

These kinds of days may stir your optimism, but don't give a second thought to putting away that snow shovel.

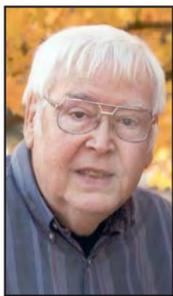
Merle Joy worked at 'The Shop' for more than 60 years

Merle Joy, 80, long-time owner-operator of Joy's Machine Shop and Supply in Falls City, passed away Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015 at Community Medical Center in Falls City. His funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home, with Rev. Paul Weinert officiating. Inurnment will be at a later date at Steele Cemetery.

After graduating from Falls City High School in 1952, Merle attended the University of Nebraska for one year before returning to work full-time at the family business at 512 W. 14th St., where he had worked regularly since junior high school. During this time, he spent many of his days in the oilfields of southeast Nebraska with his father and brother. He retired in 2011 after more than 60 years at "The Shop." He enjoyed visiting with customers and passing on his "Merle's of Wisdom."

Merle was born Nov. 3, 1934 in

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Supreme Court sides with EDGE, City

The Nebraska Supreme Court, more than two years after the initial lawsuit and some four months after hearing arguments in the case of David Leon Frederick v. City of Falls City and Falls City EDGE, Friday morning sided with the City and EDGE, vacating a 2012 district court ruling by Judge Daniel Bryan that maintained EDGE records are public in nature and reversing the lower court's order to award lawyer fees and costs to Frederick.

"We remand the cause to the district court with directions to dismiss," the judgment reads.

Judge Bryan, on Dec. 11, 2012, ruled that records Frederick requested — but was denied access to — from the City and EDGE were, indeed, public in nature, as defined by the Public Records Act. Judge Bryan further found the City (the original suit was filed against the City, only, then later amended to include EDGE) liable for attorney fees and costs in the amount of \$17,109.59. The City filed its appeal about one month later.

"Weighing the various factors, we conclude as a matter of law that EDGE is not the functional equivalent of an agency, branch or department of Falls City and that therefore, EDGE's records requested by Frederick are not 'public records,'" as defined by state law. "Because of this determination, we do not reach EDGE's assignment of error with respect to attorney fees or issues raised in the cross-appeals of Frederick and Falls City."

EDGE Director Beckie Cromer issued the following statement, on behalf of EDGE, Friday afternoon: "The ruling by the Nebraska Supreme Court was welcomed news! We thank the EDGE investors for their steadfast commitment to the organization, as well as the overwhelming support shown by the community, as we moved through the legal process. EDGE will continue to work with businesses expanding and relocating to the Falls City/Richardson County area, while offering them the confidentiality they expect and deserve when making site location decisions. The Courts has given us the green light to continue working hard for Falls City/Richardson County and we welcome the opportunity to continue adding to the economic vitality of the community."

The "public records" in this specific case refers to unspecified information shared between Cromer and/or the City and Consolidated Grain & Barge Co., one of the largest shippers of grain in the world. When the agricultural giant corresponded with Cromer in the early stages regarding potential expansion in southeast Nebraska, word traveled quickly, particularly among those in the business, namely Salem Grain, which is co-owned by David Leon Frederick. While enticing CGB to

invest here and ultimately build what has become a bustling \$23 million skyline-dominating facility was and has been a triumph for EDGE, it was naturally not cause for celebration to its competitors.

Intent notwithstanding, Frederick and Salem Grain requested access to all documentation related to EDGE's recruitment of CGB, but were admittedly denied certain company financial information. Cromer said conversations held in confidence is par for the course and companies often prefer some private facts remain private. To negate any private talks would turn off prospective clients and unduly hinder EDGE's ability to recruit against similar economic bodies. EDGE and the City of Falls City argue that some records are not public records or are exempt from disclosure.

The Supreme Court agreed, stating that EDGE is not a functional equivalent of a city agency, branch or department because it performs a governmental function, i.e., the promotion of economic development.

"A city does not have a duty or responsibility to promote economic development; it simply has the authority to do so if it chooses. And unlike essential governmental functions, such as building and maintaining streets and highways and providing for public health and safety, private entities are free to engage in economic development activities without any involvement of public bodies," the Court ruled.

Before the Court back in September, attorneys representing Falls City and EDGE argued that EDGE is a private non-profit corporation, though 63 percent of its funding comes from public sources. The City has provided \$120,000 annually and Richardson County \$20,000 each year for the operation of EDGE. Bryan, in his ruling, also noted that city and county representatives sit on the EDGE board.

Frederick's lawyers argued that based upon the structural makeup of EDGE, the fact that the city has no economic development staff and is operated largely by public funds, it is not a private separate entity.

Judge Brown agreed, citing a section of the Public Records Act, which he wrote "does not permit public bodies to conceal public records by delegating their duties to a private party. Accepting EDGE's argument would mock the spirit of open government."

Judge Bryan, according to the Supreme Court, erred in finding that EDGE's records are public record, there was a clear duty existing on the part of the City to provide the records of EDGE to Frederick, EDGE prepared records under the City's delegation of authority, the City was entitled to possess the materials to monitor EDGE performance, the records of EDGE are used by the City to make a decision affecting public interest, as well as, of course, the \$17,109.59.

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Annual Chamber Banquet Jan. 28

The annual banquet of the Falls City Area Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Inc. will be held Wednesday, Jan. 28, at the Elks Club with Heidi Garvin from GROW Nebraska as guest speaker.

A social gathering will be held at 6 p.m. with the dinner and program to follow at 7 p.m.

The cost will be \$10 per person.

Reservations are to be made by Jan. 23 at 402-245-4228 or fcchamber@sentco.net.

Sickel reappointed Chairman of RC Board

Richardson County Commissioners met last Tuesday where David Sickel was reappointed as Chairman of the Board and Jim Davidson as Vice-Chairman for 2015.

Other re-appointments made included Scott Huppert as Highway Superintendent at a salary of \$49,325. Brian Dixon as Emergency Manager at a salary of \$44,287. Mona Godemann as Veterans Service Officer at a salary of \$15.13 per hour. Joe Wittwer as Noxious Weed Control Superintendent at a salary of \$13.13 per hour and Dr. Allen Tramp to the County Health Board.

Ben Steffen and Dick James were re-appointed with Jerry Duerfeldt appointed to the Richardson County Planning Commission.

Robert Williamson and Richard Martin were re-appointed to the Richardson County Visitors Committee for a term of four years.

More water to be released into Missouri River

The U.S Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Missouri River Water Management Office increased releases from Gavins Point Dam from 17,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 20,000 cfs in late December and early January to offset water lost to ice formation in anticipation of cold temperatures forecasted to enter the basin.

"Extremely cold weather locked Missouri River flows into ice and caused dips in river stages below Gavins Point," said Jody Farhat, chief of the Water Management Division. "Releases will be adjusted, as necessary, to maintain downstream river stages."

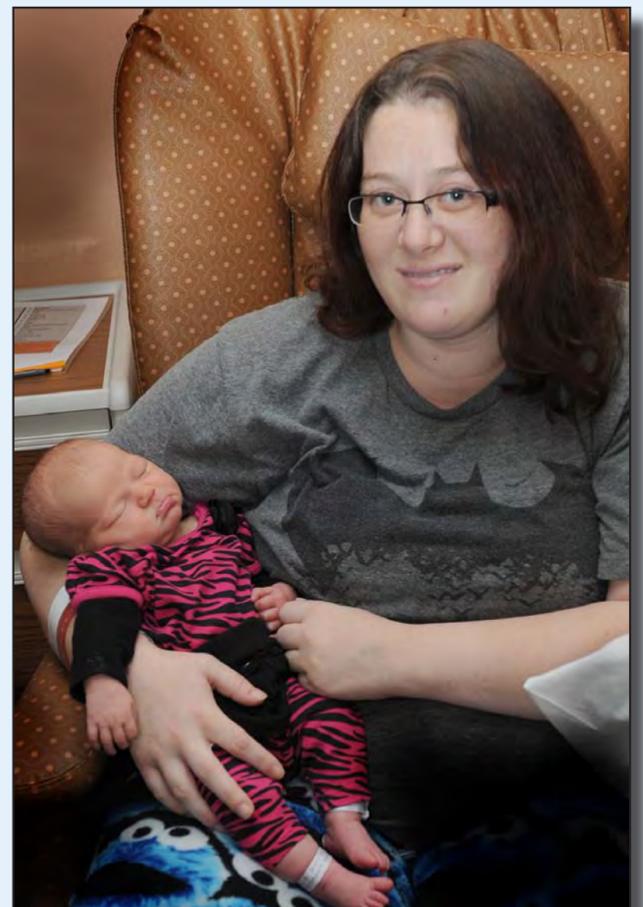
Releases will likely be reduced when more moderate temperatures return to the area.

The high runoff was the product of above normal mountain snowmelt runoff coupled with persistent summer rainfall in Montana and the Dakotas. "Rainfall events continued to occur in the upper basin through late August at a time of year when rainfall amounts historically diminish," said Farhat.

"Fall releases were increased to ensure the full flood control storage zone is available for the 2015 runoff season, which typically begins around March 1."

"The Corps will continue to monitor the plains and mountain snowpack, and basin soil conditions through the winter and into spring to fine tune the regulation of the reservoir system based on the most up-to-date information," said Farhat.

NEW YEAR'S Baby!



BAILEY SERENITY NICOLE LUNSFORD was Community Medical Center's first official baby of 2015, introducing herself to the world at 7:43 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14. Mother Andrea Lunsford delivered an 8-pound, 4-ounce baby girl 21 inches tall. Mother and daughter posed for this picture not long before taking the journey home, where 7-year-old big brother Leo Lendermon was waiting. Grandparents are Tom and Mary Lunsford, of Falls City. Great-grandmother is Betty Henry, of Falls City, and great-grandfathers are Jerry Kuker and Clifford Elwonger, both of Falls City.



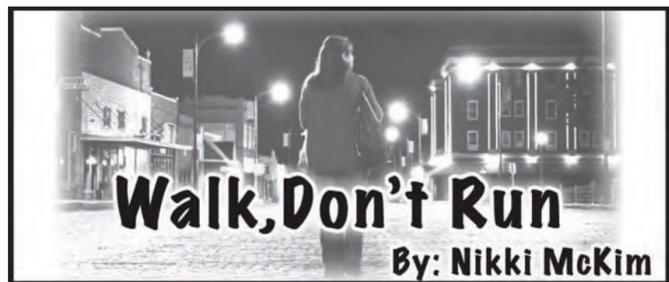
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The sun is shining and people are walking past my window in shorts smiling. It's the 19th of January.

It seems as though everyone is more than excited and beyond thrilled with the recent weather. This weekend Brian and Alex took advantage of the 60-degree temperatures and went to the ballpark for some baseball. I on the other hand, refused. I'm holding protest these days. I love winter. I love the cloudy days, the snow, and the cold clear nights. I love it all. Summer and I have a bad relationship but winter and I, we get each other.

Winter brings you the most beautiful pink and purple sunsets. Winter surprises you with snow that covers downtown Falls City in a beauty that only John Falter can properly express. Winter is full of surprises and while some are not fun like driving to a concert ten hours away while it's sleeting, others are so beautiful that you forget how dangerous winter really is.

When this topic is brought up I realize that I'm in a "the cheese stands alone" situation. Very few people will agree with me that winter is great. This winter though, has been pretty awful in my opinion. I don't love the frigid cold temperatures but if it's going to be fifty below, I want to see snow on the ground! I like to say that I live in Nebraska because you get all four seasons. In all honesty though it comes down to me wanting that Christmas day snow storm. I wait 364 days for that one hopeful, film quality snowfall. Some years you get it, some years you don't. The holiday season is somehow a little less magical when there isn't snow on the ground.

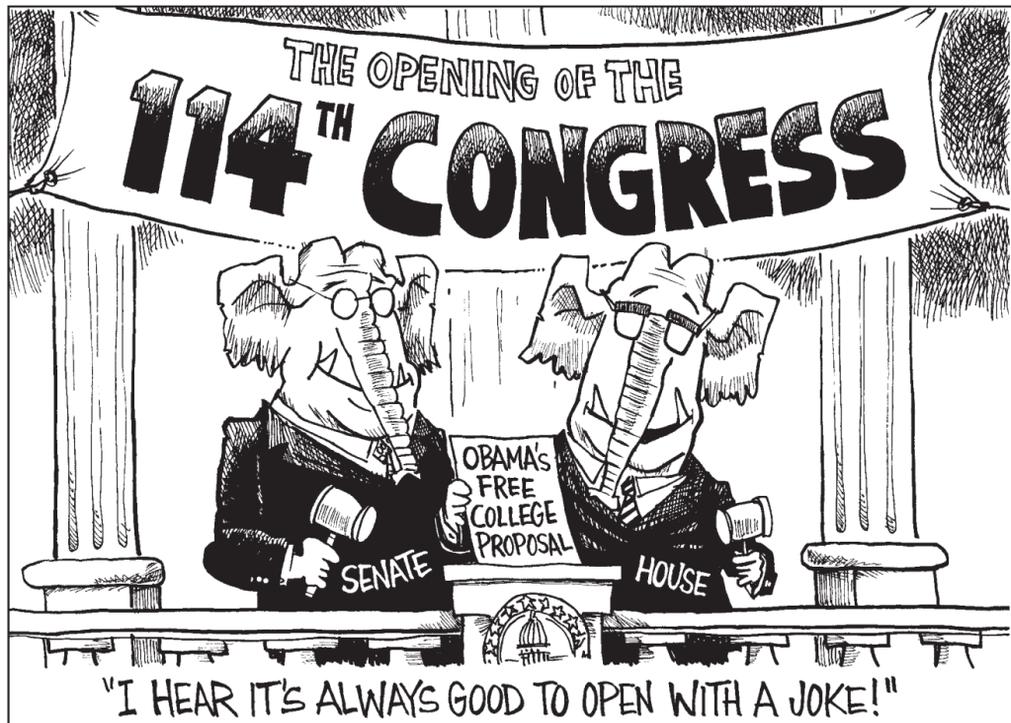
If you have driven by my house recently, you will notice that we still have our Christmas lights up and turned on. That is going to stay that way until it snows. This is part of my "nice weather protest." There is so much beauty in the way snow falls and rests on Christmas lights. It's my favorite part of winter and this year we have been cheated of that beauty.

Trust me, I understand that we still have a lot of winter left and I will get my snow, but darn it I'm ready for it now! I just feel the opposite as everyone else right now. These incredibly nice days leave me sad and ready for hibernation.

I miss the feeling that snow gives me. At 31 years old I still feel like a kid when it snows. I have that anticipation and excitement of a child waiting for school to close. Everything you see is more beautiful and magical. I'm ready to take my kid sledding and laugh and make snow angels. Alex got a brand new sled from my sister and brother-in-law and he hasn't been able to use it yet. Some of my favorite childhood memories are when my parents would take us behind the old Dawson-Verdon School and sled down the hill. Being outside in the snow as a big part of my childhood and probably why I love winter so much. My Uncle and dad were (are) like big kids. They would pull us behind trucks on our sleds (at a very safe speed), they would sled with us and they would always find a snowball to toss at you when you weren't ready. During those moments there was no fighting or work, just fun. A few years ago Brian and I took Alex out to sled late one night as it snowed. The flakes were big and the snow was perfect. Alex will often talk about how much fun that was and I'm anxious to give him so many more of those memories.

All I can do now is just sit here and impatiently daydream as I wait. When it finally does snow, you may see me outside sticking my tongue out to catch snowflakes, sledding and smiling like a five year old.

In two months, please disregard everything I said here. I'll be ready for winter to be over.



New wears off quickly in legislature

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

Five of the nine members of the Legislature's Appropriations Committee are new to the budget-setting body that meets almost every day that lawmakers are in session. Three of those five are also new to the Legislature.

That makes a difference since this has to be one of the thickest-skinned groups in the whole process. On one hand, there are 40 of their colleagues who are sponsoring pet projects that need funding. On the other hand, there is the Executive Branch that has its own budget proposal and will likely mount a major campaign to fight for it.

Chairman Heath Mello of Omaha is a veteran of the task to create the state's biennial budget. He's joined by veterans Kate Bolz of Lincoln, Jeremy Nordquist of Omaha and Bill Kintner of Papillion. Kintner can best be described as a wild card. He is married to the director of the Governor's Policy Research Office and was the only member of last year's committee to vote against advancing the proposed budget to the full Legislature.

When lawmakers voted to override a lengthy list of gubernatorial budget vetoes, Kintner tried unsuccessfully to have each issue separated from a blanket override motion and debated again. There's a different governor, but Lauren Kintner is still in charge of the PRO. Kintner claims that he and his wife don't discuss the day's work on their drive back to Papillion. Right!

Committee newcomers include Senator Ken Haar of Lincoln who is in his last two years before being term-limited and Senator Dan Watermeier of Syracuse who has two years under his belt. The freshmen also include Senators Robert Hilkemann of Omaha, John Kuehn of Heartwell and John Stinner of Gering.

Mello, who is also in the last two years of his second term, says the committee's priorities are already pretty clear. You'll likely recognize these issues as already being bathed in the media spotlight. They include prison reform, property tax relief, restructuring of the Department of Health and Human Services and educational funding.

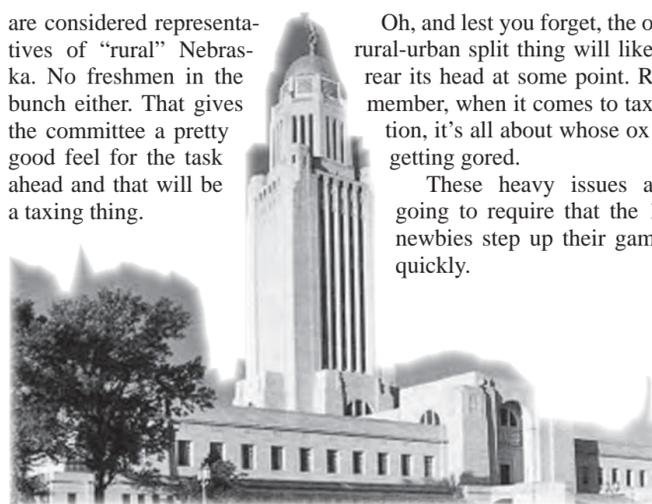
Funding and the equitable distribution of it will also fall on two other committees, Revenue and Education. Senator Kate Sullivan of Cedar Rapids returns as chair of the Education Committee for the remainder of her second term. She is also a member of the Revenue Committee, which is chaired by Senator Mike Gloor of Grand Island. Gloor, a retired hospital administrator, is also in the last two years of his second term.

The Revenue Committee has no senator from Lincoln and only one from Omaha. That means that seven of the eight members

are considered representatives of "rural" Nebraska. No freshmen in the bunch either. That gives the committee a pretty good feel for the task ahead and that will be a taxing thing.

Oh, and lest you forget, the old rural-urban split thing will likely rear its head at some point. Remember, when it comes to taxation, it's all about whose ox is getting gored.

These heavy issues are going to require that the 18 newbies step up their game, quickly.



STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: The Grammy Awards

- ACROSS**
- A bunch, as in cookies
 - *Q-____, Grammy-winning rapper from A Tribe Called Quest
 - *Yo-Yo Ma won for performing this composer's Cello Suites
 - Luau greeting
 - Australian runner
 - Podium, pl.
 - Letter's end
 - The lower this is the better
 - Unwilling
 - *____ Center, Grammy Awards event host
 - *It's shaped like an antique record player
 - Fool
 - Not quite an adult
 - Mother, sister or daughter
 - 1/168th of a week
 - Depart
 - *1983 Grammy winner, Men at _____
 - "... the good ship and _____ was in peril," according to Gordon Lightfoot
 - ____ firma
 - "Terrible" czar
 - Attached to the collar of a horse, pl.
 - Of a dark black
 - Foul smell
 - Typically passed down by word of mouth
 - Miscellaneous, abbr.
 - Used for spreading plaster or cement
 - Carl Zeiss' product
 - Your, to Shakespeare
 - Carpenter's groove
 - Do needlework
 - Measurement of acceleration
 - *"Frozen" song
 - Weeping queen of Greek mythology
 - *Grammy winner, rapper and actor, ____-T
 - D-Day beach
 - Cupid's projectile
 - Sticky stuff
 - 16 seed over 1 seed, e.g.
 - William McKinley High School _____ club
 - '90s rock band "4 ____ Blondes"
 - Little ones
- DOWN**
- *"All About That _____"
 - Dismounted or climbed down
 - "Animal House" party garb
 - It starred Erik Estrada
 - Sabbath loaf
 - Steeped beverages
 - Mischief-maker
 - Rid of impurities
 - Real estate _____
 - *____ Levine of Grammy winning band, Maroon 5
 - C in NYC
 - "A likely story!"
 - It revolves around a star
 - Geologic period
 - Hi-____
 - Trembling effect in music
 - *"Shake It Off" singer
 - A helicopter parent might do this
 - Muse of love poetry
 - Eurasian mountain range
 - Do like bees
 - Path of #15 down
 - First-year undergrad
 - *Iggy Azalea's hit
 - *Best Rock Song at '96 Grammy Awards, "You Oughta _____"
 - *Grammy in '75 for Best Original Score, "The Way We _____"
 - Is it really that common?
 - Made a new picture
 - French lake
 - Take the first steps
 - Condescend
 - "Diary of a _____ Kid"
 - *Pharrell Williams' album
 - "Watch out!" in golf
 - Double-reed instrument
 - *Grammy winning group, Kings of _____
 - Homework to a student
 - Clarified butter
 - Feed bag contents
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 - Dove's sound

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FDA Approved Doesn't Guarantee Drugs are Safe or Effective

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By Trudy Lieberman, Rural News Health Service

What does the label "FDA-approved" really mean? Most people probably think it assures that a drug you take is safe and effective for the condition you have. It seems to say a drug has passed muster with the drug safety experts in Washington so it's OK to use it, right? Well, not quite.



An investigation by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel has just concluded FDA approval is no guarantee a drug is safe and effective, and the paper's investigation of diabetes drugs, should make every user of prescription drugs think twice about medications their doctors prescribe.

In December the Journal Sentinel and its partner MedPage Today revealed that more than 3,000 deaths and some 20,000 hospitalizations have been linked to diabetes drugs in the last decade. The drugs include some you've probably seen advertised like Januvia, Byetta, and Victoza.

Reporters found none of the 30 new diabetes drugs have been proven effective in reducing key complications of the disease like heart attacks, strokes, or blindness.

Diabetes drugs as well as others win the seal of approval based on what's called a surrogate measure, a proxy or a stand-in measure for the eventual clinic outcome everyone wants like saving lives. A proxy measure for diabetes drugs might show that it lowers blood sugar that might eventually ward off serious complications. If it can show that, it's usually approved, and the big advertising push begins. It doesn't have to show that it actually saves lives or prevents blindness.

The reasons for these surrogate measures go back two decades to changes in the FDA rules pushed by politicians, drug companies and patient advocacy groups, which are often funded by drug makers.

They wanted speed in getting drugs to market and opening new paths for treatment and for drug company profits. Diabetes drugs are big business. Sales reached \$23 billion in 2013. Journal Sentinel reporters put that number in perspective. It's larger than the combined revenue of the National Football League, Major League Baseball, and the National Basketball Association.

Still, there were signs back then that drugs were reaching the market without adequate testing. "Speed kills," a policy researcher at George Washington University told me at the time. The Journal Sentinel investigation shows it still does.

Certainly many drugs make people better and save lives, but many others are being marketed for more questionable reasons. Prescribing diabetes drugs for "pre diabetics" who may or may not get the disease is a case in point.

I asked Mayo Clinic diabetes expert Dr. Victor Montori about this. "The trend to offer drugs to patients to delay a diagnosis of diabetes without making them healthier is a significant problem," he said. "Almost half of those included in the definition of patients with pre-diabetes won't develop the disease in 10 years."

Still, with so much money sloshing around in this business—drug companies often offer dinners, gifts and speaking fees to reward doctors who <http://www.propublica.org/series/dollars-for-docs> prescribe their drugs—it's hard to know if you're getting the best medical advice.

What's a patient to do? Some of these drugs have what are called "black box" warnings meaning a drug poses significant, serious or life-threatening risks. Montori says people should ask their doctors if they really need a particular drug and if there are alternatives. I would add don't brush off the side effects. They are real for lots of people, as the Journal Sentinel showed.

Larry Sasich, a pharmacist, is the co-founder of <http://www.patientdrugnews.com/>. Patient Drug News once worked for Public Citizen, the medical advocacy group in Washington, and has represented consumers on FDA advisory committees.

He had another suggestion: Check the website of <http://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed/index.cfm> DailyMed, operated by the National Library of Medicine and the FDA.

It shows the current product labels for drugs marketed in the U.S. along with medication guides for those drugs that the agency says have significant public health concerns. Sasich said more than 200 drugs are now required to have such guides. Januvia is one of them. In a section called "What's the most important information I should know," the guide warns, "Serious side effects can happen in people taking JANUVIA, including inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis) which may be severe and lead to death."

These guides are supposed to be distributed with every new and refilled prescription, but it's not clear pharmacies are doing that.

The takeaway is obvious: When you're offered a new medicine, especially one with not much of a track record, ask as many questions and check as many independent sources as you can before risking your life. Ultimately you are the one who must decide if the potential benefits outweigh potential harms.

We want to hear your questions and comments about your health-care experiences. Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.

Nebraska Chamber's Annual Meeting Set For Feb. 5

LINCOLN — On Thursday, Feb. 5, the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry will hold its 2015 Annual Meeting and Legislative Caucus at The Cornhusker Marriott Hotel in Lincoln.

This event is one of Nebraska's most noteworthy business gatherings and the State Chamber's largest event of the year.

According to Barry Kennedy, president of the State Chamber, this year's annual meeting will provide an opportunity to learn about issues and legislation impacting Nebraska's economy and business community. Attendees will hear from Gov. Pete Ricketts, key state lawmakers and policy experts, while paying tribute to some of the state's most accomplished business leaders.

The governor will address the noon luncheon, which pays special tribute to local chambers of commerce across the state. The afternoon will feature the State Chamber's annual business meeting, followed by three discussion panels on critical topics facing Nebraska.

The afternoon discussion panels, which will feature leading policy experts and state senators, will address:

Nebraska's workforce challenge; Federal issues and their impact on the Cornhusker State; and Key issues facing the Nebraska Legislature.

The evening will include a reception beginning at 6 p.m., followed by the annual banquet and Nebraska Business Hall of Fame induction ceremony starting at 7 p.m.

All of the day's events, except the State Chamber Board of Directors meeting, are open to the public and members of the news media.

If you wish to register or need more information, call the State Chamber at (402) 474-4422 or e-mail Charlie Volnek at cvolnek@nechamber.com.

Annual Nebraska City Coin Show Set For Feb. 8

The 51st Nebraska City Coin Club Show will be held Sunday, Feb. 8, at the Nebraska City Eagles Club, 600 First Corso, in downtown Nebraska City.

Doors will open at 9 a.m. and the show concludes at 4 p.m.

Dealers from the four-state region will be attending to buy, sell and trade coins, currency, tokens and medals. Refreshments will be served, including homemade soups and pies.

Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

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Rural mail will suffer

By John Edgecombe Jr.
NR Newspaper Association President
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A friend of mine from South Dakota noted that the U.S. Postal Service delivered a lump of coal to many small towns last Christmas when it proceeded to eliminate overnight mail in most of the nation in 2015. That was a good description. USPS will slow delivery officially by one day for First-Class and Periodicals mail. Many members of Congress have asked it to hold off. But USPS is plowing ahead.

It is time for lawmakers to consider how rural and small town mail is suffering.

The USPS plans to close more than 80 mail processing plants in 2015. Smaller plants will be consolidated into urban plants. It has already closed nearly 150 plants in the past three years and says service was not affected.

That is hard to believe, at least in small towns.

Longer road trips for most mail, traffic delays in urban areas to get sorted mail back to the local post offices, post office closings and shorter business hours have made claims of good service hard to trust. There is also the upheaval while workers lose their jobs or have to be retrained. Now, according to the nation's mail agency, cost-cutting means admitting service will be even slower, even in urban areas, by at least a day.

What the public announcements do not say is that when America's mail sneezes, rural mail gets pneumonia. Cutting a service day is a big sneeze even in the metro areas. But rural and small town mail had already contracted the illness. Many subscribers who receive newspapers by mail have been disappointed by late deliveries. The scattered reports we may hear of delayed credit card payments and business invoices would be much louder if consumers felt there was

any point in complaining.

Unfortunately for many—seniors without Internet capabilities, lower income residents, rural folks without good Internet service and people who just don't trust the Internet—the mail is a necessity.

The USPS inspector general last October chastised the agency for not fully analyzing the impact from its proposed plant closings and the Postal Service said it would do so—but only after its slower service standards go into effect. In other words, it will consider whether it can reach its goals after it has lowered them.

Even before the change, it has been hard to find out how well rural mail is delivered.

The Postal Service provides a public report to its regulator, the Postal Regulatory Commission, on how well it performs against its service standards. See Periodic Reports at www.prc.gov. USPS gathers information on speed of delivery from several sources, including its own digital scanning. The greatest volume of mail is in urban areas, so national statistics may look ok. But the law doesn't require USPS to report on how the rural mail is doing. That is something Congress should consider.

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By Governor Pete Ricketts
January 16, 2015



I am humbled and honored to serve you as the 40th Governor of the great State of Nebraska.

Now is a time of new beginning for our state. As I look into the future, I'm optimistic about the road that lies ahead. We have a great state, filled with tremendous opportunity.

Our rich history is deeply rooted in freedom, opportunity, liberty, and the hope for a better life for future generations.

Today, we continue to welcome those who value freedom and are in search of a better life. We welcome people from all over the world, who study at our great Universities or work at our businesses, farms and ranches. And as our forefathers did a century and a half ago, we honor the veterans—the men and women who sacrificed and served our country.

We have a beautiful state filled with tremendous opportunity from the Missouri River to the Sandhills to the Pine Ridge. The strength of our state lies in our people. Nebraskans are engaged in their communities, their schools, and their churches. And when we have problems, we find ways to work together despite our differences. Nebraska is what America is supposed to be.

The future of our state continues to depend on our ability to pull together, to solve problems, and to grow Nebraska. I am excited to work together in a spirit of collaboration to move our great state forward, and as we work together, you will have ideas on how to reach our goals. You may have other concerns you are hearing in your community. I promise I will listen closely and with an open mind.

Nebraskans want government to work. We hold our elected officials to high standards. I will work hard each and every day to meet those standards and safeguard the public's trust. I urge Nebraskans everywhere to stay engaged: You are the second house. Hold us accountable for what we achieve and help us Grow Nebraska

In the words of Virginia Smith, the only woman to represent Nebraska in the U.S. House of Representatives, "There is no excellence without great labor."

On behalf of my wife Susanne and our entire family, we look forward to working with you and hearing from you in the years to come.

HTRS Speech Team finishes 8th at Oxbow Invite

HTRS speech team began its competitive season by attending the Oxbow Invite at Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools on Jan. 17. The team finished 8th in the 18-team field that was won by Omaha Skutt and runner-up Lincoln Southwest.

The team was led by Elliot Gonnella, who finished the day with a 2nd place finish in Varsity Extemporaneous speaking and Kendall Werts, 2nd in Novice Entertainment; Tanner Merwin, 3rd in Novice Extemporaneous. Amanda Antholz, Ashton Nanninga, Ashton Collins, James Jones, Lauren Patzel, Chloe Workman, Chase Merwin, Becca Watson, Bryant Hunzeker, Allie Binder and Tony Thiemann all competed. The team is coached by Carl Linnerson.

Society

Tri-State Corners

Six members of the Tri-State Corners Genealogical Society and two guests met in the Pioneer Plaza meeting room on Thursday Jan. 8. Norma Thompson called the meeting to order, welcomed the visitors and led introductions. Jorene Herr called roll and Richard Zentner gave the treasurer's report.

All projects remain the same though it was mentioned a new state coordinator for the Nebraska GenWeb is needed. There was no correspondence, newsletters, queries or upcoming event. It was mentioned that it is time for dues to be paid and that this is the time of year when a donation is given for the use of the room. There was no old or new business.

Most of the meeting was spent discussing cemeteries. Susan Sipple mentioned that she will be updating the Zion Cemetery information. Ron Brown talked about the work he has been doing on the Piersons Point (sometimes Piersons Point Cemetery).

He has been probing for stones, cleaning stones, piecing broken stones together, taking pictures and entering the information on Find-a-grave. He has used several lists that he is combining and is trying to correct some mis-information. Unfortunately, because of the age and condition of the stones some are very difficult to read.

Following a show-and-tell time the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 on Thursday, Feb. 5, in the Pioneer Plaza meeting room.

Eastview

It is hard to believe that another year has come and gone. They do say that time flies when you're having fun and at Eastview we have certainly had fun this year.

Our year has been jam packed with all sorts of activities. Some of our favorites are bingo, playing cards, morning coffee, reminiscing and our monthly birthday parties. We also have enjoyed many visits from the kids at Head Start, the monthly Muddy River Band jam sessions and our prayer groups.

The Christmas season was very merry. We kicked the season off by celebrating Rudolph's 75th birthday. The party was complete with refreshments and the original Rudolph movie. We were also blessed to enjoy visits from several carolers and the Clefsmen. More fun was had decorating Christmas bags for the food pantry. We enjoyed putting our artistic talents for such a great cause.

We held our Christmas open

house on Dec. 22. We enjoyed every kind of conceivable Christmas cookie along with coffee and punch. It was a wonderful time to visit and enjoy the Christmas spirit with our many neighbors and friends.

Although we never heard the sleigh bells St. Nick stopped by and left us beautifully wrapped gifts which were distributed at our Christmas bingo.

The year ahead is beginning to look like it will be as joyful and as busy as the last. We are very excited about Mary Little coming in January to have a painting class with us. We hope your new year is as happy and busy as we are going to be.

DAR

Reavis-Ashley chapter DAR met Friday, January 9, 2015 at the Buzz Cafe in Sabetha, Kansas for lunch and meeting.

Members present were Leota Uhri, Sue Rottman, Beverly Droge. Dawn and Kayce Feldkamp, Glenda Nelson, and Ann Smith. Susan Sipple was a guest.

Dawn Feldkamp presented the program on Ellis Island, giving the history, and interesting facts and figures. The members worked on the Master Questionnaire. Leota Uhri, Regent, opened the meeting with the Chapter opening.

The Pledge of Allegiance and American's Creed were recited. President General's message was read by Beverly Droge. She also read a history article on Indian tribes which told of the origin of the Winnebago tribe. Sue Rottman read History highlights for this date in history. She also read the Flag minutes, a project of folding pocket flags to present the soldiers being deployed was suggested.

The members discussed it and Regent Leota will obtain more information on the project. Dawn read the constitution minutes.

Minutes of the December meeting were read by Ann Smith. Treasurers report was given by Dawn Feldkamp.

Delegates for State Conference were discussed. Leota Uhri will attend as our Regent. Dawn nominated Ann Moser as delegate, Sue Rottman as 2nd delegate. Beverly seconded the motion, motion carried.

Next meeting will be Friday, February 13, 2015 at the Buzz Cafe, in Sabetha, Kansas. Beverly Droge will be hostess

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Students



Tavia Bruxellas, a freshman at Falls City High School, was selected to participate in the Winter Festival for Winds and Percussion at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. This is a unique honor band comprised of high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Festival participants were chosen through a recorded audition process. Although Tavia is a freshman, she was given special permission to audition.

Students participating in the festival will be involved in three different groups: an honor band, a chamber ensemble, and a large symphonic band that combines the festival honor band with the University of Nebraska's Wind Ensemble. Tavia will be playing the horn.

The Winter Festival for Winds and Percussion is scheduled for January 23 - January 25, 2015. The Festival Finale Concert is Sunday, January 25 at 3:00 p.m. in Kimball Recital Hall on the University campus. The concert is free of charge and is open to the public.

Concordia University, Nebraska named 251 students to its honors list for the fall 2014 semester.

Students on the honors list include: Karlene Embretson, a sophomore from Falls City, Neb.

The top 25 percent of undergraduate students who complete at least 12 credit hours, receive no failing grades in the semester and earn a semester GPA of at least 3.5 qualify for the honors list.

THE PRAIRIE UNION CEMETERY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
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The Falls City Wrestling Club proudly models their new singlets, purchased with the help of the Tanner Shelby Merz Foundation. The stated goal of the TSMF, a non-profit organization, is "helping students achieve greatness," in memory of Tanner Merz, a 2010 FC High graduate who excelled at football, wrestling and track in high school. Tanner, the son of Marc and Sally (Jones) Merz, died tragically at the age of 21 in a car accident in March 2013. At the time, he was attending Midland Lutheran College, studying teaching and coaching. In less than two years, the organization bearing Tanner's

name has generated thousands of dollars, which have directly translated into equipment upgrades and other opportunities for young people in Falls City, from state-of-the-art football helmets for FC High and Sacred Heart players, to a football camp for young men, to...new singlets for the FCWC, the very Club where Tanner and countless others learned the sport over the course of the past 25 years or so. Club President Brad Olberding, who started himself in the Club and eventually became a state champion at FCHS in 1995, said there are currently 44 preschool-age to eighth-

grade kids participating this winter, but pointed out that there's always room for more and it's never too late to join. The FCWC practices on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the high school. Young wrestlers can compete in as many - or as few - competitions as they like, from now all the way through Huskerland at the end of March. The Club hosts its own tournament on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2015. And, thanks to the TSMF, they'll be looking good for the home crowd! For more information on the FCWC, contact Olberding at 402-245-8308.

Society

Falls City Does #56
Falls City Drove #56 met Monday evening, January 12, 2015 in the basement of the Methodist church. Minutes were approved as read.

Linda Frost gave the audit report and Sheila Kirkendall gave the Treas. report. Nancy Jo McKim reported on courtesy and Marlene for Benelovence. Discussion was held on hosting the luncheon for the 2016 Grand Lodge in Lincoln. Nancy Jo moved to host, 2nd by Dessie, motion carried.

The officers then prepared for the Installation of Officers. Mary Wiltse, Past President, was the In-

stalling Deputy Supreme President for the 2016 officers.

They are: Pres-Phyllis Kreutzer, Sec-Mary Wiltse, 1st Counselor-Marlene McKim, Sr. Counselor-Karen Ramsey, Jr. Counselor-Reta Boswell, Treas.-Donna Harmon, Conductor-RuthArms, InnerGuard-Connie Fiddler, Musician-Beverly Bernhardt, Chaplain-Cathy Gutschall, 3yr Trustee-Marlene McKim, 2yr Trustee-Linda Frost, 1yr Trustee-Joyce Buck, Asst. Conductor-Linda Frost, Color Bearer #1-Joyce Buck, Color Bearer #2-MaryAnn Wenz, Color Bearer #3-Zita Ebel, Color Bearer #4-KareyJo Weaver, Attendant #1-NancyJo McKim, Att.#2-Ele Last, Att.#3-Sandy Johnson, Att.#4-Molly Kirkendall.

The coin march was held and happy birthday was sung to Connie Fiddler. The refreshment committee for the evening was, chairman, Dessie Scholl with Trisha Butler as hostess. Prizes were won by Sharyn Gibbs, Nancy McKim, and Donna Harmon.

The next meeting will be Jan.26 at 7:00 at the newly remodeled Elk's Lodge, downstairs.

Refreshment committee will be Chairman-NancyJo McKim, with Rita Bahr and Stephane Jones as hostesses.

Christ Lutheran Circle
The Christ Lutheran Missionary Circle met Thursday evening Jan. 15 at the church. Marcia Schwartz

led the Bible study "How can I control My Tongue?" with Biblical answers for damage control and the clean-up process for foot-in-mouth disease. She closed with a prayer.

Bonnie Zentner reported on the afternoon quilting. The need is so great for Lutheran World Relief quilts; additional quilting days will be held. The first scheduled for Jan. 29 at 1:30 p.m.

New projects for 2015 are planned. Non-food items for SEN-CA will be collected at the February meeting. Marjorie Eames and Carolyn Zentner will serve as the visiting committee for February.

Marjorie Eams, Christian Life chairman, read "Loose Lips" from the new book, Morning Splendor, written by Marcia Schwartz.

The business meeting closed with a prayer.

Joann Baldwin served refreshments. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. February 19, with Marjorie Eames hostess and Doris Schimke the program leader.

Legion Auxiliary #222

The Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222 met Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at the Legion Building. President, Tana Brown called the meeting to order and prayer was given by Chaplain, Eleanor Last. Everyone pledged to the flag, sang God Bless America and repeated the Preamble.

Secretary, Elizabeth Ketner took roll call with six members present and read the minutes from the previous meeting. Treasurer, Lana Willman gave her report.

The pancake/sausage fundrasier for the Legion building was mentioned. This will be hosted by Will and Lynette Surman and will be held on Sunday, February 1 from 8:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.

District 13 convention will be held Saturday, February 21 in Tecumseh. Mrs. Willman will make a poppy centerpiece for judging. Mrs. Last made a publicity book also for judging and all reports were sent or will be taken to the meeting.

The group as a fundraiser will be doing a concession stand at the auction of Bus Hall on March 14th in Stella.

In honor of the Legion Birtday the ladies decided to have potluck supper on Sunday, March 15th at 5:00. This will be held at the Legion Building for all Legion, Auxiliary members and guests.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 10 at 4:30 p.m.

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CIVIL COURT

Judgment entered in favor of Collection Associates, and against Eric S. Herstermann, of Humboldt, in the amount of \$3,421.50, plus prejudgment interest of \$326.69, attorney fees of \$347.15 and Court costs of \$87.19. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 6.0 percent.

Judgment entered in favor of National Account Systems, of Omaha, and against Megan Kaster, of Falls City, in the amount of \$5,819.72, plus Court costs of \$63.50. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.041 percent.

Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, and against James Vinsonhaler, of Falls City, in the amount of \$400, plus prejudgment interest of \$56.15, attorney fees of \$45 and Court costs of \$70.20.

Judgment entered in favor of Professional Choice Recovery, Inc., and against Timothy C. and Stacy J. Fankhauser, of Humboldt, in the amount of \$916.88, plus attorney fees of \$96 and Court costs of \$105.04.

Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, and against Kelsey Buchholz, of Falls City, in the amount of \$115.00, plus prejudgment interest of \$3.52, attorney fees of \$16.50 and Court costs of \$70.

COUNTY COURT

Akasha A. Moyer, of Salem, count one, assault in the third degree; count two, assault in the third degree; count three, disturbing the peace. Pretrial hearing scheduled for Jan. 28.

Jeffrey A. Rose, of Macedonia, IA, count one, disturbing the peace; count two, misdemeanor stalking. Pretrial hearing set for Feb. 2.

Scott D. Hayes, of Lincoln (Nebraska Diagnostic and Evaluation Center), count one, DUI - second offense; count two, refusal to submit to pretest; count three, refusal to submit to test - first offense; count four, resisting arrest - first offense; count five, assault on an officer with bodily fluids; count six, disturbing the peace; count seven, criminal mischief (less than \$200). Trial held Jan. 7 - Judge took his

decision and returned last week with guilty verdicts on Counts one, two, four, five and seven; not guilty verdicts on counts three and six. Scheduling conference set for Jan. 21.

Teah L. Harris, of Falls City, Count one, obstructing a peace officer, amended to disturbing the peace; Count two, possess/consume open alcohol container. Pled guilty to amended Count one; Count two dismissed with prejudice (**Editor's Note** - dismissal *with prejudice* bars the government from prosecuting the accused later on the same charge).

Teah L. Harris, of Falls City, Count one, DUI - first offense; Count two, failure to use seat belt. Probation extended to March 31 and ordered to serve three days in Richardson County Jail (beginning Jan. 18).

ACCIDENTS

Wednesday night, Jan. 14, 19th and Valley Streets. Drivers: Austin J. Ahern, 16, of Falls City; Norma L. Furnas, 86, of Falls City. Estimated damage, according to report filed by FC Police Officer Jeremy Goldsberry, when Furnas, driving southbound on Valley Street in a 2005 Chevy Equinox, failed to yield right of way at the 19th Street intersection and struck the driver's side door of Ahern's 2006 Pontiac Grand Prix: \$4,000 to Ahern car; \$2,500 to Furnas vehicle. Mrs. Furnas was issued a citation.



The Shopko Foundation awarded \$250 to the Falls City Library & Arts Center for purchase of "The Best Children's Books of 2014." Photographed, from left: Terri Foster, Barb Sailors, Jill Emerson, Cate Larsen, Sheila Hamilton, Hope Schawang, Gary Brown and Nancy Lippold.

Increase in whooping cough around Richardson County

Richardson County Emergency Management is currently assisting the Southeast District Health Department in their investigation into an increase of the bacterial infection Pertussis, or Whooping Cough, in Pre-School, Elementary, Middle School, and Elderly persons. Pertussis is a respiratory infection that starts with symptoms that are very similar to the common cold and continues with a progressively more severe cough followed by difficulty breathing and vomiting. The infection usually lasts up

to 4-8 weeks and can be fatal, especially for young children, if not treated appropriately.

Pertussis is very contagious. The best way to prevent the spread of Pertussis is vaccination of both children and adults. The current vaccine is given in combination with diphtheria and tetanus. Any person not sure of their vaccination status should contact their primary healthcare provider. All people who have the infection should not come in contact with others until they have been cleared to do so by their healthcare provider.

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Additional information about Pertussis can be found at the following websites: Southeast District Health Department - <http://www.sedhd.org/images/Pertussis.pdf> CDC - <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/pertussis/default.htm>

World Health Organization - <http://www.who.int/topics/pertussis/en/>

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2015 MUDECAS "A" DIVISION CHAMPION FC Sacred Heart Lady Irish, front row, from left: Kelsi Fouraker, Abby Magdanz, Elizabeth Magdanz; middle row, Abby Fiegenger, Alexis Barnes, Taylor Counce, Maddie Huppert, Bailey Counce and Thea Schulenberg; back row, assistant coach Adam Santo, Lauren Parrish, Jade Hill, Maggie Goltz, Sara Wertenberger, Haylee Heits and head coach Luke Santo.

Lady Irish hammer Freeman, win title

By Jane White
Jason Schock contributed to this report

Falls City Sacred Heart's Lady Irish won the MUDECAS girls basketball "A" Division championship in dominating fashion over Freeman, taking a 51-35 victory Friday at the Beatrice City Auditorium.

The Irish led 42-25 entering the final quarter and emptied the bench early against the third-ranked Lady Falcons. For 12-2 FCSH, for now ranked No. 2 in Class D2, it was a seventh win in a row and capped a tournament exemplified by sensational defense. FCSH held Diller-Odell to 22 points in the opener and beat D2 eighth-ranked Exeter-Milligan 39-25 in Thursday's semifinal.

During the current run, opponents are averaging fewer than 25 points per game against the Irish defense.



Photo by Jane White

FCSH senior guard Abby Magdanz was named to the All-Tourney First Team after averaging 11 points per game. She led the Irish with six assists and four steals against Freeman.

And these are good teams, too. With the exception of winless Thayer Central, which kicked off FCSH's winning streak on New Year's Eve, the wins have come against teams with a collective 58-20 record.

"Something clicked about three weeks ago and our girls are playing with a new level of confidence," FC Sacred Heart Head Coach Luke Santo said. "We started building up a little momentum after our win at Elmwood-Murdock, and we carried that momentum into MUDECAS."

"Our offense still has a ways to go, but the girls have really bought in on the defensive end. Our man defense is usually pretty reliable, but our zone defense the past few weeks has really frustrated some good teams," he said.

None more so than Freeman. The Falcons, which has scored 75 in a game and more than 50 nine times this season. They entered the game riding a 12-game winning streak and ranked third in Class C2.

"We knew going into it, it was going to be a tough game," Santo said, noting

he considered his team the underdogs headed into the contest.

"Them being Freeman, them having all the athletes, them winning state volleyball and us being the two seed," Santo said. "Usually, we don't try to play that role, but it was something our girls did a good job with."

Santo said he also reminded the Lady Irish, however, that they are Sacred Heart and have a history and tradition, too.

"We love MUDECAS week," Santo said. "Our girls get excited. We love coming up here and it's a heck of a week for us. We have such an appreciation and respect for the MUDECAS tournament."

Santo call all three tourney victories "team wins."

"Abby and Elizabeth (Magdanz) were really steady and Maggie (Goltz) showed signs of how good she could be if she was healthy," Santo said. "Alexis Barnes hit some big shots and Jade Hill had some good looks in the first half she finished and played really good defense."

Santo said the team's subs also contributed.

"The girls deserve a lot of credit for the effort and focus that they put into last week. Going into the championship, our focus was that much sharper knowing that we were playing a great team in Freeman. I'm just happy for the girls and especially our seniors," he said.

The Lady Irish led 16-7 at the end of the first quarter and Freeman was never able to make up the initial deficit.

Santo said getting off to a good start is something the Lady Irish have been working on.

"We've been focusing on the start," Santo said. "Thursday night we got off to a good start and tonight we got off to a good start."

Hill opened the game's scoring for Sacred Heart with a field goal with 6:35 left in the first quarter. Goltz, who didn't miss a single shot all night and finished with a game-high 18 points, followed with two free throws, giving the Lady Irish a 4-0 lead.

A three-pointer by Freeman's Katie Meyer made it 4-3 with 4:54 left in the first period, but Barnes, who made 3-of-4 from three-point land and scored 12, answered with a trey. The teams exchanged buckets, with Hill (team-high seven rebounds) hitting for FCSH and Alexis Holland for Freeman. With 2:22 left in the first quarter, the Lady Irish led 9-7.

From then on, however, the game belonged to FCSH. Hill hit a two, Abby Magdanz a three and Lauren Parrish a

two, giving the Lady Irish a 16-7 lead at the end of the quarter.

Sacred Heart led by as many as 12 points in the second and took a 31-20 lead at intermission.

FCSH opened the half with an 8-0 run, which essentially served as a knock-out punch. Goltz hit a shot, Barnes connected on three free throws after being fouled on a three, and Abby Magdanz hit a trey. With 2:23 left, the Lady Irish led 39-20.

Freeman finished out the game with a 10-9 final period, but only after a 6-0 Irish run.

One area where the Lady Irish have shown improvement, Santo said, is defensively.

"We struggle to score sometimes, but I keep reminding the girls if they are holding teams in the 20s or 30s we'll have a great shot."

Against Freeman, Santo said the Lady Irish wanted to "take away their big inside" and didn't want Meyer to get free on the perimeter.

Abby Magdanz, who scored eight Saturday and led her team with six assists and four steals, and Goltz were named to the All-Tourney First Team. Goltz, who's been hindered by a perplexing leg injury for about a full calendar year, was a collective 11-of-12 from the field and 8-of-11 from the line in the semifinal and final. Abby averaged 11 points and led her team with 13 assists over the three games. Hill, Liz Magdanz and Barnes were named All-Tourney honorable mention.

Santo said he was especially happy for the team's seniors, because "winning MUDECAS as seniors is special."

"We say its up there with winning a conference or state championship," Santo said. "Now, we have to keep the momentum going."

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Photo by Jane White

FCSH sophomore Jade Hill earned All-Tourney Honorable Mention after averaging nearly seven rebounds per game. She had seven points and seven boards in the title game Saturday.

Big Red RECRUITING REPORT

By Sean Stevens

(Falls City native and former staff writer for HuskerIllustrated.com and Rivals.com)

Staff announced

On Jan. 8 head coach **Mike Riley** introduced offensive coordinator **Danny Langsdorf**, defensive coordinator **Mark Banker**, offensive line coach Mike Cavanaugh, running backs coach **Reggie Davis**, defensive line coach **Hank Hughes**, linebackers coach **Trent Bray**, defensive backs coach **Charlton Warren**, and special teams coordinator **Bruce Read** as his new coaching staff. The wide receivers coach is pending.

Warren is the only holdover from Bo Pelini's staff, and he'd only been with Pelini for a year after coming over from Air Force.

This is an intriguing staff, especially with the amount of experience they have. Some fast facts:

—There are 216 combined years coaching major college and professional football among the staff.

—There are three former defensive coordinators (Banker, Hughes and Warren) on the staff.

—Langsdorf (Giants) and Davis (49'ers) come directly from the NFL.

—Davis rejected a spot on new **Jim Harbaugh's** Michigan staff to join NU.

—Aside from Warren, all have coached under Riley before, which will allow them to hit the ground running this spring.

During their initial press conference, a familiar theme arose – especially from Riley, Cavanaugh and Banker. Each mentioned plans to reach out to members of **Tom Osborne's** staff. Specifically, Riley and Osborne have been playing phone tag; Cavanaugh has already spoken with former NU O-Line coach **Milt Tenopir** and Banker has reached out to former defensive coordinator **Charlie McBride**.

They've yet to hold a practice, but this staff appears to understand Nebraska football's culture and history. Time will tell if they can translate their understanding into victories on the field.

What Dead Period?

During the holiday season, the NCAA mandates a "Dead Period" (Dec. 15-Jan. 14) when coaches can't initiate in-person or telephone contact with prospects. Written and electronic communication (i.e. email and social media direct messaging) are allowed during this time.

Despite the restrictions and their moves to Lincoln, NU's staff was able to secure verbal commitments from **OL Jalin Barnett** (6-3/303) of Lawton, OK, and **RB Devine Ozigbo** (5-11/220) of Sachse, TX.

Barnett is, both figuratively and literally, a huge prospect. The 247 Sports composite ranking lists him as the No. 61 overall player nationally and the No. 6-ranked guard prospect. He played in the Under Armour All-American Bowl in Florida, and is NU's first pledge from Oklahoma since 2005. Hailing from the same high school as Husker greats **Will Shields** and **Mike Minter**, Barnett will move from tackle to guard in college.

Ozigbo was a surprise pledge, only because NU had offered three other running backs just before the dead period began. He was previously committed to Iowa State, but Nebraska was too good of an opportunity to pass up.

"I was committed to Iowa State and I was happy, but when Nebraska comes, you know, it opens your eyes. You've got to do your research, as I did, and I loved everything about it," he told *Husker Online*.

Among his 20-plus offers, Ozigbo counted Iowa, Kansas State, Miami and Wisconsin. Coach Warren had been recruiting Ozigbo for quite some time and offered a scholarship Jan. 9. Ozigbo committed that afternoon.

Still Pursuing

Despite the early success of Riley's staff, they haven't completely locked up all of the players who committed to Pelini's staff. The defensive end position is particularly concerning, as NU's two commitments – **DaiShon Neal** (6-7/245), of Omaha Central, and **Reuben Jones** (6-4/225), of Lakeland, FL – continue to take visits to other schools.

Neal has trips to Oklahoma and Oregon sandwiched around a Jan. 23 visit to Lincoln. He may also make a trip to Iowa before Signing Day. Despite the busy schedule, conventional wisdom says that playing just 50 miles from home will be too good to pass up. With NU's lack of depth at end, Neal could play very early.

Jones sees that same depth chart; however, Lincoln isn't close to home for the Floridian. He will trip to Louisville and Michigan before Signing Day. The Wolverines offered shortly after Harbaugh's hiring, and Jones is still getting to know the new NU staff.

Nebraska made a big push on Jones and Neal Jan. 15, the day the dead period ended, sending Banker and Hughes to Florida for the morning and afternoon with Jones before returning them to Omaha for an evening visit with Neal.

Jones also hosted coaches from Michigan and Louisville that day, and remained open. He did tell *Husker Online*, "what's actually keeping me committed to Nebraska and from making a quick decision to go somewhere else right now, is that I love the freaking Nebraska fans."

Shortly after hosting them, Neal tweeted a picture of himself with the NU coaches "throwing the bones." However, he left the next morning for his Oklahoma visit.

There was good news, as defensive tackles **Carlos** (6-3/270) and (6-3/270) **Kahlil Davis** of Blue Springs, MO, reaffirmed their pledges to NU after canceling a scheduled trip to Missouri in late January. Banker, Hughes and Warren all spent an in-home visit with the twins and their parents, along with their high school coach to seal the deal.

Linebacker

Linebacker is also a position with depth concerns. Only four scholarship linebackers will be on campus this spring. One is early enrollee **Dedrick Young** (6-1/220), of Peoria, AZ. In addition, senior **David Santos** will sit out spring practice recovering from surgery, and junior **Michael Rose-Ivey** will be returning from surgery. Banker mentioned adding as many as seven players. That seems like a big number, but they could add at least four or five.

Tyrin Ferguson (6-2/210), of New Orleans, LA, is NU's other 2015 pledge, and they continue to pursue other targets, such as **Adrienne Talan** (6-1/198), of Pembroke Pines, FL, **Terez Hall** (6-3/208), of Lithonia, GA, and **Mohamed Barry** (6-1/210), of Loganville, GA, and **Angelo Garbutt** (6-2/210), of Carrollton, TX.

Ferguson and his family hosted Bray Jan. 15, firming up his commitment. Talan visited Lincoln in December and Nebraska remains near the top of his list, but he will visit Temple Jan. 30. TCU, Iowa and Purdue are also pursuing him. Barry is currently committed to Kansas State, but visited Miami last Friday and comes to Lincoln this Friday. NC State and Wisconsin are also among his suitors. Hall will visit Jan. 30 after trips to Indiana and Missouri. Cincinnati and Maryland have also offered. He hosted Wisconsin, Indiana and Missouri recently, and Banker was scheduled to visit him Monday. Garbutt, who will also visit Jan. 30, recently opened his recruitment up after being committed to Oregon State under Riley's staff. He will trip to Iowa this week.

South Carolina graduate transfer **Kaiwan Lewis** (6-0/228) is also a possibility. Lewis was a two-year starter for the Gamecocks before a demotion in 2014. He is also considering home-state Rutgers and Penn State. Bray made an in-home visit with Lewis Jan. 16, and locked up an official visit Jan. 23.

Other targets

Despite the depth issues at defensive end and linebacker, NU also has needs

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Irish rebound from 1st round loss

By Jane White
Jason Schock contributed to this report

The Class D2 No. 2 Falls City Sacred Heart Irish rebounded from a first-round loss in the MUDECAS tournament "A" Division to defeat Lincoln Parkview Christian, 50-42, in consolation action Saturday at the Beatrice City Auditorium.

Sacred Heart improved to 8-4 on the year.

"Saturday morning games at the MUDECAS are really pride games and I thought our kids played hard," Sacred Heart coach Doug Goltz said. "It's hard to get up for those games, but I liked our effort."

"This tournament is good to get kids ready for competition they are going to see down the road, so overall, it was OK."

Goltz said there were several positives the team can take from the tournament.

"We're shooting the three ball better," Goltz said. "Overall, we're improving."

Goltz said players are learning their roles.

Against Parkview, the Irish led 7-2 at the end of the first quarter and outscored Parkview 18-12 in the second period for a 25-14 halftime lead.

Sacred Heart held a 14-11 scoring advantage in the third quarter, while Parkview close the gap with a 17-11 advantage in the fourth.

Austin Malone led the Irish offense with 23 points, including two two-pointers, three three-pointers and a 10-for-15 performance from the free-throw line.

Logan Scheitel also finished in double-figure scoring for Sacred Heart with 10 points.

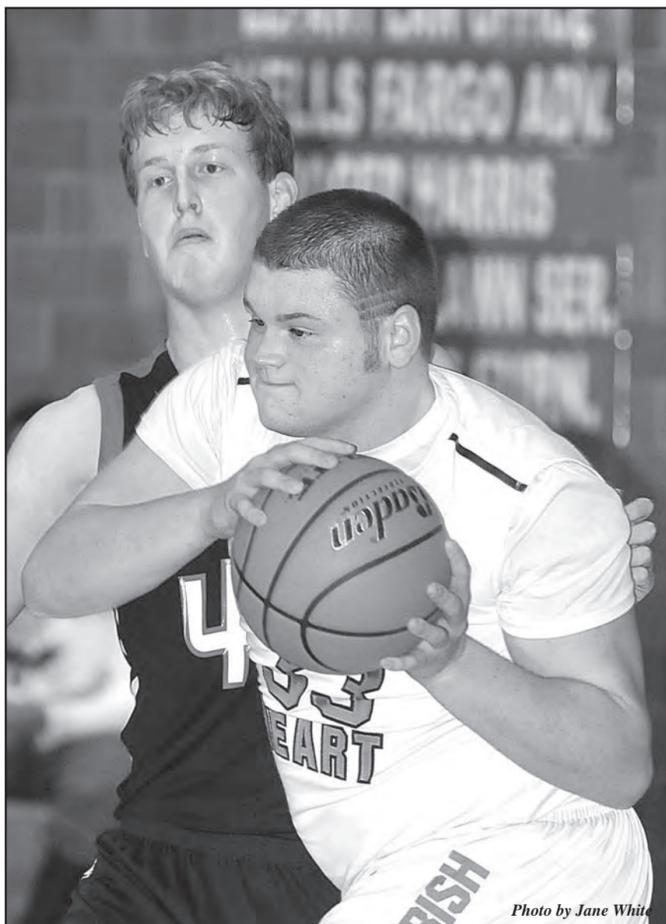
SCORING vs. Parkview

SH - Noah Keller, 2; Bailey Witt, 6; Austin Malone, 23; Sawyer Kean, 7; Logan Scheitel, 10; Bryant Jorn, 2.

JCC 52, Irish 48

The Irish suffered a 52-48 loss to Johnson County Central in the first-round of MUDECAS play.

"Unfortunately, we weren't able to get the JCC win and the next



FCSH sophomore big man Bryant Jorn had a double-double Tuesday and Saturday pulled down nine team-high rebounds to lead the Irish to a 50-42 consolation victory over Lincoln Parkview Christian. The 8-4 Irish host Rock Port, MO, tonight at Prichard Auditorium.

night they lose to Freeman by one," Goltz said. "I think that shows there were a lot of event teams."

Sacred Heart led 9-6 at the end of the first quarter, but was outscored by the Thunderbirds in the second, 16-11, as Johnson County took a 22-20 halftime lead.

The Irish regained control in the third quarter, outscoring Johnson County, 16-11, and taking a 36-33,

lead into the final period.

In the fourth quarter, though, the Thunderbirds were able to hold a 19-12 scoring advantage to earn the win.

"It was disappointing for us," Goltz said. "We had the lead in the fourth quarter, but we just couldn't hold on and get the win."

Sacred Heart was led in scoring by Malone with 16 points, while

Lady Irish

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STATS vs. Freeman

Scoring - Abby Magdanz, 8; Elizabeth Magdanz, 2; Maggie Goltz, 18; Abby Fiegenger, 2; Alexis Barnes, 12; Jade Hill, 7; and Lauren Parrish, 2.

SH - Rebounds: Abby Magdanz, 3; Elizabeth Magdanz, 2; Goltz, 6; Fiegenger, 1; Sara Wertenberger, 1; Barnes, 2; Hill, 7; Parrish, 2.

SH - Assists: Abby Magdanz, 6; Elizabeth Magdanz, 3; Barnes, 1; and Parrish, 1.

SH - Steals: Abby Magdanz, 4 and Kelsi Fouraker, 1.

SH - Blocks: Hill, 1.

FCSH 39, Exeter-Milligan 25

Sacred Heart advanced to the A Division finals with a 39-25 victory over Exeter-Milligan in the semifinals.

The Lady Irish sprinted out to an 18-7 lead at the end of the first quarter and outscored the Lady Timberwolves 10-6 in the second period for a 28-13 halftime lead.

In the third quarter, Sacred Heart held a 9-5 scoring advantage, while Exeter-Milligan held a 7-2 advantage in the fourth.

Sacred Heart was led offensively by Abby Magdanz and Maggie Goltz, who had 12 points each.

Elizabeth Magdanz and Jade Hill shared the Lady Irish team lead for rebounds with five each.

Abby Magdanz led in assists with four and blocked shots with two and shared the team lead for steals with Kelsi Fouraker with two

each.

STATS vs. Exeter-Milligan

Scoring - Abby Magdanz, 12; Elizabeth Magdanz, 6; Maggie Goltz, 12; Abby Fiegenger, 1; Alexis Barnes, 3; Jade Hill, 3; Lauren Parrish, 2;

Rebounds: A. Magdanz, 4; E. Magdanz, 5; Goltz, 1; Fouraker, 1; Wertenberger, 2; Barnes, 4; Hill, 5; Parrish, 1.

Assists: A. Magdanz, 4; E. Magdanz, 2; Goltz, 1; Barnes, 1.

Steals: A. Magdanz, 2; E. Magdanz, 1; Goltz, 1; Fouraker, 1; Wertenberger, 1; Barnes, 1; Hill, 1; Parrish, 1.

Blocked Shots: Abby Magdanz, 2; Goltz, 1; Fouraker, 1; Hill, 1.

FCSH 38, Diller-Odell 20

In opening-round play, the Lady Irish defeated Diller-Odell, 38-20.

Sacred Heart held Diller-Odell to single-digit scoring in each of the four quarters.

The Lady Irish led 12-8 at the end of the first quarter and 17-11 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Sacred Heart had an 8-2 scoring advantage and finished out the game with a 13-7 scoring advantage in the fourth.

Abby Magdanz led all scorers in the game with 13 points.

Jade Hill led the Lady Irish on the boards with eight rebounds.

Abby Magdanz and Elizabeth Magdanz each had three assists with Alexis Barnes and Hill each had three steals.

Maggie Goltz and Sara Wertenberger had two blocked shots each.

STATS vs. Diller-Odell

Scoring: Abby Magdanz, 13; E. Magdanz, four; Maggie Goltz, eight; Fiegenger, 2; Wertenberger, 2; Barnes, four; Hill, 5

Three-pointers made: A. Magdanz, 1; E. Magdanz, 1; Goltz, 1.

Rebounds: A. Magdanz, 2; E. Magdanz, 3; Goltz, 4; Fouraker, 1; Wertenberger, 3; Barnes, 4; Hill, 8; Parrish, 2.

Assists: A. Magdanz, 3; E. Magdanz, 3; Goltz, 1; Barnes, 1.

Steals: A. Magdanz, 1; E. Magdanz, 1; Barnes, 3; Hill, 3.

Blocked Shots: E. Magdanz, 1; Goltz, 2; Wertenberger, 2; Hill, 1.

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Lady Titans 4th at MUDECAS

Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer's Lady Titans advanced to the third-place game in the MUDECAS Tournament's B Division, but fell to Pawnee City, 40-23 Jan. 16 at the Beatrice City Auditorium.

The Lady Titans were outscored by the Lady Indians in each of the four quarters — 16-10 in the first 5-3 in the second, 6-5 in the third and 13-5 in the fourth.

Freshman Allie Binder led the Lady Titans' offense with eight points.

Binder also led HTRS in assists with three and shared the team lead for steals with Jackalyn Fink with two each.

Jackalyn Fink had a team-high seven rebounds.

SCORING vs. Pawnee City
Scoring: Allie Binder, 8; Ashton

Nanninga, 3; Breanna Reyes, 3; Kendall Werts, 2; Jackalyn Fink, 4; four; Blecha, 3.

HTRS 49, Johnson-Brock 25

HTRS dropped a 49-25 decision to the Johnson-Brock Lady Eagles in the "B" Division semifinals Saturday.

Johnson-Brock led 9-7 at the end of the first quarter and built on its lead throughout the rest of the game.

The Lady Eagles outscored HTRS, 12-5 in the second quarter, 13-7 in the third and 15-6 in the fourth.

Binder led HTRS in scoring with seven points. Jackalyn Fink topped the team in rebounds, grabbing five boards. Breanna Reyes led HTRS in steals with three.

SCORING vs. Johnson-Brock

HTRS: Binder, 7; Blecha, 3; J. Fink, 6; Nanninga, 2; Reyes, 2; Stalder, 1; Standerford, 2. one).

HTRS 46, Palmyra 9

In B Division first-round action, HTRS dominated Palmyra's Layd Panthers, 46-9.

The Lady Titans allowed Palmyra just two points in the first three quarters. HTRS led 7-0 at the end of the first period and held an 18-2 halftime lead.

In the third quarter, the Lady Titans outscored Palmyra 21-0. Each team put seven points in the scorebook in the final period. Breanna Reyes led HTRS in scoring with 17 points.

Ashton Nanninga grabbed a team-high seven rebounds for the Lady Titans, while Binder led in assists with five and Reyes led in steals with four.

SCORING vs. Palmyra

HTRS: Binder, 2; Blecha, 2; Fink, 9; Nanninga, 2; Reyes, 17; Schuster, 1; Stalder, 1; Svoboda, 8; Werts, 4.



Photo by Jane White

HTRS' Kaleb Knudson battles for a rebound with Diller-Odell's Austin Vitosh during the MUDECAS Tournament last week at Beatrice.

Titans place third in 'B' Division

Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer's Titans brought home some hardware from the 2015 MUDECAS boys B Division tournament, but without putting in a little extra effort.

"The tournament was a fun experience for our kids," HTRS coach Matt Mezger said. "It's been a few years since the boys have been here to the auditorium."

"It was fun to get over here. Obviously, everyone wants to play in the championship, but it was nice to leave here 2-1 instead of 1-2."

The Titans downed Diller-Odell,

45-39, in overtime to earn third-place honors in the B Division.

Diller-Odell controlled the first half, but HTRS held the advantage in the second.

The Griffins led 14-6 at the end of the first quarter and outscored HTRS 10-5 in the second period to take a 24-11 halftime lead.

At the start of the game, HTRS fell behind 10-0 to the Griffins.

"We have struggled shooting the ball the last couple games we've played and have had some rough first quarters," Mezger said. "We just weren't real crisp early."

In the second half, the Titans held a 12-9 scoring advantage in the third quarter and a 14-4 advantage in the fourth.

Mezger said it was about halfway through the third quarter that the Titans started to "see some things" on the court.

The team also knew how important every possession was in the second half, Mezger said.

With the teams tied at 37 after regulation, HTRS went on to outscore the Griffins, 8-2, in the overtime period to take the win.

"This was an awesome experience for our kids," Mezger said. "Our kids really grind it and keep fighting."

In overtime, Mezger said the Titans wanted to continue to take things one possession at a time.

"If they got the time, when we needed to make a stop on defense and hit a shot on the other end," Mezger said. "We knew if we could do that, it would come down to making free throws at the end."

HTRS was led offensively by Chase Hain with 10 points.

Nolan Schafer topped the Titans in rebounds with five, while Schuyler Kuhlmann had a team-high four assists and Kaleb Knudson led in

steals with two.

SCORING vs. Diller-Odell

HTRS: L. Bredemeier, 4; Hain, 10; Herr, 6; Knudson, 4; Knudson, 9; Kuhlmann, 7; Schafer, 9.

HTRS 38, Pawnee City, 49

In the "B" Division semifinals, HTRS fell to Pawnee City, 49-38.

The Indians led 15-6 at the end of the first quarter and 20-14 at halftime. HTRS outscored Pawnee City 15-10 in the third quarter, but the Indians held a 19-9 scoring advantage in the final period.

The Titans were led in scoring by Chase Hain with 12 points and Eli Herr with 10.

Herr had a team-high seven rebounds, while Kuhlmann and Schafer led in assists with two each and Noah Sherman led in steals with three. Logan Bredemeier had a blocked shot.

SCORING vs. Pawnee City

HTRS — Bredemeier, 2; Hain, 12; Herr, 10; Knudson, 3; Kuhlmann, 4; Schafer, 7.

HTRS 57, Lewiston 30

HTRS opened MUDECAS play with a 57-30 win over the Lewiston Tigers.

The Titans led 14-8 at the end of the first quarter and outscored Lewiston 17-5 in the second quarter.

HTRS continued to hold the upper hand in scoring in the second half with a 12-6 third quarter and a 14-11 final period.

Schafer led the Titans offensively with 16 points. Herr had a team-high 10 rebounds. Kuhlmann led in assists with four, while Hain topped the team in steals with three.

SCORING vs. Lewiston

HTRS: Bredemeier, 9; Hain, 6; Herr, 9; Knudson, 8; Kuhlmann, 2; Ramsey, 5; Schafer, 16; Sherman, 2.



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HTRS' Ashton Nanninga grabbed a team-high seven boards in the Lady Titans' 46-9 win over Palmyra last Monday.

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3. Send or bring in the form below along with a recent picture of the baby to: **The Babies Of 2014; C/O Nikki McKim, 1810 Harlan St., Falls City, NE 68355. Or email to nikkifcjournal@sentco.net or fcjournalads@sentco.net**
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Elizabeth Embry

August 8 – 7 lbs. 8 oz.

Parents:

Kitty & Wyn Strafford
Falls City, NE

1x3 – \$30

Information will only include Parents name and residence.



Macaulay Connor

September 15 – 6 lbs. 5 oz.

Parents:

George & Mary Bailey

Grandparents:

Stephen & Mary Haines
Bert & Mildred Pierce

1x3 1/2 – \$35

Information will only include Parents name and residence; Living Grandparents names only.

Twins may require additional space depending on the amount of information provided.

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Date Of Birth _____

Weight At Birth _____

Parents _____

Parents Residence _____

Grandparents Names (Living Only) _____

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After the edition has run, pictures may be picked up at The Journal or include a self-addressed stamped envelope.



Scarlett Katharine

January 1 – 8 lbs. 10 oz.

Parents:

Scarlett & Rhett Butler
Falls City, NE

Grandparents:

Nick & Nora Charles
Prof. & Mrs. Bertram Potts

Great-Grandparents:

Rick & Isla Blaine

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Trustee's Sale

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder on 02/23/2015, at 10:00 a.m. in the 1st floor corridor at the West door of the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, NE 68355:

THE SOUTH 18/5 FEET OF LOT 8, BLOCK 167 AND ALL OF LOTS 9-12 BLOCK 167, ORIGINAL TOWN OF FALLS CITY, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED AS:

THE SOUTH EIGHTEEN AND ONE HALF(18-1/2) FEET OF LOT 8, AND ALL OF LOTS NINE (9), TEN (10), ELEVEN (11) AND TWELVE (12), BLOCK ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN (167), ORIGINAL TOWN OF FALLS CITY, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

All subject to any and all: (1) real estate taxes, (2) special assessments, (3) easements, covenants, restrictions, ordinances, and resolutions of record which affect the property, and (4) unpaid water bills, (5) prior mortgages and trust deed of record and (6) ground leases of record. The purchaser is responsible for all fees or taxes. This sale is made without any warranties as to title or condition of the property.

By: Eric Lemp, Trustee, NSBA# 24096 Kozeny & McCubbin, LC 12400 Olive Blvd., Suite 555 St. Louis, MO 63141 (314) 991-0255

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PART OF LOT 4, BLOCK 9, EVERGREEN HEIGHTS ADDITION TO FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA, EXCEPT THE WEST 120 FEET THEREOF, BEING A PLOT OF GROUND 98 FEET NORTH AND SOUTH AND 325.5 FEET EAST AND WEST, AS SHOWN BY RECORDED PLAT, AND LOTS 5 AND 6, BLOCK 9, EVERGREEN HEIGHTS ADDITION TO FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA, ALL IN RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

All subject to any and all: (1) real estate taxes, (2) special assessments, (3) easements, covenants, restrictions, ordinances, and resolutions of record which affect the property, and (4) unpaid water bills, (5) prior mortgages and trust deed of record and (6) ground leases of record. The purchaser is responsible for all fees or taxes. This sale is made without any warranties as to title or condition of the property.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN RE NAME CHANGE OF SHANNON MARIA GEORGES Case No. C115-1

You are hereby notified that on January 2, 2015 a petition was filed in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of said petition being to change the name of the undersigned from that of Shannon Maria Georges to that of Shannon Maria Alexander. You are further notified that the Petitioner intends to present said petition for change of name to said court on February 17, 2015 at 10:00 am. At that time any person or persons objecting to such change of name may be present and present their objections to the court.

Shannon Maria Georges 506 Main Street Shubert, Nebraska 68437 Petitioner

Handley Law Office Dylan L. Handley 217 E 18th Street Falls City, Nebraska 68355 Telephone: (402) 245-3088

13-20-27-3

STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES NOTICE OF APPLICATION A-19318

Richardson County Water Division 1-F On December 24, 2014, Stephen A. Kean filed in the Department of Natural Resources (Department) application A-19318 for a permit to appropriate water.

Summary of Application A-19318 for a permit to appropriate water: Type: Storage use (out-of-stream use) Purpose: Irrigation Source: Kean Pond 1 Point of Diversion: SE¼NE¼ S14 T2N R14E Location of use: NE¼ S14 T2N R14E Amount: 33.3 acre-feet

Additional project information and procedures to respond to this notice may be obtained by contacting the Surface Water Permits section of the Department at (402) 471-2363 or through the Department's website at http://dnr.nebraska.gov/sw-monthly-applications-filed.

Objections must be received by the Department at 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509 by 5:00 p.m. on February 11, 2015.

Date of Notice January 13, 2015 13-20-27

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NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to section 53-135.01 Liquor License may be automatically renewed for one year from May 1, 2015, for the following Retail Liquor License:

Linda Patchen, Kym Haynes, Kristina Haynes Madnes LLC DBA: Still Centerfield 102 Main Street

Shubert, Richardson County, Nebraska For the renewal of Retail Class ID Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits on and off sale License Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the Village of Shubert, Nebraska, on or before March 2, 2015 at the Village Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Shubert Library.

Jennifer Buchner Village Clerk

NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given to that pursuant to section 53-135.01 that a liquor license may be automatically renewed for one year from May 1, 2015.

Kari S. Simpson & Warren H. Vogele 221 Main Street Salem, NE 68433

Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the village of Salem, Nebraska, on or before February 3, 2015, in the office of the Village Clerk and that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, hearings will be held to determine whether continuations of said license should be allowed.

Carolyn Glathar, Village Clerk 20

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Amended and Restated Certificate of Organization for Sikora Realty, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, was filed with the Nebraska Secretary of State of January 15, 2015, wherein the following was amended and restated: (i) the name of the Company is Sikora Realty, LLC. (ii) the Designated Office and Registered Office of the Company is 113 East 17th Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, (iii) the Registered Agent at such address is Nic Sikora, and (iv) the Purpose of the Company is to engage in certain professional services.

20-27-3

Public Hearing Notice

Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging (BRAAA) will conduct a Public Hearing on February 20, 2015, at 10:00 A.M., at 1901 Court Street, Beatrice, Nebraska 68310. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment concerning waivers for direct service delivery of Transportation, In-Home Services (Handyman/Housekeeper/Respite) and Senior Center Meals. BRAAA Provides these services directly to assure an adequate supply of services. Comments/proposals will also be received from interested entities for the provision of the above services. Comments received will be submitted to the State Unit on Aging, Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services.

20-3

NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF BILLY E. DYKES, DECEASED PR15-4

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of January, 2015, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written Statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Robert Lock, whose address is 375 10th Street, Unadilla, Nebraska 68454, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before March 20, 2015 or be forever barred.

Nancy A. DeKlotz Clerk-Magistrate

Neal E. Parsons, #13228 Attorney at Law 217 East 18th Street Falls City, Nebraska 68355 402/245-3088

20-27-3

VILLAGE OF VERDON NOTICE OF ONE AND SIX YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PLAN HEARING

Public notice is hereby given in compliance with the revised statutes of Nebraska and the minimum requirements as adopted by the Board of Public Roads classifications and Standards, that the Village Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the 4th day of February 2015 at the Village Hall in Verdon for the purpose of hearing comment relating to the proposed One and Six Year Improvement Program for 2015.

Julie Vollmer City Street Superintendent 20

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Six Year Road and Street Plan for the Village of Salem, Nebraska as required by NEB. REV. STAT. Sec. 39-2119 et seq. R.R.S. has been recommended for approval by the Chairman and Village Board of Trustees, and that a Public Hearing be held on said Six Year Road and Street Plan on the 3 day of February, 2015, beginning at 7:30 P.M., at the Village Hall at which time objection to or recommendations for said Plan will be heard.

Carolyn Glathar Clerk 20

NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF JANET S. MCKINSEY, DECEASED PR15-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of January, 2015, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written Statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Neal E. Parsons, whose address is 217 East 18th Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before March 20, 2015 or be forever barred.

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20-27-3

County Board

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JAN. 6, 2015 - CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sicklel at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015. Roll call was answered by Standerford, Davidson and Sicklel. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sicklel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Davidson. Chairman Sicklel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room. ZNEZ

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the minutes of the Dec. 30, 2014 meeting as read. Motion seconded by Sicklel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sicklel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sicklel to amend the agenda to add consideration of the 2015 grant application with the NE Crime Commission for the 4-County Juvenile Services Program with Laura Osborne at 11:30 a.m. and to approve the remaining agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sicklel-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 & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

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

Motion was made by Davidson to approve a permit submitted by wardcraft to operate over-load/oversize vehicle on a county road. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sicklel-aye. Motion carried.

LAURA OSBORNE, FOUR COUNTY JUVENILE PROGRAM

Motion was made by Sicklel to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Johnson, Nemaha and Pawnee Counties for the Four County Juvenile Services Program. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davison-aye, Sicklel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Standerford to authorize the Chairman to sign the grant application to be submitted to the Nebraska Crime Commission for the 2015 Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid. Motion seconded by Sicklel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sicklel-aye. Motion carried. The grant is for \$58,153.00 with the four county matching funds totaling \$6,462.00 with the total project cost \$64,615.00.

DOUG MERZ, COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney, Doug Merz reviewed with the Board an agreement that has been proposed with Prochaska & Associates for the architectural services for the renovation of the Armory into a jail and law enforcement center. Further review of the agreement will be held.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Flexible Benefits Plan

Motion was made by Davidson to authorize the Chairman to sign the Flexible Benefits Plan Document Agreement. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sicklel-aye. Motion carried.

Fee Reports

Reports were reviewed and approved for the following officials for fees they collected during the month of December, 2014: Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk..... \$192.10 Registrar of Deeds..... \$11,025.50 Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court..... \$391.50 Sheriff Houser..... \$3,061.19

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the December 2014 monthly operating statement.

CLAIMS

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

An increase in salary effective Jan. 1, 2015 of 2.75% was given to the clerical positions in the Assessor and Treasurer's offices, Cooperative Extension Educator office, Emergency Management Agency office, Veterans' Service office and the custodial position in Courthouse maintenance.

GENERAL FUND

AHRS Const., serv..... 7,378.07 Animal Health Center, serv..... 55.00 Armbruster Motor Co., serv..... 117.00 AS Central Services, serv..... 448.00 Community Med Center, serv..... 582.08 Culligan Water, serv..... 130.68 Datamax, equip..... 2,500.00 De Lage Landen, serv..... 831.54 Dept of Correctional Serv., serv..... 10,605.16 FC Sanitation, serv..... 141.00 FC Utility Dept., serv..... 4,266.94 Fankhauser, Nelsen & Werts, fee..... 730.00 First State Bank, Humb Amb..... 18,596.48 Halbert, Dunn & Halbert, fee..... 305.00 Joyce Hasselbalch, fee..... 137.00 Holt County Sheriff, fee, rent..... 63.60 Iowa Tribal Police Dept., serv..... 600.00 Charles R. James, Jr., DDS, serv..... 592.00 Kawres, serv..... 237.12 Pest Control Services of SE NE, serv..... 60.00 Pitney Bowes, serv..... 180.00 Postmaster, postage..... 266.00 Pro Serv Business Systems, serv..... 25.12 Ameritas, retire..... 6,176.37 EMA Petty Cash, reimb..... 335.90 Richardson County Vendor, FICA..... 6,613.81 Eldon Snoko, reimb..... 75.00 SE NE Communications, serv..... 838.42 Thomas E. Howe Trust, reimb..... 75.00 US Cellular, serv..... 543.79 Verizon Wireless, serv..... 318.03 Woffes, supp..... 31.84 Jason Yode, supp..... 50.00 Payroll Expense..... 54,778.10 Total General Fund..... \$118,684.05

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

CAT Financial, equip..... 10,560.40 Diamond Traffic Products, supp..... 393.05 FC Sanitation, serv..... 55.00 FC Utility Dept., serv..... 1,154.70 NE Dept of Roads, serv..... 6,379.33 NPPD, serv..... 95.08 OPPD, serv..... 58.09 Safety Kleen, supp..... 247.87 Ultra-Chem, supp..... 222.40 Unifirst Corp., supp..... 74.58 Village of Verdon, serv..... 22.73 Payroll Expense..... 35,851.36 Total Road/Bridge Fund..... \$55,114.59

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

NE Dept of Health & Human Serv., fees. 85.00 Total General Assistance Fund..... \$85.00

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Davidson to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. Motion seconded by Sicklel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sicklel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015 at 9 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

JAN. 6, 2015 - CALL TO ORDER

The Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Sicklel at 8:45 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015. Roll call was answered by Commissioners Standerford, Davidson and Sicklel, Assessor, Pam Vice and Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff.

Chairman Sicklel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sicklel-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

ty website www.co.richardson.ne.us

TAX LIST CORRECTIONS

Motion was made by Sicklel to approve 1 tax list correction as presented by Assessor Vice. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sicklel-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Sicklel to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 a.m. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sicklel-aye. Motion carried.

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

Village of Shubert

The Village Board of Shubert held the monthly board meeting on Jan. 5, 2015 in the Shubert Library. Chairman Shafer opened the regular meeting at 7 p.m. with the following board members present: Peggy Oliver, Linda Patchen and Nathan Handley. Gina Steele was present through Skype. Clerk was present to record the meeting. Shafer announced the Posting of the Open Meetings Law. Chairman asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, hearing none. Chairman asked visitors if they had any comments. M. Yoessel was present to submit a bid for snow removal. After some discussion the board accepted his bid. Motion and Second (Handley/Oliver) to accept contract for snow removal. Roll call vote was all "Ayes," Motion carried. J. Georges asked for approval to park his semi on the west side of Main Street. Board agreed. Hearing all comments, Chairman began regular meeting. There was a motion and second (Shafer/Handley), to approve the Dec. 1, meeting minutes. Roll call vote was all "Ayes," Motion carried. There was a motion and second (Oliver/Handley) to approve the balance and claims sheet. Roll call vote was all "Ayes"; Motion carried.

General: Ordinance Violations: The last five properties have been turned in to the Sheriff and attorney. Still waiting for an update from Sheriff's office. Water & Sewer: Board reviewed delinquent water accounts. Board requested clerk to send 10-day shut off notices to balances over certain amount. Board reviewed Tracy's water report. Wood & Brush pile: Brush removal and burning will be done soon. Buildings and Park: Community Building: There are some small cracks in the foundation that are letting in cold air. It was suggested to fill with foam. P. Oliver family fixed the front door. Park: None. Library: None. Streets: Tractor: It will need to be taken to John Deere and have a full inspection. Christmas Lights: NPPD will be here Wednesday afternoon to take down Christmas Lights. Fire: Invoice for new uniform. After some discussion there was a Motion and Second (Oliver/Steele) to pay for one half of the invoice. Handley/Shofer voted yes and Patchen voted no. Motion Carried.

Public Street Meeting will be Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. Regular Board Meeting will be Feb. 2 at 7:05 p.m. in the Shubert Library.

With no further business: Motion and Second (Oliver/Handley) to adjourn meeting at 8:07 p.m. Roll call votes all Ayes. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Aaron Davis..... -207.79 Tracy Milke..... -415.57 Tracy Milke, Expenses DEC 2014..... -84.02 Aaron Davis, Expenses DEC..... -50.00 Utility Service Co. Inc., Water Tower Contract..... -2,106.23 State of Neb. PHEL, water testing..... -237.00 FC Sanitation Serv, 77 Pickups..... -916.55 Midwest Labs, wastewater testing..... -164.03 Village of Stella, Sampler Rental Nov & Aaron Davis Testing..... -66.00 Village of Shubert, USDA Transfer..... -906.00 United States Treasury, Payroll Tax..... -195.08 Jennifer Buchner..... -554.10 Falls City Journal, Minutes x2..... -63.45 Vice Oil & Propane, Library & Community Building Propane..... -691.90 USPS Office..... 200 Stamps Steele, G., reimb for printer..... -279.99 Steele, G., reimb for printer warranty..... -19.52

Village of Stella

Village of Stella Board of Trustees Meeting, Jan. 5, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Stella Community Building

Present: Jim Owings, Allen McNeely and Jerry Joy. Absent: Adam Stanley and Heath Stanley. Guests: Jackie Uhri and Andy McMullen.

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Joy, who noted the posting of the Open Meeting Act. Motion by Owings and second by McNeely to approve the minutes as presented. All voted ye. Motion by McNeely and second by Owings to approve the treasurer's report as presented. All voted ye. Motion by Owings and second by McNeely to pay the claims and payroll with the addition of the library hours which was received late.

The coverage of hours was once again discussed. The library being open 17½ hours and hours turned in for payroll was 21½. It was decided to reduce the hours paid by 1½. All voted ye. Communications: None. Committees: Streets - None. Lights - None. Park - None. W&S - Written report by Milke. Library - Written report. Shadow turned in her resignation as librarian, due to the fact she has obtained full-time employment. Motion by Owings and second by McNeely to accept Shadow's resignation effective immediately. All voted ye. Maintenance Man - None. Planning - The county is to be picking up the rock pile between Robert Beilke and Heath Stanley. Tree - None. Health - None. Community Building - None. Main Street Improvement - None. Street repair - Owings and Joy reported on the progress of the work on 2nd Street after visiting with a Railroad Rep and Bartlett Grain. A private citizen has donated \$490.12 to the Village. Motion by McNeely and second by Owings to put the money in the park fund for use. All voted ye. Park - Discussion of grant money for park equipment, the dangers of the old equipment and the possibility of input from families with children in the community. New Committee Lists were passed out. Town Tractor - Discussion of the tractor and the problems with the new blade. It was discussed that the blade is too large for the tractor to handle. The board will look into this and the possibility of trading for a blade that will work with the tractor. Water shut-offs were signed. Allen McNeely informed the board that they will be moving out of town, so he will be resigning from the board. Members noted that they appreciate all he has done for the village as a board member. Motion by McNeely and second by Owings to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. All voted ye.

Vicki Owings, Clerk

January Claims and Payroll

Jeff Huettner, 397.60; NE Public Health Environmental Labs, 143.00; FC Journal, 22.41; NE Clerk's Assoc., 10.00; Vice Oil & Propane, 66.90; OPPD, 305.29; Reliable Office Supplies, 66.90; One Stop Shop, 71.11; Midwest Labs, 70.50; One Call Concepts, 4.80; Cathy Donahoe, 315.17; American Recycling & Sanitation, 1,040.00; Vicki Owings, 525.00; Vicki Owings, 87.65; Tracy Milke, 250.00; Aaron Davis, 175.00; JEO Consulting Group, Inc., 600.00; NPPD, 1,261.01; Robert Thacker, 384.00; IRS, 184.21; SE NE Communications, 204.12; Tracy Milke, 215.43; Henry Sullwold, 52.50; Shadow Loveless, 87.75; Sue James, 42.25.

Village of Verdon

VERDON MINUTES REGULAR MEETING - JAN. 7, 2015 - 7:30 P.M. - VILLAGE HALL

The Oath of Office was given to Brenda Streit who then took her place as a Verdon Board of Trustee member. Chairperson Denise Koso informed the room at large that the Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall. The meeting was called to order by Koso at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present were: Gary Cochran, James Cockerham, Denise Koso, Brenda Streit and Shannon Weinmann. GUESTS: Tammie Bents, Utilities Supt, and Clerk Brenda Daniels. MINUTES: Motion by Koso, second by Streit

to approve, all the Trustees present voted YEA.

AGENDA: Motion by Cochran, second by Koso to approve, all Trustees present voted YEA.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Cochran, second by Streit to approve, with all the Trustees present voting YEA.

JANUARY 2015 CLAIMS: Motion by Koso, second by Cockerham to pay the claims, all the Trustees present voting YEA.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. The January 2015 shut-off notices were reviewed by the Trustees and there was one shut-off listed.

2. Time cards and daily work sheets for December 2014 were reviewed by the Trustees and initiated.

3. Clerk Daniels reported that the mileage rate had changed to \$.57.5 cents a mile effective Jan. 1, 2015.

4. Thank you note from Sharon Dallas was read.

5. Letter from the DEQ about lagoon discharging was read and discussed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Reports were given from Tammie Bents about the generator starter that had to be replaced and the pump at the lagoon that was dry of oil and had water infiltrated in it. Tammie will take it back to HTM Sales on Thursday, Jan. 8, for them to check it out.

Report was given on using wipes for cleaning purposes when they are causing problems in sewers and lagoons. Only pee, poo and toilet paper should be flushed down the toilets according to the article.

Tammie reported she needed to order diesel for the tractor.

2. Attorney Dylan Handley sent an email updating the Village on the progress of the Interlocal Law Enforcement Agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The USDA suggested the water rates need to be raised after the financial reports for 2013-2014 for water was sent to them. Expenses were more than income but cuts have been made for this year so we hope to hold off on this. Highest expense is the tower maintenance payments.

2. Motion by Koso, second by Weinmann to set the One & Six year Street and Highway Meeting for Feb. 4, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. All the trustees voted YEA.

ADJOURNMENT

Five Things Families with College Bound Students Should Consider

(StatePoint) Transitioning to college life can be difficult on both students and families. From new expenses to a new lifestyle, being prepared for what lies ahead can help you avoid common bumps in the road.

Here are five things families with college-bound students should consider:

- **Getting involved:** Being away from home and making new friends can seem daunting. Encourage your student to get involved in school activities and events. From joining the campus paper to running for student government, there are a range of extracurricular opportunities that can lead to new friendships, help students maintain an active calendar and round out one's classroom education.

- **Health and wellness:** Late nights spent studying instead of sleeping, as well as crowded dorm rooms, can be a prescription for colds and flu. Check out on-campus and local health care options before your student gets sick. No one wants to scramble to research medical options when he or she isn't feeling well. Many campuses offer student insurance. See what makes the most sense for your family. Locate a nearby pharmacist before visiting the doctor so you can provide that information at your appointment.

- **Financing College:** College may be one of your family's biggest investments to date. Whether that describes your family or not, there's no doubt about it, higher education comes with a big price tag. It's never too late in the process to seek out new financing options, even if your child is already away out school.

From filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, to exploring private loans, free on-line resources can help guide you through the process. Check out resources designed for college-bound students and their families, such as Wells Fargo's "5 Steps to Financial Aid" video series, which offers helpful advice on finding a scholarship, applying for loans, and more from "Mr. Fellows, your wiser college advisor," at www.WellsFargo.com/fivesteps.

- **Staying in touch:** You're busy. Your kid is busy. But regular check-ins with your student can help you know that everything is going well. Set up a weekly appointment to chat by phone and get the scoop -- just make sure your student's phone plan allows for sufficient texting and calling.

- **Money management:** For many students, college is the first time they will gain some financial independence. Set your kids up for success by teaching them how to establish a workable budget. A checking and savings account designed for college students can help them stay on track. You can review money-management tools for college students at www.WellsFargo.com.

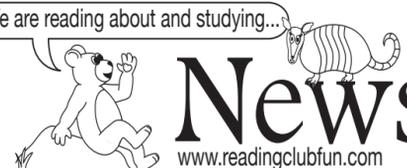
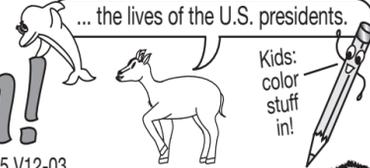
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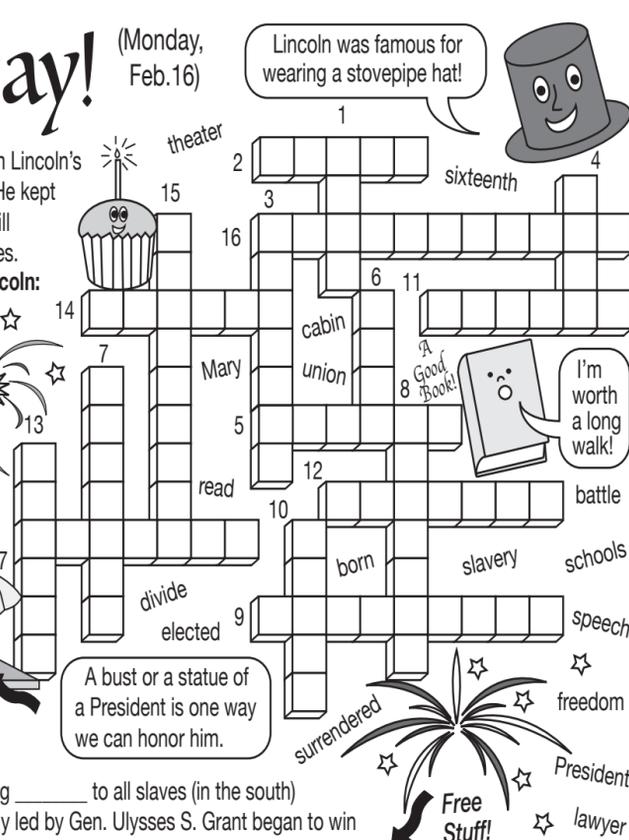
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Presidents' Day! (Monday, Feb. 16)

February 12th is the anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's birth. Many people think he was our greatest President! He kept the union of the states together. He freed slaves. He is still remembered today for his powerful and heartfelt speeches. **Read the clues to help you fill in this puzzle about Lincoln:**



1. he was _____ on February 12, 1809 in Kentucky
2. his family lived in a one-room log _____
3. there were no _____; Abraham spent his days playing or working
4. he loved to _____; would walk for miles to borrow a book
5. in 1836, he received his license to be a _____
6. in 1842, he married _____ Todd Lincoln; they had four sons
7. he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives for one term (Whig Party); opposed the spread of _____ into new areas
8. in 1858, he ran for the U.S. Senate, but was not _____
9. the Republican party, which opposed slavery, chose Lincoln to run for President (1860); he won, becoming our _____ President
10. right away some southern states split from the _____; they wanted to start their own government
11. Lincoln did not want the country to _____; the Civil War began with the Confederate Army, led by Gen. Robert E. Lee, having the upper hand
12. during the war, in 1862, Lincoln signed the "Emancipation Proclamation" giving _____ to all slaves (in the south)
13. after _____ (1863) at Gettysburg, PA, the war's tide turned - the Union Army led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant began to win
14. Lincoln traveled to Gettysburg to give a _____ - it has become famous: *The Gettysburg Address*
15. in 1864, Lincoln was elected _____ again
16. the Confederate Army _____ in April 1865; Lincoln urged all Americans to make peace and get along
17. five days later Lincoln went to the _____ with his wife, where John Wilkes Booth shot Lincoln and killed him



Lincoln was famous for wearing a stovepipe hat!

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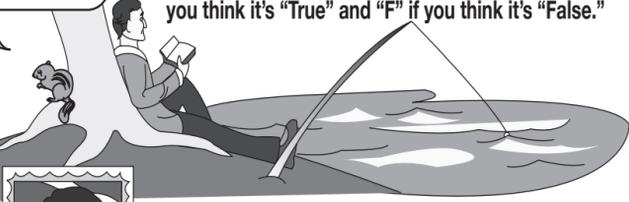
How We Honor Our Presidents

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bridges
money
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portraits
holidays
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books
history lessons

Abraham liked to tell jokes and stories. He also liked to fish and wrestle.



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Abraham Lincoln's Younger Days!

What do you know about President Lincoln's childhood? It's always fun to learn how presidents spent their time as kids growing up. Read each statement. **Circle "T" if you think it's "True" and "F" if you think it's "False."**

Abraham Lincoln(s):

1. was born in Kentucky. When he was seven his family moved to Indiana. **T F**
2. lived in a wild area with many bears and other wild animals. **T F**
3. Mom died when Abraham was 9 years old. **T F**
4. had 24 brothers and sisters. **T F**
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Helpful hints to vet a charity before donating

Charities need financial donations to survive, and the competition to secure those donations can sometimes be fierce. Well-intentioned prospective donors may be caught in the middle of that competition, receiving solicitations from a seemingly endless array of charities without ever knowing how to choose the one that's most worthy of their donations.

Vetting a charity is important, as donors want to know their money is being used in the best way possible. The following tips can help prospective donors find their way through the sea of charitable organization solicitations they receive this year.

Do the math. Watchdog organizations that monitor charities to ensure they are using donations to meet the goals set forth in their mission statements generally advise that charities devote a substantial percentage of their budgets to programs. For example, Charities Review Council, a Minnesota-based organization that profiles charities, recommends that charities use at least 65 percent of their budgets for their programs, with no more than 35 percent of the organizational budget going toward administration and fundraising costs. Other watchdog organizations set the bar even higher, but prospective donors vetting a charity can request to see the organization's tax documents (many organizations now post such filings on their websites), examining them

to make sure the charity is using at least 65 percent of its budget to finance programs designed to fulfill its mission statement.

Ask for proof. In addition to examining financial documents, ask a charity to show proof that it's doing what it set out to do. Charities should be able to provide this information immediately. Those that can't may be struggling to meet their missions, which should be a red flag for prospective donors who want their donation dollars to go far.

Examine assets. When perusing a charity's financial documents, men and women vetting charities that file their tax returns with the United States Internal Revenue Services can look on Form 990 to determine if the charity finished the financial year with positive or negative assets. (If vetting a Canadian charity, call the charity and ask for the equivalent form.) Charities that are routinely ending years with negative assets may not be worthy of a donation, as

they might be incapable of meeting their mission statement due to mismanagement or legal troubles.

Seek independent evaluations. Not every charity is forthcoming about their missions or successes and failures, especially when soliciting donors. Independent evaluations may be mandatory depending on where the charity is based, and these evaluations are often conducted by auditing firms trusted with determining the organization's financial health. If the audit is unavailable, look for evaluations from other independent sources, such as Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org), a nonprofit organization that rates charities based on a host of factors, including financial health, accountability and transparency, and results reporting.

Vetting charities is important for donors who want to ensure their donations go toward making a favorite charity's mission statement a reality.

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How to get more money out of income tax refund

Income tax season is a happy time for many people. Those who anticipate a considerable refund on their taxes look forward to having extra money; some individuals even plan to finance big-ticket purchases entirely with their tax refunds.

Smart money management can turn a refund check into a nice nest egg or stretch dollars to make the most of this windfall of cash. The following money-management tips can help anyone develop strong saving and spending habits that can pay dividends for years to come.

Get organized; When looking to make the most of your tax refund, start by organizing your financial documents and getting a grasp on your spending and saving behaviors. Examine your income-to-expenditures ratio to see where the majority of your money is going. It can be difficult to make significant changes with regard to your finances if you don't have ready access to

your financial records and a strong appreciation of how your money is being spent.

Pay off high-interest loans; When addressing your finances, take inventory of any high-interest loans, including credit card bills. It will save you more money in the long run to pay off this type of debt as soon as possible. The earlier such debts are eradicated, the less you will ultimately pay in interest. What's more, paying off debt helps establish a better credit record and score, which can make you eligible for lower interest rates in the future. Using a refund to eliminate debt is more beneficial than simply letting the refund sit in the bank, where it's likely to accrue less interest each month than the interest that accrues on your credit accounts with outstanding balances.

Investigate savings programs; It is estimated that customers who don't have an account at a bank

or credit union spend, on average, more than \$800 at check-cashing businesses each year. Opening up an account with a credit union or bank will immediately save you money on check-cashing fees. Speaking with a banking representative can also provide information about various programs that will enable you to save your tax refund and earn money on it through interest accumulation. In the National Retail Federation's annual Tax Returns Study, 40.2 percent of respondents said they planned to stash some of their refund in savings in 2013. While traditional savings or checking accounts may offer nominal interest rates, longer-term certificate of deposits or money market accounts may yield more interest.

Talk to an investment specialist; Your income tax refund may be just what you need to start investing. A 2012 study by TD Ameritrade indicated 63 percent of respondents said they plan to save or invest at least part of the money they get back on their taxes. A financial planner or stock broker can guide you through potential investments that carry the right portfolio and level of risk for your needs. If you prefer to do the work yourself, many investment companies have user-friendly websites where account holders can manage their own investments and monitor the daily performance of those investments. With the right investment, you can turn your refund into a substantial amount of

money over the course of several years.

Stretching tax refund dollars means making smart choices regarding money management. Rath-

er than splurging tax returns on big-ticket items, use your refund to grow your savings, begin an investment portfolio or pay down debt

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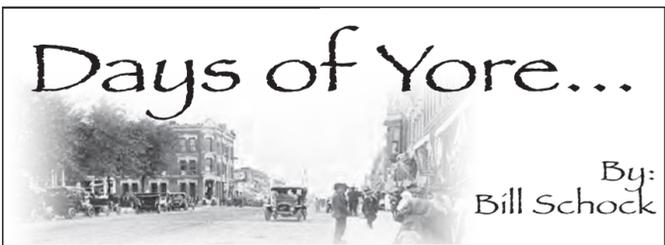
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50 Years Ago
(Jan. 19 -Jan. 26, 2015)

Humboldt citizens and the Farmers Home Administration were planning a 269-acre recreation area west of town and would buy the land from Clint Moren. It came to fruition as Kirkman's Cove Recreation Area.

Bob Appleoff's Appleoff Appliance was celebrating its 20th anniversary.

At the Rivoli Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis were yapping it up in "The Caddy."

Wanda's Beauty Shop held an open house in its new location at 108 East 16th Street.

Morehead Auto Co. was advertising a motor tune-up bargain--\$6.95 for a six-cylinder car and \$9.95 for a V8.

Mr./Mrs. Earl Rieger and the latter's mother Mrs. Elmer Fisher were honored as the Outstanding Conservation Farmers for 1964, as were Mr./Mrs. Donald Marfice, Humboldt.

The stork report: son Jan. 19 to Mr./Mrs. Howard Honea, FC; daughter Jan. 22 to Mr./Mrs. Richard Power, Humboldt.

Harold Vollmer topped the bowlers in the Town & Country League at FC Bowl with a 533 series.

Ralph Huettner, FC, was discharged from the Army after three years of service, the last four months in Thailand.

D-V, led by Leon Portrey's 25 points, downed Pawnee City 68-64; Humboldt defeated Wymore 64-62, Scott and Dennis Gridley racking up 19 points each.

Imperial Station at the north edge of town advertised it would give away a nickel candy bar with each gallon of gas purchased.

Mrs. Curtis Bok, ex-FC, wife of the famed Philadelphia publisher, was honored as Woman of the Year by Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Philadelphia.

Hested's lunch counter would dish up two chicken and noodle dinners for a buck.

George Taylor was the new president of the Humboldt Chamber of Commerce.

Aerial darts champs at FCHS were Vicky Little, Ann Rider, Donna Lotter, Janet Falter, Judy Steinman, Carol Schacht and Cheryl Marmet.

An item from United Press

Portuguse Guiana—Cadi Size couldn't remember when she celebrated her 100th birthday but she did know the size of her family, 13 children and everybody in the village. She had populated the entire village.

25 Years Ago

Tackett's Cafe, 1018 Stone Street, had added an arcade next door for children.

The Richardson Foundation officers were: Vern Borer, president; Connie Brandt, secretary/treasurer, and Roger Kiekhaefer, chairman of the board.

Gov. Kay Orr addressed the meeting to present the results of efforts to create a community action team at Humboldt. It was attended by 300 persons. Co-chairmen of the effort were Dean Bogle and Dr Stephen Stripe.

A whopping two-day sale was held at FC Auction with 2,734 cattle going through the ring. Auctioneers were Witt & Witt.

At the 4-H Leaders Banquet at Stella's Community Church, Lester Dufferfeldt, FC, was honored for 35 years as a club leader.

The stork report: son Jan. 22 to Mr./Mrs. Steven Huppert; son Jan. 22 to Mr./Mrs. Mike McAfee, FC; son Jan. 22 to Mr./Mrs. James Pratt, FC. Buck Sells, Sacred Heart, was the Journal's County Athlete of the Week.

FCHS defeated Horton 64-33 in the consolation finals of the Nemaha Valley Invitational at Seneca. Brian Wardlow scored 25 for the Tigers. Jason Schock won the free throw contest, swishing 52 of 62.

A pitch tourney was in progress at Murphy's Wagon Wheel tavern/café.

In not exactly a defensive battle, Hullman's Ford swamped Elk Creek 158-132. Both Kevin Scheitel and Doug Goltz racked up 30.

15 Years Ago

Vicky Zoeller and Jennifer Wiltse were presented Jaycee Degrees at the Jaycees' Passing of the Gavel banquet. Teresa Chandler, Jaycees' president, was presented the Diamond Chip award for the Blue Chip success and for Outstanding Service to the Community. Appreciation awards went to Scott Schock, Tony Brunette, Bruce Merz, Don Stevens and Fred Brewer.

Matilda Zimmerman, a resident at Midland Villa, celebrated her 106th birthday.

The Humboldt-Table-Rock boys won the MUDECAS tourney, downing Diller-Odell 57-56 with Matt Mezger scoring 20 points. Sacred Heart won the girls' tourney by dumping Palmyra 43-29. Julie Froesch scored 16.

Ribbon cuttings were held at Farmers Insurance Group, 1212 Stone Street, owned by Dave Young, and at Violet McTaggart's Shades of Violet, 2406 Stone.

Stella farmer Roger Waniska had the state's top dryland soybean yield, 65.42 bushels an acre.

Ed O'Grady, FC, was re-elected chairman of the Nemaha Natural Resources board.

The Journal's County Athletes of the Week were Ashley Howard, Sacred Heart, and Matt Mezger, Humboldt-Table Rock.

A daughter was born Jan. 18 to Mr./Mrs. Cory Pape, Verdon.



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W.E. 'Bill' Dykes

William Eugene Dykes, 75, of Tonganoxie, KS, passed away Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015 with his family at his side. He was born on Feb. 12, 1939 in Falls City to William Nathan and Daisy Louise Dykes.

The funeral service was Thursday, Jan. 15, 2015 at the Tonganoxie Christian Church Life Center. The family received friends for two hours before the service. Burial Friday in Maple Grove Cemetery, Tonganoxie.

He graduated from Falls City High School and Finlay Engineering College in Kansas City, MO.

Bill married Carol Ann Moritz on Oct. 1, 1960 in Leavenworth, KS. She survives of the home. He is also survived by three sons, Lawrence (Mary), of Lawrence, KS, Robert (Christine), of Williamsburg, KS, and Timothy (Valerie), of Shawnee, KS; and six grandchildren, Bryant (Nicole), Alyssa, Olivia, Caroline and Samuel; great granddaughter, Harper; many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and cousins.

He became a member of Tonganoxie Christian Church in 1976. Over the years, Bill served the Lord in many ways at the church, as Deacon and member on the Finance and Building and Planning Committees.

Bill was a registered professional engineer in the states of Kansas and Missouri. Most recently he was an independent consultant after having retired from Westar Energy in 1997 as Executive Director of Transmission Engineering. Previously he held electrical engineering leadership positions in Kansas City at Board of Public Utilities, Burns & McDonnell, Black & Veatch and Bendix. He was a past member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, the Power Engineering Society, Electric Power Research Institute Transmission Substation Task Force and the Edison Electric Institute Committee serving as Chairman of the Transmission Engineering Task Force.

Additionally, he served as board member at the West Branch YMCA in Kansas City, KS, and was as active in scouting and other community activities.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Tonganoxie Christian Church Memorial Fund are suggested.
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Jason Meisenhelder

Jason Lee Meisenhelder, 33, of Beatrice, passed away Sunday morning, Jan. 18, 2015 in a Lincoln hospital after injuries suffered during a fall from a moving vehicle along Highway 77 between Lincoln and Beatrice. He was the son of Verdon native Jim and Jane Beavers, of Beatrice.

A funeral service is tentatively scheduled for Friday morning at the First Presbyterian Church, 321 N. 5th St., Beatrice. Fox Funeral Home, of Beatrice, is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be given to the family, in care of the funeral home.

Jason was born on Sept. 18, 1981 in Omaha. He spent part of his early childhood in Nebraska City before his family moved to Lincoln, where he graduated from Lincoln Northeast High School in 2000. He graduated from SE Community College in Beatrice in 2005, with a degree in broadcasting. Jason worked in Lincoln, initially at KFRX Radio and later as a DJ for Finch on the Run Entertainment. He also lived in York for several years, working for Staab Management. He briefly lived in Fairview, TX, before recently returning to Beatrice. Jason was working at the End Zone Sports Bar in Beatrice at the time of his death.

He's survived by his parents; father, Joe (Barb) Meisenhelder, of Minneapolis; sister, Jayma (Deshon) Stansberry, of Beatrice; brothers, Jay Nathan (Megan) Beavers, of Beatrice, and James "J.R." Beavers Jr., of Goldsboro, N.C.; nephews, Max Stansberry, Beau and Jude Beavers, of Beatrice; many aunts, uncles, friends and cousins, including Amy (Schock) Meinzer, of Omaha, and Jason, Alicia, Emma, Chloe and Evi Schock, of Falls City.

Robert J. Davis

Robert Jeffery Davis, 49, of Falls City, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015 at Bryan LGH West in Lincoln. He was born on Sept. 6, 1965 in Falls City, the son of Robert Lee and Frances (Portrey) Davis.

Rob was raised and attended school in Falls City; he graduated from the Job Corps program in Chadron.

Throughout his life he lived in Hiawatha, KS, Sabetha, KS, and South Dakota. Rob worked various construction jobs as a carpenter.

He moved back to Falls City, where he has lived for the past several years. Due to a sudden stroke, Rob was taken to LGH West.

He is survived by three sons,

Travis Davis, of Hiawatha, Randy Davis, of Oneida, KS, and Jesse (Karen) Davis, of Sabetha; his mother, Frances Davis, of Falls City; brothers, Joe (Sandy) Yocum, of Milford, and Kevin (Deborah) Hauck, of Fremont; sisters, Amy Yocum (Jim) Snyder, of Joplin, MO, Dawn Eckler Moorehead, of Rulo, and Nancy Davis Phroper, of Falls City; special friend, Christina Blanton and her son, Roy Tidwell, of Falls City; seven grandchildren; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Family and friends gathered at the Northridge Church in Falls City on Jan. 16. Memorials may be given to the family in care of Hall Funeral Home of Falls City.

Donald W. Yoesel

Donald W. Yoesel, 84, of Stella, passed away on Monday, Jan. 12, 2015 at Auburn. He was born April 3, 1930 at Rulo to the late Walter and Edna (Helfenbein) Yoesel.

Don was raised in the Shubert area and graduated from Shubert High School in 1948. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on Oct. 25, 1951 at Omaha and served in Korea, earning the Korean Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, ROK Presidential Unit Citation, United Nations Service Medal and a National Defense Service Medal. He was honorably discharged on Oct. 28, 1953 at Camp Carson, CO.

Following his discharge, he returned to Stella and married Gale Shineflew on July 24, 1955 in Stella. The couple lived in various places until settling in Stella in 1964, where he managed the Stella Elevator for 33 years before retir-

ing. Don was a member of the Stella Community Church, VFW and Harvey Mann American Legion Post both of Shubert.

He's survived by his wife, Gale, of Stella; daughters, Deanna Lewis, of Wichita, KS, and Darla Yoesel, of Lincoln; brother, Alvin Yoesel, of Seminole, OK; sister, Glenita (Harold) Thomson, of Wichita; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; son, Donald, Jr.; brothers, Gilbert and Harlan.

His funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015 at the Stella Community Church, with Pastor Kyle Paustian and Wayne Shafer officiating. Interment will be in Prairie Union Cemetery. Military graveside honors by Harvey Mann American Legion Post and Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard. Open visitation will begin on Monday afternoon at Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, of Falls City.

Clarence Sidney Stewart

Clarence Stewart, 89, of Mesa, AZ, passed away at home on Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015 after a long and courageous struggle with congestive heart failure. He was born in Stella on March 4, 1925.

He was a veteran of WWII and participated in the first wave of the invasion of Leyte in the South Pacific. Severely wounded, he was the recipient of a Bronze Star, a Purple Heart and numerous other awards.

Following the war, Clarence had a career as both a Station Master for the Missouri Pacific Railroad and

as a State Farm Insurance agent. He was an avid golfer until recent years and a life-long Nebraska football fan.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Marjorie; daughter, Judy (David) Stewart; brother, James (Vera) Stewart; sister, Marian (Fred) Koerwitz; grandchildren, Greg Curnes, Monica Mahoney, Bradley Martin and Christopher Climer; great-grandchildren, Sydney Curnes, Kaia Martin and Braeden Martin and Declan Mahoney.

Clarence was preceded in death by his parents, Sidney and Floye Stewart; and by his daughter, Carol Curnes.

Merle Joy

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Salem to Ivan and Esta (Wittwer) Joy. The family moved to Falls City when he was as a young boy.

He served two years (1957-1959) in the Army, including assignments at Sandia Base, NM, and Fort Sill, OK, followed by three years in the local Company B, Nebraska Army National Guard.

Merle married Karen Louise Kahl on Sept. 16, 1962 in Mineola, IA.

He enjoyed music his entire life; everything from the big band to jazz to Pink Floyd and could often be found listening to his MP3 player while playing solitaire on the computer. He enjoyed being with his family who kept him current on the latest music and technology. He was always interested in learning new things and was a wealth of knowledge and trivia. Even after retirement, he still liked to tinker in his shop, especially with someone who appreciated tinkering as much as he did.

Merle was a long-time member of the Southeast Nebraska Blacksmith, Welders and Machinist Association, where he had many long-time friends and associates. As a younger man, he enjoyed compet-

ing in tractor pulling and was a motor sports enthusiast his entire life.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; children, Jennifer Krug, of Auburn, Michael Joy, of St. Joseph MO, and Matthew (Holly) Joy, of Plattsmouth; grandchildren, Dylan, Tyler, Wyatt, Maxwell and Ryan; brother, Leon (Carolyn) Joy, of Falls City; sister-in-law, Elizabeth (Bob) Young, of Spearfish, SD; brother-in-law, Marvin "Bud" (Marge) Kahl, of Mineola; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, and special canine friend and companion, Caesar.

He was preceded in death by his parents.



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School Board #70

Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer Public Schools Board of Education, District #70 Regular Meeting on Jan. 12, 2015 7 p.m. in the Math Room in Humboldt
 A regular meeting of the Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer Public Schools Board of Education, District #70 was held on Jan. 12, 2015 at 7 PM in the 2nd Floor Math Room in Humboldt. The meeting was advertised in The Humboldt Standard, The Pawnee Republican and The Falls City Journal. A copy of the agenda was kept in the Superintendent's office prior to the meeting.
 President Scott Ogle called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Members in attendance were: Neal Kanel, Rock Herr, Sandy Stalder and Mike Bredemeier. Steve Schardt was absent. Also in attendance were Superintendent Clinton Kimbrough and Principals Lisa Othmer and Kari Cover and Board Recorder Kellie Workman.
 Correspondence: none.
 Organization of the Board: Supt. Kimbrough opened the floor for nominations for Board President. Stalder nominated Ogle, seconded by Herr. Seeing no other nominations, Ogle will serve as President.
 Ogle nominated Schardt for Vice President, seconded by Stalder. No further nominations; Schardt will serve as VP.
 Motion by Kanel, seconded by Stalder to appoint the Superintendent as Board Secretary. Motion carried 5-0.
 Motion by Kanel, seconded by Ogle to allow agenda items D-I to remain the same. Motion carried 5-0. (Appoint Kellie Workman as the Board Recorder; appoint Official Bank Depositories as American National Bank and State Bank of Table Rock; appoint Official Newspapers as The Humboldt Standard, The Falls City Journal and The Pawnee Republican; approve participation in the following Federal Programs: Title I, Special Education and Hot Lunch; appoint the Superintendent as Federal Program Coordinator.
 Motion by Bredemeier, seconded by Kanel to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.
 Motion by Kanel, seconded by Stalder to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting held on Dec. 8, 2014 and special meetings held on Dec. 10, 15 and 16, 2014. Motion carried 5-0.
 Motion by Ogle, seconded by Kanel to approve the bills for payment in the amount of \$439,734.38 for general and payroll funds; \$261,241.98 for building fund; \$8,991.00 for depreciation fund. Motion carried 5-0.
 All board members present reviewed activity, treasurer and lunch fund reports. Motion by Herr, seconded by Stalder to approve the reports. Motion carried 5-0.
 Patron Comment: none.
 Staff Presentations: Glenna Withers and Jeremy Marteny presented on technology including apple products and the school website.
 Discussion: Supt. Kimbrough will continue to pursue a driver's education instructor.
 Supt. Kimbrough explained that part of the Harding, Schultz law firm that the school utilizes has split into their own firm.
 Action Items: Motion by Kanel, seconded by Stalder to approve the hiring and contract for superintendent, Sherri Edmundson for two years beginning July 1, 2015. Motion carried 5-0.
 Motion by Kanel, seconded by Stalder to accept Trudy Fankhauser's resignation with thanks and appreciation for her years of service. Motion carried 5-0.
 Motion by Bredemeier, seconded by Kanel to approve a two year agreement (2015-2016, 2016-2017) negotiated agreement. Motion carried 5-0.
 Motion by Ogle, seconded by Herr to purchase 25 new classroom heat pump units from Beatrice Mechanical in the amount of \$67,208 to be paid from the depreciation fund. Motion carried 5-0.
 Motion by Kanel, seconded by Ogle to approve the Ameritas limited tax obligation building improvement bonds resolution. Motion carried 5-0.
 Motion by Kanel, seconded by Stalder to approve the Ameritas construction notes resolution. Motion carried 5-0.
 Update on Humboldt Site North Addition project.
 The board will conduct a self-assessment.
 Administrator Reports: Principal Othmer's report mentioned assessments, RTI plan and upcoming events. Principal Cover gave updates on assessments, RTI and activities at the Middle School. Supt. Kimbrough mentioned new legislation.
 Executive Session: none.
 Motion by Kanel, seconded by Stalder to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.
 The next regular meeting of the HTRS Board of Education will be on Feb. 9, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Math Room in Humboldt.
 Respectfully submitted,
 Kellie Workman, Board Recorder

Cards of Thanks

The family of Wanda Coupe would like to thank everyone for the love and support shown to us during the loss of our mother and grandmother. Your many acts of kindness and sympathy continue to be a great comfort to us during this difficult time. We also send our appreciation to the doctors, nurses and staff of Community Medical Center and St. Elizabeth's Regional Medical Center for their compassionate care. Thank you to Monsignor Robert Roh and others who came to pray with Mom and her family. A sincere thank you to Brian Daake and his staff at Dorr Funeral Home for their help at our time of need.
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Tiger teams get home sweep over Maryville

The Class C1 sixth-ranked Falls City High boys' basketball team improved to 12-1 on the season Saturday with a 61-50 road win at Elmwood-Murdock. It was the Tigers' seventh consecutive win, dating back to Dec. 20.

Seniors Jordy Stoller and Jack Hartman each scored 18 points and senior Weston Witt scored 15 to go with seven team-high assists to lead FC.

Hartman is now averaging 14.6 points per game and is hitting nearly 60 percent of his shots.

The Tigers came out of the gates hard, taking a 29-10 lead into half-time. Foul trouble allowed Elmwood to hang around in the second half.

Friday, the Tigers beat Maryville, MO, 60-44, in front of a capacity crowd at the high school.

Hartman drilled eight of his 13 shots and led all scorers with 20, leading three FC players in double figures. Senior Jordy Stoller had 17 points to go with a team-best five

steals and sophomore Kyle Leafly made 5-of-6 shots and scored a career-high 16.

Falls City is competing in the Nemaha Valley Raider Classic this week at Seneca, KS, and taking a No. 1 seed and red-hot winning streak with them.

The Lady Tigers split a pair over the weekend and are 8-5 on the season. Friday, sophomore Alyssa Frederick made 5-of-7 three-point goals and scored a game-high 19 points to lead her team to a 58-50 home win over still winless Maryville, MO. Seniors Syd Armbruster and Baylee Vrtiska added 14 apiece. Vrtiska was 8-of-12 shooting from the line in the game. The Tigers jumped out to a 17-9 lead in the first period and held a comfortable lead throughout.

Maryville fell to 0-11 with the loss.

Saturday, though, the Tigers ran into 13-3 Elmwood-Murdock, the 10th-ranked team in Class C2, and fell down 21-0 in the first quarter of

a 53-36 loss. Frederick made 3-of-6 from three-point land and finished the game with 10 team-high points. The Tigers were haunted by 18 turnovers, many of which came in that disastrous opening quarter.

The Falls City girls take on a pair of Missouri teams this week, as they host 8-6 St. Joseph Leblond tonight and travel to 9-5 St. Joseph Lafayette Thursday.



Photo by Dave Davis
FCHS senior Baylee Vrtiska scored 14 points, hitting 8-of-12 free throws in the Tigers' 58-50 win over Maryville, MO, last Friday.

Big Red RECRUITING REPORT

By Sean Stevens

(Falls City native and former staff writer for HuskerIllustrated.com and Rivals.com)

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at offensive tackle and would like to take another receiver and safety as well as possibly a quarterback.

Sacramento, CA, tackle **Darrin Paulo** (6-5/344) was one of Mike Cavanaugh's first stops on Jan. 15, and the big prospect promptly scheduled a Jan. 30 visit to Lincoln. Paulo has offers from everyone in the Pac 12, as well as Michigan and Wisconsin. He visited Utah last weekend and will see Oregon Friday.

Another possibility is center prospect **Fred Ulu-Perry** (6-2/310), of Honolulu, HI. Committed to UCLA since July, Ulu-Perry has decided to open things up and will take an official visit to Lincoln Friday and to home-state Hawaii Jan. 30. The odds remain in UCLA's favor, but with the number of visitors on campus Jan. 23 and the momentum Riley and staff are building, don't count out the Huskers.

NU seems to be targeting safeties pretty hard, as Warren was visiting **Keneth McGruger** (6-1/209) of Alief, TX, **Willie Sykes** (5-11/183) of Spring, TX, and **Sean Harper, Jr.** (6-1/175) of Hartwell, GA, last Thursday.

McGruder is committed to Oklahoma State, but visited Nebraska in September and is a former teammate of NU sophomore safety **Joshua Kalu**. He will be tough to flip from the Cowboys. Sykes, meanwhile, has visited Purdue (Nov. 7) and Washington State (Jan. 16) before coming to Lincoln Jan. 23. Minnesota and Utah have also offered, but NU appears to be leading. Harper was offered by Warren back in November under Pelini's staff and is also considering offers from Louisville and Marshall.

There are a number of receivers in play for the one remaining spot, including, but not limited to, **Lavan Alston** (5-11/173), of Ventura, CA, and **A.D. Miller** (6-4/175), of Dallas. Alston was leaning towards Oregon State before the coaching changes, and spent a week with NU early enrollee **Eric Lee** at the Semper Fidelis All-American Game in early January. Lee was in his ear all week, and now Alston has scheduled a trip to Lincoln Jan. 30. Miller, an Illinois commit since July, visited Lincoln Oct. 31 and has kept his options open despite remaining "committed" to the Illini. Kentucky and Cal are also in play here.

Meet & Greet

This weekend is shaping up to be the biggest of this recruiting cycle, if not the entire year, for Riley's staff. There are currently seven official visitors scheduled, along with a number of committed '15 and '16 prospects taking unofficial visits.

Barry, Decker, Ferguson, Neal, Ozigbo, Sykes and Ulu-Perry will all be on official visits, along with **Lewis** (the SC transfer). Early enrollees **Avery Anderson, Eric Lee, Aaron Williams and Dedrick Young** will all be in attendance as will the Davis twins and tackle **Christian Gaylord** (6-7/290) of Baldwin, KS.

In addition, 2016 commits **Jared Bubak** (TE/6-4/237), of Lincoln Christian and **John Raridon** (OG/6-4/271) of West Des Moines, IA, will be on campus.



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