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Eighth grade student, Shayla Thompsen, talks about her experiment with judge Curtis Barnes on Monday at the Beatrice regional science meet.

School threat probed

Student taken into custody following threatening texts

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A 15-year-old student in Jefferson County was taken into custody on suspicion of terroristic threats Monday after students at Meridian Public School in Daykin told authorities they'd received threatening text messages.

The students told sheriff's investigators they felt the text messages threatened the K-12 school about 50 miles southwest of Lincoln.

The threats were not specific, said Sheriff Nels Sorensen.

"I would say they were very vague, but with the world we live in we didn't take anything for granted."

Sheriff's deputies arrived before school started Monday to investigate and took the teenage girl into custody on suspicion of terroristic threats, though the suspect was later returned to her mother's custody, according to a news release from the Jefferson

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Beatrice hosts eighth grade science meet

AHEC science meet brings in 83 students and their experiments Monday

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Have you ever wondered if people can taste the difference between brand name and generic foods? Or have you thought about how texting affects your reaction time while driving? And is it possible to build a jet engine inside a bottle?

These were the questions that eighth graders from around

southeast Nebraska set out to answer, and they were in Beatrice on Monday to provide those answers.

The 4-H building at the Gage County Fairgrounds hosted the Nebraska Area Health Education Centers' regional science meet, presented by Public Health Solutions, AHEC, the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Nebraska Coalition for Lifesav-

ing Cures.

Eighth grade students from St. John's Lutheran School in Seward and Johnson County Central School in Tecumseh made the trek to Beatrice to participate in an effort to make it to the statewide science meet in Omaha in June.

Jill Kuzelka, who works in community education for Public Health Solutions, said that this

is the third year PHS has been a part of the regional science meet. Last year, it was held in Crete, but this year, they moved it to Beatrice, which Kuzelka said is working out pretty well. So well, in fact, there will be a second regional science meet in Beatrice on March 13.

It's an invite-only event, Kuzelka said. They try to get at least one school from every county,

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Last day to file for office fast approaching

City, county government filings must be received by March 1

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Looking to file for political office in Gage County? You've only got a couple of days left to do it.

The last day to file to run for non-incumbents is March 1, so those running for county or local public office have to get their registration forms to the Gage County Courthouse by 5 p.m.

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Beatrice man in stolen vehicle shot at 19 times

Former U.S. Marshal shot man in hand and leg

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A U.S. Marshal emptied his magazine, reloaded his Glock .45 and kept firing at a Beatrice man — 19 rounds in all — before his gun jammed earlier this year, a Lincoln police detective testified last week.

The man, Thomas Sailors, drove away with shrapnel in his forehead, shot in his left hand and his upper-left leg, the bullet traveling through his right leg and lodging in his buttocks, said the veteran officer, Ken Koziol.

Police had no body-cam footage of what happened in

the apartment building parking lot near South 17th and Prospect streets. But a police cruiser's camera captured what unfolded shortly after 8 p.m. on Jan. 5.

Koziol said it showed the stolen 2007 GMC Yukon Denali rock when U.S. Marshal Paul Keyes struck the Yukon's front bumper with the front of his unmarked pickup.

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Firefighters examine the damage at 1634 Prospect St. after two parked vehicles were hit and went through the wall of the apartment building.

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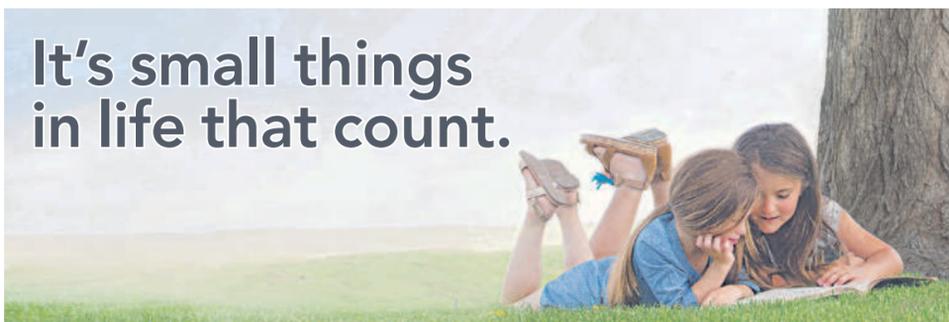
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