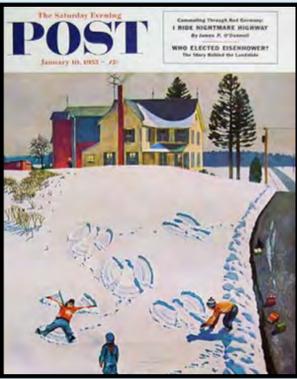


Research indicates that 8 percent of people achieve their New Year's resolutions. Conventional wisdom says it's because people don't set attainable goals. But after spending several weeks in and out of the super center, can you really convince yourself the bar hasn't been set low enough?!

'Angels in the Snow'

January 10, 1953



When Artist John Falter set out to paint a picture of the Christmas-mail rush, he made his sketches in the busiest post office in the world, the one properly known as the New York, New York, Post Office, at 33rd Street and 8th Avenue. In spite of all the urging to mail early--did you?--the rush never gets fully under way until about this date. Then it's a torrent. In the first nineteen days of last December, this post office handled more than 12,000,000 parcels. The biggest day for mailing is December nineteenth, ordinarily the mailman's worst day, for deliveries, is December twenty third. Postmaster Albert Goldman and his brother postmasters would appreciate it if you would mail early this year--but they don't expect it.

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\$5,000 scholarship awarded in memory of John Morehead

The family of the late John H. Morehead, Richardson County Bank & Trust Co. President for nearly 40 years, have established a \$5,000 scholarship in his name.

The award will go to any currently enrolled college student who previously graduated from any of the three Richardson County High Schools (Falls City High, FC Sacred Heart and Humboldt-TR-S). Current high school students are not eligible, however applications are available at the respective guidance counselors' offices or may be obtained by emailing Karen (Morehead) Stevenson at ktm.stevenson@yahoo.com

The award may be applied to any four-year college or university in the country.

Mr. Morehead passed away on April 12, 2015 at the age of 87. He first became associated with RCB&T in Falls City in 1958, following a brief career as a Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the east coast. Within just four years at RCB&T, in 1962, he was elected President of the bank and throughout almost all of four decades, up until his retirement in 2011, he served in various other capacities, including CEO and Chairman of the Board.



The late John H. Morehead

'Watercolor' exhibit opens Thursday at Stalder Gallery

The Stalder Gallery inside the Falls City Library and Arts Center will start off the 2016 Gallery season with an exhibit titled "Compositions in Watercolor," which will open at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, with a light reception and remarks at 7 by curator Christina Wertenberger.

"Compositions in Watercolor" will showcase the watercolor paintings that are part of the Library and Community Foundation of Richardson County Collection. Recent additions to the collection donated by Butch and Dobey Haws will also be on display. These new additions to the collection were purchased over the years by art enthusiast and supporter Mrs. Harriet Falter.

Many of the pieces are done by local artist such as Luella Weddel and Gertrude Sperry.

The exhibit will run through Feb. 11 and is open to the public during library hours Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., closed Friday, and then open again from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday.



Compositions in Watercolor

From the Collection of the Library & Community Foundation of Richardson County

January 7 - February 11, 2016

Gallery Opening & Talk: January 7, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Gallery doors to open at 6:00 p.m.

Falls City Library & Arts Center

The exhibition includes new donations from Butch & Dobey Haws, collected by the late Mrs. Harriet Falter

The exhibit is supported by the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council and any questions can be directed to Wertenberger at 402-245-6034.

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Newsmakers of 2015
A last look...



'Roh Activity Center'
Falls City Journal — Aug. 4, 2015

FCSH officially dedicated the Roh Activity Center on the eve of the first day of the 125th school year Aug. 12, honoring retired 27-year school superintendent Msgr. Robert Roh while also formally welcoming his successor, Fr. Thomas Dunavan. Bishop James D. Conley, of the Lincoln Diocese, was on hand to participate in the program. The kick-off to the Activities Center fundraising campaign began in December 2013, and construction commenced the following summer.



'Shooting death'
Falls City Journal — Aug. 11, 2015

Desiderio C. "Desi" Hernandez, 34, of Falls City, allegedly shot his cousin, 31-year-old Joseph Debella Jr., in the head on the evening of Aug. 4 in the basement of a home at 1418 Morton St. Debella died nine days later, on Aug. 13, and Hernandez was charged with first degree murder. Hernandez pled not guilty and his trial is set for Feb. 8. He remains held on \$1.5 million bond and faces a sentence of life in prison. According to court documents, a significant time period - at least 25 minutes - passed before a 9-1-1 call was made.



'SCC eyes Falls City'
Falls City Journal — July 28, 2015

As part of its Five Year Strategic Plan that went into effect this month, the administration of Southeast Community College announced a plan to develop education and training sites in six new locations, including Falls City. A delegation from the EDGE Tri-State Labor Basin Committee delivered more than 200 letters of support from the general public for such an Outreach Program. In addition to Falls City, the sites chosen were York, Wahoo, Plattsmouth, Nebraska City and Hebron. A location in York was leased in December; the search for a location in Falls City remains ongoing.

ROYAL RUSH

What was once — in the not-so-distant past — considered only in the realm of fantasy became reality on Nov. 1, 2015, as the long-downtrodden Kansas City Royals ascended to baseball's throne, KC, which shocked the hardball world in '14 with a run that finished 90 feet shy in a heart-wrenching Game 7 loss, returned to the World Series and defeated the NY Mets in five games. KC's glorious return to the top reads



like a Hollywood script. It started in September 2014 with the franchise's first postseason game since 1985 — a dramatic 12-inning "play-in" victory over Oakland in which KC trailed by four in the eighth and went down again in the top of the 12th. It then culminated with a 2015 postseason run where seven of the team's 11 victories were games in which they trailed by at least

two runs at some point. That was a first in well more than a century of professional baseball. Six of those wins, the Royals were losing after five. Again, a first. And in the World Series, KC not only trailed in all five games, but won three in which they trailed in the eighth inning or later. That didn't happen in any of the previous 110 World Series, either.

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A new year and a new clean slate. The best part of starting a new year is having a brand new empty book to write your story in. This year I'm hoping to make my story a good one. I want to get out more, take less naps and visit places I've never been. When closing the book on my 2015, I realized that while it was fun, it was quite uneventful. Last year I found out that naps are fantastic and it's very easy to get wrapped up in something and live life through someone else, like Eric Hosmer. While living through the Royals championship team and taking all those naps, I missed out on creating a few adventures of my own-that didn't include the Royals.

That was the plan-to get out and live more, but Brian and I spent New Year's Eve at home in our pajamas watching movies. The movies were not just any movies, they were the entire Thin Man series. Ringing in the New Year with Myrna Loy, William Powell and Robert Osborne was perfect for us. We wanted a quiet night at home and that's exactly what we had. We had bigger plans a few nights later that we were looking forward to so we wanted one last night of sheer laziness.

A couple days after our lazy entrance into the New Year, we drove to Kansas for a night out. It wasn't just your regular night out though. We dressed up in our fanciest clothes, I painted my nails and for the first time in my life I wore bright red lipstick. We had tickets to a concert we had looked forward to for months. Mr. Frank Sinatra Jr. and his 25 piece orchestra performed an unforgettable show. In our home you're likely to walk in to the sounds of Paul Simon or Frank Sinatra.

I've always appreciated Sinatra but not the way Brian does. He has been a big Sinatra fan and over the years I have learned to love everything about ole Blue Eyes. When Alex was about three years old he would belt 'New York, New York' like it was his job. So when we found out that Jr. was going to be within driving distance, we couldn't resist seeing him.

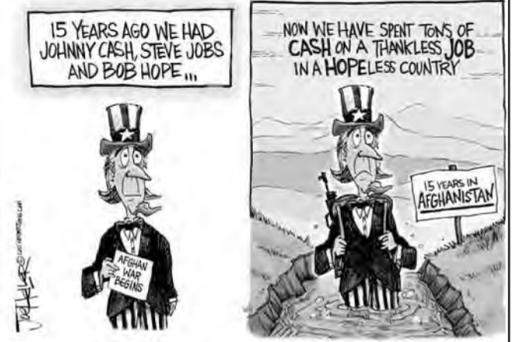
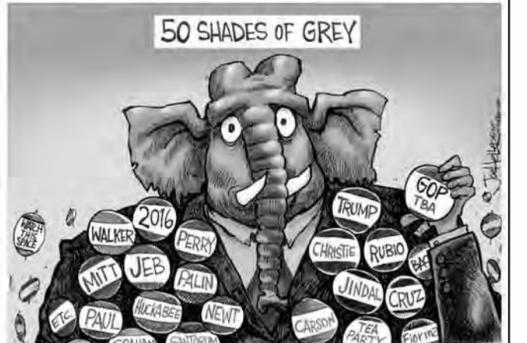
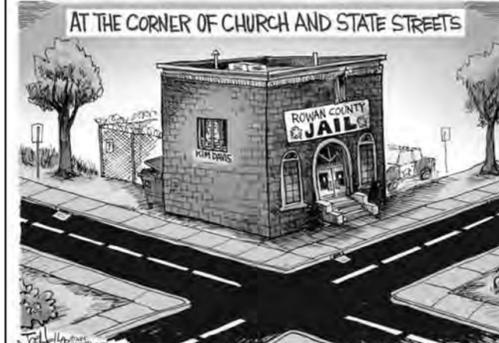
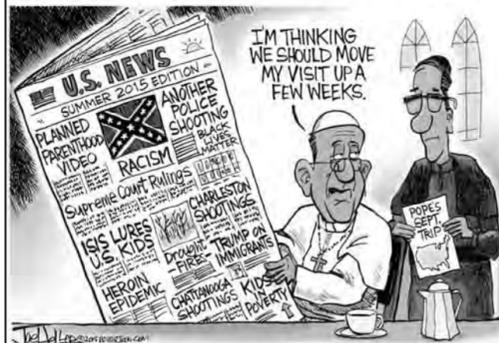
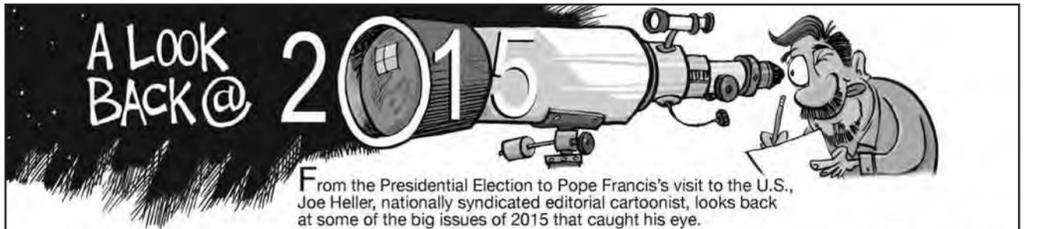
We arrived at the venue dressed to the nine's and waited in line with around 300 other Sinatra fans. I truly didn't know what to expect from the show but I listened to everyone around us talk about the life of both Sinatra men. I've seen enough biographies and read enough about the Sinatra family to know plenty about the life and career of both men but I and everyone around me knew nothing of what kind of show we were about to see. Would he sound like his dad? Would he be worth a damn? Would he share stories or play his set and leave? Nobody knew what we were walking into, and we had all paid a good amount to be here. It was a bit of a gamble but everyone was optimistic.

At 7:00 p.m. the doors opened and everyone ran to their seats. It was all open seating and you either paid what we paid for the back section, or you paid what I wish we would have paid for the front section. We ended up with great seats near the center of the room. We sat for an hour watching people trickle in with excitement. Of the 25 piece band, several were local men asked to sit in. We had the family of a gentleman in the band who buzzed with excitement and shared their husband and friends accomplishments with everyone around them. At 8:00 p.m. the lights went down and the music started. Chills ran down my spine as Frank Sinatra Jr. glided on to the stage looking exactly like his famous late father. I could feel myself holding my breath as he opened his mouth and went into his first number, it was breathtaking. His voice so similar to his fathers, was as smooth as butter. Brian turned to me and grinned, obviously thinking the same thing I was.

Throughout the show, three large screens showed photos and articles on the life of Frank Sinatra. His son narrated and highlighted the important and history changing events of a truly impressive life. My favorite part came when Sinatra Jr. performed "High Hopes," the John F. Kennedy Presidential Campaign Song. Sung by Sinatra in 1959, the lyrics were changed in support of the 1960 Democratic presidential candidate. "Cause he's got what all the rest lack, everyone wants to back - Jack, Jack is on the right track. Cause he's got high hopes, he's got high hopes, Nineteen Sixty's the year for his high hopes." It's a record I have searched years for and can only find it on EBay for about \$60, about \$45 out of my price range. It's just a unique little song that you never hear, it's never been commercial in my lifetime and I think that's why I love it so much. It was such a fun little surprise. Brian enjoyed the finale when Sinatra Jr. belted out "My Way," in such an amazing way that if you closed your eyes, you would have thought his father was there live. The two men share the same mannerisms, voice and look. It was truly amazing and incredibly sad. The only son of Francis Albert Sinatra has lived his life in the shadow of his iconic father. All around us people were comparing his to his dad, including Brian and I. Throughout the entire show the son referred to his father as Frank Sinatra or Young Frankie. A while back when I watched a biography about Sinatra, Jr. was asked why he referred to his father by his name and not by pop or dad. Sinatra Jr. said there were two men he knew, his dad and the performer, Frank Sinatra. He never referred to the elder as his dad during the show.

There were interesting tidbits throughout that were shared and rare family photos I had never seen. Between that and the truly wonderful music, it was a fantastic night out. Brian and I considered it our official entrance into 2016. A show like this may not be everyone's cup of tea but I encourage everyone to keep an eye out for events like this. Ticket prices are usually reasonable to smaller venue shows and they can turn out to far exceed any expectations you may have. It's also nice to just dress up and do something you've never done before. I'm going to try to say yes to more events like this. Rare little events you never dreamed you'd love.

This year I'm going to say yes to more reasons to wear red lipstick and glittery shoes-that should make this year much more interesting. Happy New Year!



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Theme: HOLLYWOOD LEGENDS

- ACROSS**
- Buzz off
 - Dunce
 - Back of the neck
 - Big Dipper shape
 - Rejuvenating spot
 - Succeed
 - Helped
 - Waikiki garb
 - *Like characters played by Lon Chaney
 - *Marx brother
 - *Famously played title role in "Cleopatra"
 - *1950s teen idol, ___ Hunter
 - Not that
 - Thrilla in Manila boxer
 - Friendly jab on Facebook
 - Set aside as inferior
 - Marijuana user's hookah
 - Stole material
 - Cowboy sport
 - Christmas season
 - Boston hockey player
 - Petri dish filler
 - Holiday activity?
 - Caffeine tree
 - Egg holder
 - *1979 Sean Connery and Natalie Wood clunker
 - Newton, e.g.
 - "___ no evil..."
 - Spew profanities
 - Roman road
 - *Scarlett O'Hara or Blanche DuBois
 - *Katharine or Audrey
 - Asian chew
 - Springsteen's "Born in the ___"
 - Make baby food?
 - Mountain ridge
 - #37 Across, e.g.
 - English county
 - Training spots
 - ATM extra
 - Doled out cards
- DOWN**
- Smeltery refuse
 - Age of Aquarius flick
 - Edible root of taro plants
 - Alaska native
 - Train station porter's head gear
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 - *Kong, e.g.
 - Country singer ___ Hill
 - Season to be jolly
 - 1970s hairdo
 - *Laurel and Hardy or Abbott and Costello
 - Old-fashioned "before"
 - Old Faithful
 - Edward Teller's creation
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 - Lacking substance
 - Deep cavity
 - Jeweler's glass
 - Coastal feature
 - *"Spartacus" star
 - *"Mommie Dearest"
 - Ruler sides, e.g.

- This and desist
- Type of dessert
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Nebraska is Growing

By Governor Pete Ricketts

Growing Nebraska has been theme of the first year of my administration. That's why I was pleased to learn recently that Nebraska added over 13,000 people over the past year for our 28th consecutive year of growth. From 2014-2015, our population grew by 0.7 percent, second only to Colorado among our neighboring states. This is good news because it means more people than ever before are choosing to make Nebraska their home.



In 2015, my administration focused on policies and initiatives to grow our state. These included providing tax relief, supporting good-paying jobs, expanding educational opportunities, and making government more customer-friendly. Thanks to the hard work of many people, Nebraska continued to excel in each of these areas this year.

Working with the Legislature, we were able to provide \$408 million in property tax relief over the next two years through the Property Tax Credit Relief Fund, an over 45 percent increase from previous budgets. This is significant, but there is still more work to be done and I remain committed to working with senators to provide additional property tax relief in the upcoming legislative session.

This tax relief was possible because the Legislature and I assembled a budget that cut the rate of growth in spending by approximately half of the previous rate from 6.5 percent to about 3.5 percent. Additionally, my administration is always seeking new ways to save taxpayer dollars. Last fall, we announced \$5 million in cost savings that will be gained from reducing IT-related expenses. Future tax relief will be dependent on our continued ability to constrain spending and hold the line on the growth of government.

Nebraska has the second-lowest unemployment rate in the nation at 2.9 percent. This last November, Nebraska hit a new all-time high for non-farm employment at 1,018,252. Between October and November of last year, Nebraska saw its largest month-to-month increase in labor force employment since 1976 when it increased by 2,818 jobs.

My administration also transformed our state's unemployment system into a reemployment system to help quickly connect Nebraska's job seekers with good jobs. Our new reemployment system requires benefit recipients to create a resume that is searchable by potential employers, as well as make five work search contacts a week instead of the two required under the old program. Job seekers also must sit down with a job coach and develop a reemployment strategy.

One of the biggest drivers of Nebraska's strong workforce is our great education system. Nebraskans can be proud our high school graduation rate is the second highest in the nation, and our state has earned the highest ACT composite score average among states testing over 80% of their students.

We continue to expand education opportunities for young Nebraskans. This summer, my administration launched the Developing Youth Talent Initiative to foster partnerships between private industry and public schools to connect young Nebraskans in 7th and 8th grade to careers in the manufacturing and technology sectors.

Making government more customer-friendly is critical to creating a pro-business climate in our state and ensuring our state efficiently provides services for our most vulnerable citizens. To this end, my administration launched new online services, published key performance metrics, and reviewed existing management practices and processes. For example, Nebraskans can sign up to receive email and text notifications for vehicle registration renewals and businesses can now apply for some environmental quality permits online. Furthermore, the Department of Roads will return an additional \$3 million annually to cities and counties for roads projects thanks to changes made in our federal funds swap program.

Measuring performance in government is key to creating a culture that values improvement because it focuses teams on delivering the right results. Metrics helped the team at AccessNebraska set performance targets and set a process improvement strategy that led to significantly improved performance. The average call wait time for SNAP applications in the past three months has fallen below a target of five minutes. We were able to accomplish this while maintaining our denial accuracy rate which ranks in the top ten nationally.

These are just a few of the many ways my administration has been working to help grow Nebraska in our first year. As we enter 2016, we will continue to focus on these priorities and look for new ways to grow our state to ensure Nebraska remains a great place to live, work, and raise a family. As we enter this New Year, I hope you will continue to share your thoughts with me about how to grow our state by emailing pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov or by calling 402-471-2244. I look forward to hearing from you!

They're back, and look what they brought with them

Capitol View
By J.L. Schmidt
Statehouse Correspondent
Nebraska Press Association

Lawmakers are back in session tomorrow (Jan. 6) and they hit the ground running. It's a short session, so while they still have time to introduce new bills for discussion, carry-over items are ready for debate by the 49 officially non-partisan senators.

In addition to the specific carry-over bills, there are carry-over ideas, recurring themes if you will. Chief among them is the governor's continuing promise of property tax relief. And with that promise comes the quote which shows up in Governor Pete Ricketts' news releases often (most recently on December 15, 2015): "As I travel the state, property tax relief is the number one priority on the minds of Nebraskans," Ricketts said.

During the '15 session, lawmakers worked with the governor to bring the Property Tax Credit Relief Fund (established in 2007) to a record level making \$408 million in property tax relief available over the next two years. "There is, however, more work to be done, and my administration will continue to prioritize property tax relief in the upcoming session," he said.

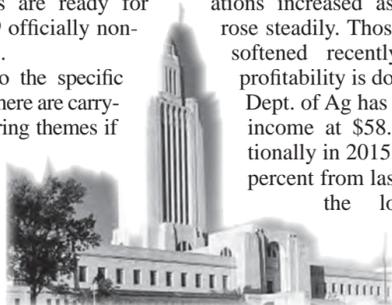
That sounds good on its face. But there are a number of other things that can impact that lofty goal. The Appropriations and Revenue Committees have to be mindful of the less-than-expected tax receipts predicted by the state Economic Forecasting Advisory Board.

Couple that with an increasing cry for revisions in state aid to schools. Everybody wants the state to do more, but they can't agree on how to do it. More than 60 percent of property taxes collected in Nebraska currently go to K-12 education. Then there's the agriculture sector, which says it is paying too much property tax in an era when crop prices are declining.

Nebraska Farm Bureau Presi-

dent Steve Nelson says state tax policies are driving people off farms and ranches. He says the state needs to limit the amount it pays to schools. That's the only way; otherwise farm and ranch families will go out of business forcing more consolidation in agriculture.

In recent years, property valuations increased as land prices rose steadily. Those prices have softened recently and farm profitability is down. The U.S. Dept. of Ag has forecast farm income at \$58.3 billion nationally in 2015, a drop of 36 percent from last year. That's the lowest since 2006.



Business and Labor Committee Chair-

man Sen. Burke Harr of Omaha says this session is the right time to look at Nebraska's opportunities to prosper and grow by addressing the shortage of skilled workers that has left some good-paying jobs unfilled. He says it's an area of common interest for the Legislature and the governor. He said items to be considered include: tax incentives to help young Nebraskans pay off student loans; rural housing development and extended job training opportunities.

The Education Committee will continue to grapple with school finance reform. Waverly School District Supt. Bill Heimann said rural school districts are very sensitive to property owners since ag landowners typically serve on local school boards. He cautioned that it is very important to remember that school districts do not determine the property valuations for land, nor do they determine how schools will be

funded. Health and Human Services Committee Chair Sen. Kathy Campbell of Lincoln says she is ready to take another shot at expanded Medicaid coverage to help more than 79,000 Nebraskans who can't afford insurance even though they are working. Nebraska would join 28 other states and the District of Columbia in offering coverage to more low-income, childless, working adults. Previous efforts to pass the bill have stalled under opposition from conservative lawmakers and the governor.

The federal government has promised to cover 100 percent of the program's costs through 2016 and then ratchet its share of the payments down to 90 percent by 2020. According to estimates last session, Nebraska would have saved an estimated \$3.5 million in the next fiscal year by expanding Medicaid. The governor has argued that the federal government could back out of the agreement leaving Nebraska holding the bag.

Expect the Legislature's Judiciary Committee to continue its oversight of the Department of Corrections as a new director works to restore confidence and correct past mistakes made by his predecessors. There will likely be talk of constructing or remodeling some facilities and trying to expand the amount of community sentencing alternatives.

It's a new session, let the work begin.

On Thursday, some 35,000 Nebraska workers will get a \$.75 bump in pay, as the minimum wage increases to \$8 per hour. Another 43,000 workers are close enough to the minimum wage, they too will likely see bigger paychecks. Next year, it will jump to \$9/hour.



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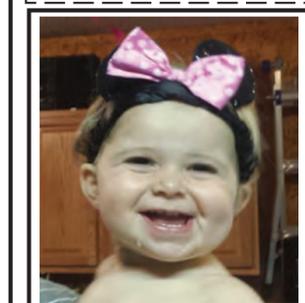
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Community Walking Club Meeting
Monday, Jan. 11
6:00 p.m. at Prichard Auditorium

Thank you to all those who stopped in for our Christmas Open House.

Congratulations to the winners of our gift baskets!

Cheryl Ebel, Rosalie Scholl, Deb Scholl and Albert Lippold

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Shubert Christian Church
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Free food for seniors

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Society

D.A.R.
Reavis-Ashley Chapter D.A.R. met Dec. 11 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Falls City. Beverly Droge was hostess. Other members present were Lola Droge, Joann Freeborn, Ann Moser, Dawn Feldkamp, Kayce Feldkamp, Leota Uhri, Janell Sommerhalder, Glenda Nelson, Beverly Kimmel and Ann Smith.

After a luncheon served by the hostess, Leota opened the business meeting with the chapter opening, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the American's Creed. President General's message was read by Glenda. Beverly gave the Indian minutes with information on the Winnabego tribe. She also read an article from the American Indian committee thanking the chapter for contributing to the "Pack a Suitcase" baby shower for Pine Ridge Indian reservation.

The flag committee reported that 96 counties have sent in pictures for the Flags Across Nebraska project. Interesting information about Ellis Island was read by Kayce. She also gave the Constitution report, explaining Section 8 of that document.

Glenda announced that she had picked up 93 essays from FC Middle School. She gave them to Ann Moser to deliver to the judges.

Minutes were read by secretary Ann Smith and approved. Treasurers report was given by Dawn. Ann Moser read the National Defense report giving facts about the Vietnam Memorial Wall.

Members discussed membership qualifications; Ann Moser will contact potential members and help with their papers. Leota had mailed 100 Christmas cards to the armed forces in Iraq. Beverly gave the program on the history of various Christmas songs.

The next meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at the Bern (KS) Cafe. Dawn Feldkamp will be hostess.

The family of
Elmer Chapp
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Following final exams to wrap up the first semester on Tuesday, Dec. 22, FC Sacred Heart students in grades 7-12 broke up into six groups and traveled throughout Falls City caroling at the nursing homes

and various residences throughout Falls City. This experience was enjoyed by the students and in this "Year of Mercy" it was a wonderful opportunity to spread Christmas cheer.

SEZ I

The Gospel

What is the Gospel? The Gospel is the good news that the holy, just, and gracious Creator of all things has looked upon hopelessly sinful men and women in their rebellion and He has sent His son, God in the flesh, to bear His wrath against them on the cross and to show His power over sin in the resurrection so that everyone who turns from sin and trusts in Him and repents and believes, will be reconciled to God forever.

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Farmers have another abundant crop, but lower commodity prices in 2015

During 2015, Nebraska's corn farmers saw another year of abundant production, but also faced some serious challenges in terms of commodity prices and federal policy.

Leaders of the Nebraska Corn Board and Nebraska Corn Growers Association recently outlined their organizations' 2015 programs and initiatives on behalf of Nebraska's 23,000 corn farmers.

The NCB manages the half-cent-per-bushel checkoff on all corn marketed and sold within the state. The nine-member board is made up of Nebraska corn farmers who determine where those dollars are invested.

"In response to lower commodity prices, 2015 saw a high priority on building demand for corn and corn-related products—and on helping farmers improve efficiency, sustainability and profitability," said Kelly Brunkhorst, executive director of the NCB. "At the same time, we continued to focus on our cornerstone issues of market development, research, education and promotion."

Some key highlights of NCB activity during 2015 include:

- Through a partnership with several other state agencies, the NCB helped apply for a federal grant to increase the number of flex-fuel pumps across Nebraska. The successful grant and matching funds will provide more than \$3 million to establish new pumps in key markets that offer a wide range of American Ethanol blends.

- Oversaw the launch of the new American Ethanol brand at fuel pumps, making Nebraska one of the first states in the nation to implement the consumer branding effort that emerged from the American Ethanol partnership with NASCAR.

- Participated in continuing discussions with the nation's auto manufacturers regarding the next generation of automobile engines capable of operating on higher eth-

anol blends.

- Worked with its national cooperators to increase exports of corn, ethanol, distillers grains, red meat and other value-added corn-based products.

- In partnership with UNL, the Board has helped fund research managing herbicide-resistant weeds, canopy sensor research for improved nitrogen fertilizer efficiency, the use of distillers grains in beef and dairy feed rations, and the development and release of the new Decide NOW marketing app.

- Conducted a strategic survey of Nebraska corn farmers to help guide overall research priorities for Nebraska Corn Board investments.

- Nebraska corn checkoff funds have also established a new Presidential Chair faculty position at UNL which will be focused on new uses for corn.

- Continued to provide financial support and expertise for Raising Nebraska, the award-winning exhibit on the Nebraska State Fairgrounds focused on helping consumers discover more about their food and the families who grow it.

The NeCGA is a membership association supported by dues-paying corn farmers and others who support the state's corn industry. It complements the activities of the NCB by serving as the "boots-on-the-ground" grassroots advocacy organization for corn farmers.

"NeCGA is the voice for Nebraska corn farmers in the State Capitol and on Capitol Hill," said Larry Mussack, a Decatur corn farmer and president of the NeCGA.

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Frederick Blaine Humphrey photographed a Lincoln newsboy, probably about 1910.

Omaha, Nebraska Newsboys, 1886

Boys hawking newspapers on the streets are a thing of the past in this digital age, but they used to be ubiquitous in larger cities, including Omaha. The Daily Bee of August 15, 1886, provided an outline of both their business and the lives they led:

“There are about twenty boys who make a business of selling daily papers. About half of these sell morning papers. The other half are too lazy or too independent to make the exertion which the selling of both morning and evening papers involves. . . Promptly at five o’clock [a.m.] the morning newsboys begin to gather about the different offices and by half past five they are ‘stocked up’ and commence to patrol their various beats with the cry, ‘Here’s yer mornin’ Bee, Herald, or Republican.’ They keep on the jump until about nine o’clock, or at the latest ten or half past, when all their papers are disposed of. A good, active boy can sell easily twenty or thirty papers in a morning, and as many or more in the evening, even without any particular sensation to cause an unusual sale. The evening boys begin their labor about four or half past, and by seven or eight o’clock have disposed of all their papers. Some of the boys fill in the hours between the issue of the morning and evening papers by blacking boots, and thereby add considerably to their earnings.

“It is a mistaken idea entertained by many people that the newsboy, work as he may, can earn but just barely enough to keep body and soul together. The fact is, on the other hand, that a smart, active newsboy earns as much or more than the average dry goods clerk. It is no uncommon thing for one of these bright youngsters to make \$8 or \$10 a week, or even as high as \$14. Ten dollars a week would be a fair average for the most active of the newsboys—and those owning the most lucrative corners. His profits are small, to be sure, for he makes but two and a half cents on each paper. But then his sales are quick, especially when he has anything to cry out in the way of a sensation. During the presidential election, and for days thereafter, it is no uncommon thing for the newsboys to make from \$4 to \$8 per day.

“As already intimated, each boy has his ‘beat’ or corner, on which he is allowed to sell. Woe to the unprincipled newsboy who invades the territory of a fellow merchant. If the injured party is big enough he promptly proceeds to thump the transgressor in a manner befitting an apostle of the great John L. [Sullivan, the boxer]. If, on the other hand, the pirate is too large for the other man, the latter promptly gathers some of his friends to his aid and thus backed up ‘sails into’ his adversary. However, instances of such transgressions are rare indeed. There is a sort of unwritten law among the boys on this subject which is tacitly respected and observed. . . If a newsboy for any reason quits the business he sells his corner to the highest bidder. A choice beat frequently brings from five to ten dollars.”

The article went on to describe how the newsboys spent their earnings, including on theater admissions, “crap shooting,” pool hall gambling, tobacco, “and it must be confessed, liquor.” Some newsboys were required to turn over earnings to their parents, who often depended on them to help support the family. Newsboys who did not live at home or who had no family for some reason or another, lived on the street in dry goods boxes, “spacious doorways,” or slept in barns. The writer noted that a newsboy would spend as little as possible on food and lodging “rather than miss a seat in the gallery at some blood and thunder theatrical performance.”

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Adult education enrollment in SE NE

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Falls City classes meet in the SCC building on 19th and Chase on the garden level every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Classes start up again after the holidays on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

SCC is looking for both students and volunteer tutors for the program. Volunteers will be aided and directed by Falls City’s local Adult Education teacher, and must be willing to donate from one to four hours per week to the program.

For more information, please call the Adult Education office at SCC-Beatrice at 1-800-233-5027, ext. 1236. Or call your local Adult Ed Teacher at 402-245-4386.

Alternative cold and flu remedies to try this season

(StatePoint) While flu and cold are common to every region of the world, different cultures have developed their own solutions to tackle the all-too-familiar and dreadful symptoms.

Today it’s thought that 70 percent of your immune system lies in your digestive tract, so many of these alternative healing methods rely on food for its curative properties. While some alternative treatments have not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration for efficacy, many people swear by them. If you are suffering this cold and flu season, incorporating these remedies into your get-well plan could be worth a shot.

- In Japan: Hot green tea is poured over a crushed ume, which is an alkaline-rich Japanese pickled plum. Drinking this “umeboshi tea,” full of iron and potassium, is said to help ease fever associated with the flu.

- In the Dominican Republic: A paste of honey, finely chopped onion and garlic, and the juice of at least half of a lime, is taken before bedtime. The garlic and lime juice, rich in vitamin C, boosts immunity.

- In France: For those with the flu, a homeopathic approach is taken using Oscillococtinum. This unusually named medicine has been a favorite flu fighter of the French for more than 70 years. Clinical studies show that it reduces the duration and the severity of fever, chills, fatigue, headache and body aches. It is recommended that you take it at the first sign of flu symptoms.

- In China: A restorative dish is made from healing fritillaria bulbs (Chuan bei mu) and an Asian pear. The center of the pear is scooped out to form a bowl. A teaspoon of honey is mixed with fritillaria extract, which is then poured into the pear. The covered dish is steamed for 45 minutes to create a warm elixir to soothe the throat. For maximum effect, a honeysuckle and licorice root tea chaser provides added immune support.

- In South America: A plate of sliced onions is placed on a nightstand overnight. The scent from a freshly chopped onion helps break up mucus and congestion, just as it causes the eyes to water and nose to run while cooking. Loaded with sulphur compounds, onions also improve circulation.

For more helpful tips about the flu, visit www.Oscillo.com for access to a four-part podcast series “Tackling the Flu, Naturally.” Experts explain how the flu virus works in the body and why having a strong immune system is so important; how flu spreads; when children should stay home from school; and more.

Feeling under the weather? Beyond your go-to medications, get inspired by the whole world for treatments that are said to alleviate symptoms and restore wellness



SIYAJUCK — Chantha and Devon Siyajuck were blessed with a daughter, Macey Tavahn, born Oct. 18, 2015 at Shawnee Mission Hospital in Shawnee Mission, KS. She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Douglas and Dianna Kottich, of Falls City. Paternal grandparents are Sene and Olay Siyajuck, of Salina, KS. Maternal great-grandparent is Laura Kottich, of Falls City.



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Public Record

CIVIL COURT

-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, on behalf of Radiology Associates and Community Medical Center, and against Nancy and Robert Phroper, Falls City, in the amount of \$137.56, plus prejudgment interest of \$14.26, attorney fees of \$18.75 and Court costs of \$119.62. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.107 percent.

-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, on behalf of Community Medical Center, and against Michael Sojka, of Falls City, in the amount of \$331, plus prejudgment interest of \$13.17, attorney fees of \$38.10 and Court costs of \$72.96.

-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, on behalf of Johnson County Hospital, Radiology Associates, Community Medical Center d/b/a Family Medicine, Falls City Utilities and Community Medical Center, and against Jordyn Petro, of FC, in the amount of \$1,391.45, plus prejudgment interest of \$116.20, attorney fees of \$144.14 and Court costs of \$77.51.

-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, on behalf of Falls City Utilities, and against Jeana Dovel, of Hiawatha, KS, in the amount of \$467.98, plus prejudgment interest of \$99.47, attorney fees of \$51.79 and Court costs of \$179.64. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.107 percent.

-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, on behalf of Radiology Associates, and against Brandon Pierce, of FC, in the amount of \$463, plus prejudgment interest of \$13.09, attorney fees of \$51.30 and Court costs of \$70.46. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.107 percent.

ACCIDENT

-Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 22, 2015, 28th and Abbott Streets. Driver: Vernell L. Schutte, 60, of Verdon. Owner of parked 2015 Ford F-150 pickup: Monty J. Witt, of FC. Estimated damage when Schutte backed 1994 Chevy S-10 owned by the US Postal Service from driveway and struck Witt truck: \$1,000 to Witt vehicle. The accident was investigated by FC Police Officer Jamie Baker; no injuries were re-

ported or citations issued.

COUNTY COURT WAIVERS

Tickets written by State Patrolman Eric Jones

-Dale L. Davis, violate stop or yield sign, \$75; failure to use seat belt, \$25.

Tickets written by State Patrolman Kent Kavan

-Againdra K. Bewtra, speeding (11-15), \$75.

-Stephen D. Mills, speeding (11-15), \$75.

Tickets written by State Patrolman C.A. Zost

-Renee M. Ely, no brake lights/turn signals, \$25; failure to use seat belt, \$25.

-Nathan R. Froeschl, failure to use seat belt, \$25.

-James Gilbert, speeding (21-35), \$200.

-Nicholas A. Lamb, speeding (11-15), \$75.

-Vicki L. Smith Ellner, speeding (11-15), \$75.

-Chinedum B. Ezugha, speeding (6-10), \$25.

Tickets written by FCPD Officer Patrick Stamper

-Renee M. Ely, careless driving, \$100.

Tickets written by FCPD Officer Jonathan Kirkendall

-Amber J. Walker, failure to use seat belt, \$25; failure to use turn signal, \$25; violate hand-held wireless communication device while operating a vehicle, \$200.

-Marty P. Foster, possess or use drug paraphernalia, \$100.

-Nathan J. Shields, speeding (11-15), \$75.

Tickets written by Sheriff's Deputy Jeff Frederick

-Robert E. Mulligan, speeding (16-20), \$125.

Tickets written by Sheriff's Deputy Clinton Stonebarger

-Jerod D. Flentie, speeding (6-10), \$25.

-Dylan L. Benefield, speeding (6-10), \$25.

-Brian J. Witt, speeding (11-15), \$75.

-Tracy R. Sells, speeding (6-10), \$25.

-Monty J. Witt, speeding (6-10), \$25.

-Alfredo R. Ramirez, speeding (11-15), \$75; no operator's license (waiverable), \$75.

-Chloe A. Patel, speeding (16-20), \$125.

-Daniel R. Frenzel, speeding (16-20), \$125.



Photos by Jason Schock

An unidentified driver went off the road and struck the north side of the home of Harold and Debbie Nussbaum at 2024 Abbott St. Saturday, Jan. 2. Additional details were not made available at press time.

Small steps toward a happier new year

By Sarah Purcell, University of Nebraska Extension
There is still time to put together a New Year's resolution or two! New Year's resolutions don't have to be huge to reap big benefits. Even small steps can lead to a longer, healthier, happier life. The following are some ideas to get you going.

Try something new. Starting a hobby, taking fun classes or revisiting old favorite pastimes keeps your mind active and boosts your overall sense of well-being.

Repair a damaged relationship. Research on forgiveness suggests it can lead to better health. Conversely, holding a grudge can be bad for your heart.

Have your blood pressure checked. It's often free, and it's the only way to know whether your blood pressure is elevated.

Cut your cholesterol. Here's a simple strategy: choose low-fat dairy products and lean meats.

Walk for 30 minutes each day. Exercise is great for your health, plus it will help ease your stress load.

Quit smoking. It's never too late. According to the Surgeon General, smokers who quit live longer than smokers who don't, regardless of their age when they quit. You might need help to quit smoking. Ask your family for support and make an appointment with your family physician.

The following are several steps to help your New Year's resolutions survive until next December.

First, be realistic. For example, quitting smoking, losing weight, and exercising more are the three most popular New Year's resolutions, but it may be unrealistic to try to do them all at once.

Second, divide and conquer. Break larger goals down into doable steps. For instance, rather than try to lose 20 pounds outright, make your goal five pounds, then another five pounds, then another five and finally another five pounds.

Third, write it down. Writing out your goals helps you remember them better and increases your level of commitment.

Fourth, don't despair. If you slip or don't reach your smaller goals, don't beat yourself up. Remind yourself that every day is a new day and a new chance to start again.

Fifth, get a buddy. Team up with someone else who is trying to stick with their goals. You'll keep each other honest.

Sixth, hang in there. Remember it takes 30 days for a change in behavior to become a habit, six months for a habit to become permanent.

Finally, reward yourself. You'll motivate yourself to accomplish your goals!



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(ABOVE) Falls City High School junior Kyle Leafy blows past Ashland-Greenwood's Justin McWilliams and elevates for two of his 15 points in the Tigers' 60-58 Saturday afternoon overtime win over the Bluejays at Auburn High School. Leafy and the 4-2 Tigers have won four straight entering a five-game stretch the next 11 days. The first four are on the road, beginning tonight at Marysville, KS. (BELOW) FC High School sophomore Meredith Poppe drives the baseline (while coach Max Milam gives words of encouragement) during the Lady Tigers' 47-46 loss to Ashland-Greenwood Saturday in Auburn. Poppe scored 13 for FCHS, which falls to 4-3 and travels with Tiger guys for doubleheaders the next couple weeks.

It takes extras, but FC gets 4th straight victory

The Falls City High boys' basketball team captured its fourth consecutive win Saturday in Auburn, defeating a battle-tested Ashland-Greenwood team that perhaps proved it's tougher than its pedestrian three-win total might indicate.

Junior Kyle Leafy and sophomore Brandt Chapple each scored 15 team-high points, while sophomore Rudy Vrtiska added 11 and senior Trenton Pentecost added nine, as FC needed a fifth period to slip past the Bluejays, 60-58, in comeback fashion. After leading by one, 26-25, at halftime, FC saw themselves looking up at a five-point deficit entering the final frame. An 18-point scoring explosion in the fourth — propelled by Chapple, who scored nine of his 15 in the fourth before fouling out — knotted it at 51 heading into OT. There, Vrtiska made 3-for-4 from the line and Leafy added a big bucket as FC survived the upset scare.

Ashland's Rayce Riecken drained a trio of three-point goals, including one in overtime, and scored 20 points to lead all scorers, Austin McWilliams added 14 and Kaelan Dea, 12, in a losing effort. Each was saddled with four fouls, too, before all was said and done.

The vaunted and by now famed Tiger defense showed its claws in OT, as Riecken's three was one of just six shot attempts Ashland got off after regulation. They got to the line for all of three

free throws after halftime.

In the end, FC recorded 10 steals, led by Leafy's three, to go with one block and four team-high assists.

Ashland entered the game with just three victories, but closer inspection of their December date-book puts things in better perspective. The team has now lost two games by a single point and another by two in overtime — all to winning teams. The other two losses were by 14 to 10-0 C2 No. 4 Elmwood-Murdock and by 13 to 8-1 C1 No. 9 Milford. The Bluejays' wins came against Arlington, Louisville and Class B Plattsmouth. Ashland is just 14 months removed from competing in the Class C1 state football final, so while they're not a powerhouse on the hardwood, they aren't exactly a pushover, either.

Besides, Falls City, which opened the year 0-2 and is no longer rated in C1, needs each and every win it can preserve to keep its hopes for a third straight state tournament bid alive. And those hopes remain very much alive. With trips to defensively-challenged Marysville, KS, tonight, Class D1



Photo by Lori Gottula

Johnson-Brock Thursday, and then, next Tuesday, an Auburn team they smoked by 17 last month, all inside of the next week, FC's winning streak could reach seven games entering a Jan. 15 trip to Maryville, MO, to face the always tough Spoofhounds, and a Jan. 16 home date with still-unbeaten Elmwood.

The C1-1 sub-district looks like a three-horse race between FC, Johnson CC and Wilber-Clatonia and the winner would likely face either Conestoga, Syracuse or perhaps Ashland-Greenwood. While the Tigers, as it stands now, are hardly head and shoulders above those others, they're the only ones who have played the big stage. Of course, there are a lot of games to be played between now and Feb. 23. Unfortunately, none are against Conestoga, Johnson CC or Wilber.

Falls City was completely off for two weeks from Dec. 19 to Jan. 2, but has 10 games scheduled during the month of January — one down, nine to go.

Saturday, FC took advantage of 17 Ashland turnovers, which helped shake off the holiday rust.

"We started off a little sluggish after not playing for two weeks," FC Coach Don Hogue said.

Leafy was strong out of the blocks, but went just 1-for-4 at the line and didn't draw a shooting foul after the third quarter. FC was a perfect 6-for-6 at the line in the fourth to help push the game to OT, but went 5-for-10 after regulation, allowing the Bluejays to repeated possessions to tie or win with one shot. Overall, the Tigers made 14-of-24 foul shots, while Ashland went 6-for-9.

Tonight, FC will face a 2-3 Marysville team allowing 75 points per game. The Bulldogs beat Auburn 68-67 the first weekend of the season; six days before FC held Auburn to 30.

SCORING

FC — Leafy, 15; Chapple, 15; Vrtiska, 11; Pentecost, 9; Sickel, 6; Bradly Rose, 3; Bryan Rose, 1.

AG — Riecken, 20; A. McWilliams, 14; Dea, 12; Busenitz, 6; J. McWilliams, 4; Lyons, 2.

The FC High School Lady Tigers, after opening the season with four wins against just one loss, played its first game in a full two weeks and lost its second game in a row Saturday, falling 47-46 to Ashland-Greenwood

PERFECTION

Sacred Heart girls go 29-0 in '15

It's not the same as a perfect season and not the kind of mark you'll find on a plaque or a trophy.

No, FC Sacred Heart's perfect 2015 calendar year in girls basketball is mostly scrapbook material for now. But it's scrapbook material with potential, because only when you start keeping track of winning streaks in terms of planetary revolutions around the sun, can those scrapbooks have a chance to be translated into record books. Some records, particularly individual ones, can be trivial, but the ones written by teams, encompassing more than one group of players and recorded in terms of calendar years? Those are valuable and endure long after the high scorers move on. Some outlast even generational turnover. A member of last fall's FCSH football team, for instance,

spoke about the Irish's 87-game winning streak in the 1980s and 90s. A streak that ended two years before the kid was even born. That winning streak started nearly three decades ago, yet today is well-known not just at Sacred Heart, but throughout all of Nebraska, among young and old alike. Same with Wahoo's 114 straight wins in boys' basketball during that same era, and the West Point Central Catholic girls' 111 consecutive victories from 2001-06.

There may or may not be a plaque commemorating, say, Wahoo's perfect 1990 basketball season, but when you win that prolifically, the plaques and trophies accumulate with such frequency there's no place to even store them, let alone read the engravings.

The Sacred Heart girls have a long, long ways to go before they threaten West Point CC's string of consecutive wins, but after posting a 29-0 record in 2015, it's not totally unreasonable to at least have the conversation.

The defending D2 champs finished '15 like they started it — with defense so stout, potentially unforgiving rims or the occasional "off" nights are completely thrown out of the equation. On Dec. 30, 2014, FCSH lost 39-31 to Sutton in the championship of the Freeman Holiday Tournament. Exactly one year — to the day — later, the Lady Irish avenged that loss with a 39-24 victory at Adams. It came on the heels of a 32-22 win over the 7-2 hosts. The Irish's all-stater and recent member of the 1,000-point club, 6-1 point guard Maggie Goltz, was 3-for-11 from the floor and scored eight points, while it's top scorer, Alexis Barnes, had 10. Tepid offensive numbers, too be sure. Didn't matter in the slightest — the Irish out-rebounded Sutton 2-to-1 (Goltz and Sara Wertenberger each pulled down nine), and the Lady Irish allowed seven Sutton total field goals.

It was the same song, different verse, as the night before, when Goltz only took seven shots, scored nine, and Barnes led the team with 13, all coming in the second half (she drained three triples to blow things open in the third quarter). Freeman, like Sutton, made seven shots all night and the Irish won 32-22. Sacred Heart is 9-0 and eight times have held the opposition to fewer than 30 points, with the exception being a 50-39 win over Sterling in the season opener. Incidentally, that remains the Jets' lone loss and they've climbed to No. 2 in the latest ratings.

But it's a distant No. 2. Six of those nine wins have come against highly regarded teams with winning records (7-2 Friend, a 45-24 Irish win, most notably, in addition to the two holiday

high points, hitting 7-of-11 field goal attempts; Alyssa Frederick added 11 points and a team-best five assists, and Meredith Poppe drilled 6-of-7 from the floor, scored 13 points, and added six boards, four off the offensive glass. FC has a tough assignment tonight at Marysville, KS, though the 3-3 Lady Bulldogs haven't played a game since Dec. 18. They did finish 2015 with a pair of high-scoring victories that went to the wire (63-60 over Chapman; 63-62 over Concordia). Marysville beat Auburn by 10 the first weekend of the year — Auburn, now 6-3, then beat FC by 17 less than a week later.

FC goes to 2-6 Johnson-Brock Thursday, has the weekend off, and has a rematch with Auburn next Tuesday on the road.

SCORING

FC — Poppe, 13; Frederick, 11; Brown, 14; Armbruster, 2; Nolte, 2; Bauman, 4.

AG — Marr, 5; Kramer, 2; Murphy, 4; Burke, 16; Washburn, 4; Klautdt, 12; Craven, 4.

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ourney victories). The team will face either Bruning-Davenport or Exeter-Milligan in next week's MUDECAS semifinals. Both are 8-1 and both lost handily to Friend. Then will be a rematch with either Sterling or Freeman. After that, one regular season opponent currently has a winning record and it's 2-1 Doniphan County (KS) West, a team that didn't go .500 last winter and one the Irish defeated 55-20. Sacred Heart will also likely meet Friend again at the Pioneer Conference — just like '15, when FCSH took a fifth conference crown in eight years with a 55-38 win, coach Luke Santo's 200th in just his ninth season as coach.

Since that loss to Sutton after Christmas 2014, FCSH has held 23 of its 29 opponents to 30 or fewer points. That kind of defense allows for all kinds of offensive woes. That kind of defense isn't particularly susceptible to "off" nights, however a whistle-happy referee has the ability to throw a wrench in everything.

"We're very good defensively," Santo said earlier this season.

"We have four starters that are six-foot tall - and our sixth is, too - it's just unbelievable for a Class D2 school. They're so long that teams can't shoot over us and they get frustrated."



LONG-ARMS, FEW FLAWS.

FCSH senior all-stater Maggie Goltz, a 6-1 point guard who doesn't lose an opening tip, is undoubtedly one of the best players in school history. She's also one of five 6-footers on the team and the only regular whose eligibility expires this winter. FCSH went 29-0 in 2015 and 24 of those opponents failed to score more than 30 points. This year, they're 9-0, ranked No. 1 and only No. 2 Sterling scored more than 30 (in an 11-point FCSH win in the season-opener).

If the team runs the table in January, February and March, as it did a year ago, it would nab a second straight MUDECAS title, wear the Pioneer Conference crown for the sixth time in nine years, qualify for a 19th state tournament in the last 21 years, and win a second consecutive state title (to go with the three the school won in 1998, 1999 and 2000, as well as runner-up trophies in 2002, 2003 and 2007, and third-place trophies in 2008, 2013 and 2014).

The winning streak would reach 49, which is a milestone just 15 teams have met in the history of Nebraska girls' basketball, leaving Sacred Heart another perfect December away from being halfway to West Point CC's all-time record.

That's a long distance traveled with a very long road ahead. There are many "if's" — exactly 82 currently, if you ask the coach. The games must be played first.

But those are all big numbers. To keep it simple, it's easier to call this Year Two.

And all we've done here is taken a quick peek at Year Four.

Big things ahead. Potentially.

Scoring vs. Freeman
FCSH — Goltz, 9; Wertenberger, 2; Barnes, 13; Hill, 2; Parrish, 2; Heits, 4.

Freeman — Lenners, 8; Holland, 5; Mason, 4; Haynes, 5.

Scoring vs. Sutton
FCSH — Goltz, 8; Fiegenger, 2; Wertenberger, 6; Barnes, 10; Hill, 6; Heits, 7.

Sutton — Wiseman, 4; T. Nuss, 3; S. Griess, 2; Schurman, 5; M. Greiss, 8; Springberg, 2.

The FC Sacred Heart boys' basketball team split a pair of games at the Freeman Tournament, placing third with a 37-28 victory over Thayer Central.

The win snapped a three-game losing skid for the now 5-3 Irish.

In the opening round, the Irish led Freeman 30-22 entering the fourth quarter and expanded it to 10 points, but the Falcons doubled their own three quarter point total, ending the game on a 22-11 run in front of an increasingly rowdy crowd. A three-pointer at the buzzer from the corner by Lane Cacek gave the home team a 44-41 victory and generated a frenzied celebration at mid-court.

Freeman, now 6-3, lost to 4-4 Sutton, 35-27, in the championship and also fell 46-31 to Johnson CC Saturday.

The Irish lost this one at the stripe, going 9-of-24 overall from the free throw line, including 2-for-10 in the fourth quarter. Senior Henry Arnold led the way with 16 points on 5-of-8 shooting from the floor and added seven rebounds, four off the offensive glass, followed by point guard Bailey Witt, who scored 12, hitting 5-of-8 field goal attempts. Junior post player Bryant Jom, a 6-5, 300-pounder who has dominated games at times this season, was held to just five shot attempts, only one of which came inside the three-point arc.

Sacred Heart bounced back with a win the following night, as Jom scored 10 and Witt added eight points, seven rebounds and three assists in the nine-point win over Thayer Central.

The 2-7 Titans were dangerously close to upsetting the Irish, however, using a 16-7 third quarter run to take a 28-22 lead into the fourth. That woke up the green machine, which ended the night with a 15-0 fourth quarter whitewash.

Scoring vs. Thayer
FCSH — Keller, 1; Witt, 8; Bippes, 1; Ahern, 2; S. Arnold, 5; H. Arnold, 8; Jom, 10; Rohrer, 2.

Scoring vs. Freeman
FCSH — Keller, 4; Witt, 12; Bippes, 3; H. Arnold, 16; Jom, 3; Rohrer, 3.

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County Board

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DEC. 22, 2015 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2015. Roll call was answered by Standerford, Davidson and Sichel. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sichel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Davidson. Chairman Sichel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the minutes of the Dec. 15, 2015 meeting as read. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the Board of Equalization minutes of the Dec. 15, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. Motion was made by Sichel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse on the First Floor Lobby, the Commissioner's Meeting Room, the Third Floor of the Sheriff's Office and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us

ROAD DEPARTMENT
Highway Supt. Scott Huppert updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week.

The Stella SE Bridge Project is nearing completion with clean-up being attempted but rainy weather has delayed the progress. The Verdon NW bridge project has begun with tree removal starting and the shoo-fly being started. FEMA projects from the summer storms were reviewed.

The Board considered an increase in salary for the foreman and administrative assistant salary. Motion was made by Davidson to approve a 2 percent increase to the foreman's salaries and administrative assistant salary with the 2 percent based on each one's current salary. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

MONA GODEMANN, VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Veterans Service Officer Mona Godemann requested to meet with the Board to report on the success of the volunteer program that is being used to transport veterans to medical appointments with the new DAV van. She also recognized the volunteers for their service.

BRIAN DIXON, EMA DIRECTOR

The Board requested that EMA Director Brian Dixon meet with them to review a purchase order submitted for the purchase of radios for the county's public safety radio system. The radios will be used for the outdoor warning sirens, severe weather operations, disaster operations and obligations to the Cooper Nuclear Station.

Motion was made by Sichel to authorize the advertisement to accept sealed bids to be opened at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016 for the purchase of radios to be used for the county's public safety. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

CHANGE ORDER FOR JAIL/LAW ENF CENTER

Motion was made by Davidson to formally approve the following change orders for the Jail project: 1) relocation of rural water line \$1,324.00; 2) electrical requirements in "special needs" cell \$3,095.00. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Agreement with Running Foxes Petroleum

The Board reviewed a revised agreement with Running Foxes Petroleum. No action was taken.

Lewis Barker Claim for Backpay

Motion was made by Davidson to table a claim submitted by Lewis Barker, former Deputy Sheriff for back pay as the K-9 drug dog handler from April 12, 2012 through Dec. 31, 2014, for \$14,309.73. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Subdivision

Motion was made by Sichel to approve a subdivision for Straussville Grain, Inc. in Section 28, Township 2, Range 16 and to adopt Resolution 2015-2016-32. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 22, Page 2)

Other

A fee report was approved for Sheriff Pounds for fees collected during the month of November, 2015 totaling \$8,349.95.

A letter was submitted to the Board from Sheriff Pounds informing the Board of Lewis Barker's resignation from the Sheriff's Department and to also request approval to sell to another governmental agency uniform and police protection gear used by Deputy Barker. Motion was made by Sichel to authorize the Sheriff to sell to another law enforcement agency those uni-

form and protective items used by Lewis Barker, former Deputy Sheriff. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Davidson to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insur.....	48,813.52
Myron Davidson, reimb.....	381.23
Austin Duerfeldt, reimb.....	558.46
Mary L. Eickhoff, reimb.....	267.95
FC Journal, adv.....	693.78
Farm & City Supply, supp.....	752.58
First Concord Benefits, med reimb.....	4,842.94
Frances Kuker, serv.....	725.00
Madison Nat'l Life Ins., ins.....	11.86
Curtis Maschman, reimb.....	1,058.61
NADA Appraisal Guides, serv.....	186.00
NE Dept of Revenue, fee.....	75.00
Postmaster, postage.....	57.50
Larry Pounds, serv.....	460.00
Ameritax, retire.....	6,889.03
Richardson County Vendor, FICA.....	7,390.86
Pam Scott, reimb.....	311.41
David Sichel, reimb.....	308.20
Richard Smith, spec prosecutor fee.....	
CR15-5 Birdsell.....	6,590.33
Jim Standerford, reimb.....	241.50
William VonSeggern, contract.....	4,000.00
Tylene Windle, reimb.....	280.03
Payroll Expense.....	63,140.17
TOTAL GENERAL FUND.....	\$148,035.96

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

AP Air Inc., serv.....	72.24
Cedar Rapids Tire, serv.....	737.16
Kochs Auto Service, serv.....	150.50
NPPD, serv.....	100.79
OPPD, serv.....	17.11
Operation & Expense Acct., reimb.....	250.00
Village of Rulo, serv.....	46.68
Windstream, serv.....	51.64
Payroll Expense.....	37,835.82
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.....	\$39,261.94

JUVENILE SERV GRANT FUND

Laura Osborne, serv.....	87.16
TOTAL JUV SERV GRANT FUND.....	\$87.16

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Sichel to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2015 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

David D. Sichel, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

School Board #70

Public Meeting Notice

Board of Education District #70

Notice is hereby given that a regular board meeting of the Board of Education of the Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer School District #70 will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, 2016 in the 2nd Floor Math Room at the Humboldt site, which meeting will be open to the public. The purpose of such meeting is to do regular business. A current agenda is available at the Superintendent's Office. ZNEZ

Scott Ogde
Board President

School Board #56

DECEMBER 2015 CLAIMS

AGCO Plus, grounds.....	\$97.62
Am. Speech Lang. Assoc., Reg/Dues.....	\$285.00
Armbruster Motor, rental/parts.....	\$394.84

AS Central Serv., Dist. Internet.....	\$227.47
Bolin Auto & Trk Parts Co., parts.....	\$51.51
Brownstar Port-a-Potty, rental.....	\$75.00
Capital Bus. Systems, copier.....	\$3,081.09
CDW, School improvement.....	\$187.44
Central Office, mil./workshop.....	\$2,853.38
Central Office, postage/supp.....	\$603.60
Central Office, permits/phone.....	\$132.81
Central Office, exp.....	\$569.81
Central Office, payables.....	\$123.26
Cintas, sup.....	\$328.48
Courtyard, NASB conf.....	\$1,877.40
ESU 4 Contracted, SPED.....	\$1,624.35
ESU 4 Coop., registration.....	\$60.00
ESU 6, domain.....	\$147.96
Elementary Activity-NS, misc.....	\$569.86
Elementary Activity-SS, supp.....	\$100.00
FC Activity Acct, registration.....	\$3,899.29
FC Auto Supply, maint.....	\$270.23
FC Chamber, directory.....	\$25.00
FC Journal, advertising.....	\$332.37
FC Sanitation, waste removi.....	\$770.00
FC School Lunch, adult lunch.....	\$1,568.00
FC Truck & Trailer, tires.....	\$35.00
FC Utilities, utilities.....	\$15,876.62
Family Medicine, driver physicals.....	\$28.88
Farm & City Supplies, maint.....	\$467.05
1st Book Natl Book Bank, grant.....	\$108.00
Five Points Bank-Hastings, copier lease.....	\$1,260.50
Foley Equipment, maint.....	\$214.85
General Parts, maint.....	\$101.68
Grand Mesa Music Pub., music.....	\$155.00
Harmon's OK Tire, grounds.....	\$14.00
Hermitage Art Co., supp.....	\$39.27
Home Lumber, maint.....	\$122.76
JW Pepper, music.....	\$174.85
Jayne Alexander, serv.....	\$578.33
Jones Air Conditioning, maint.....	\$184.50
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KSB School Law, legal fee.....	\$225.00
Lincoln Winnelson, maint.....	\$279.50
Mary Malcolm, SPED serv.....	\$3,636.25
Mr. Automotive, parts.....	\$783.52
NASB, conference fee.....	\$210.00
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NCSA, registration.....	\$140.00
NE Central Equip., Inc. parts.....	\$1,218.70
NE Safety Center, bus div. class.....	\$150.00
NE State Fire Marshal, bus barn fee.....	\$240.00
NSBA, conference.....	\$915.00
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SYNCB/Amazon, supp.....	\$546.16
Time Management Sys, serv.....	\$453.75
Towle Realty, rental.....	\$525.00
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True Value, supp.....	\$26.16
US Bank, supp.....	\$2,682.62
Verizon, grant.....	\$106.90
Vision Inn Motel, SPED travel exp.....	\$284.40
Water Engineering, maint. agrmt.....	\$237.32
Wolf's Printing, supp.....	\$58.59
TOTAL.....	\$78,464.46

GENERAL TOTAL.....\$757,812.33

December 2015 Payroll.....\$ 836,276.79

BOND FUND

BOK Financial, prin/interest.....	\$12,248.75
BOK Financial, prin/interest.....	\$410,385.00
TOTAL.....	\$422,633.75

Q-CAP

First Natl Bank-Fremont, prin/int.....	\$204,100.00
TOTAL.....	\$204,100.00

Special Building Fund

Heartland Roof Consult, Inc.maint.....	\$93,500.00
Jones Air Conditioning, Inc.plumb.....	\$7,637.89
TOTAL.....	\$101,137.89

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of January, 2016, at 8:45 a.m. the Richardson County Board of Equalization will hold a hearing to consider an application from the following organization seeking tax exemption on motor vehicles: Boy Scout Troop & Cub Scout Pack #387, Humboldt; Christ Church of Falls City, Corner Stone Baptist Church, Community Medical Center, Falls City Volunteer Ambulance Squad, First Christian Church, Good News Assembly of God Church, Sacred Heart School, Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc., The First Baptist Church dba Valley Avenue Baptist Church and T.L.C. Ministries.

The recommendations of the Richardson County Treasurer are available at the Office of the County Treasurer located in the Courthouse, Falls City, NE.

David D. Sichel, Chairman
Richardson County Board of Commissioners
Mary L. Eickhoff
Richardson County Clerk 5

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following-described property will be sold by GREGORY L. GALLES, Successor Trustee, at public auction to the highest bidder in the lobby of the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone St., Falls City, NE, on Jan. 26, 2016 at 1 p.m.:

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The successful bidder shall submit payment in cash or certified funds of the winning bid in full on the day and time of the sale, January 26, 2016, at the offices of Locher Pavelka Dostal Braddy & Hammes, except this requirement is waived when the highest bidder is the Beneficiary.

DATED this 10th day of December, 2015.
GREGORY L. GALLES, Successor Trustee

For: LOCHER PAVELKA DOSTAL
BRADDY & HAMMES LLC
200 The Omaha Club
2002 Douglas Street
Omaha, NE 68102
Phone: (402) 898-7000
Fax: (402) 898-7130
ggalles@lpdbhlaw.com
Gregory L. Galles, #21748
15-22-29-5-12

NOTICE OF HEARING REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTIONS

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of January, 2016, at 8:45 a.m., the Richardson County Board of Equalization will hold a hearing to consider tax exemption applications on real estate from the organizations seeking tax exemption. A listing of the applications including the descriptions of the property and the County Assessor's recommendations are available at the Office of the Richardson County Assessor located in the Courthouse, Falls City, NE.

David D. Sichel, Chairman
Richardson County Board of Commissioners
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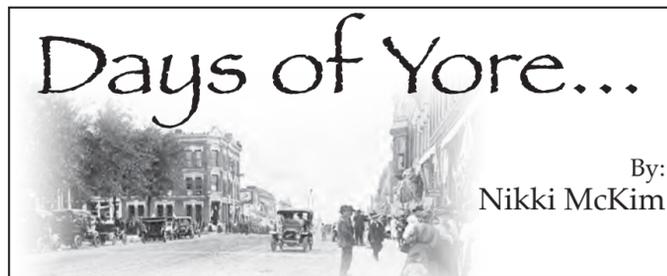
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50 Years Ago
(Jan. 5 - Jan. 11, 1966)

Mickey Lee Clark was the first baby born in the New Year at the Falls City Community Hospital. Mickey entered the world at 9:50 p.m. on Jan. 3.

An item from the Associated Press- Former senate aide Robert G. "Bobby" Baker was indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of tax evasion, conspiracy and other offenses.

In a Jaycees Distinguished Service Award nomination form featured in the Journal, any young man 21 through 35 years of age was eligible for nomination.

Bill Schock observed Dr. L.L. Cornell on his 87th birthday. The Doc was still on the job daily saying, "I'll practice just as long as I can stand it."

A Journal reader for 55 years, A. E. Goll, Route 1, Verdon, renewed his subscription-taking it continually since 1911.

The Paul Leeper family of Rulo lost everything in an early morning fire. Mr. and Mrs. Leeper, along with their four month old baby all survived without injury.

Richardson County Sheriff, Ed Mahoney announced his retirement, "I am very grateful to the people of Richardson County or the privilege of serving them as their sheriff during these four years," said Mahoney.

The Falls City tigers went down fighting in overtime to Beatrice. Gary Zentner scored 20 points. The Tigers hit a remarkable 54.7 percent from the floor.

One of Falls City's true landmarks which played a big part in the development of the community came to an end. The Towle lumber yard was leveled after over 75 years of business under the late E. H. Towle.

State Officials reported that tests show certain types of twist off bottle lids posed a potential health hazard. The tests showed that foodstuffs packaged in the vacuum sealed jars became contaminated when the lids were removed.

Elias Bachman, chairman of the board of county commissioners filed for re-nomination and re-election to the county board.

25 Years Ago

The Royals Caravan made a stop at Falls City High School with big names, Bret Saberhagen and Tom Gordon. In the photo Matt Froeschl assists Dorothy Coon in securing an autograph from the men. Mrs. Coon, a long time Royals fan didn't have a car but was able to secure a ride from Ron and Dave Schwartz, who made sure she didn't miss the program.



Rebecca Lynn, daughter of Laurie Fouraker was the first baby born in the New Year at Falls City Community Medical Center. Rebecca arrived at 11:15 p.m. on Jan. 2.

The DV girls opened the New Year by taking the championship of the Nebraska City Lourdes tournament. Melody Ludwig had 16 points with Jennifer Dappen right behind with 15.

Archibald Weaver received acknowledgement of his 33rd consecutive year of proficiency in the Falls City Lodge No. 9, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

A \$125,000 project was announced to repaint the Falls City water tower for the first time in 12 years.

Students of the month for Southeast Consolidated were, Gabe Gardner, Dana Stiers, Troy Dunn and Stephanie Wing.

15 Years Ago

Kyle Lee Black was the first baby born in the New Year at Community Medical Center. Kyle was born at 9:24 p.m. on Jan. 3.

The Falls City Ambulance Squad reported making 372 runs in the previous year.

New Jaycees President Brian Young accepted the gavel from retiring President Teresa Chandler during the Passing of the Gavel Banquet at the Oasis.

Diller didn't know what hit them when Sacred Heart beat them, 80-56 with Senior Troy Taft scoring 22, hitting 10 out of 11 shots.

Jim Gerweck was honored as a 25-year member of the Falls City Ambulance Squad and was presented with a clock in recognition of his service.

Robert 'Bob' Davis

Charles 'Bob' Robert Davis, 91, of rural Stella, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2015 at Auburn. He was born to Roy and Sarah (Hull) Davis on Jan. 22, 1924 in Nebraska City.

Bob grew up in the Julian, NE, area and attended country school near his home. He farmed with his father for many years in the Tal-mage, Stella and Auburn areas.

On Nov. 8, 1952, Bob was united in marriage to Rosalie Spicher at the Methodist Church in Falls City. They would be blessed with two daughters, Roberta and Ruth Ann. In 1956 the couple moved to a farm near Stella to raise their daughters.

In 1951, Bob began a job driving a cream truck in Sabetha. In 1956 he returned to farming full-time, and continued to farm until retiring. He and Rosalie continued to live on their farm.

Bob was a member of the Auburn Eagles Aerie #3767 since 1981. He and Rosalie loved to dance, and Bob especially liked "Big Band" music. He also enjoyed going to the casinos to spend time and have fun with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Rosalie, of rural Stella; daughters, Roberta (Greg) Lockard, of Stella, and Ruth Ann (Bill) Gutierrez, of Lincoln; grandchildren, Kim and Kyle Petsch, Karissa and Austin McDonald, Katina and Trent Farritor and Kurt Lockard; eight great-grandchildren (and one on the way); sister, Helen Norvell, and niece, Sharon (Dean) Bogle, all of Humboldt; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother-in-law, La-Verne Norvell.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Dec. 26, 2015 at Hemmingsen Funeral Home in Auburn, with Rev. Ken Miller officiating. Casket bearers were Kurt Lockard, Kyle Petsch, Austin McDonald, Trent Farritor, Kasen Petsch, and Dylan McDonald. Kim Petsch, Karissa McDonald and Katina Farritor were honorary bearers. Burial was in Sheridan Cemetery near Auburn.

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OBITUARIES

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Shirley M. (Bebermeyer) Holle

Shirley M. Bebermeyer Holle, 84, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2015 at Hiawatha, KS. She was born on the family farm north of Hiawatha on Sept. 8, 1931, one of three children born to the late Herbert and Viola Koelliker Bebermeyer.

Shirley attended Hart 33 country school near Reserve, KS, where she graduated from the eighth grade prior to graduating from Hiawatha High in 1949. She later graduated from Baker University in 1953 with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in history. While at Baker, she was active in Tri-Delta Sorority and with Delta Delta Delta. Shirley taught school for 10 years at Welda, Barnes, Reserve and later Powhattan, where she resigned in the spring 1969.

She enjoyed traveling, playing bridge, and was an avid KU basketball fan. She was full of life and the type of person that made a lasting impression once you met her. Most of all, she did not act her age!

She married Verlin Holle on April 9, 1955 at Hiawatha. They farmed and raised hogs north of Hiawatha, however, Shirley will be real quick to say it was Verlin that farmed... not her! She took a job with the State of Kansas in Hiawatha in

1969, started as a social worker, and retiring in 1993 as a supervisor for the income/maintenance division, then known as SRS or Social and Rehabilitative Services.

Verlin died on June 20, 2001.

Survivors include a son, David (Laura) Holle, and a brother, Chuck (Jane) Bebermeyer, all of rural Hiawatha; three grandchildren, Shawn (Jill), Jeremy (Kathy) and Amber Holle; two great-grandchildren, Hunter Verlin and Allison Annabelle Holle; and five nieces and nephews, Jody, Tedd, Sara, Julie, and Michelle.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; and a brother, Robert "Tony" Bebermeyer on Jan. 12, 2014.

It was Shirley's wish to be buried privately with her family and close friends present. She will be buried next to Verlin at Mt. Hope Cemetery. The family met with friends Saturday, Jan. 2, at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hiawatha. Following visitation, Shane Spangler reflected on Shirley's life.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Holle Farm Scholarship Fund at Hiawatha High School, or Baker Foundation Tri-Delta Scholarship Fund, sent in care of the funeral home, 124 S. 7th St., Hiawatha, KS 66434.

Betty Rose Johnson

Betty Rose Johnson, 88, of Falls City, passed away on Dec. 29, 2015 at Falls City. She was born on Feb. 26, 1927 at Cherryvale, KS, to the late Joseph and Mary (Garcia) Fernandez.

Betty Rose was raised at Cherryvale and moved to Kansas City, MO, to live with her sister in 1943. She was a waitress and also worked as a clerk in a drug store. On Oct. 5, 1953 she married Virgil Johnson at Lenexa, KS. She retired in 1972 after 23 years. The couple moved to Falls City in 1993 and lived here since.

She was preceded in death by her

parents; seven sisters and six brothers.

She is survived by her husband, Virgil, of Falls City; sons, Richard (Chris) Van Buskirk, of Grandview, MO, and Virgil (Rochelle) Johnson, Jr., of Fairway, KS; daughters, Victoria (Emil) Baer, of Topeka, KS, and Georgia Ann (Louis) Cloughley, of Roeland Park, KS; 10 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016 at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with Fr. Thomas Dunavan officiating. Interment at Steele Cemetery.

Dorothy J. Eickhoff

Dorothy J. Eickhoff, 75, of Unadilla, passed away peacefully at the Good Samaritan Society Nursing Home on Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2015 after a courageous three-year battle with cancer. She was born May 14, 1940 in Shubert to Norman H. and Daisy Isadore (Hall) Gates.

Dorothy moved to a farm north of Falls City. It was at this farm she would meet a handsome redhead, Delbert Eickhoff, who later would become her husband of almost 55 years. In May 1961, she and Delbert were married during a two-week leave from the Army. To this union two children were born, Denise and Darin. Dorothy worked as a school secretary for Faith Lutheran Church and school in Lincoln for 15 years, until her retirement in 2007.

She loved going to dances, auctions, and looked forward to her evening phone calls with special friends. Dorothy was an amazing wife, mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her husband,

Delbert; daughter, Denise (Mark) Moerer, of Unadilla; son, Darin (Kimi) Eickhoff, of Lincoln; grandchildren, Justin, Jonathan, McKayla, Danielle, Kirsten and Shannon; great-grandsons, Asher and Deklin; sisters, JoAnn Eisele, of Indianola, IA, and Norma Brittell, of Falls City; sister-in-law, Darlene (Larry) Douthit, of Lincoln; nieces, nephews, cousins, many friends and loved ones.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; grandparents, Charles Hall and Ethel (Beason) Hall, and Clennie Gates and Mittie (Ankrom) Gates; an infant brother; aunts and uncles; a brother-in-law; and nephew.

A funeral service was held Tuesday morning, Jan. 5, 2016 at Roper and Sons Funeral Home in Lincoln, with Pastor Robert Wentzel officiating. Burial to follow at Prairie Union Cemetery, Shubert. Visitation was Monday at the funeral home. Memorials to the family for future designation.



Get an early start on your taxes

The dawn of a new calendar year often marks the end of the sometimes hectic holiday season. This time of year marks a return to normalcy for many families, as the kids go back to school and parents return to work.

The beginning of January also serves as a great time to start preparing for tax season. The following are a handful of ways to start preparing for your returns now.

- Find last year's return. You will need information from last year's return in order to file this year, so find last year's return and print it out.
 - Gather dependents' information. While you might know your own Social Security number by heart, if you have dependents, you're going to need their information as well.
 - Gather your year-end financial statements. Doing so will make filing your return, go more quickly.
 - Speak with your mortgage lender. Homeowners should receive forms documenting their mortgage interest payments for the last year, as the money paid in interest on your home or homes is tax deductible.
 - Make a list of your charitable contributions.
 - Book an appointment with your tax preparation specialist now.
- In addition, if you have gathered all of the information you need by early February, then booking your appointment early means you can file earlier and receive any return you might be eligible for that much quicker. Tax season might not be right around the corner, but it's never too early to start preparing your return.

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Wednesday: 9 a.m., Sew 'n Sews; Adult choir, 7:30 p.m.; first Wednesday of the month, LWML.
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Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m.; teens and children's program.
Stephen Floyd, pastor
402-245-3755

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Karla Shafer, pastor

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Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School/Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.
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Rev. John Hogue

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pastor

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Is your life in balance? Healthy habits to try in 2016

(StatePoint) Is your life in balance? The new year is a great time to take stock of your routine and make improvements where necessary.

Here are some thoughtful habits to consider incorporating into your day in the coming year.

Find Time to Decompress • If you're a morning person, get out of bed 30 minutes earlier than normal to wake up with your favorite coffee or tea and think about what you need to accomplish for the day.

- More of a night owl? Spend at least 30 minutes before going to sleep to unplug from technology and relax with a new book you've had on your list to read.

- Schedule time for exercise to reduce stress and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Planning workouts ahead of time will make you more likely to stick to them.

Write Everything Down • Handwritten notes and to-do lists will reinforce your memory of the tasks you need to conquer. They also give you the option to look at what you need to do for the day and prioritize the list. Consider a personal planner, such as those from the popular AT-A-GLANCE collection, which includes a variety of styles that reflect your personality and organizational needs.

- Documenting your day not only keeps you organized, but also provides you with an opportunity to look back and reflect on your life's accomplishments, memories and milestones from the year.

Balanced Diet, Balanced Life • Maintaining a healthy, balanced diet will help you feel great, and can increase your focus, energy levels and productivity.

- Plan out your meals ahead of time before going shopping by marking them in a calendar. This will give you more time during the week to cook and prepare meals, without having to make frequent trips to the store or feel tempted to grab take-out. You'll be more likely to stick with the habit if you love the calendar you use, so consider something easy on the eyes, such as an AT-A-GLANCE fashion planner.

- Cooking your own fresh meals can help keep your bank account balanced, and is often much healthier than food from a restaurant. And spending time in the kitchen is also a stress reliever for some people.

Make a fresh start -- the beginning of a new year is the perfect time to make positive changes to how you schedule and organize your time.

We like to shred, chop and slice our... ...own ingredients to make a great pizza! Kids: color stuff in!

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Cooking and Baking Fun!

I enjoy cooking and baking. I like putting foods together to make new, hopefully delicious, combinations. One of my favorite hobbies is to take an old recipe that everyone loves, like cheese and macaroni, and "lighten" it to make it a healthier dish that's just as tasty.

I'm crazy for crossword puzzles as you can see!

Can you read the clues to fill in my puzzles about cooking?

1. bowl-shaped pan used to cook Chinese food
2. comes in many shapes and sizes, usually metal
3. very deep with handles and lids
4. flat piece of metal for laying out pieces of dough
5. bowl heated from below - keeps cheese and chocolate melted for dipping
6. mixed foods cooked in a large, deep, usually uncovered dish in the oven
7. round, doughnut-shaped baking pan
8. shallow, round, glass or metal dish used to bake one of America's favorite desserts
9. round, flat, with low sides; may be made of iron, may have a non-stick surface, handle
10. has several, tiny cups for batter; a cupcake pan or a _____
11. square or rectangular "frying pan," may be flat or have ridges, drains off extra grease
12. rectangular pan that is deep, used for breads and a favorite meat dinner
13. large, round, flat metal pan, sometimes deeper for "deep dish"

Pots and Pans

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How We Cook It

1. cook in oven using dry heat
2. heat liquid until it starts to bubble and steam
3. cook over an open fire
4. cook in a pan or griddle, usually in very hot oil
5. cook food just below its boiling point
6. heat using water in the form of wisps of _____
7. cook meat in oven, uncovered in a shallow pan without adding liquid
8. cook at high temperature using direct heat from the top of the oven
9. turn something into liquid over heat
10. cook in a pan with a little bit of oil or butter

Running the Kitchen Smoothly

I'm helping Chatter in the kitchen today. I am her "sous chef," which means I am the second in command! I make sure everything is ready and the kitchen is running smoothly, and I help to cook the food.

Getting food ready and keeping the kitchen running smoothly:

1. cut into thin strips with a knife
2. cut food into small square pieces
3. crush food in blender or other machine
4. press to remove lumps
5. cut food into squares smaller than 1/2 inch, using a knife
6. stir ingredients together with a whisk or spoon
7. chop into tiny pieces
8. cut ingredients into pieces using a knife or food processor
9. cut into long, thin pieces (may use round holes on grater)
10. pull off or cut off the skin or rind of fruit or vegetable

Getting It Together

1. pour liquid or food into a filter that catches any solid bits
2. blend milk, butter, or sugar until smooth
3. swirl different types of batter for an interesting look
4. put ingredients together
5. make ingredients fluffy by adding air, beating quickly
6. mix smoothly together
7. blend food into a liquid until it disappears (like sugar in water)
8. stir very fast so ingredients mix or fluff up
9. work on dough by pressing and stretching
10. mix a salad until everything is coated with dressing

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Carolyn Arnold and Grant Smith, Co-Trustees, have filed an accounting and Petition for Review and Settlement of Nineteenth Annual Accounting From October 28, 2014 to and Including October 27, 2015. Hearing has been set to consider the accounting, petition and fees on January 13, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., Richardson County Court, in Falls City, Nebraska.

Dated: December 16, 2015 SYBIL G. HAMPTON FAMILY TRUST Carolyn Arnold and Grant Smith Co-Trustees

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NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

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The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder on Jan. 25, 2016, at 10 a.m. in the 1st floor corridor at the West door of the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone St., Falls City, NE 68355:

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Those interested in bidding on this proposal can view the Prequalification information and Request For Proposal (RFP) at the NDOR web site at: http://www.transportation.nebraska.gov/operations/procure/ Copies of the RFP may be obtained from the NDOR. If any questions, please send an e-mail to DOR.OperationsProcurement@nebraska.gov or call (402) 479-4356. 29-5-12

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Application has been made to the State of Nebraska, Liquor Control Commission, by Dion C. Grier dba Southside Bar & Grill for a Class 1B Liquor License for their place of business located at 623 Harlan St., Falls City, NE. The Mayor and City Council will hold a public hearing on Jan. 18, 2016 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 2307 Barada St., Falls City, NE, at which time evidence will be heard bearing upon the property of the issuance of such license. Gary Jorn, City Clerk 5

School Board #56

FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOE Minutes of Dec. 14, 2015

The Falls City Board of Education met Monday, Dec. 14, 2015, in the Superintendent's office at Middle School in Falls City.

1.0 BUSINESS ITEMS

1.1 Roll call/Open Meetings Act Notice - BOE members present: June Bowers, Ed Harris, Scott Hollens, Scott Huppert, John Martin and Richard Malcolm. Absent: None. President Ed Harris presided at the meeting and announced that the open meetings act notice is posted on the wall.

Second grade teacher Kim Oliver, accompanied by four students - Ella Glathar, Jack Holys, Emma Dean, Braxton Harmon, and Blakely Sells - shared with those in attendance at the board meeting an engaging demonstration of instructional technology. The presentation focused the use of an iPad accessory, OSMO, and how it can be implemented into the classroom or home environment. Children can practice math, language arts, and writing concepts through an iPad and the interactive OSMO accessory. FCPS classrooms have access to this modern technology and teachers will have the opportunity to learn more about the application of OSMO during one of the select sessions at the Jan. 4 teacher in-service day. OSMO has been showcased at the New York Museum of Modern Art, and Apple stores across the US & Canada. The OSMO was named Scholastic Teachers' Pick in 2015.

1.2 Approval of Absences - There are no ab-

sences from this meeting.

1.3 Verification of Advanced Publication - It was moved by Huppert and seconded by Bowers that it is hereby determined that this meeting was published by publicized notice in the Falls City Journal and is hereby declared to be duly convened in open session. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Malcolm, yes. Motion was declared passed and adopted and the following proceedings were had and done at said meeting in open session.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1.4 Approval of Agenda - It was moved by Huppert and seconded by Malcolm to approve the agenda. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Malcolm, yes. Motion carried.

The agenda is as follows:

- 1.0 Business Items: 1.1 Roll Call, Open Meetings Act Notice, and Pledge of Allegiance 1.2 Approval of Absences 1.3 Verification of Advanced Publication 1.4 Approval of Agenda 1.5 Approval of Previous Minutes 1.6 Audiences 1.7 Approval of Treasurer's Report 1.8 Approval of Claims 2.0 Informational Items/Reports: 2.1 Staff Report: Kim Oliver 2.2 Principal's Reports: 2.3 Board President's Report: 2.4 Superintendent's Report: 2.4a Legislative & Organization Update 2.4b Building and Grounds Update 2.4c Continuous School Improvement/Goals 2.4d AQUESTT Final Classification Report 2.4e Negotiations Planning 2.4f BOE/Admin. Planning Workshop 2.4g Supert Evaluation Documents (closed) 2.4h Superintendent Meetings 2.4i Board Member Meetings 2.4k Other 2.5 Board Committee/Member Reports 2.6 Additions 3.0 Old/New Action Items: 3.1 First Reading on Policy Revisions 3.2 Second Reading on Policy Revisions 3.3 Set Date for Annual Planning Workshop 3.4 Other 4.0 Executive Session: Requested by member, approved by majority, as per statute.

5.0 Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly BOE meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, 2016 in the Central Office in FCMS. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings TBD.

1.5 Approval of Previous Minutes - It was moved by Huppert and seconded by Bowers to approve minutes of the Nov. 9 meeting.

First correction in the paragraph: "Julie Bauman, CPA, P.C. presented the school district audit report for fiscal year 2014-2015. A statement of financial position was included in the presentation which highlighted the district's cash financial summary. A few key points included cash on hand at Aug. 31, 2015 was \$4,398,711. Cash increased \$359,914 from Aug. 31, 2014. The County Treasurer's Balance increased \$336,174 from Aug. 31, 2014. Julie Bauman complimented the district's accounting process and record keeping, noting the opinion was clean and unmodified in her opinion, based on the testing and financial statements, and there were no material weaknesses, compliance issues, or deficiencies identified during the audit process. Bauman thanked the management and staff that helped the audit go very smoothly.

Second Correction: Approval of Previous Minutes - It was moved by Huppert and seconded by Martin to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting, with no one correction held on Oct. 12, 2015.

Third Correction: Declared to leave closed session by President Harris at 8:59 p.m.

1.6 Audiences: None

1.7 Approval of Treasurer's Report: It was moved by Bowers and seconded by Huppert to approve the Nov. 30, 2015 treasurer's report which shows a balance in the General Fund of \$850,450.10; in the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking of \$218,686.50; in the Student Fee Fund of \$2,000.00; in the ICI Fund of \$12,986.34; in the Special Building Fund Investment Account of \$423,756.47; in the Special Building Fund of \$131,822.09; in the FCMS Bond Fund of \$514,290.34 and in the FC School Lunch Statement of \$11,375.62. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Malcolm, yes. Motion carried.

The Board received a written High School Current Cash Balance Report, a Middle School Activity Account Report, and an Elementary Activity Account Report.

1.8 Approval of Claims - It was moved by Bowers and seconded by Huppert to approve the claims as presented. Discussion was had by the board on various claims. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Malcolm, yes. Motion carried.

2.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/REPORTS

2.1 Staff Report: Kim Oliver, 2nd grade teacher presented Osmo demonstration.

2.2 Principal Reports:

2.2a Shawn Emerson, North School: Students have completed the DIBELS mid-year benchmark and are in the process of completing the MAPS assessments for both Math and Reading. The data from these assessments will be used to determine growth for each student and used for our RTI meetings to provide additional interventions for students. All kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade students have completed their Common Sense Media curriculum. This curriculum deals with digital citizenship and internet safety. Topics discussed in these lessons cover privacy and security when using the internet and cyber bullying, appropriate relationships and communication. The North School Winter Program was Dec. 17 at Prichard Auditorium. Robin Ankrum and the students worked hard to bring this together and they looked forward to the festive and well-attended event. Kindergarten round-up surveys were sent out Dec. 4. This will give us an approximate number of kindergarteners that we will have in the fall. Kindergarten round up will be held April 22. North School students and staff have collected \$150,000 in Sun Mart receipts and will be receiving a \$1,000 check soon. Thanks to Sun Mart for their generous donation once again!

2.2b J.P. HOLYS, South School: DIBELS - Middle Year Benchmark week was completed and all 3rd-5th grade students assessed. Our RTI use this data to progress monitor and select intervention plans for our at risk reading students. STAR Reading Middle Year Benchmark completed by all students; 3rd grade will have completed their middle year MAPS testing by the end of this month; 4th grade Title students will complete their MAPS testing also by the end of this month; 5th will complete their middle year MAPS testing in January. Walkthrough Observations continue and Formal Evaluations have begun. All Probationary Teachers have received their first semester evaluation as per district policy. November Professional Learning Community Day (PLC)-Collaboration time was provided to department and grade level teams to meet. Team leaders were selected, agendas developed and minutes were submitted to the administrators for review. South School staff then attended the AdvancED Celebration at our High School. Mrs. Bennett has finished her first semester at South School developing an art program and will spend the 2nd semester at North School.

2.2c RICK JOHNSON FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL: Mr. Munford was allowing some students to play chess after school last year. This year the group decided to form a club and possibly compete in a tournament. Five students competed in the 15th Annual Omaha Central High School 2015 Chess Meet. Jacob Crain placed 2nd, Chris Yeatts, 1st, Marcus Liberty-Elder, 3rd, David Kuker, 1st, and Perry Adams, 4th. The team won its division. FCMS has received a \$250 Shopko Foundation Community Grant to promote hands-on learning and exploration among students in MS Industrial Tech classes. Shelly Leyden wrote the grant application to enhance the curriculum in the Industrial Tech classes. The grant will be used to help purchase architecture LEGOs. Each year thousands of schools in the U.S. participate in the National Geographic Bee. Schools with students in grades four through eight are eligible. David Kuker placed 1st, Jace Heckenlively, 2nd, and Ella Heineman, 3rd. The 6th grade band and chorus, 7th/8th grade band and chorus, and 7th/8th grade show choir did a fine job. Jen Madison (ESU 4 Staff Developer) met with each MS

teacher to discuss his/her chosen Marzano Teaching Element(s). This helps focus professional development for each teacher. Comments are made on iObservation during principal walkthroughs towards proficiency in this area

2.2d GALE DUNKHAS, FCMS: Staff had individualized iPad training with Gregg Robke on Dec. 9. Swivl devices were utilized to complete a short video and share that video with me. These tech tools have tremendous potential for teacher reflection on instruction and sharing lessons with students outside the classroom. The next training will take place in February. During the November PLC, the HS staff participated in teacher lead core area/building collaboration. This collaboration allows our staff to discuss areas related to individual students, curriculum alignment and implementation, and the upcoming assessments to be given this spring. Then second half of in-service was district level AdvancED summary and celebration led by Heckenlively. The next PLC day is Jan. 4, a full day before students return from Christmas vacation. We are currently in the process of registering students and making the necessary changes to their second semester schedules. This will make for a smooth transition into second semester. 79 students are scheduled to take the ACT exam on Saturday, Dec. 12, at the high school. Congratulate Katie Stoller for being selected as the 2015 Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership representative from FCMS. Katie will have the opportunity to attend a summer seminar in Hastings in June with other school winners from across the state. Acknowledged: Kris Simon and One Act cast and crew for their public and district performances: Kaley Santora, Sheldon Thompson, Halee Roseberry were recognized; Alisha Sutton and the chorus students for the Madrigal feast on Dec. 5, 6; John Furrow and the band students and parents for their annual soup supper. Discussion was held by the board on administrative regulations for weight room usage. It was the consensus of the board to limit usage to current students, staff and immediate family members (spouse, children) of the staff member. Staff member must be in attendance when family members use the facility. This issue will be brought back to the board in January.

2.3 BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None at this time.

2.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

2.4a Legislative and Organizations Report: Higher Learning Commission and dual credit: The Higher Learning Commission (accredits 4-year colleges and universities in 19 states) has adopted a regulation that only college teachers may teach dual credit courses offered in high schools. While this regulation is on hold, allowing for their members to appeal, the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association, led by Dr. Jon Habben, has been expressing concerns and has alerted NDE and the state college representative that this threatens to reduce many courses taught by appropriately qualified high school teachers (online or classroom), ultimately raising costs and reducing options for students. It's understood that an appeal on this process is in the works. Property Taxes and State Aid: Our 2015-16 fiscal year began on Sept. 1, 2015. The FCPS district is receiving \$0 in allocated equalization state aid support for the 2015-16 school year, as a primary result of the dramatic increase in our property values. But we are far from alone in this unfair distribution of state dollars supporting PK-12 education. Statewide, over 158 school districts are non-equalized or receiving no state aid for 2015-16 and estimated to be 170 next year (and about 20 minimally equalized districts). And on the other side of the debate are the largest 20 school districts that continue to lobby for no change in a state aid formula that increasingly brings more equalization aid to them, getting what out-state schools lose, plus nearly all of any new funds the state has added over the last six years. As we approach the 2016 legislative session beginning on Jan. 6, all of the options to address property taxation must recognize that it will take a combination of factors over time to bring some degree of stability and fairness to taxation while ensuring that local school districts and other local entities have adequate and appropriate resources to meet the expectations and mandates. Upcoming legislative and organization meetings include the NASB Legislative Issues Conf., Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, in Lincoln, and the NRCSA Legislative Forum, Feb. 16, in Lincoln. These are excellent opportunities to hear from key players in the legislative process as it relates to K-12 education. The session, starting on Jan. 6 and concluding on April 20, Day 60, includes bills carried over from 2015 plus new bills introduced for 2016. The NASANA/SASB State Education Conf. held Nov. 18-20 at the La Vista Conference Center offered many informative sessions and the opportunity to share information on our district's current negotiations process as it relates to our use of the North Star Negotiations software program. This annual conference continues to be an excellent professional development opportunity for the Board of Educations and the superintendent.

2.4b Building & Grounds Update: Heartland Roofing is currently completing immediate roof repairs at South School. The roofing projects at North and FCMS are now complete. Cost estimates for the 2016 project and facility list are currently being documented. The Project Committee will meet at a later date to begin prioritizing a capital improvement recommendation. A Grasshopper Powervac collection system lawn mower attachment is being considered to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of grass and leave debris collection on the school grounds. The cost of the Powervac collection attachment is \$2,150 if purchased from Merz Farm Equipment. The price of the unit reflects a \$555 school discount. Info on the unit is available for review at the Central Office.

2.4c Continuous School Improvement/Goals: CSI Plan Goal: All FCPS students will increase their achievement in math problem solving across all content areas. The AdvancED Standards include: 1) Purpose and Direction; 2) Governance and Leadership; 3) Teaching and Assessing for Learning; 4) Resources and Support Systems; 5) Using Results for Continuous Improvement Report of the AdvancED External Review Team: The External Review Team has recommended to the AdvancED Accreditation Commission that the Falls City Public School System earn the distinction of accreditation for a five-year term. AdvancED will review the results of the External Review to make a final determination including the appropriate next steps for the institution in response to these findings. Improvement Priority 1 - Design and implement a system-wide collaborative learning community structure that includes regular, ongoing use of data to guide discussions about student learning and the conditions that result in increases in student learning outcomes. (Indicator 3.5) Improvement Priority 2 - Expand the system's process for data analysis for the purpose of building a culture of systematic, systemic, and continuous data review essential for analyzing and using student performance outcomes to improve instruction. (Indicator 5.3, SP4, Equity of Learning)

Powerful Practice 1 - Coaching is a valuable tool that can be used for building an effective organization to ensure that all students are given the opportunity to be successful. The implementation of HIPP provides continuous, individualized, measurable professional learning for all teachers necessary for ensuring successful student learning outcomes. (Indicator 3.7, 3.11)

Powerful Practice 2 - The FCPS BOE operates as a cohesive body that functions effectively, focuses on matters related to governance, understands the distinction between governance and administration, and empowers system administrators to manage instructional and business affairs without interference. (Indicator 2.1, 2.2, 2.3)

Powerful Practice 3 - The FCPS system has clear procedures in place to provide a clean, healthy, and secure learning environment including governing body walk-throughs, annual inspections, project lists, a maintenance request process, and safety programs. (Indicator 4.3)

Next Steps

1. The district will review and plan to discuss the findings from this report with stakeholders.

2. Ensure that plans are in place to embed and sustain the strengths noted in the Powerful Practices section to maximize their impact on the institution.

3. Develop action plans to address the Improvement Priorities identified by the team. Include methods for monitoring progress toward addressing the Improvement Priorities.

4. Use the report to guide and strengthen the institution's efforts to improve student performance and system effectiveness.

5. Following the External Review, submit the

Accreditation Progress Report detailing progress made toward addressing the Improvement Priorities. Institutions are required to respond to all Improvement Priorities. The report will be reviewed at the appropriate state, national, and/or international levels to monitor and ensure that the system has implemented the necessary actions to address the Improvement Priorities. The accreditation status will be reviewed and acted upon based on the responses to the Improvement Priorities and the resulting improvement.

6. Continue to meet the AdvancED Standards, submit required reports, engage in continuous improvement, and document results.

2.d QUESTT Final Classification Report: New state accountability results were released on Dec. 4. Under AQUESTT, Accountability for a Quality Education System Today and Tomorrow, schools were classified excellent, great, good or needs improvement in order to provide a summary of the state accountability results as it relates to the FCPS, the key points from the State of the Schools Report includes:

Writing scores increased to 78 percent of FCPS students meeting or exceeding the state standard requirement, which is four percent above the state average. Our district AQUESTT writing status is a 4 out of a possible 4 points.

Seventy-eight percent of FCPS students are meeting or exceeding the state reading standards. Our district AQUESTT reading status is a 3 out of a possible 4 points.

The mathematics test results show 72 percent of FCPS students are meeting or exceeding the state mathematics standards, compared to 76 percent in 2014. Our district AQUESTT math status is a 2 out of a possible 4 points.

Seventy-six percent of FCPS students met or exceeded the state science standards in 2015. Our district AQUESTT science status is a 2 out of a possible 4 points.

Our overall district AQUESTT classification status of 2 is determined based on the average NeSA score in the district for the current year. Scores from all four NeSA subjects (reading, mathematics, science, and writing) at the district are combined.

Attendance rate for FCPS ranks above the state average at nearly 96 percent, largely as a result of parental support and student responsibility.

FCPS teachers and students are working hard to show improvement of state test results. Students are making progress, which we can attribute to teachers who have a long history of helping their students meet the state's learning expectations. This continuous improvement of our schools and strong support for our educators will continue to benefit students. Parents have already received a report on their child's individual 2015 scores earlier this fall.

Nebraska State Accountability: FCPS District NeSA Proficiency

Table with 5 columns: SUBJECT, 2013, 2014, 2015. Rows include Reading 3-8, 11, Math 3-8, 11, Science 5.8-11, Writing 4.8-11.

The particular academic strengths, reading and writing, can be attributed to key instructional strategies being implemented that include the implementation of proven teaching strategies, data-driven decision-making and parental support, and key instructional strategies impacting the achievement gains. The subject areas that did not show a marked overall improvement from last year were math and science. An emphasis on math and science will continue as the achievement bar is raised. Math and science remain essential skills in the workplace and at college, and our district demands strong skills in these areas.

In summary, academic proficiency is essential in life, the workplace and at college. The BOE, administration, faculty, and staff, combined with overwhelming parental and community support, will continue on our mission to ensure our students graduate with strong skills that will help them become innovative, resourceful, resilient, and responsible citizens.

2.4e Negotiations Planning: The next negotiations meeting between the board and FCEA committees is tentatively set for Dec. 16. The committees met Nov. 4 and Nov. 23.

2.4f Policy Planning: The following policies are up for first reading next review:

1) 4001 Nondiscrimination; Policy update as the school district affirmatively strives to provide equal opportunity for all as required by law.

2) 4230 Confidentiality in Counseling and Guidance; A new policy which provides guidelines for the release of information and records.

3) 7133 Homeless Students; policy updated with language consistent with revised state statute.

Policies to review that will be up on second and final reading are as follows:

1) 7130 Student Searches; No changes, review only.

2) 7131 Questioning of Students by Outside Agency; No changes, review only.

3) 7134 Asthma and Allergic Reaction Protocol; No changes, review only.

2.4g School Board/Administration Planning Workshop: The corresponding date for the annual board/administration planning retreat would be Jan. 9. Strategic planning in the areas of facilities, transportation, staffing, and instruction will be the primary focus. The draft agenda will be made available for input and discussion.

2.4h Supt. Evaluation Documents: (closed)

2.4i Supt. Meetings: NASA Region 1: Jan. 6, Lincoln; ESU 4 Advisory, Jan. 14, Auburn; NASB Legislative Issues Conf., Jan. 31-Feb. 1, Lincoln; NRCSA Legislative Forum, Feb. 16, Lincoln; NASANA/SASB Education Forum, Feb. 23-24, Kearney; NRCSA Spring Conf., March 17-18, Kearney.

2.4j BOE Meetings: NASB Legislative Issues Conf., Jan. 31-Feb. 1, Lincoln; NRCSA Legislative Forum, Feb. 16, Lincoln; NASANA/SASB Education Forum, Feb. 23-24, Kearney; NRCSA Spring Conf., March 17-18, Kearney; NSBA Annual Conf., April 9-11, Boston, MA.

2.4k Other Items:

3.0 ACTION ITEMS

3.1 First reading on policy revision recommendations: 1) 4001 Nondiscrimination; 2) 4230 Confidentiality in Counseling and Guidance; 3) 7133 Homeless Students. A motion was made by Hollens and seconded by Malcolm to approve the first reading on policies 1) 4001 nondiscrimination; 2) 4230 Confidentiality in Counseling and Guidance; 3) 7133 Homeless Students. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Malcolm, yes. Motion carried.

3.2 Second reading on policy revision recommendations: 1) 7130 Student Searches; 2) 7131 Questioning of Students by Outside Agency; 3) 7134 Asthma and Allergic Reaction Protocol. A motion was made by Bowers and seconded by Huppert to approve second reading with no changes. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Malcolm, yes. Motion carried.

3.3 Set date for annual planning workshop. A motion was made by Malcolm and seconded by Martin to set Jan. 9, 2016 at 8 a.m. for the annual planning workshop to be held at FCMS. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Malcolm, yes. Motion carried.

3.4 Other-None

4.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Martin and seconded by Malcolm to go into executive session at 8:52 p.m. The purpose was for collective bargaining, year 2016-17 update, Supt.'s evaluation, and a litigation update. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Malcolm, yes. Motion carried.

Harris declared to leave closed session at 10:20 p.m. A motion was made by Bowers and seconded by Malcolm to re-enter open session at 10:20 p.m. reporting the following planning for collective bargaining year 2016-2017 update, Superintendent's evaluation, and a litigation update. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Malcolm, yes. Motion carried.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Hollens and seconded by Huppert to adjourn at 10:21 p.m. with no further business. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Malcolm, yes. Motion carried.

The next BOE meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, in the Central Office in FCMS. Meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings to be determined. ZNEZT

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Golden Triangle Energy in Craig, Missouri, has one new position available in the operations department. Job duties include testing and monitoring of the ongoing process, recording data, minor plant maintenance and repair. Work hours are 7:30 p.m. until 7:30 a.m. (12 hour shifts).



Competitive wages and benefits are offered to our employees. Applications may be picked up at Golden Triangle Energy, 15053 Hwy. 111, Craig, MO, or online at www.goldentrianenergy.com.

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Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership (SENCA) is now accepting applications for the position of Fiscal Officer. The Fiscal Officer is responsible for providing accounting and bookkeeping services for SENCA. This includes preparation of financial reports, journals, and ledgers; assisting with program operating budgets, monitoring payroll, disbursements, and vendor checks. Minimum qualifications: Bachelor's Degree or minimum of two years study in Accounting. Experience in accounting and management highly desirable. Position is full-time, 12 months per year. SENCA offers a competitive wage and benefits package. To receive a complete job description or application, visit www.senca.org, or contact Becky Littrel at 402-862-2411, ext. 119. Position will remain open until filled. Position is 80% federally funded. EOE 53

Newsmakers of 2015

Last week:



COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA

FC hospital one of just eight in Nebraska to earn lofty 5-star rating

CMC: Patient surveys lead to perfect rating

'CMC earns 5-star rating'

Falls City Journal — May 5, 2015

Community Medical Center received a perfect bill of health from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, earning, based on customer service, a perfect Five Star Quality Rating for 2014. The hospital was one of just eight Nebraska facilities to earn Five Stars and are members of an exclusive club comprised of an estimated seven percent of some 5,000 hospitals in the U.S.

"By and large, we seem to be doing pretty well," CMC CEO Ryan Larsen said. "It's based on feedback, so we're very grateful to the patients and also our staff. It's really their efforts - they create the environment and have a real love for the people."

CINDERELLA LIVES!

The Falls City Travelers 14-and-Under Softball Team saved its best for last in 2015, capturing the ASA Class D State Tournament Championship in Hastings.

'Cinderella Lives'

Falls City Journal — July 21, 2015

The Falls City Travelers 14-and-Under Softball Team saved its best for last in 2015, capturing the ASA Class D State Tournament Championship in Hastings.

The team entered the event with a 14-12 record and hadn't finished higher than third in any regular season tourney but the girls got on a roll, posting a perfect 5-0 record over the course of two days.

"I'm looking forward to next year; we will be more experienced at all ages and will have 18-and-Under again. I'm setting a goal to next year's players to win at least 90 games, so we can top the 1,300-win mark," said Coach Carl Messner.

TRUE BLUE

Falls City natives Butch and Dobey (Falter) Haws were honored prior to Nebraska's regular season finale against Iowa for attending every single Husker home football game the past 50 years, beginning with a 14-10 victory over TCU in the 1966 season-opener.

'In the deed the glory'

Falls City Journal — December 1, 2015

Falls City natives Butch and Dobey (Falter) Haws were honored prior to Nebraska's regular season finale against Iowa for attending every single Husker home football game the past 50 years, beginning with a 14-10 victory over TCU in the 1966 season-opener. It was the 20th-consecutive sellout, played in front of 60,974. That streak now stands at 347. The truth is, they haven't just gone to every game - they've seen EVERY PLAY! Butch and Dobey don't exit until the players leave the field — win or lose.

Sunny Disposition

F&M Bank announced that, as of June 1, Kevin Malone would succeed Merle Veigel as Bank President, then First National Bank.

'Sunny Disposition & President Malone'

Falls City Journal — May 29, 2015 & October 27, 2015

F&M Bank announced that, as of June 1, Kevin Malone would succeed Merle Veigel as Bank President, then First National Bank.

"I am delighted to announce that Kevin is being promoted to President," said Phil Burns, F&M Bank's Chairman and CEO. "Kevin brings many years of community banking expertise to the position, along with a great understanding of our customers and a dedication to serving their personal and business banking needs."

Later in the year, F&M Bank experienced a few more changes when they completed an extensive eight month remodel of the Falls City branch.

JOHN H. MOREHEAD
June 17, 1927 — April 12, 2015

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'John H. Morehead'

Falls City Journal — April 14, 2015

Former Richardson County Bank & Trust Co. President of nearly 40 years, John H. Morehead, passed away at the age of 87.

Mr. Morehead first became associated with the bank in 1958, following a brief career as a Special Agent for the FBI. Far more than a successful banker, he was a generous philanthropist, military veteran, and a brilliant scholar who earned two law degrees in just five years. He received the Jaycee Distinguished Service Award in 1959 and served many years as president of Downtown Modernization, Inc., an entity founded and funded by local business persons and dedicated to downtown retailing.

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Falls City Journal — March 24, 2015

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The Tanner Shelby Merz Foundation helped get the first Tiger Ball Team started by purchasing some \$800 in catchers' gear.

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Falls City Journal — April 21, 2015

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Photographs by Editor Jason Schock earned first place in three separate categories. Managing Editor Nikki McKim earned first place in Personal Column writing, while Journal Office Manager Chelsie Alexander's brainchild, the "Photo of the Week" series, earned the newspaper second place in Reader Interaction. Schock and McKim also earned first place in Breaking News for their joint effort on the story "We All Feel Betrayed", which detailed the case of former Sheriff's Deputy Josh Ninceheler.

Members of the Arizona Newspaper Association judged more than 3,400 separate entries from newspapers all over Nebraska.

BUSTING AT THE SEAMS

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'Busting at the seams'

Falls City Journal — December 8, 2015

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All news, it seems, is good news surrounding CMC these days.

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