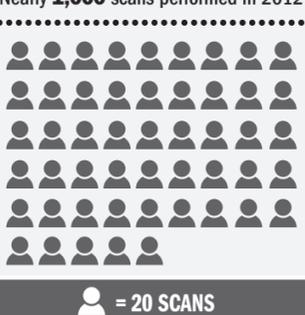
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Obituaries

Lori Brandt

Lori Lynn Brandt was born August 25, 1959, in Lincoln to Janet (Ricenbaw) and Ronald D. Crawford and passed away suddenly, Sunday, October 6, 2013, at her home in Exeter at the age of 54 years, one month and 11 days.



She spent her early childhood years in the Beaver Crossing area. In 1964, she moved with her parents to a farm east of Cordova.

In the fall of 1965, her father was killed in a car accident and Lori and her two brothers and their mother moved to Friend. In 1967, Janet married Joel Pospisil and a new family began.

Lori graduated from Friend High School in 1977 and furthered her education at Southeast Community College graduating with a dietary tech degree.

In 1979, Lori was united in marriage to Keith Brandt and to this union three children were born, Nathaniel, Morgan and Dalton.

Although Lori was a busy mother and homemaker, she again furthered her education. In 1991 Lori began classes at SCC working toward earning her degree as an LPN, graduating in 1993 at the top of her class. Lori began her nursing career working at Fillmore County Hospital and continued serving patients there until her passing. She had a passion for health care and this passion showed in the care she gave her patients.

On January 1, 2011, her grandson, Brenson, was born and he became the light of her life. Lori spent as much time as possible playing and spending time with him. Lori loved boating and camping and spent many happy weekends at the lake. Every summer they all spent a week in Minnesota camping with good friends, Paul and Becky Erdkamp and their children. Lori loved planting flowers and always had a beautiful yard and garden.

She was the family rock, always very happy, had the greatest laugh and just enjoyed people. In her spare time, she enjoyed reading novels, playing poker, hunting with family, and watching Nebraska volleyball.

She was a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cordova.

She is survived by her husband, Keith Brandt of Exeter; children and spouse, Nathaniel "Nate" and Kaci Brandt, Exeter; Morgan Brandt and Dalton Brandt, both of Friend; grandson, Brenson Brandt of Friend; parents, Janet and Joel Pospisil; parents-in-law, Lester and Verna Brandt, all of Friend; brothers and sisters-in-law, Dean and Judy Crawford of Friend, Mark and Beth Crawford of Exeter, John Pospisil and Bonnie Galusha of Friend, Alan and Sherri Pospisil of Geneva; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Richard and Janet Brandt of Lincoln, Roger and Dianne Brandt of Exeter, Kenny and Dee Brandt of Wheatland Wyo.; Norman and Cindy Brandt of Friend, many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, and a host of other relatives

and friends.

She is preceded in death by her father, Ronald D. Crawford; grandparents, Ralph and Winnie Crawford; James and Dorothy Ricenbaw, and Lewis "Tobe" and Ann Pospisil, and an infant nephew, Mark Rodney Crawford.

A funeral service was held on October 9 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cordova with the Rev. Nile Buch, officiating. Nancy Galusha, pianist, accompanied the congregation as they sang "Amazing Grace" and provided the prelude and postlude. Il Divo's "Mama" was played during the service. "Always" by Bon Jovi was played for the recessional.

Pallbearers were Richard, Roger, Kenny and Norman Brandt, Paul Erdkamp and Dan Fricke.

Interment was in the Exeter Cemetery.

Memorials are directed in care of the family for later designation.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Lauber-Moore Funeral Home in Friend. Condolences may be sent to the family at laubermore.com.

Florence Gonderinger

Florence B. Gonderinger of Grand Island, formerly Hebron, the daughter of Albert and Bertha (Kramer) Timmerman, was born June 11, 1924, at Stuart. She departed this life Sunday, October 6, 2013, at Edgewood Vista Assisted Living Center in Grand Island at the age of 89 years.



She graduated from Atkinson High School. After graduation she began as a standard teacher in a one-room schoolhouse.

On April 19, 1944, she married Robert Gonderinger at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Stuart. This union was blessed with the birth of five children.

The couple lived in Atkinson before moving to Hebron in 1946 where she was a homemaker and accomplished seamstress, taking on everything from full wedding parties to an entire team's worth of football jerseys.

Upon retirement Florence decided to return to school and work in the Hebron lunch room then becoming a foster grandparent in the primary grades. This allowed her to share her experience in reading, correct spelling and her love for children.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Robert; sons, Paul and Michael; brothers, Albert, Raymond, Bernard, and Edward; sisters, Mary and Anna.

Survivors include her daughter, Connie Hemrick and special friend Dave Osborne of Grand Island; son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Patricia Gonderinger of Grand Island; and daughter and son-in-law, Jeanne and Lynn Green of Omaha; grandchildren, Kim Bastron and daughter Shane of Grand Island, Elizabeth Gonderinger of Omaha, Davis Gonderinger of Grand Island, Matthew Gonderinger of Dallas, Texas; Ryan Gonderinger of Lincoln, and Katherine Gonderinger of Beatrice,

several great-grandchildren, sisters, Polly and Loretta, and brother, Bob.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, October 10, at 10 a.m., at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hebron. Officiant is Father John Birkel. Organist is Carlece Kenner. Cantor is Kirk Wiedel. Acolytes are Francis Rauner Jr., and Pat O'Hanlon, and reader, Pat Kenner.

Inurnment will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials are directed to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hebron.

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

Harold Mitchell

Harold Charles Mitchell, the son of Raymond Mitchell and Gladys (Campbell) Mitchell, was born September 8, 1925, at rural Byron and passed away on October 7, 2013, at Republic County Hospital, Belleville, Kan., at the age of 88 years and 29 days.

Harold received his early education in the rural Washington Township elementary schools, graduating from Byron High School. He attended Kansas State University, graduating with an associate's degree.

On November 21, 1948, he was united in marriage to Edna Bowen and to this union were born Karen and Kevin.

Harold was a hard worker his entire life. He began at his parents meat market in Byron and later in their implement business in Belleville, Kan. His first love was raising crops and beef cattle on his farm in rural Republic County, Kansas.

Harold was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Belleville, Kan.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his wife Edna.

Harold is survived by his children, Karen (Larry)



Courtesy Photo

Girl Scout Fun...

The Hebron Girl Scouts gathered for a fun afternoon of bowling on Sunday, September 29, for their annual recruitment event sponsored by Troop 20944 at Blue Valley Bowl in Hebron. There were 32 girls that attended the event. If you are interested in joining Girl Scouts please contact Carlece Kenner at 402-768-2311.

Cheney, of rural Republic County, Kansas, and Kevin (Tammy) Mitchell of Chicago, Ill.; brother, Maurice Mitchell of Chester; best friend, Esther Spangler of Belleville, Kan.; other relatives, and many friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, October 11, at the First United Methodist Church, Belleville, Kan., with Pastor Emily Meckley, officiating.

Interment will be at the Washington Cemetery, rural Republic County, Kansas.

Visitation will be from 1 until 9 p.m., on Wednesday, October 9, and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., on Thursday, October 10, at the Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home.

Memorials are suggested to family choice.

Online condolences and information at www.bachelor-surber.com. Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, Belleville, Kan., is in charge of the arrangements.

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“Thinking About Health”
 By Trudy Lieberman
 Rural Health News Service
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On October 1, millions of uninsured Americans---232,000 in Nebraska, (105,000 in South Dakota, 716,000 in Colorado) ---suddenly got a new way to buy health insurance. They can now shop in the state insurance exchanges. Many of them had been shut out of the insurance market because they have preexisting health conditions. In January it will be illegal for insurers to turn away sick people.

It's expected that about 24 million people will find insurance coverage in the exchanges, and about 60 percent of them will be eligible for a subsidy to help them pay the premiums. For families with incomes hovering around the federal poverty level (\$23,550 for a family of four; \$11,490 for individuals) and somewhat above, subsidies will be large and might cover a good chunk of the premium. Families with higher incomes will get smaller subsidies and will have to pay most of the premium themselves. That could be a big chunk of the family budget if they choose a policy with good coverage.

Customers in the exchanges will mostly be those who have no coverage and those who now buy it in what's called the individual market. If you have employer coverage, Medicare, Medicaid, or coverage from the military or the Indian Health Service, forget the exchanges. The law assumes you already have health coverage.

The poorest of the poor in the 26 states that have chosen not to expand their Medicaid programs including Nebraska (and South Dakota.) cannot shop in them either. They have incomes below the poverty level, and because their states

have chosen not to expand, they have few options. Because of the way the law was written it was assumed that people with incomes below the poverty line would get Medicaid as well as those with incomes between 100 and 138 percent of poverty.

Because of the court decision, that meant those whose incomes were 99 percent of the poverty level are out of luck if their state has chosen not to expand. Their incomes are too low for them to buy insurance on their own and unless their state offers benefits to childless adults (most don't), they can't get Medicaid either.

People who have coverage they've already bought in the individual market can also check out the exchange to see if they can get a better deal. That includes freelancers, retirees not yet old enough to get Medicare, people between jobs, and families of workers whose employers provide insurance for employees but not for their spouses or kids.

A Hastings woman who is disabled because of a medical error is one of those who will be looking for an insurance deal on the exchange. She and her husband already have insurance they bought in the individual market. She had heard about the new law and went online to do a bit of research. She left her name on the site of ehealthinsurance.com, and received calls from 15 agents eager to sign her up when the exchanges opened for business. One from Florida told her if she didn't sign up quickly her application would not be accepted. The woman told me the agent's message was "if you don't work with me on this, you've blown it, honey."

That brings up the matter of where to go for help. One place to start is the website healthcare.gov, the entry point for people in states like Nebraska (South Dakota). The federal government also runs The Marketplace Call Center 1-800-318-2596.

You can also look for a navigator, a real live person trained to help people enroll in a policy. They are supposed to be unbiased and can't steer consumers to any particular policy. To find one in Hastings, I clicked on LocalHelp.HealthCare.gov. It gave me three choices: a hospital in Lexington, Community Action of Nebraska, and Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, both in Lincoln. Not exactly help around the corner.

Once you find your way to a list of insurance offerings either on a website or with a navigator's help, the task becomes tricky. Choosing health insurance is never easy, whether you're buying inside or outside an exchange.

You don't have to rush into anything right now. Take your time and study the options. Coverage doesn't begin until January (if you sign up by December 15), and open enrollment doesn't end until March 31. If you buy a cheap policy that doesn't cover your needs when you're sick, you may be stuck with it for months until the next open enrollment. "It's a like walking into a chasm of uncertainty," the Hastings woman said. "It's a little like shopping for a used car. You don't know if you're getting a lemon."

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Deshler Public Schools

ACTIVITIES

Thursday, October 10: Cross country at McCool, 4:45 p.m.

Friday, October 11: Early dismissal, 1:07 p.m.; end of first quarter; football, home with Meridian, 7 p.m.; homecoming dance, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 12: Show choir rehearsal; junior high volleyball tournament at Davenport, 9:30 a.m.

Monday, October 14: NWEA testing; junior high football at Exeter-Milligan, 5 p.m.; One Act practice, 6:30 p.m.; junior varsity dual, home with Sutton, 7 p.m.; school board meeting, 7:30 p.m.; show choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 15: Varsity volleyball triangular at Silver Lake, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, October 16: NWEA testing; PSAT test for juniors; One Act practice, 7 a.m.

MENU

Thursday, October 10: Breakfast: Teddy Grahams, juice. Lunch: Chili, cheese stick, crackers, cinnamon roll, oranges.

Friday, October 11: Breakfast: Omelet, toast, sausage, oranges. Lunch: Spaghetti, garlic bread, Romaine lettuce, strawberries.

Monday, October 14: Breakfast: Cheese stick, juice. Lunch: Philly steak sandwich, sauteed onions, red peppers, baked beans, star apple, snickerdoodle cookie.

Tuesday, October 15: Breakfast: Breakfast wrap, star apple. Lunch: Beef tamale pie, Romaine lettuce, pineapple and oranges, coffee cake.

Wednesday, October 16: Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage. Lunch: Hamburger, sliced tomatoes, oven fries, peaches.

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

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The Nebraska Broadband Initiative is inviting all businesses to take part in a state-wide survey and scorecard project to help the state's businesses increase their economic vitality by better utilizing broadband technologies.

Over the next few months, businesses will be asked to conduct an online assessment of their use of broadband technologies. The survey results will provide valuable information on broadband usage by Nebraska businesses and will allow for a comparison of business broadband usage and impacts with peers

nationwide.

Up to 500 businesses will receive a personalized scorecard and the opportunity to work with a business broadband coach. The scorecards will include ideas on how to better utilize broadband technologies and the return on investment. Businesses interested in participating in the survey may contact: Jim Keeler, business broadband manager with the University of Nebraska at 402-472-4235 or jkeeler8@unl.edu.

In addition, a state-wide "Broadband Connecting Nebraska Conference" will be held on October 16 and 17 Kearney at the Younes Conference Center. This Conference is not just for IT professionals, it's for all people who want to increase the productivity of their business using technology.

Whether you're looking for ways to improve your market using IT, looking to find your next qualified candidate for a job, or simply aiming to make your business run more efficiently, this conference will undoubtedly provide you with something that will positively affect the future of your business or company.

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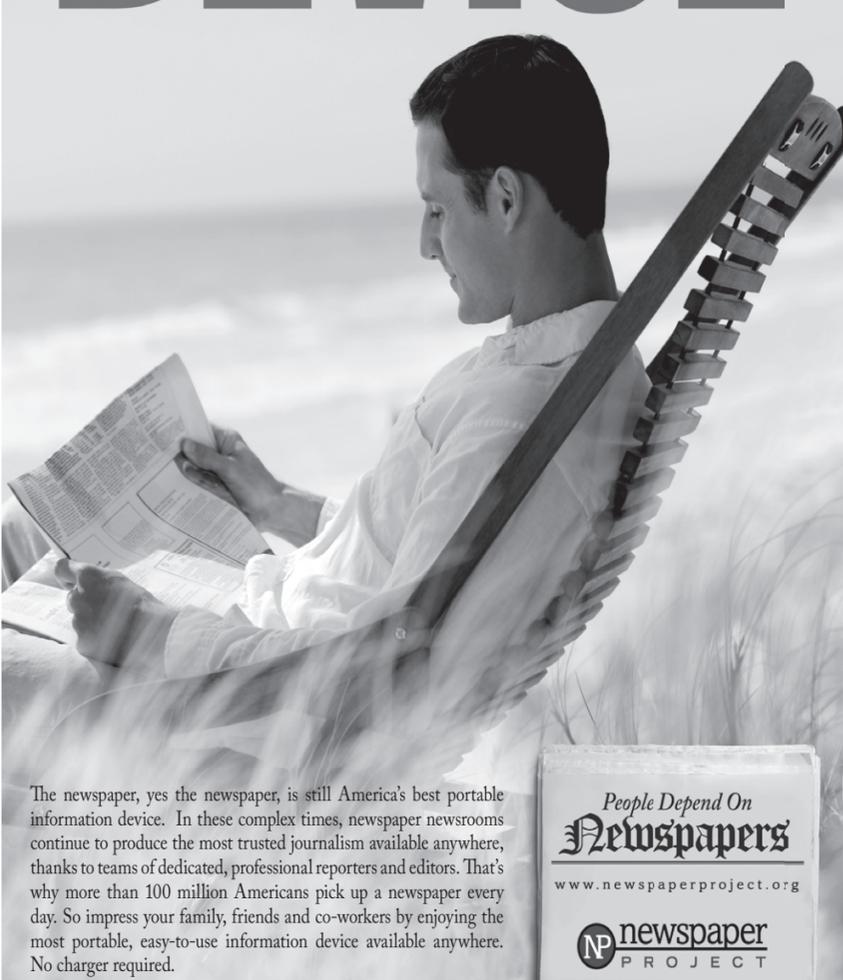


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Thayer County Health Services

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The Things and Stuff shop in Hebron is staffed by volunteers from Thayer County and surrounding communities. To volunteer at the shop, contact Pat Pumphrey at 402-768-6513.

Children Immunization Clinics: Immunization Clinic for children will be held on Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the conference room in the lower level of the hospital in Hebron.

To make an immunization appointment, call 402-768-4629.

Adult Immunization Clinic: See ad for Mass Flu Clinic schedule. If you need an adult vaccine other than the flu vaccine, contact Karen Schardt, immunization coordinator for Thayer County Health Services at 402-768-4629.

CLINIC SCHEDULES
Bruning Clinic
 October 15..... 9 a.m.-noon
 Dr. Timothy Sullivan
 October 17..... 1:00-3:30 p.m.
 Brent Madsen, PAC
Davenport Clinic
 October 14..... 9 a.m.-noon
 Dr. Timothy Sullivan
 October 16..... 9 a.m.-noon
 Brent Madsen, PAC
Deshler Clinic
 October 14..... 1:30-4:30
 Kay Elting, APRN
 October 15..... 1:30-4:30
 Maggie Johnson, PAC
 October 17..... 9:00 - Noon
 Dr. Scott Vonderfecht
Milligan Clinic
 October 15..... 8 a.m.-noon
 Dr. Scott Vonderfecht
Chester Clinic
 October 16..... 1:30-4:30 p.m.
 Maggie Johnson, PAC

Historical Society hosts Annual Fall Festival

The 40th Annual Fall Festival took place on October 6 at the Thayer County Museum. This year featured over 30 wedding dresses that were displayed in the annex.

There were many events throughout the day including a Sunday dinner and car show.

Demonstrations also took place including spinning, black smithing, rope making and horse shoeing.

Vendors were also at the festival with crafts, pumpkins and china painters along with a farmers market and food booths.

In the old school house, "school marm" Jane Dodes demonstrated how school was different back when the school house was being used.

Live music was also a part of the festivities with music by Laurie Martinez, Bob Dawley and other musicians.



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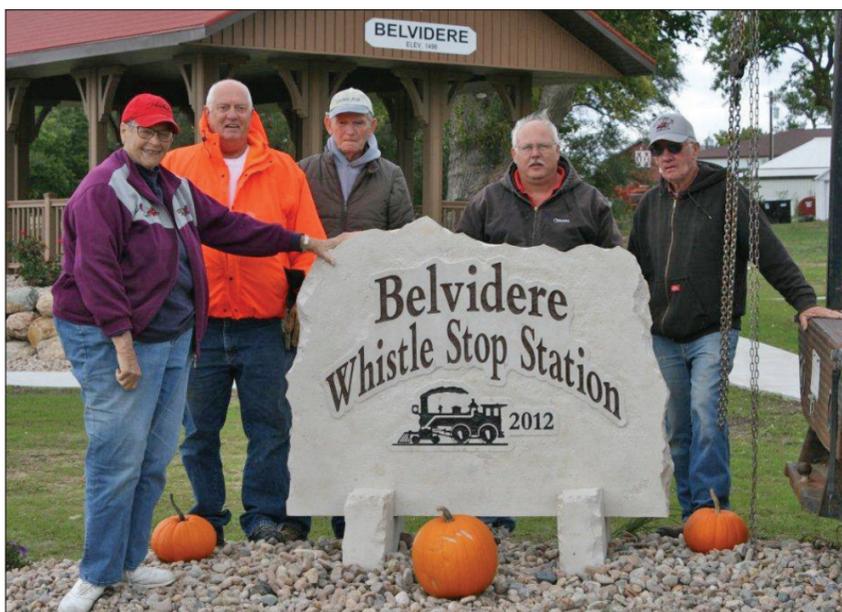


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Volunteers install new sign at Whistle Stop Station...

The Belvidere Woman's Club has been working to create a space where people can come and watch the trains go by in Belvidere. After such an overwhelming turnout during the last locomotive stop, the group is continuing to move forward with the project. The new sign is the latest addition to the area. The sign was made possible through a donation. Volunteers who helped place the sign on October 5 were (l-r): Linda Hudson, Bill Kroll, LaVerne Schoof, Bob Reinke and Henry Laber.

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Trunk or Treat
 October 31st
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Thayer County Healthy Community Coalition (TCHCC) invites you to participate in our second annual Trunk or Treat event. Trunk or Treat is a safe and fun way to trick or treat by going "trunk to trunk" in a family friendly, festive atmosphere. People gather and park their cars and open their decorated trunk or back of vehicle. Then, they pass out candy from their trunk.

*You must pre-register by Thursday, October 17th if your family, business, or organization would like to be creative and sponsor a trunk.
 *You will be responsible for providing treats for your trunk.

Location downtown will be determined after pre-registrations are collected. Pre-register by calling 402-200-0502 or email jana.tietjen@thayercentral.org

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