

# Football Contest



Photo by Stephanie Lanik

Members of the 2018-2019 Thayer Central Cheerleading Squad are (Front row, left to right) Stephanie Meyer, Sydney Escritt, MaryRuth Dodes, Chloe Hintz and Kinzie Remmers. (Back) Kylie Pachta, Hannah Cooper, Jasa Wiedel, Chloe Souerdyke and Grace Souerdyke.

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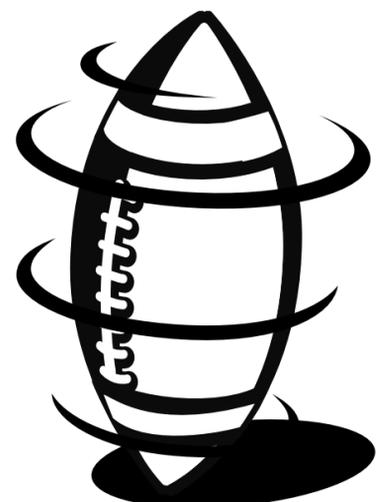
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1. Anyone age 18 and over is eligible to enter except the employees of this newspaper and their immediate families. One entry per person.
2. Locate the football game listed in each sponsor's ad. Pick the winner and then write your team pick on the corresponding line of the entry form. Winners must be matched with the proper sponsor's name in order to count.
3. Write the winner and point spread of the tie breaker game listed on the entry form, no half points. It will be used to determine the winner only when several contestants pick the same number of wins.
4. Clip out the entry form on this page. No entries will be accepted unless on the official entry form available in this week's issue of the Hebron Journal-Register, no photocopies.
5. Bring entries to the Journal-Register office, 318 Lincoln Ave., by Noon each Friday, or mail to PO Box 210, Hebron, NE 68370. Mailed entries must be postmarked by Friday.
6. All decisions are final: Prizes of \$15 - first place, \$10 - second place and \$5 - third place will be given to the persons picking the most winners each week.
7. A one time prize of \$150 will be given to the first person to correctly pick the winners of all the games of any given week.



# Lady Titans battle Superior for conference title

The Thayer Central Lady Titans played in Milford for the final leg of the Southern Nebraska Conference tournament Oct. 18.

They battled the Superior Wildcats for the championship and placed second in three sets, 25-19; 25-18; and 26-24.

Last week's volleyball schedule was packed as Thayer Central wrapped up SNC to move into the Lincoln Christian Invite Oct. 20. The Titans defeated David City Aquinas and Lincoln Christian. They dropped to Wahoo.

The girls were scheduled to close the regular season Oct. 23 with a match at Wilber-Clatonia. The Titan record to begin the week was 23-5.

Results are as follows:

### Thayer Central vs. Superior

Kills — Emily Welch, 14; Chloe Souerdyke, 5; Maddison Williams and Maggie Harris, 3 each; and Jasa Wiedel and Katelyn Richardson, 1 each;

Assists — Wiedel, 12; Richardson, 11; Williams and Madalyn Crouse, 10 each; Welch, 9; Sydney Havel, 5; and Steph Meyer, 4;

Ace serves — Williams, 2; and Richardson and Wiedel, 1 each;

Blocked shots — Welch, 2; and Williams, 1;

Digs — Welch, 12; Meyer and Crouse, 9 each; Havel, 7; Wiedel, 6; Williams, 5; Richardson and Chloe Souerdyke, 3 each; and Harris, 1.

### Thayer Central vs. Fairbury

Scores — 25-17; 25-13; and 25-11;

Kills — Welch and Chloe Souerdyke, 11 each; Williams, 9; Richardson, 7; Harris, 5; and Wiedel, 1;

Assists — Wiedel, 17; Welch, 16; Richardson, 14; Havel, 9; Meyer, 7; Williams, 6; and Crouse, 3;

Ace serves — Wiedel, 2;

Blocked shots — Harris, 3; and Chloe Souerdyke, 1;

Digs — Welch, 18; Havel, 12; Wiedel, 10; Meyer, 6; Crouse, 3; Richardson, Williams and Harris, 2 each; and Chloe Souerdyke, 1.

### Thayer Central vs. Lincoln Christian

Scores — 25-13 (LC); 25-21; and 25-22;

Kills — Welch, 13; Williams, 7; Harris and Chloe Souerdyke, 3 each; and Weidel, 2;

Assists — Havel and Wiedel, 11 each; Williams and Richardson, 10 each; Welch, 9; Crouse, 7; Bailey Kiburz, 3; and Meyer, 2;

Ace serves — None;

Blocked shots — Chloe Souerdyke, 2; and Welch, Richardson and Harris, 1 each;

Digs — Meyer, 17; Welch,



Madalyn Crouse handles the ball in an action-packed match with Superior for the Southern Nebraska Conference Tournament championship.



Stephanie Meyer goes for a dig in the Superior match. Over the weekend, Meyer had 17 digs against Lincoln Christian.

16; Havel and Wiedel, 10 each; Crouse, 9; Williams, 5; Richardson, 3; Chloe Souerdyke, 2; and Grace Souerdyke, 1.

### Thayer Central vs. Wahoo

Scores — 25-18 (Wahoo) and 25-10 (Wahoo);

Kills — Welch, 7; Chloe Souerdyke, 4; Harris and Williams, 3 each; and Wiedel and Richardson, 2 each;

Assists — Wiedel, 10; Welch, 8; Havel, Williams and Richardson, 5 each; Crouse, 4; and Meyer, 2;

Ace serves — Havel, 1;

Blocked shots — None;

Digs — Havel, 12; Welch, 8; Crouse, Meyer and Williams, 4 each; Chloe Souerdyke and Wiedel, 3 each;

Harris, 2; and Richardson, 1.

### Thayer Central vs. David City

Scores — 25-20 and 25-20;

Kills — Welch, 12; Williams, 7; Chloe Souerdyke, 4; and Richardson and Harris, 1 each;

Assists — Wiedel, 13; Welch, Williams and Havel, 8 each; Richardson, 7; Crouse, 5; and Meyer, 1;

Ace serves — Wiedel, 2;

Blocked shots — Welch, Chloe Souerdyke and Harris, 1 each;

Digs — Welch, 13; Meyer, 9; Wiedel, 8; Havel, 7; Crouse, 4; Richardson, 3; Williams, 2; and Harris and Chloe Souerdyke, 1 each.



The Thayer Central Lady Titans were runners-up in this season's Southern Nebraska Conference volleyball tournament. The championship match was played in Milford Oct. 18.

# Deshler 1-1 in Silver Lake tourney

The Deshler Lady Dragons defeated Silver Lake in two sets, but dropped two sets in Axtell in the Silver Lake tournament Oct. 18.

Against Silver Lake, the girls won, 25-20 and 25-15. Axtell scores were 25-23 and 25-14.

Results are as follows:

Deshler vs. Silver Lake

Kills — Jenna Lemke, 6; Kayla Oakman and Leah Dlouhy, 4 each; Tyra Schardt, 2; and Sydney Roth and Brenna Dubbert,

1 each;

Assists — Trinity Schardt, 10; Oakman and Dlouhy, 8 each; Tyra Schardt and Roth, 7 each; Lemke, 6; and Dubbert, 2;

Ace serves — Oakman and Tyra Schardt, 1 each;

Blocked shots — Cadence Jacobe, 5; Dlouhy, 2; and Oakman and Roth, 1 each;

Digs — Trinity Schardt, 11; Roth, 7; Oakman, 5; and Tyra Schardt, 1.

Deshler vs. Axtell

Kills — Oakman, 6;

Dlouhy, 4; Lemke, Tyra Schardt and Roth, 3 each; and Jacobe, 1;

Assists — Tyra Schardt and Roth, 8 each; Oakman, 6; Lemke, Dlouhy and Trinity Schardt, 5 each;

Ace serves — Tyra Schardt, 1;

Blocked shots — Dlouhy, 4; Jacobe, 2; and Roth, 1;

Digs — Trinity Schardt, 11; Oakman, 9; Tyra Schardt, 4; Leah Schmidt and Roth, 3 each; and Lemke and Dlouhy, 2 each.

# Football...

rushing yards and a touchdown to his credit. Kameron Dickson and Aaron Mick both went for extra points.

Logan Schroeder received for 51 yards and Dickson, 10.

For the Titans, Phillip Price and Jarod Hergott made the touchdowns. Hergott carried the ball seven times.

The Titans had a total of 90 tackles with Price committing seven solos; Keith Hergott and Jarod Hergott made four solo tackles each; and Brennan Harms and Ashton Sinn had three solo tackles each.

Jones said the season for the Titans has improved on both the individual and team sides of the game. Younger players like starting quarterback, Wiedel, and Sinn have stepped up — freshman Sinn had 10 tackles (solos and assists) against BDS in less than two quarters.

For the first round of football playoffs, the Titans are slated to play No. 3 seed Guardian Angels Central Catholic in Beemer Oct. 25 at 6 p.m.

"They are a physical, run first team, and have a senior running back who has rushed for over 4,500 yards and 70 touchdowns in his career. If we can slow him down and hit some big plays on offense, we have a chance to be competitive," Jones said.

For coach Ardissono, the game was his 200th win while coaching for Bruning-Davenport and Bruning-Davenport/Shickley.

Ardissono issued a statement on his accomplishment:

"I've had a lot of support over the past 25 years. I would have never made it by myself," Ardissono said. "Tom Kiburz gave me my first chance at coaching football. I've co-coached with Mark (Rotter) for 18 years and he's taught me a lot about the game of football. Our program isn't just about football, it's changing young boys into young men. We've had a lot of fun and hopefully learned some values to help us in life. Many others, family, coaches, friends and especially the players have made this journey enjoyable."

# Venison donation program hungry for cash

Donations of deer to the Hunters Helping the Hungry (HHH) program are expected to rise dramatically this fall. On the other hand, cash donations to fund the program have plummeted.

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is seeking cash donations to HHH so it can continue to feed Nebraskans in need. Each dollar donated provides two meals of ground venison.

"If each person buying a deer permit donated just \$1 each year, we'd have funds to pay for processing the 900 deer we expect could be donated," said Teresa Lombard, HHH coordinator for Game and Parks.

HHH, which was created by the Nebraska Legislature in 2012 with the passage of LB 928, is funded entirely by tax-deductible cash donations from hunters, businesses and individuals. HHH contracts with processors, who prepare and package ground venison from donated deer. Charitable organizations then pick up and distribute venison to Nebraskans.

Hunters who offer deer for

donation pay no processing fee if it is accepted. But HHH might have to accept fewer deer because funds are lower, reducing the number of meals provided to Nebraskans in need.

More than 540,000 meals have been distributed since the program began.

"By making a cash donation, we can make sure that each deer a hunter wants to donate can be processed and more families in need can be fed," Lombard said. "The popularity of the program has resulted in an increase in processing costs that quickly outpaced the cash donations to pay for it."

The number of deer donated has grown from 213 in 2012 to 734 in 2017. Cash donations were \$104,441 the first year, but only \$39,689 in 2017. Cash donations typically are highest in October and November, but in 2017, donations in each of those months was a third of that from 2016.

For more information about HHH or to make a cash donation, visit <http://outdoornebraska.gov/hhh>.

# FSA county committee elections underway

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Committee Elections are underway in Thayer County.

It is important that every eligible producer participate in these elections because FSA county committees are a link between the agricultural community and the USDA. The 2018 election in Thayer County will be conducted for the representative Local Administrative Area (LAA): LAA #2 which includes the townships of Belvidere, Bruning, Friedensau, Hebron and Stoddard. This year's incumbent candidate is Karen Hinrichs from rural Bruning.

County committee members are a critical component of FSA operations. Committees should be comprised of members who reflect the diversity of producers involved in production agriculture in Thayer County. This means that producers

representing underserved groups or communities should be on the committee to speak on behalf of their constituency.

Underserved producers are beginning, women and other minority farmers and ranchers and land owners and/or operators who have limited resources. Other minority groups including Native American and Alaska Natives; persons under the poverty level, and persons that have disabilities are also considered underserved.

County committee election ballots will be mailed to eligible voters on November 5, 2018. The last day to return completed ballots to the Thayer County USDA service center is December 3, 2018.

For more information on eligibility to serve on FSA county committees, visit: [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections).



### ACTIVITIES

**Thursday, October 25:** National FFA convention; FB playoffs, 1st round.

**Friday, October 26:** National FFA convention; Fall break - No school; Senior holiday greenery sales.

**Saturday, October 27:** ACT test dates; Seniors holiday greenery sales; National FFA convention.

**Sunday, October 28:** National FFA convention; Seniors holiday greenery sales.

**Monday, October 29:** VB sub-districts; Seniors holiday greenery sales.

**Tuesday, October 30:** VB sub-districts; Seniors holiday greenery sales.

**Wednesday, October 31:** FB playoffs, 2nd round; Seniors holiday greenery sales.

**Censure Record Not Good**

This is Robert Prokop, running for the Board of Regents. My opponent, Rob Schafer, has the distinction of serving as Chairman at the time that the University of Nebraska was censured by the American Association of University Professors. They did so since the University did not protect the freedom of speech on campus for a student. The University also lost accreditation in a major national agency. Schafer's record is censure and loss of accreditation.

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## Public Notices

### VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA

**OCTOBER 10, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Alexandria, Nebraska was held at the Tucker Memorial Library on the 10th day of October, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman VanWesten, Trustees: Wassom, Durlfingler, and Erickson. Schmidt absent. Alan Krupicka, Water Operator and Donna Rut, Village Clerk also attending the meeting.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting as required by law. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Open Meeting Laws are posted in the meeting room.

Chairman VanWesten asked for comments from the public.

Doug Nixon discussed his property cleanup with Village Attorney Benjamin Murray and the Board. The Village will proceed with civil action on cleaning up the property.

The board discussed the Disney and Stevenson property nuisances. Disney's will be billed for the cleanup.

Alan Krupicka, Water Operator reported on the meeting with JEO Consulting on the water project. A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Durlfingler to authorize the Chairman and Clerk to borrow at First National Bank for the project. Motion carried with all members present voting aye. Schmidt absent.

Colt Farringer with Thayer Co. Zoning presented a Conditional Use Permit for a subdivision and a building permit request for Viera Wireless. A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Wassom to approve the permits. Motion carried with Wassom, Durlfingler, and Erickson voting aye. VanWesten voting nay. Schmidt absent.

Discussion was held on the condition of the gym roof, shop roof, old fire hall, and the pop machines.

A motion was made by Durlfingler and seconded by Wassom to request and audit waiver for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Motion carried with Wassom, Durlfingler, Erickson, and VanWesten voting aye. Schmidt absent.

The claims, minutes, and treasurer's report were presented. A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Wassom to approve the minutes, treasurer's report, and to pay all claims. Motion carried with Wassom, Durlfingler, Erickson, and VanWesten voting aye. Schmidt absent.

Alan Krupicka, Water Operator reported on the bids on a generator for the lift station and the well inspections.

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Durlfingler and seconded

by Erickson to adjourn. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

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Notice is hereby given of the organization under the laws of the State of Nebraska of Bruning Real Estate Agency, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company (the "Company"), pursuant to a Certificate of Organization filed on October 10, 2018. The Company's initial designated office is at 104 Main Street, P.O. Box 100, Bruning, Nebraska 68322. The name and address of the Company's registered agent for service of process in the State of Nebraska is Fred D. Bruning, 104 Main Street, P.O. Box 100, Bruning, Nebraska 68322.

ZNEZ Wk42-3t

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF TAX LIENS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THAYER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

COUNTY OF THAYER, NEBRASKA, Plaintiff, -vs- Ivy G. Gresham, et al., Defendants.

Case No. CI 18-42 TO: IVY GRESHAM AND IF MARRIED

GRESHAM, HER HUSBAND, REAL NAME UNKNOWN, AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN AND TO LOTS 5 & 6, IN BLOCK 18, ORIGINAL TOWN OF BELVIDERE, THAYER COUNTY NEBRASKA, REAL NAMES UNKNOWN: You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of August,

2018, the County of Thayer, Nebraska, filed its petition in the District Court of Thayer County, Nebraska, against each of you, and others, the object and prayer of which is to foreclose county Treasurer's Certificates of Tax Sales duly sold to the Plaintiff, covering taxes and special assessments for the years as appear therein, and previous and subsequent years, and to foreclose subsequent tax liens on the real estate above specifically described; Plaintiff praying for an accounting of the amounts due against each of said parcels of said real estate as described therein, for a foreclosure of the lien, and sale of said property in satisfaction of the amount so found due.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE REQUIRED TO ANSWER SAID PETITION ON OR BEFORE THE 23RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018, AND IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, YOUR DEFAULT WILL BE TAKEN AND JUDGMENT ENTERED ACCORDINGLY.

COUNTY OF THAYER, NEBRASKA /s/ Daniel L. Werner Thayer County Attorney ZNEZ Wk41-3t

### NOTICE

Industrial Tower and Wireless, LLC is proposing to construct a new wireless telecommunications facility located in a tract of land located in Lots 13 & 14, First Addition to the Village of Strang, which is on the Southwest side of Strang, Nebraska. At N.Lat. 40° 24' 46.82" W. Long. 97° 35' 18.91". The new facility will consist of a 150 foot Self-Supporting Cellular Communications Tower. The structure, according to the aeronautical study, does not need to be lighted and therefore will not be. Significant "environmental" concerns may be raised with the Federal Communications Commission within 30 days of published notice. Filing information is available at <http://www.fcc.gov/asr/environmental-request>. Interested parties should reference file number A1117435 and provide a supporting statement with detailed reasons explaining how the tower may have a significant environmental impact, as required by 47 C.F.R. Sections 1.1307(c) and 1.1313(b).

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Industrial Tower and Wireless, LLC is proposing to construct a new wireless telecommunications facility located in a part of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2 and the Northwest 1/4 of Section 11, All in Township 3 North, Range 1 West, which is on the Northwest side of Alexandria, Nebraska off of 6th Street. At N.Lat. 40° 14' 55.03" W. Long. 97° 23' 36.99". The new facility will consist of a 150 foot Self-Supporting Cellular Communications Tower. The structure, according to the aeronautical study, does not need to be lighted and therefore will not be. Significant "environmental" concerns may be raised with the Federal Communications Commission within 30 days of published notice. Filing information is available at <http://www.fcc.gov/asr/environmental-request>. Interested parties should reference file number A1117438 and provide a supporting statement with detailed reasons explaining how the tower may have a significant environmental impact, as required by 47 C.F.R. Sections 1.1307(c) and 1.1313(b).

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### NOTICE

Industrial Tower and Wireless, LLC is proposing to construct a new wireless telecommunications facility located in a part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, Township 2 North, Range 1 West, which is on the West side of Gilead, Nebraska. At N.Lat. 40° 08' 45.30" W. Long. 97° 25' 1.70". The new facility will consist of a 150 foot Self-Supporting Cellular Communications Tower. The structure, according to the aeronautical study, does not need to be lighted and therefore will not be. Significant "environmental" concerns may be raised with the Federal Communications Commission within 30 days of published notice. Filing information is available at <http://www.fcc.gov/asr/environmental-request>. Interested parties should reference file number A1117437 and provide a supporting statement with detailed reasons explaining how the tower may have a significant environmental impact, as required by 47 C.F.R. Sections 1.1307(c) and 1.1313(b).

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### NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Kevin Wiedel Farms, L.L.C., a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, is organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its initial designated office located at 147 North 4th Street, Hebron, Thayer County, Nebraska 68370. The name, street and mailing address of the initial agent for service of process of the Company is Joseph H. Murray, 147 North 4th Street, P.O. Box 87, Hebron, Thayer County, Nebraska 68370.

The general nature of its business is to engage in any and all lawful business for which a Limited Liability Company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska and for all other purposes authorized by law. The Limited Liability Company will commence business on January 1, 2019, and will have perpetual duration. Its affairs shall be conducted by the managing members, pursuant to an Operating Agreement duly adopted by the Company.

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### NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that River Road Properties, L.L.C., a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, is organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its initial designated office located at 147 North 4th Street, Hebron, Thayer County, Nebraska 68370. The name, street and mailing address of the initial agent for service of process of the Company is Joseph H. Murray, 147 North 4th Street, P.O. Box 87, Hebron, Thayer County, Nebraska 68370.

The general nature of its business is to engage in any and all lawful business for which a Limited Liability Company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska and for all other purposes authorized by law. The Limited Liability Company commenced business upon a Certificate of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Nebraska and will have perpetual duration. Its affairs shall be conducted by the managing members, pursuant to an Operating Agreement duly

adopted by the Company.

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### NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THAYER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Estate of MAX D. STIERWALT, Deceased Estate No. PR 18-40

Notice is hereby given that on October 11, 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 Bonnie K. Bures of 1517 Road K, Geneva, Nebraska 68361; Peggy Jo Sandersfeld of 1419 Summit Street, Beatrice, Nebraska 68310; and Cindy L. McGinty of 1103 North Adams, Juniata, Nebraska 68955 were informally appointed by the Registrar as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before December 17, 2018 or be forever barred.

/s/ Vicki L. Jarchow

Clerk of the County Court Address of County Court:

County Court of Thayer County 225 North 4th Street Hebron, Nebraska 68370

Daniel L. Werner (Bar I.D. # 15880) Daniel L. Werner, P.C., L.L.O. 429 Lincoln Avenue P.O. Box 28 Hebron, Nebraska 68370

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### PLANNING & ZONING NOTICE

The Thayer County Planning Commissioner will meet to have public hearing on APC towers LLC located at 7090 Rd C. The GPS coordinates for this location are 40.032014 Latitude, -97.408424 Longitude.

The meeting will be Thursday, November 15, at 8 p.m. in the Club Room of the Courthouse in Hebron.

Zoning and planning information and meeting minutes are kept at the office of the Thayer County Clerk in the Courthouse, Hebron. ZNEZ Wk43-2t

### LEGAL NOTICE OF MEASURE TO BE VOTED UPON AT THE GENERAL ELECTION OCCURRING ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018

#### BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT OF STATUTORY INITIATIVE PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

#### PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

#### INITIATIVE MEASURE 427

#### Ballot Language for Initiative Measure 427

A vote "FOR" will amend Nebraska statutes to provide that the state shall amend its Medicaid state plan to expand eligibility for medical assistance to cover certain adults ages 19 through 64 whose incomes are one hundred thirty-eight percent (138%) of the federal poverty level or below as defined by federal law, and to maximize federal financial participation to fund their care.

A vote "AGAINST" will not cause Nebraska statutes to be amended in such manner.

Shall Nebraska statutes be amended to provide that the state shall amend its Medicaid state plan to expand eligibility for medical assistance to cover certain adults ages 19 through 64 whose incomes are one hundred thirty-eight percent (138%) of the federal poverty level or below as defined by federal law, and to maximize federal financial participation to fund their care?

FOR

AGAINST

### BOLETA NO PARTIDISTA ELECCIÓN GENERAL 6 DE NOVIEMBRE 2018 PROPUESTA POR

### INICIATIVA DE PETICIÓN INICIATIVA 427

Un voto "A FAVOR" modificará los estatutos de Nebraska para que el estado modifique su plan estatal de Medicaid y expandir la elegibilidad para asistencia médica para dar cobertura a ciertos adultos cuyas edades estén entre 19 a 64 años y cuyos ingresos son el ciento treinta y ocho por ciento (138%) del nivel federal de pobreza o menos, tal como es definido por la ley federal y para maximizar la participación financiera federal para financiar su atención.

Un voto "EN CONTRA" no causará que los estatutos de Nebraska se modifiquen de tal manera.

¿Se deben modificar los estatutos de Nebraska para que el estado cambie su plan estatal de Medicaid para ampliar la elegibilidad para asistencia médica de manera que cubra a ciertos adultos de edades entre 19 a 64 años y cuyos ingresos son ciento treinta y ocho por ciento (138%) del nivel de pobreza federal o por debajo de esto tal como es definido por ley federal y para maximizar la participación financiera federal para pagar por su atención?

A FAVOR

EN CONTRA

#### TEXT OF PROPOSED INITIATIVE MEASURE 427

(underscored language indicates added language, strike through indicates language being removed)

FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend section 68-915, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016, and section 68-901, Revised Stat-

utes Supplement, 2017; to change provisions relating to eligibility for medicaid; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

Be It Enacted By The People Of The State Of Nebraska, Section 1. Section 68-901, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2017, is amended to read:

68-901 Sections 68-901 to 68-991 and section 2 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Medical Assistance Act.

Sec. 2. (1) Eligibility for medical assistance shall be expanded to include certain adults ages nineteen through sixty-four whose income is equal to or less than one hundred thirty-eight percent of the federal poverty level, as authorized and using the income methodology defined by 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) and related federal regulations and guidance, as such statute, regulations, and guidance existed on January 1, 2018.

(2) On or before April 1, 2019, in order to ensure that eligibility for medical assistance is expanded as required by this section, the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a state plan amendment and all other necessary documents seeking required approvals or waivers to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

(3) The Department of Health and Human Services shall take all actions necessary to maximize federal financial participation in funding medical assistance pursuant to this section.

(4) No greater or additional burdens or restrictions on eligibility, enrollment, benefits, or access to health care services shall be imposed on persons eligible for medical assistance pursuant to this section than on any other population eligible for medical assistance.

(5) This section shall apply notwithstanding any other provision of law or federal waiver.

Sec. 3. Section

68-915, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016, is amended to read: 68-915 The following persons shall be eligible for medical assistance:

(1) Dependent children as defined in section 43-504;

(2) Aged, blind, and disabled persons as defined in sections 68-1002 to 68-1005;

(3) Children under nineteen years of age who are eligible under section 1905(a)(i) of the federal Social Security Act;

(4) Persons who are presumptively eligible as allowed under sections 1920 and 1920B of the federal Social Security Act;

(5) Children under nineteen years of age with a family income equal to or less than two hundred percent of the Office of Management and Budget income poverty guideline, as allowed under Title XIX and Title XXI of the federal Social Security Act, without regard to resources, and pregnant women with a family income equal to or less than one hundred eighty-five percent of the Office of Management and Budget income poverty guideline, as allowed under Title XIX and Title XXI of the federal Social Security Act, without regard to resources. Children described in this subdivision and subdivision (6) of this section shall remain eligible for six consecutive months from the date of initial eligibility prior to redetermination of eligibility. The department may review eligibility monthly thereafter pursuant to rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the department. The department may determine upon such review that a child is ineligible for medical assistance if such child no longer meets eligibility standards established by the department;

(6) For purposes of Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act as provided in subdivision (5) of this section, children with a family income as follows:

(a) Equal to or less than one hundred fifty percent of the Office of Management and Budget income poverty guideline with eligible children one

year of age or younger;

(b) Equal to or less than one hundred thirty-three percent of the Office of Management and Budget income poverty guideline with eligible children over one year of age and under six years of age; or

(c) Equal to or less than one hundred percent of the Office of Management and Budget income poverty guideline with eligible children six years of age or older and less than nineteen years of age;

(7) Persons who are medically needy caretaker relatives as allowed under 42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)(ii);

(8) As allowed under 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii), disabled persons as defined in section 68-1005 with a family income of less than two hundred fifty percent of the Office of Management and Budget income poverty guideline and who, but for earnings in excess of the limit established under 42 U.S.C. 1396d(j)(2)(B), would be considered to be receiving federal Supplemental Security Income. The department shall apply for a waiver to disregard any unearned income that is contingent upon a trial work period in applying the Supplemental Security Income standard. Such disabled persons shall be subject to payment of premiums as a percentage of family income beginning at not less than two hundred percent of the Office of Management and Budget income poverty guideline. Such premiums shall be graduated based on family income and shall not be less than two percent or more than ten percent of family income;

(9) As allowed under 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(iii), persons who:

(a) Have been screened for breast and cervical cancer under the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention breast and cervical cancer early detection program established under Title XV of the federal Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 300k et seq., in accordance with the requirements of section 1504 of such act, 42 U.S.C. 300n, and who

need treatment for breast or cervical cancer, including precancerous and cancerous conditions of the breast or cervix;

(b) Are not otherwise covered under creditable coverage as defined in section 2701(c) of the federal Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 300gg(c);

(c) Have not attained sixty-five years of age; and

(d) Are not eligible for medical assistance under any mandatory categorically needy eligibility group; and

(10) Persons eligible for services described in subsection (3) of section 68-972; and

(11) Persons eligible pursuant to section 2 of this act.

Except as provided in section 68-972, eligibility shall be determined under this section using an income budgetary methodology that determines children's eligibility at no greater than two hundred percent of the Office of Management and Budget income poverty guideline and adult eligibility using adult income standards no greater than the applicable categorical eligibility standards established pursuant to state or federal law. The department shall determine eligibility under this section pursuant to such income budgetary methodology and subdivision (1)(q) of section 68-1713.

Sec. 4. If any section in this act or any part of any section is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.

Sec. 5. Original section 68-915, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016, and section 68-901, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2017, are repealed.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Gale

Secretary of State

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here and for potential new businesses.

How would you assist Hebron in moving forward for the future?

Many great things are already set in place in our community: Proactive fire department/EMS team; new hospital expansion; new airport additions; LB840 will be in place to help local businesses with some expenses; SCC has added a college campus to the community; Stastny Community Center; Highway 81 properties are developing to bring in more business to town; grain elevator is expanding to hold more grain after harvest; 12 new businesses have opened up downtown; and movie theater has been remodeled.

I would keep moving forward with a positive proactive attitude and make sure we have the proper manpower and equipment to keep the town running. I would also make sure the infrastructure is ready for any expansions to come. We will keep great people on the town boards, like the library, cemetery, zoning and planning boards. Without the great people on these boards, the town would fail.

Why do you want to be mayor of Hebron?

I put the town first. I feel I have done a good job and when you surround yourself with good people, great things happen. I enjoy looking back at what this community has accomplished and I dream of what we can do in the future.

I have been honored to be mayor of Hebron for the last eight years and it would be an honor to be reelected.

**Doug Huber**

What do you see as important issues facing Hebron?

The City of Hebron is no different than a lot of small communities in rural America. We have buildings in our business district that are old and deteriorating. In order to be a vibrant community, we must do our best to maintain a modern look at our main street. While this should not be a problem for the mayor and council, at times it might become necessary to step in and help manage a solution for an unsafe property that is a safety issue for citizens. We have such an issue now on 4th Street and have worked hard to find a solution that works for everyone.

Over the past eight to 10 years, I have watched the mayor and city council, and for the past four years as a city council member, I worked diligently with property owners in the renovation of and or removal of dilapidated houses and out-buildings in our residential areas.

Having looked around in other communities, it is certainly not hard to tell the cities that take an aggressive approach to this problem and the ones that don't.

As mayor along with the city council, I'll work to continue this important objective.

How would you assist Hebron in moving forward for the future?

Maintaining the infrastructure of the city with the limited funds we have is going to become a huge problem in the future. I believe it will come to a point when the citizens will have to make some hard choices about what we should do and may have to do without. The one thing that comes to mind right now is the 4th Street river bridge. Having recently had this bridge inspected, the mayor and council learned the bridge is reaching the end of its useful life. With a price tag of \$3 million to replace it, financially, it is just not feasible for a new replacement and still maintain all the other city assets funded by property tax or highway allocation money. As for the bridge, we have two other alternatives, but those are short term fixes.

One more issue the city is facing is the swimming pool. At present, we are in the process of doing a study to see what our options are. Those options will be shared with citizens as soon we receive them.

Why do you want to be Mayor of Hebron?

As mayor, I will work alongside the city council and the citizens of Hebron to continue to make our town

a place we can all be proud to call our home. I hope my ability to listen to citizens and to look for solutions can help facilitate fixing the problems and issues that arise.

Having had the opportunity to be the mayor of Hebron some 35 years ago, I enjoyed the challenges the mayor's position brought forth. I always knew I'd like to be mayor again. Being semi-retired, I decided this would be the time to run again. I feel I have the insight into the issues facing our community that can help make a difference in the lives of our citizens.

I see many young people who have been raised in Hebron staying, and also some return to Hebron to live the simple life and raise their children where they can feel safe and loved by their community and neighbors. As mayor, I would hope that I could help in maintaining the same peaceful life my family and I have enjoyed.

I have been a resident of Hebron most of my life. I graduated from Hebron Public Schools and attended Fairbury Junior College for two years. I farmed for 25 years the first half of my adult life and then worked at three different businesses for the next 20 years. My best friend and wife is Jody. We have four children and three grandchildren.

**Hebron City Council - 3 seats**

**Candidates: Incumbent Tim Pickering; Incumbent Larry Fangmeier; Incumbent Robert Dodes; and Kyle Timmerman**

**Tim Pickering**

What do you see as important issues facing Hebron?

Issues I see for Hebron in the short term are LB840 incentives and how they will help local business with improvements and growth; continuing to deliver quality utility services to residents at the best rates available; attracting business and families to Hebron for the quality of life of a great town; and making repairs to the 1st and 4th Street bridges.

In the long term, a new water supply is needed; upkeep of streets and improvements; and attract new business to downtown.

How would you assist Hebron in moving forward for the future?

Holding the city accountable for its expenses and staying on budget. As a resident making decisions for the city to make improvements, that makes sense. I would also focus on securing a new well for the town's water supply.

Why do you want to serve the Hebron City Council?

I began my family in Hebron after moving here 28 years ago. I have been involved in community groups over the years with boy scouts, healthy communities, summer recreation baseball, and the Thayer County Walking Coalition. Hebron is a great place to live and raise a family, and I want to do my part to assist in keeping this town thriving and I feel having the opportunity to serve on the city council is a great way to do that.

**Larry Fangmeier**

What do you see as important issues facing Hebron?

The most important issue for Hebron is the quality of life. We need to provide a safe, clean and comfortable place to live. Accomplishing this goes largely unnoticed day to day. It takes considerable discipline to make sure the lights stay on, we have a safe water supply and our streets are in good repair. Services like fire/EMS protection, law enforcement, parks, swimming pool and the library must be well maintained.

How would you assist Hebron in moving forward for the future?

I plan to assist Hebron in moving forward by promoting a vibrant business community. LB840, which was recently passed, will allow us to use one-third of our sales tax money for this purpose. We have immediate needs, such as river bridge upgrades and swimming pool improvements to address. Hopefully, we can use grant money effectively to help fund these and other larger projects. Finally, I think it is important to maintain our

strong financial position.

Why do you want to serve the Hebron City Council?

I enjoy the job and working with my colleagues. We have an engaged council with a variety of backgrounds. By putting our heads together, we can do the best for the City of Hebron. In December, I will complete my eighth term on the city council. I am in the unique position to know how the things we do today will affect the city for decades to come.

**Thayer Central Board of Education - 3 seats**

**Candidates: Incumbents Rick Hintz, Nate Casey, and Brad Cooper, and Tyssen Hissong, Chad Oswald and Scott Elting.**

**Rick Hintz**

Hello, my name is Rick Hintz. My wife Ranae and I were both born and raised in Hebron. We both attended Hebron Public Schools. We have lived in Hebron our entire lives with the exception of three years in Kearney in the early 1990's, so that puts us at nearly 50 years in the community.

I am a Computer Network Engineer/Administrator for Reinke Mfg. Co., Inc. and have worked for the company for 25 years in that capacity. Ranae is employed by Dick Walsh Ins. (State Farm). Ranae and I have raised our family of four children (Kale, Clayton, Kylea and Chloe) in Hebron. All four children attended Thayer Central over the years. We have seen the school district evolve and grow.

We attend the Methodist church in Hebron where I am the Finance Committee chair and bookkeeper and Ranae is heavily involved in the youth group. Ranae and I feel that volunteering in our small community is very important and we have instilled that in our children as well.

I have been a Thayer Central School Board member for 12 years. Our school district has seen many changes over the years and I am proud to have been a part of that evolution.

What do you see as important issues facing your district?

There are many important issues facing our district. Some of the top issues are:

- The number of young students entering our district is growing. Being able to adapt our Facilities to that change has been challenging. The addition to the South end of the Elementary Building has been a key factor to enabling Thayer Central to accommodate that growth.

- The number of children identified as needing additional help (Special Needs) is growing. This can be anywhere from a speech impediment, to autism, to learning disabilities or any other factor that will encumber a student from learning at a normal rate. In these cases early identification is a key factor.

Many times these issues can be corrected and the sooner the better for the students. These cases do take additional resources and costs the district more than the average student, but it is our district's responsibility by law to educate every student in our district. The programming our district has in place is working as can be seen in our districts high standardized test scores.

- Student Safety and Security. School districts are faced with many more threats in recent years. We would all like to believe that 'It won't/couldn't happen here!' but we cannot and should not turn a blind eye toward the issues our nation and our school district face currently and in the future.

For these reasons we have already placed security cameras and electronic door locks on all of the buildings and have plans in place that include the police and fire department.

These items are a good step toward keeping our kids safe. The other part of this issue is that our buildings are separated even though they are on the same campus. This is both a security risk as students pass back and forth as part of their normal school day and a safety issue in the event of inclement weather.

- Fiscal Responsibility. This is always a hot topic and concerning to everyone. We,

as a school board, are faced with a difficult task in that we need to control spending as much as we can, but at the same time it is also our responsibility to educate the students of the district to the best of our ability.

I believe we can ALL agree that we want the best for our children. Our district is doing a very good job of educating our students and our standardized test scores prove it.

Our district has one of the lowest per pupil costs in the region. As a school district about 85 percent of our annual budget is fixed so that only gives us the ability to affect about 15 percent. People always talk about the tax levy and that it is higher than some of our neighboring districts.

What some do not realize is that when property valuations are higher the tax levy can be lower and generate just as much revenue. When the property valuations are lower it takes a higher tax levy to generate the same revenue.

I hate to pay taxes just like everyone else, but there is currently no other way for the school to generate income.

We used to have state aid, but that is a thing of the past and a very significant reason taxes have increased.

How would you assist your district in moving forward for the future?

Safety, Security and Education of students must be, in my opinion, of the utmost importance to the district. It is my job, as an elected official, to ensure that what we do as a school board reflects the needs of the district students while also being mindful of the concerns of the districts tax payers.

Why do you want to serve the district?

Volunteerism and public service. I think it is important for an average citizen, such as myself, to be a member of the school board. I have no agenda nor do I have anyone holding anything over my head if I don't vote a particular way.

If you come into a position like this with an agenda you may be disappointed in what you can achieve. It takes people from all different segments of the district population to ensure that everyone is represented fairly.

We have business owners, farmers, employees of businesses, parents of both young and old students and people without children in the district represented in our board currently. Each comes with different education and experience. It is because of this diversity that we are able to be an effective board.

**Tyssen Hissong**

What do you see as important issues facing your district?

In my opinion, there are several issues that face a school system today. We are in a time where our society is putting a lot of stress not only on each individual but organizations like schools as well.

Our current cost of living is putting a stress on everyone which ultimately impacts our school systems and we need to work together to ensure we are offering the absolute best education/safety to our students while managing the tax payers money to the best of our ability.

How would you assist your district in moving forward for the future?

First of all I would be 100 percent dedicated to the position. I have lived in the area for over 40 years and understand how our community works, how taxes effect each one of us and how important an education/safe environment is.

With my current position, I have the opportunity to work with several different personalities and have learned how to work with them in a way that allows us to find a workable solution for everyone.

Why do you want to serve the district?

As a parent I feel that it is very important to be involved. With my current position I have to make tough decisions on a daily basis and I am not afraid to ask the difficult questions. We should all be thankful that we have the opportunity to have a school in our local

community and we need to do our part to ensure that we are making it the best we can.

The students of today are our future!

**Nate Casey**

What do you see as important issues facing your district?

We are a small yet thriving community school. The main issues that always seem to come up are taxes. This is driven primarily by legislative rules which have then put the burdens upon the local tax payers.

When it comes to our school budget, 85 percent of it is fixed. My goal is to maintain a conservative budget and reduce costs while striving to increase our students' education. School safety and security will always be a main area of concern.

Parents expect their children to be safe at school and we must strive to adhere to the best practices that we can do. Special Education is a rapidly growing concern within the school systems of America. On top of how to handle these ever-changing issues, there is continuous changing of the rules and regulations to go along with that. Other issues are continuous changes in different areas of state and federal laws that schools must abide by.

How would you assist your district in moving forward for the future?

Constantly encouraging our great staff to think outside of the normal to aid in creating new and innovative learning for our students. Life is constantly evolving thus education must as well. School safety and security are constantly being addressed and have come a long way.

I will continue to push to further address this very important issue. Assisting in creating and maintaining a sound budget based on avenues the laws give us to follow. Establishing a plan to maintain and update our facilities.

With the majority of our facilities buildings being 40-70 years old, there is definite updating and maintenance that has to be done.

Why do you want to serve the district?

I strongly believe that each and every person in a community should give back to where they live with a purposeful service of some type.

With eight years of prior board experience, I will say that you are constantly learning and must always be educating yourself as well.

Your local school is one of the foundations of your community. I am very proud of our school, our staff, and our leadership. I have assisted in redoing our entire school policies to have them updated and current.

As a collective board, we put plans in place to reduce and eliminate all debt.

My wife Kristi and I have lived in Hebron for over 15 years and are proud to call Hebron home.

We have three children: Keegan, 17, Cooper, 15, and Kinley, 12, all of whom attend Thayer Central.

I grew up in a small school community in northwest Iowa. I believe that small schools provide the best education as well as community living. I operate the Farm Bureau Financial Services office in Hebron.

**Brad Cooper**

My name is Brad Cooper and I am one of three incumbents running for the school board of Thayer Central Public Schools in Hebron.

My wife Heather and I have been very happy to call Hebron home for over 18 years. Growing up in Tecumseh, and moving here in 2000, taking a job as a physical therapist at the local hospital, has been one of the best decisions I have ever made as it has been a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

I have two girls, Hannah, 16, and Ashlyn, 13, and I couldn't be happier with how Hebron has made us feel welcome and at home.

I would like to continue my civic duty to the citizens of the district as a Thayer Central school board member and would like your vote on Nov. 6 to do so.

I have been on the board for one term of four years. During that time I am most proud of the continued academic success that our students have displayed throughout all levels of elementary grades, junior high and high school.

I can only give credit where credit is due and thank the staff, students, parents and all others who are influencing our kids in a positive way.

After all, creating leaders and productive members of society is why our school exists and hopefully I have helped contribute to that in a positive measure by my brief time on the board.

What do you see as important issues facing your district?

I have been asked to address what I see as some important issues facing our district and how I would assist the district in moving forward.

Before I address the issues most on the forefront of the communities that comprise the district, I want to note that Thayer Central is excelling at one of the most critical issues of any school district, which is providing an excellent education to prepare our students for the next step in their lives.

Our test scores at all levels compared to other schools in the state validate that statement.

As a board member, I will continue to assist with making decisions that will provide the tools necessary for the staff of Thayer Central to continue to do their jobs well. It is easy to see that the current leadership at Thayer Central has the right vision for the future by the evidence of the past.

Fiscal responsibility while providing our students with the means to excel is one of the most glaring issues facing our district.

While the teachers are the greatest asset of any school, our facilities at the junior high and high school levels are no longer providing our sons, daughters, nieces, nephews and grandchildren what is expected out of a public school.

I plan to continue working with the administration, other board members, teachers and the community to progress with remodel projects and building projects to address the students' needs while balancing the financial burden on our tax base.

The wonderful new elementary school addition, in just its third year, demonstrates what can happen when all involved individuals come together to address the needs of the students.

Did I mention it will already be paid off by the end of this year!

Also, I voted at the most recent tax/budget hearing on a tax request that lowered the overall levy/tax burden on our citizens of the district while keeping our goals within reach and not jeopardizing the financial position of the district, demonstrating the necessary commitment to lower the tax burden when appropriate.

Student and staff safety is a critical issue facing our students. In the last four years many safety measures have been approved by the board.

The decision to proceed with new elementary construction was critical to the safety of our students by having all elementary kids on one campus and providing secured entrances and tornado shelters.

Security in our junior and senior high school buildings is also improving with more secure classroom entrances that were just implemented with our facility improvement projects this summer. Safety with regards to school violence and natural disasters needs to be emphasized with all decisions and as a board member and a current member of the safety committee,

I have and will continue to help the district move forward recognizing the importance of school safety.

Why do you want to serve the district?

All I can say is that the ultimate goal is to help achieve a better society rooted in rural Nebraska values. On a more local level I want to

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see our kids succeed.

Our public schools supported by local tax payers is the current system in place to make that possible. Whether it is as members of our armed forces, farmers, welders, doctors, nurses, sanitation workers, teachers, day care providers or any other necessary position you want to list, I plan to help Thayer Central be able to produce the best individuals to move our communities forward in a positive direction.

## Chad Oswald

What do you see as important issues facing your district?

When asked to list the important issues facing our district three come to mind immediately, they are school safety, educational opportunities, and the funding of education.

Each day our district faces many issues that are worthy of attention, however, the most important of these is school safety. From threats of physical violence, to cyberbullying, and harassment, the challenges that our district encounters each day are innumerable. When it comes to safety we cannot ignore these issues and convince ourselves that they can't happen at Thayer Central.

It is imperative that we provide a safe and healthy learning environment for our children.

The next issue to look at is educational opportunities. Our administrators and educators are committed to the pursuit of academic excellence, and that commitment is reflected in our students' impressive test scores. Our district must never lose focus on that relentless pursuit. In addition, we must provide new educational opportunities and diverse course offerings to ensure that we are reaching all students and their interests. We must do more to prepare our students for the careers of the future.

The final issue to consider is the challenge of funding education. Students' needs are increasing each year, and there is no doubt that our district must rise to the occasion and meet those needs. State regulations continue to increase the financial burden on our district, however, we receive little to no funding to offset those costs which leaves local taxpayers holding the bag.

The challenge for school board members is to provide our students with a high quality education while doing our best to minimize the financial burden on district patrons.

How would you assist your district in moving forward for the future?

School safety: As a father of four young children I am well aware of the importance of school safety, and as a board member it will be my top priority.

I will diligently pursue a safe learning environment for our children and strive for continuous improvement. We need to do as much as possible to secure our campus and protect our children. If we fail to protect our students all other accomplishments will be meaningless.

Educational Opportunities: I will work to bring new educational opportunities of all types to our students. I believe that we should focus our initial efforts on vocational and career exploration programs. These programs should be directly related to great careers that are available right here in Thayer County.

If we want our communities to thrive we must work to retain our young people. I believe that one of the best ways to accomplish that is to get them excited about a career right here at home.

Cost of Education: As a board member I will be committed to providing our students with a high quality education. I realize that school funding methods are determined at the state level, however, I believe that it is a board member's responsibility to be aware of who is bearing the brunt of the financial burden and to consider the impact that decisions will have on our communities.

I will take this responsibility seriously because the

future of our children, and our district depend on it.

Why do you want to serve the district?

The reason that I want to serve this district is very simple, to do what's best for our children.

As a board member I will collaborate with the other members to cast a vision for the future of our district, set the goals required to achieve that vision, and hold our administration accountable for attaining those goals. I believe the leadership experience that I have gained throughout my career, as well as serving on the Thayer Central Facilities Committee have prepared me for service.

The national news is filled with districts just like ours that are facing unprecedented social issues.

It is imperative that board members are prepared to face these issues head on and stand for the conservative values that so many Nebraskans share. I am willing to take that stand.

I feel that change on a board such as this can be a good thing, and now is the time for that change. I will bring the humble attitude of a servant leader in all that I do. I'm not afraid to ask questions or stand up for what I believe is right. Let me be your New Voice on the board, and help cast the New Vision for our future.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve and I'd appreciate your vote on Nov. 6.

## Bruning Board of Education - 3 seats

**Candidates: Jeremy Hinrichs, Jerry Baysinger, Heidi Harrison Wachtel, Ryne Philippi and Sheri Nordor.**

### Jerry Baysinger

My name is Jerry Baysinger from Bruning and I am a candidate for the Bruning School Board of Education position.

I am married to Angela Baysinger and we have two sons, Isaac (17) and Samuel (15). We have a farming operation and an equipment dealership (JBI Enterprises) that is located at our farm east of Bruning. Our sons operate the Baysinger Brother's Pumpkin Patch. We have been residents of the Bruning area for over 25 years.

What do you see as important issues facing your district?

Providing a safe and comfortable learning environment for the students and faculty.

Building and equipment up-keep is important. Maintenance has been ongoing to maintain functionality and safety, but with aging facilities, this will continue to be a priority. Also, maintaining and growing the enrollment numbers in the future.

I think more collaboration of the school with the local communities and business leaders is needed to develop long term strategies to grow in our small communities.

How would you assist your district in moving forward for the future?

I would like to assist and support the administration and faculty by providing the necessary technologies to give an excellent educational experience for our students.

Another important opportunity is the continuation and improvement of dual-credit courses, online courses for college credit, and career development programs.

I think the improvement of alliances with our local businesses, community colleges, and universities that can help launch career pathways for our students are necessary.

Why do you want to serve?

Having mentored many students over the years and it is very exciting to see them develop into successful individuals with rewarding careers. Being an entrepreneur, I think there are many opportunities for our school and communities. By serving on the board, my experience in business and farming over the last 25 years can provide some helpful insight for the school administration. We can develop educational-occupational experience programs that will plant the seeds of entrepreneurship and career development in young minds.

# Belvidere

By Linda Hudson

"October's Bright Blue Weather" by Helen Hunt Jackson. Do you remember having to memorize this poem in your childhood? It just seems to sing through the soul about the beauty of fall. "Love loveth best through all the year, October's bright blue weather!"

The trees seem especially beautiful this year. Perhaps because of all the moisture, but, then again, it is maybe of the time frame we are in our lives. Something about the Fall, it seems to bring people together. In our part of the world, it means harvest. And when harvest is on, work prevails. Even if you are retired, someone has probably convinced you to help, either driving a tractor and grain cart, a truck or even bringing a lunch to the field.

The end of football, cross country and volleyball is fast approaching. The last game might even warrant stopping the combine and trekking to town for that last game or event. The play off games have been released. So for now it will be go-go-go as there is mention of rain coming in on Wednesday evening.

Every fan that held out hope for the Huskers got their wish this past Saturday. The Memorial stadium was packed with fans and they were rewarded with a win over Minnesota. Nebraska's quarterback was named Big 10 freshman of the week. I do believe it changed the whole attitude of the state.

Damian Stewart who lives here in Belvidere won 11th place in the State's Cross Country meet. Jackie and Kent Williamson's granddaughter, Abbie Schmidt, won 11th in her class of running for Lincoln East. Their team took home the Championship trophy.

Speaking of October...It is National Popcorn Month! And Nebraska is the number one producer of popcorn. I think we have some farms here in Thayer County that actually grow popcorn. Last year I heard of one that supplies the Majestic Theater.

It sounds as though the unpopular theme, "Nebraska Nice," is gone forever. And most would say, good riddance! How about the new theme? "Nebraska, Honestly it is not for everyone!" Think it has already garnered more interest than the other one. The Late Show with Stephen Colbert even talked about it on national TV. Some people have said they don't want it to be for everyone. They like our free, unpopulated way of life. The State Tourism spent months searching for a special person or firm that would bring more publicity for Nebraska. Can we expect big things now? It is worth a try. We are our own best known secret.

I am thankful we are the Beef State and not the Kangaroo. Seems as though the cook in a school out west got in a little trouble serving ground kangaroo meat in chili. I did a little research on it and found that it is lean and healthy. And that kangaroo steaks are quite tasty. It has little bit of a wild taste to it. All I can say is bring on the beef rib eye steaks and keep our motto, "The Beef State!"

I truly believe that the cook-planner was tired of his job and was looking for a way to leave. I can't imagine our schools around here doing this. Child goes home after school. Mother says, "What did you have to eat today?" And she is answered with the word, Kangaroo." I bet the telephone lines were hot that evening.

Here I am about to the end and haven't mentioned Husker volleyball. Out of mind, don't want to talk about it. They played so hard these past games and came up short. Like Coach Cook said, he "bet there was not another team in the country that played three top ten teams in one short week!" Just have faith in Cook. He will have them ready to compete on a higher level by the time volleyball play-offs are scheduled.

It certainly was good television watching last week. Entertainment at its highest.

This week we are ex-

periencing a full harvest moon. It is known as the Hunter's Moon because in earlier times people went out hunting by moon light in order to stockpile food for the winter. When I think of a bright moon, it is that it would be a good night for coon hunting, which my family did regularly many years ago. And of course my brain seems to make me hum, "Shine on Harvest Moon for Me and My Gal." This dates back to vaudeville so many today wouldn't even know the song, unless you sang Barbershop Music.

Speaking of music, Willie Nelson has got a new song written with words about the election. Very clever. ELECTION—be thinking about it! Vote!

## TC Visitors Committee

The Thayer County Visitors Committee met October 18. Gilead, Belvidere, Hebron, Davenport, Deshler and Byron were represented. Linda Hudson acted as President in the absence of the President, Karen Keilwitz.

Two payments for advertising was passed. Discussion again was held on finding a representative for Thayer County to attend ByWays 136 meeting. If anyone is interested, contact Steve Delay.

The county group will meet in November and skip December. Discussion was held on meeting every two months during the winter.

## ALA #166 meets

The Durham-Mammen Legion Auxiliary, Unit #166, Bruning, met on Monday, October 8, at the Opera House with nine members present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., with the Chaplain, Pat Headrick, giving the opening prayer. The opening ceremony was held.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. A motion was made, seconded and carried that they be approved.

Treasurer Linda Hume gave her report. She reported that all current bills have been paid and monies have been sent to the various projects we support. A motion was made and seconded to approve her report.

President Janelle Bruning mentioned that a variety show will be sponsored by the Thayer County Health Services on November 11 in Deshler. It will have a patriotic theme. We are all invited to attend.

Old Business: We discussed the soup supper we, along with the Carleton Legion Auxiliary, will serve at the basketball game in Bruning on December 7. Janelle and Nancy will get together to plan food for the supper.

We plan to give membership awards in April.

New business: Pat Remers will take care of ordering a fruit tray for Teacher Appreciation Month. Pat R. made a motion, seconded by Carol to approve this. Motion carried.

For our November 12 meeting, we will eat dinner at our local cafe and then play bingo. Liz Rinehart and Linda Hume will make arrangements.

Audrey Else has consented to furnish and deliver cookies to County Government Day. We thank her for her help.

Pat R. asked if anyone would like to help her students with crafts for the Veteran's Day program. If so, be at the school at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 5.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned with the closing prayer.

As there was no program, lunch was served by Becky Higel and Cherie Hintz. We thank them.

Next meeting will be held at our local cafe at noon on Monday, Nov. 12.

Submitted by Sue Hinrichs, Secretary

# Oak

By Phyllis Schmitt

Those playing cards in Nelson last Tuesday were Gerry Eckles, Lola Biltoft and Phyllis Schmitt.

Don and Lola Biltoft visited his sister, Phyllis Ross, at the Deshler Nursing Home on Wednesday.

Donna Gillan quilted last Monday and on Tuesday, she attended Tai Chi. In the afternoon, Anders Jensen and Andrew Shelburn visited. Later in the afternoon, Cindy McNair of Denver visited Donna and was an overnight guest.

On Wednesday, Donna Gillan attended Bible study and had lunch with the other ladies at Caps Cafe. Cindy McNair had lunch at Donna's with Terri Oltmans.

Thursday, Donna Gillan had coffee at the Nelson Senior Center and attended Tai Chi.

On Friday, Donna Gillan had a call from Carol Meyer and on Saturday, she was in Superior.

On Sunday after church, the ladies ate lunch at Caps Cafe. Later, Donna Gillan went to Jim and Terri Oltmans' to see her great-grandchildren.

Granddaughter, Alexis Cox, spent the weekend with Gaylen and Jackie Cox.

Jackie Cox and Charlene Schultz attended the Women's Retreat at the Olive Hill Church on Saturday. Vickie Neilson of Superior had the program. Later on, Gaylen

and Jackie and Alexis Cox attended Jepp Shaw's first birthday party in Ruskin.

On Sunday, Gaylen and Jackie attended a birthday party for Ginny McCord in Nelson.

Jeff and Diana Ord were in charge of the services at the First Community Church Sunday morning. The Bogus family was in Red Cloud.

Phyllis Schmitt treated Gerry Eckles to supper out in Dewese Thursday night to celebrate Gerry's birthday.

On Saturday, the children of Gerry Eckles hosted a birthday party for Gerry on her 85th birthday for family at the Nelson Community Center. Among those attending were Rhonda Brubacher of Lincoln who remained as an overnight guest, Lorrell and Maggie Peterson and all their children and grandchildren, Sondra Peterson and Chelle Cox, Ruth Peterson and family members, Shane Peterson and Heather Anderson and children, Dick and Carol Eckles and Dan Eckles and his little daughter. They enjoyed snacks and watching the Nebraska game, with a meal served later in the evening. Gerry also received several phone calls and cards in celebration.

Sunday afternoon, Phyllis Schmitt and Dixie Drohman attended the movie, "God Bless the Broken Road" in Superior.

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# Halloween...

merce, beginning at 5 p.m., with a Trunk or Treat.

From 5 to 7 p.m., a soup supper will be served by the American Legion Auxiliary.

A costume contest and games and a bouncy house follow with a haunted trail starting at dark or at about 8:30 p.m. A hayrack ride will be given to the haunted trail.

Fun and games for ghosts and goblins of all ages are on the schedule.

On Halloween, the Hebron Lions Club will hold a not-so-scary event with its annual costume parade. Lineup is on the west side of the

Majestic Theatre at 5 p.m., for the costume judging at 5:15 p.m., with a parade start at 5:30 p.m.

Lions Club members will be carrying signs to lead age divisions. Costume judging winners are chosen from infant through sixth grade.

There is an adult division and adults are encouraged to participate.

The Lions are active throughout the year, hosting Hebron's annual Easter Egg Hunt, Fourth of July Pancake Feed, hearing and vision screenings for students in grades preschool through 12th.

The screenings are com-

pleted in one day and this school year, hearing and vision tests are scheduled for Feb. 4. Last year, the club screened approximately 300 students.

The Lions also lend their pancake griddle for other fundraisers or family breakfasts at Blue Valley Nursing Home, which brings one more Halloween event to the season — Courtyard Terrace and Nursing Home residents will hand out candy from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. for safe trick-or-treating.

The Lions Club helps where its members are needed. Its motto is, "We Serve."



Trick-or-treaters visit campground hosts, David and Becky Beasley of Fairbury, at Alexandria State Recreation Area, for treats during a two-night Halloween event.

## TC Quilt Guild meets

The Thayer County Quilt Guild met for their monthly meeting on October 18 at the Courtyard Terrace in Hebron.

The program was given by guild member Lynn Greer who presented her collection of doll beds which are beautifully made up with miniature quilts that Lynn has made. The tiny patterns and exquisite hand and machine quilting were a sight to

behold. Each one had a story and memory to go with it. Also shown were miniature teddy bears which Lynn has sewn. They looked perfect on the tiny little beds.

The meeting followed with good reports about the Miniature Quilt Auction and Program held in September. New opportunities for some bus trip events were shared.

This year's "challenge"

was explained and members divided up summer fabric strips to take home and begin their project.

Next month's meeting will be held again at the Courtyard Terrace on Thursday, November 15, beginning at 6:30 p.m. It will begin with a covered dish supper and then the annual holiday party complete with games and gifts.



### Farringer Weather Ready

Thayer County Emergency Manager, Colt Farringer, is the 2018 Weather Ready Nation Ambassador for making flood safety a priority. Thayer County Emergency Management is leading in community preparation throughout the county with the installation of two new automated river gauges along the Little Blue River, filling a 50-plus mile gap for observations. New data will allow for more accurate forecasts and warnings for residents downstream. Pictured with Farringer (right) is retired county emergency manager, Bill McPherson, who was instrumental in acquiring the gauges, and Jerilyn Billings Wright, a senior forecaster for the National Weather Service.

## Runners navigate trail for third annual run

The gravel roads in Thayer County usually see an increase of traffic in the fall as farmers compete in the marathon of getting the harvest in from the fields.

Last Saturday, the roads saw an increase of traffic of a different kind, foot traffic, as runners from across the nation gathered here to run a marathon of their own on the historic and beautiful Oregon Trail for the Third Annual Oregon Trail Run of Nebraska.

The Oregon Trail Run is actually composed of four different runs: a family oriented fun run, a full marathon, a half-marathon and a half-marathon relay, in which four runners team up to cover a half-marathon distance.

The runs are sponsored by the City of Hebron and supported by Thayer County's growing running population.

Running events began Oct. 19, with a 2K fun run geared at getting elementary school students and their families out together for a healthy run on Hebron's growing walking trail.

Over 50 students and parents from Thayer County schools (Thayer Central, Bruning-Davenport and Deshler) participated in the fun run and ate spaghetti together at the Activity Center in downtown Hebron, prepared by Sacred Heart's

Knights of Columbus.

The following day, over 60 runners from eight different states gathered in Hebron to participate in the Oregon Trail Run from as far away as Alaska and Florida, came to check Nebraska off of their 50-state marathon list. Nebraska resident, Thomas Korn of Louisville, made the Oregon Trail Run his 198th finished marathon.

Hebron resident Ann Hubl won the women's under 40 division with a time of 1:36:27.

Nathan Lake took home the trophy for the men's under 40 division with a time of 1:44:44.

Returning runner Stacy Totherow won the women's over 40 half marathon division with a time of 1:55:50, while David Johnson won the men's 40+ half-marathon division with a time of 1:36:06.

In the full marathon division, Texan Jamie Leavens won the under 40 division with his time of 5:05:04 and Tricia Clanton of Lincoln won the under 40 women's division with a time of 4:23:22.

For the 40 and older division, Dale Miller of Grand Island ran the marathon in 3:43:38 and Tracie Winters of Sanford, Fla., took the women's 40 and older division with a time of 3:56:40.

For the Pony Express

Half-Marathon Relay, the Thayer Central team consisting of Damien Stewart, Keegan Casey, Dylan and Trey Fischer beat out two teams from Wilber-Clatonia to take home the Pony Express Traveling trophy in a time of 1:20:40.

In the Adult division, the Thayer County team consisting of Cammie Freitag, Laura Tuma, Tara Kuhlman and Layce Siemsen will take home the county traveling trophy to the village of Byron. Their time was 2:27:19.

In the three years of the Pony Express Run, the bronze of a pony express rider, made by Henderson artist Vernon Friesen has circulated to three different communities in Thayer County. The race organizers hope that the friendly competition between Thayer County communities will encourage fitness across the county. The traveling trophy will be formally presented to the village of Byron at a future date.

After three years of the marathon, over 240 runners from 22 different states have traveled to Hebron to run on the historic Oregon Trail and experience the beauty of Thayer County in the fall.

The committee organizing the run for our community is grateful for the great support that it has received to make this run a success.



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The Thayer Central team, Keegan Casey, Dylan Fischer, Damian Stewart and Trey Fischer, ran the Pony Express Half-Marathon Relay and won the top prize over two Wilber-Clatonia teams. Their time was 1:20.40.



Cammie Freitag, Laura Tuma, Tara Kuhlman and Layce Siemsen of the Freitag relay team took home the county Pony Express Traveling Trophy for the adult division. The ladies finished the half-marathon run in 2:27.19. The trophy will be displayed in Byron.

## What do Laura Ebke's funders get for \$162,157.05?

(Ebke raised \$162,157.05 since January 1)\*

Two

out-of-state Libertarians gave her an astounding

\$85,000\*

Less than

1%

came from District 32\*

68.3%

contributions came from residents of other states\*

- **Tom Brandt raised 61% of his funds from residents of District 32.\***
- **Tom Brandt received 97% of his contributions from inside Nebraska.\***
- **Who's going to look out for your interests? Libertarian Laura or Sensible Tom Brandt.**

\*NADC Report 10-2-18 of contributions over \$250

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