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Ice skating in Central Park
February 7, 1948



The scene of John Falter's painting is Central Park, New York. Falter is a country boy, and it has always seemed strange to him that there should be skating just across the way from big-city buildings. He has also been puzzled by the variety of skating costumes he sees on the ice in Central Park--ranging from the most colorful of outdoor clothing to the most sedate business outfit. The gent in the dark overcoat, for example, must have put his skates on during a meeting of the board of directors. "But the real reason I painted the cover," Falter said, "was to see if I could paint that many windows. I figure that if everyone who lives behind all those windows would buy a copy of the Post, the issue would be a sellout."

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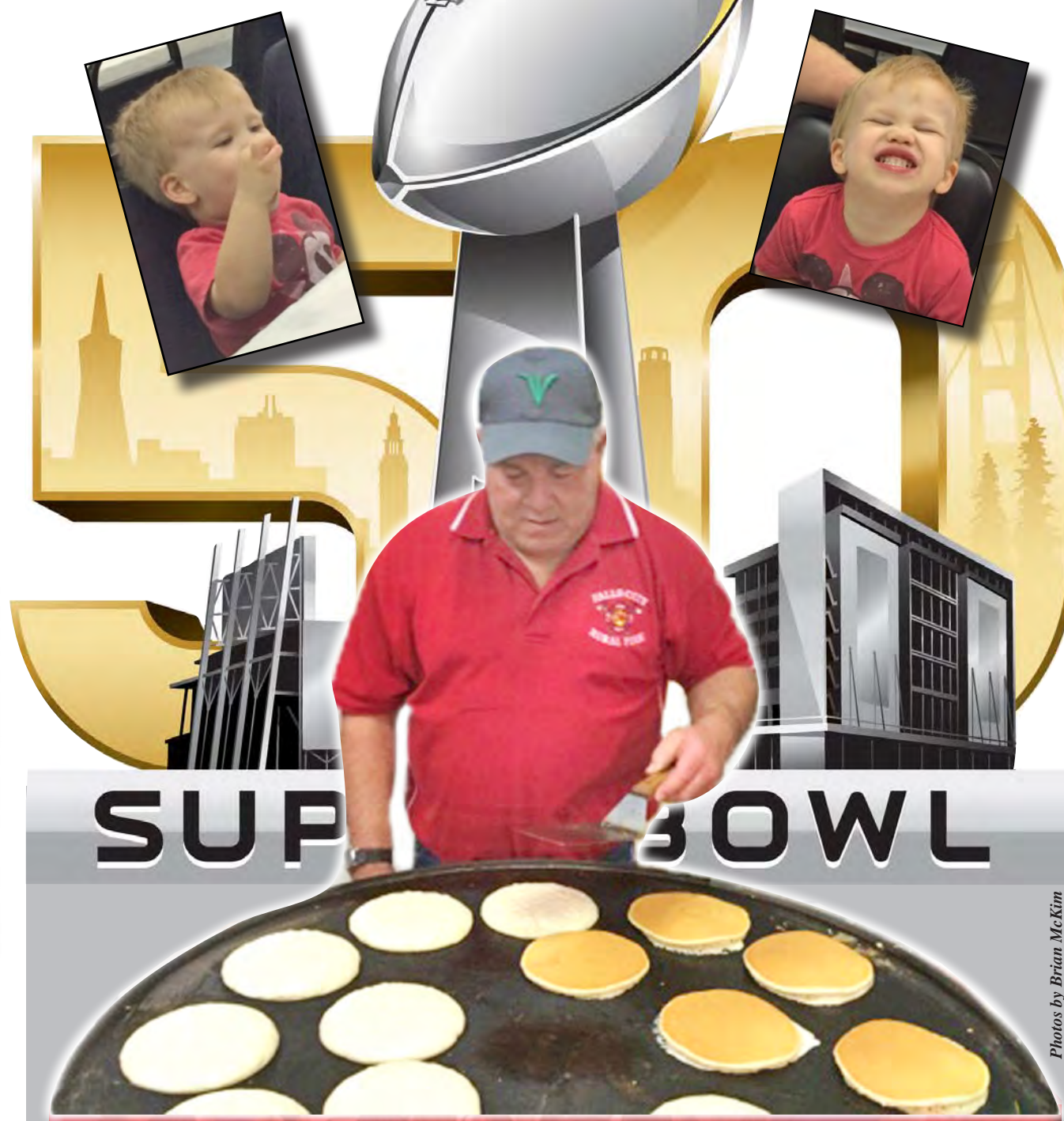
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FC RURAL DEPARTMENT'S SUPER PANCAKE FEED

THE FC RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT'S Super Bowl Sunday pancake feed always plays to a capacity crowd and has become a multi-generational family tradition. Each year, the firefighters serve between 600-800 hungry mouths and in return earn enough bread to fund department operations all year long. Mike Weaver, photographed above, monitors a smorgasbord of more than a dozen starch-based butter and syrup sponges and, at the top, young Daykin McKim, two-year-old son of Brett and Kody McKim, approves of Mike's culinary chops. The volunteer firemen generally serve up some 400 pounds of sausage, well more than 100 pounds of batter, go through maybe 200 eggs and 75 gallons of juice and milk to wash it all down.

Photos by Brian McKim

Clerk's Office gearing up for May 10 Primary

EARLY VOTING APPLICATION ON PAGE 14

The Richardson County Clerk's Office is preparing for the May 10, 2016 Statewide Primary Election. Persons wanting to vote in the election are urged to check their voter registration status to make certain they are registered at the correct address and affiliated with the political party for which they plan to cast their ballot.

Voters may check their registrations at www.votercheck.necvr.ne.gov or by contacting the Richardson County Clerk's Office at 402-245-2911. Voter registration is conducted at the Office of the Richardson County Clerk during regular business hours until 6 p.m. Monday, May 2. Voters can also register at ne.gov/go/NEreg2vote.

The deadline for any voter registration form — other than that submitted in person — is Friday, April 22.

Early voting applications can be mailed to citizens who can't make it to their regular polling place May 10. An application form can be found on Page 14 in today's *Falls City Journal*, as well as at www.co.richardson.ne.us.

Questions may be directed to the County Clerk at 402-245-2911.



Dr. Alyssa (Sickel) Finck

Dr. Alyssa Finck to join Family Medicine Clinic

Community Medical Center Family Medicine Clinic is preparing for the future. Hospital CEO Ryan Larsen announced that CMC has reached an agreement with Falls City native Dr. Alyssa (Sickel) Finck, who will begin practice at the conclusion of her residency in 2018.

Dr. Finck is an alumnus of Falls City High School and Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences. She is currently in the Lincoln Family Medicine Residency Program.

Dr. Finck is married to Falls City area farmer Cliff Finck, the daughter of Randy and Beth Sickel, and the daughter-in-law of Mike and Cheryl Finck, all of Falls City.

Dr. David Borg, Dr. Justin Westengaard, and APRN's Gayle Keller and Sandy Catlin said they welcome Dr. Finck to Family Medicine.



Nine FC High School artists had pieces accepted into the Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition, photographed, front row, from left: Mary Patnode, Tayten O'Brien, Peyton Campbell and Barbara Wilhide; back row, Jessi Dean, Morgan Bletscher, Leslie Vitosh, Kirsten Carter and Emma Beckner. Bletscher, a junior, received the top award - a Gold Key for her airbrush of a truck stop, entitled, "Rockport." The painting will compete nationally against the Gold Key winners from other states. O'Brien earned a pair of Silver Keys for her two airbrushed paintings, Becker was awarded a Silver Key for her acrylic painting, and Carter, too, received a Silver Key for an airbrushed piece. Honorable Mention awards went to Campbell (collage), Dean (airbrush), Patnode (pencil drawing), Vitosh (acrylic painting) and Wilhide (oil painting). The young artists and their families are invited to a Recognition Ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Omaha Public Schools' TAC Building (3215 Cuming St.). All the FCHS students' artwork will be on display from Feb. 24 through March 31 at the TAC Building.

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Walk, Don't Run

By: Nikki McKim

I've never been a fan of being told what to do, how to act or who to be. My parents never told my sister and I who we had to be, they always just let us be. As long as we didn't draw on ourselves with pens, disrespect others or talk with our mouths full, we were okay. When I got married, my husband never tried to change me. I was full of vinegar, smoked like a chimney and hadn't fully matured. He allowed me to become the person I am today on my own. I feel like the way I handle certain situations and act in life has come from deep within. I chose how I want to behave, not society.

Last Sunday when my dog died, I was shocked and appalled that others found it completely normal to tell me how I should be feeling or reacting. I chose to share very detailed stories about my life with everyone who reads the paper. I chose to dive deep within my soul and put my feelings out there into the world. I chose to do this because I love to write, I love to share and it's the cheapest therapy in the world. I truly love to do it and as I have said before, it comes with some setbacks. Some of those setbacks are the columns that I pour my heart into, like last week. I shared with you all, the hardest time my family has ever had to go through. We are blessed in the fact that we have had a good life thus far. We have our parents, some of our grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Along our journey together we have had to hold each other up as we lost grandparents, cousins and some of our closest friends. We have not had to share the full weight of the grief though, until now.

This is new for me seeing my husband and son in such pain. There is nothing I can do to help because I too am in tremendous pain. We are learning how to navigate away from everything that had become so normal and routine and it's been awful. I'm learning how to come home and sit for an hour and not have Beans there to hug, talk to and cuddle with. It was what we did every day and now I need to find something else to do. Possibly four hundred times a day, Brian, Alex or myself will find ourselves changing our familiar routine because a member of our family is gone. Monday and Tuesday, my eyes were swollen and I thought I was out of tears, but they found their way back to me at night when I was lost in my thoughts. Wednesday and Thursday were better, if I was at work and busy but at night, again the tears fell. I don't know how to grieve; we are not taught how to deal with pain.

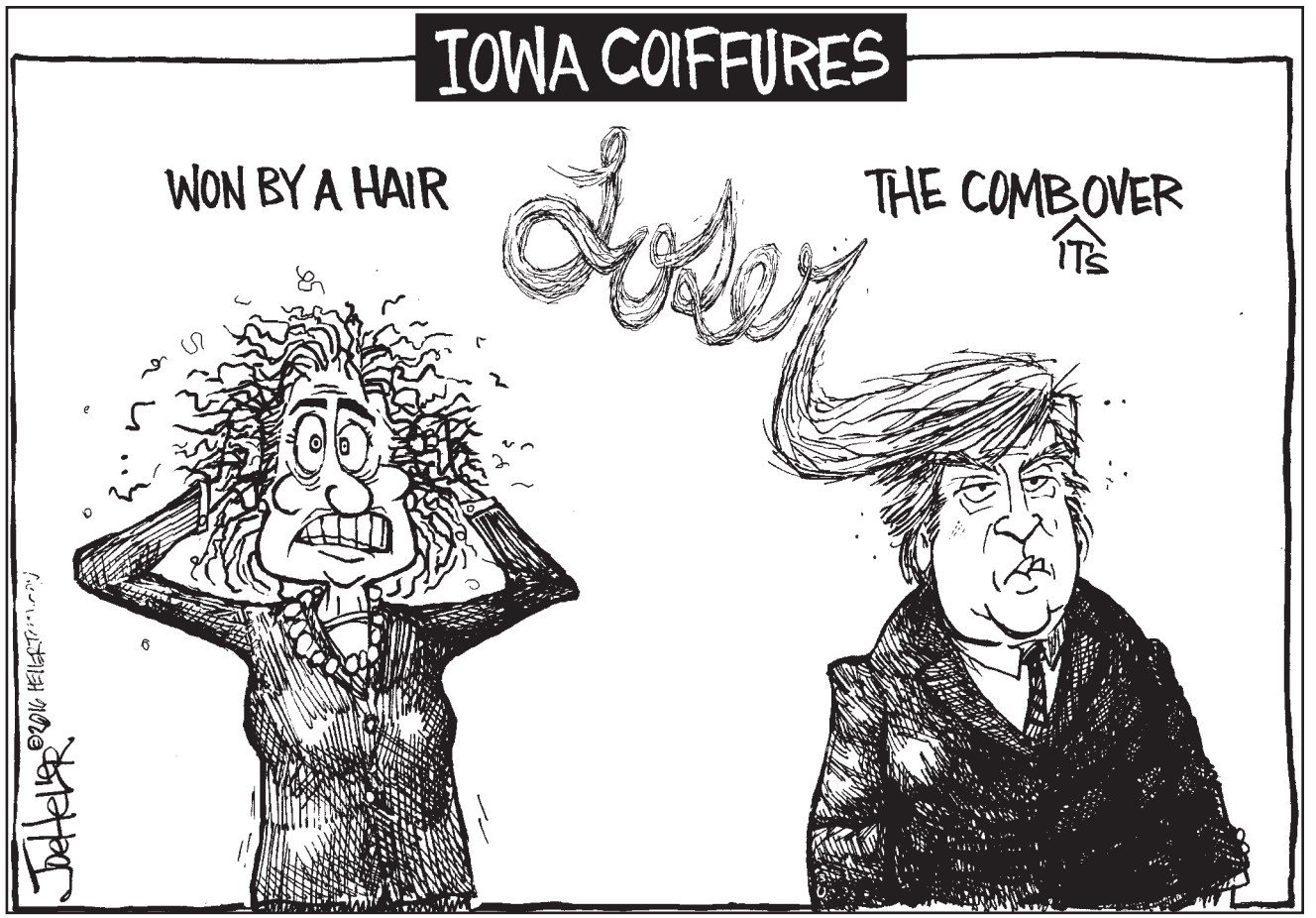
Many times in the last week I have had people tell me exactly how I should grieve. I've been told, "Really? You're crying...it's just a dog" or "It's been two days and you're still sad?" or, this one "It's isn't a child, it's a dog." With each comment or the many I received like this, I get angry. When did it become okay to judge someone on how much pain they feel or why they feel that pain? I am hurting inside. Nobody knows how often I relied on that dog or how often that dog saved me from spiraling out of control. When my friend died, that dog sat beside me as I cried uncontrollably. That dog closed his eyes tight and rested his head on my shoulder as I hugged him when I was alone and needed a hug. That dog was the first thing my only child laughed out loud at. That dog was loved more than anyone could fathom. That dog was such a huge part of our lives that we moved plans, stayed home and even skipped big events, because his anxiety had gotten so bad that if he were alone too long he had seizures. We didn't want to risk his health so we lived our lives around his, hoping to make it better and hopefully a bit longer. The meanest comment I have heard was "You must not know real pain." I can't imagine saying that to someone. Especially someone you don't really know but someone you pass on the street. We never know someone's pain. That's something they carry within them, that nobody can see. And who's to say the pain I feel isn't real?

I have had a lot of great people, like my co-worker and friend Chelsie listen to me talk and cry almost every day about it. My mom dropped everything and came to our house to make dinner and take our minds off of our sadness. My sister sent me flowers and keeps checking on me, knowing I'm hurting. The one thing they didn't do was judge our pain or tell us to suck it up because it's "just a dog."

So here I am trying to justify how I'm feeling at this moment in time. I am feeling really crummy. I'm tired, I'm sad and I'm a bit lost right now. That guy, who loved us unconditionally and taught us a thing or two along the way, was my left arm for years. I carried him around the house as if he were a security blanket. I talked to him like he was people and leaned on him for comfort. No this was not a person I lost, it was a dog but I loved him, nonetheless. I'm an emotional person and I love my animals but Beans was special, anyone who knew him, knew how special he was.

Nobody is going to tell me how I should feel or how I should grieve. I will get through this slowly and at my own pace. To some he may have been 'just a dog,' but to many he was a barrel of love. I'm allowed to be sad and cry when I need to. I'm allowed to stay home and not want to be around a lot of people for a while. I'm allowed to feel how I want to feel, and I don't believe I should have to explain to everyone I come across why I'm so sad, nobody should ever have to.

We should all be allowed to grieve in our own way without any judgment. My pain is real, all pain is real, no matter the circumstances and no matter the person. Pain is pain and it's never good.

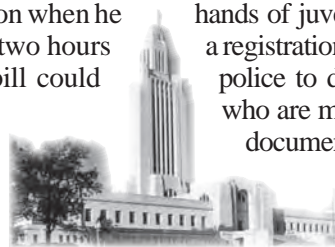


Lengthy debate, little progress as Legislature grinds on

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

The 104th Legislature Second Session doesn't seem to be having daily bill discussions anymore. But it is having the daily filibuster.

One senses that Speaker of the Legislature Galen Hadley knew this was coming early on when he decided to shorten by two hours the length of time a bill could be discussed before a vote is taken. His decision to allow for a cloture vote sooner may be the saving grace of this year's gathering at the House of Babble.



It all started last year with a freshman class that included some independent thinkers and a few people who just seem to like to hear themselves talk. Never mind that a lot of that chatter is "nothing new." Remember, this is a direct result of term limits. Nobody remembers that the topic was discussed at length years ago.

As I discovered in years of daily coverage of the Legislature, a stupid idea 10 years ago is probably still a stupid idea. But some people just feel the need to talk about it again, and again. At times, such jabber is also accompanied by some unbelievable occurrence off the floor. Take a recent weekend of robo calls from some anonymous source trying to strong-arm senators on a gun control measure.

Appropriations Committee Chairman Heath Mello of Omaha characterized the incident as "Reasonable people trying to solve a problem are falling victim to outside political influence and divisive rhetoric."

"That incivility, that kind of desire to win at all costs, to try and use every ounce of political activity they can to make someone take a vote instead of trying to work and negotiate while protecting reasonable gun owners' rights — colleagues, I'm concerned that's the mentality that some of us have in this body right now," the *Lincoln Journal-Star* quoted him as saying.

Fellow Omaha lawmaker John McCollister said the calls were a strong-arm tactic, a bare-knuckle approach more common to campaigns than to the everyday working of the Unicameral.

The calls, paid for by Save Our State Nebraska, went to residents in 10 senators' legislative districts. In most cases, the calls accused the lawmakers of aligning themselves with Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers, a lead opponent of the gun measure who also championed last year's death penalty repeal.

McCollister, a member of the National Rifle Association, said the call accused him of going after Second Amendment rights. The bill, sponsored by Sen. Laura Ebke of Crete, would create one set of gun laws for the entire state. She said she worried that someone from another town might be carrying a legally registered weapon but fall victim to tougher gun control laws in Lincoln and Omaha and get in trouble.

The proposal which would eliminate cities' ability to restrict firearms beyond what is included under state law failed to overcome a days-long filibuster, falling short by a single vote. That's nearly six hours of time the Legislature will never get back.

"It was an exceedingly sweeping bill," said Hadley of Kearney, who joined opponents in voting to block

the measure.

As written, the bill would have preempted local ordinances in Lincoln that ban guns from domestic violence shelters and drug abuse treatment centers, and prohibit a wider range of offenders from possessing firearms than is covered under state law. In Omaha, the measure would have dashed a local law aimed at keeping guns out of the hands of juvenile gang members and a registration requirement that allows police to deny handguns for those who are mentally ill or involved in documented gang activity.

Ebke says those local ordinances encroach on Nebraskans' constitutional right to bear arms and threaten responsible gun owners who might

unknowingly break the law while traveling throughout the state. Sen. Mike Groene of North Platte called the local laws feel-good attempts that have been ineffective.

To her credit, Ebke and colleagues from Lincoln and Omaha worked unsuccessfully to the 11th hour to find a compromise to preserve the local ordinances while allowing gun owners from elsewhere to travel freely without fear of prosecution.

But, it was a failed vote for closure that effectively killed the bill for the rest of the session.

Now it's on to the next filibuster, er topic. And there are plenty of them left to discuss. The bottom line, there is just no room left for pointless palaver. Chop, chop senators. Get something done!

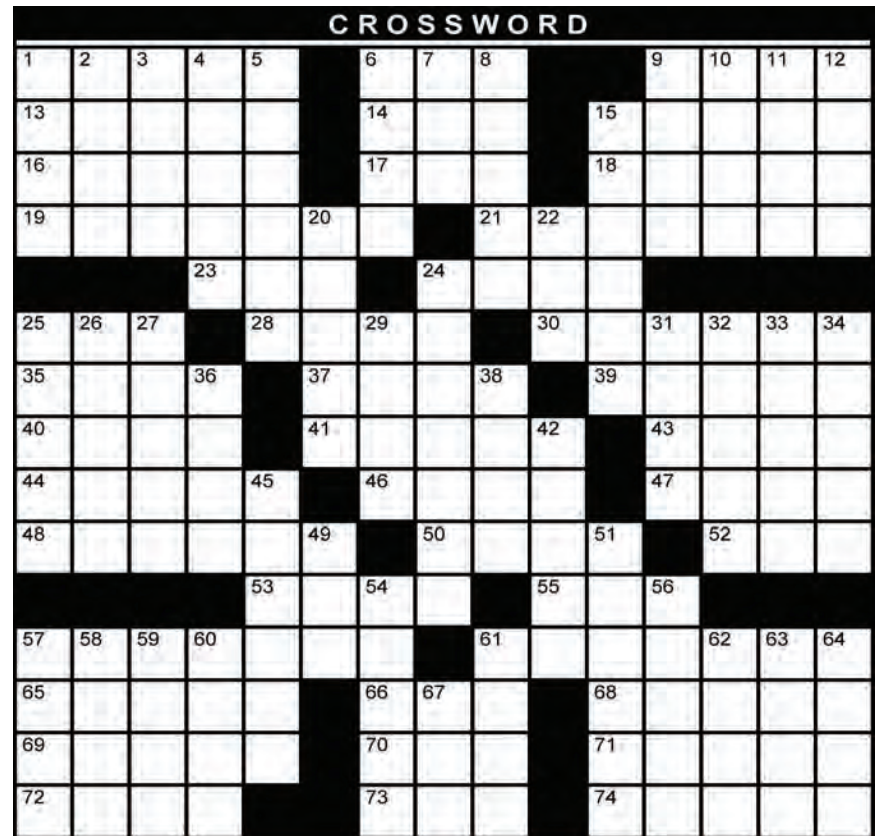
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1. Bit of parsley
6. Jodie Foster's "___'s Island"
9. Hat-tipper's word
13. Baby grand, e.g.
14. ___ mode
15. Baggins of the Shire
16. DNA and RNA
17. Any high mountain
18. Daisylike bloom
19. *Hailed as the "Father of the Constitution"
21. *First Republican President
23. Lungful
24. Darn a sock, e.g.
25. Bldg unit
28. *John Adams to John Quincy Adams
30. Soldier's knapsack
35. Inside scoop
37. 16 of these in Tennessee Ernie Ford song
39. Masonic doorkeeper
40. Smoothie berry
41. *George to George W.
43. Hindu serpent deity
44. Most are now wireless
46. Glacier's deposit
47. Smiley face
48. Chole.
50. Windshield option
52. "C___ la vie!"
53. Number of judges on Supreme Court
55. Leave speechless
57. "On guard" to a fencer
61. *Under him, the White House debuted its website
65. "Will comply" in radio communication
66. One of five W's
68. Smooth
69. Fill with high spirits
70. Tan maker
71. October 31 option
72. Scarlet and crimson
73. Indeed
74. Hollers

DOWN

1. Unwanted correspondence
2. Type of type
3. Policemen's surprise
4. Calcutta's home
5. Blake Lively's "___ Girl"
6. Indian flatbread
7. "___ at ease"
8. Breakfast syrup
9. Catchall abbr.
10. ___ phobia, fear of heights
11. Cain's unfortunate brother
12. Between dawn and noon
15. Movie "Smokey and the ___"
20. Talk like Demosthenes
22. Cartridge contents
24. Official command
25. *First to live in Executive Mansion
26. Lace loop
27. *Clinton signed North American Free ___ agreement
29. *First "Dark Horse" presidential candidate
31. Sound of a small bell
32. Emanation from a loudspeaker
33. Knight's breastplate
34. *First to run against a woman
36. Wedding cake layer
38. 18-wheeler
42. Of the kidneys
45. *Liberia's capital named after him
49. Jar cover
51. "American Horror Story" disgraced clown
54. Full of news
56. Accustom
57. Water carrier
58. World's longest river
59. Alternative to Saran
60. Parts of play
61. Flipside of pros
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When a saver marries a spender, every penny counts

By Aaron Hill, CFP

If you're a penny pincher but your spouse is penny wise and pound foolish, money arguments may frequently erupt. Couples who have opposite philosophies regarding saving and spending often have trouble finding common ground. Thinking of yourselves as two sides of the same coin may help you appreciate your financial differences.



Aaron Hill was raised in Falls City; both he and his wife, Jennifer (Santo), are graduates of FC Sacred Heart. Hill went on to Benedictine College in Atchison, where he excelled at basketball (scoring more than 1,000 career points) and earned Bachelor's Degrees in Accounting and Economics. He is a financial advisor at Waddell & Reed, of Kansas City. The Hill's live in Liberty, MO, and have five children: Madelyn, A.J., Natalie, Hayden and Noah.

Heads or tails, saver or spender. If you're a saver, you love having money in the bank, investing in your future, and saving for a rainy day. You probably hate credit card debt and spend money cautiously. Your spender spouse may seem impulsive, prompting you to think, "Don't you care about our future?" But you may come across as controlling or miserly to your spouse who thinks, "Just for once, can't you loosen up? We really need some things!"

Such different outlooks can lead to mistrust and resentment. But are your characterizations fair? Your money habits may have a lot to do with how you were raised and your personal experience. Being a saver or a spender may come naturally; instead of assigning blame, try to see your spouse's side.

Start by discussing your common values. What do you want to accomplish together? Recognize that spenders may be more focused on short-term goals, while savers may be more focused on long-term goals. Ultimately, whether you're saving for a vacation, a car, college, or retirement, your money will be spent on something. It's simply a matter of deciding together when and how to spend it.

A penny for your thoughts? Sometimes couples avoid talking about money because they are afraid to argue. But talking about money may actually help you and your spouse avoid conflict. Scheduling regular money meetings could help you gain a better understanding of your finances and provide a forum for handling disagreements.

To help ensure a productive discussion, establish some ground rules. For example, you might set a time limit, insist that both of you come prepared, and take a break in the event the discussion becomes heated. Communication and compromise are key. Don't assume you know what your spouse is thinking--ask--and be willing to negotiate. Here are some questions to get started.

- What does money represent to you? Security? Freedom? The opportunity to help others?
- What are your short-term and long-term savings goals?
- How much money is coming in and how much is going out? Never assume that your spouse knows as much about your finances as you do.
- How comfortable are you with debt, including mortgage debt, credit card debt, and loans?
- Who should you spend money on? Do you agree on how much to give to your children or how much to spend on gifts to family members and friends, for example?
- What rules would you like to apply to purchases? One option is to set a limit on how much one spouse can spend on an item without consulting the other.
- Would you like to set aside some discretionary money for each of you? Then you would be free to save or spend those dollars without having to justify your decision.

Once you've explored these topics, you can create a concrete budget or spending plan that reflects your financial personalities. To satisfy you and your spouse, make savings an "expense" and allow some room in the budget for unexpected expenses. And track your progress. Having regular meetings to go over your finances will enable you to celebrate your financial successes or identify areas where you need to improve. Be willing to make adjustments if necessary. Finally, recognize that getting on the same page is going to take some work. When you got married, you promised to love your spouse for richer or poorer. Maybe it's time to put your money where your mouth is.

This article is meant to be general in nature and should not be construed as investment or financial advice related to your personal situation. Please consult your financial advisors prior to making financial decisions. Aaron He can be reached at 816-698-6464 or ahill@wradvisors.com

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Great Western Bank named among 'Best National Banks'

Great Western Bank, the wholly owned subsidiary of Great Western Bancorp, Inc. (NYSE: GWB), has been ranked among the top 10 "Best National Banks" in GOBankingRates' fourth annual "Best Banks" series. This is the first year Great Western Bank made the Best Banks list.

In determining its "Best National Bank" rankings, GOBankingRates looked at the 90 largest, national brick-and-mortar banks by asset size, according to the FDIC, and evaluated them on the following criteria: Yields, fees or other terms on checking, savings and one-year certificate of deposit accounts;

Products offered, including auto loans, mortgages, credit cards, investment services and insurance services; Accessibility, including branch locations and customer service; BauerFinancial Star Rating indicating overall financial strength.

In selecting Great Western Bank as one of the top ten national banks of 2016, GOBankingRates cited Great Western Bank as one of only two banks in the top 10 category to offer free checking. Great Western was also the only bank on the list to have the highest BauerFinancial Star Rating possible: 5. In addition to free checking, Great Western was noted for its free online banking and bill pay, 24-hour phone banking, and free mobile banking.

"We are pleased to be ranked one of the "10 Best National Banks of 2016" by GOBankingRates," said Cheryl Olson, Head of Marketing at Great Western Bank. "This is an impressive list of banks and we are proud to be named among them. This ranking shows that we remain true to our mission of Making Life Great by taking outstanding care of our customers."

GOBankingRates is a leading portal for personal finance news and features, offering visitors the latest information on everything from interest rates to strategies on saving money, managing a budget and getting out of debt.

Easter Sunrise Service

The Area Fellowship of Churches is planning an Easter Sunrise Service to be held at 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunday, March 27, at First Church of Nazarene, 1812 Wilson St.

There will be special music selections and Pastor Stephen Floyd will give the Easter message. The offering collected will be used to aid local youths to attend church camps. Following the service, there will be a social time.

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Adult Ed/GED enrollment critically low

I have been teaching the SE Community College Adult Education/GED class in Falls City for the past five years, and the program has existed in our town for decades. I have really enjoyed getting to know my students—many of whom are surprisingly bright individuals but could not finish high school for one reason or another. Finally they realize the truth—that without an education it is nearly impossible to get ahead and pay their way in life. So they end up in my class, and I consider it a privilege to help.

For the past two years, attendance has been down so low that I have often sat alone in class, researching ways to recruit students or exploring teaching methods. There are at least two reasons for the low class attendance. Two years ago, the State of Nebraska passed a law preventing most 16-year-olds from leaving school.

Often those who dropped out would end up in my class. Also, in 2014, the GED test was updated. This happens every 10-12 years. The purpose of the new GED program is to require critical thinking, essay writing, and alignment with Common Core.

The new test is seen as tremendously difficult. Why? We ran a campaign to bring back all students who had already passed one or more of the 2002 tests (there were five) to finish their GED by December 2013—not only so that they didn't lose their credit, but also because the 2014 tests (there are four) would be far more challenging. In effect, we may have shot ourselves in the foot. News travels. If the new test is really that hard, potential GED students now may feel defeated before they start.

Truthfully, the content is not much harder. It is just presented differently. Students do have to think a little more deeply than just filling in multiple choice answers, but as a result, they will be better prepared for the workplace and for further education. The test is not impossible, and adults of all ages who truly want to get ahead and need a high school diploma should not be afraid

to sign up for the class. In addition, we are expanding the class to help those who already have their diploma but need instruction on how to enter the job market. We also want to assist those who have employment but need to improve their math skills, reading skills, or writing skills to be more effective on the job. This is all part of a Career Readiness component to be introduced officially soon.

If citizens of Falls City want the Adult Education Class here to continue, please encourage your friends and loved ones who need our services to call now. Do not take for granted that Falls City will always have an Adult Education/GED class. We do need students who attend regularly to keep the funds coming in!

For more information, call SE Community College Adult Education Dept.: 402-228-8236 or 800-233-5027 Ext. 1236. Or, call me at 402-245-4386.

Sincerely,
Jan Thompson

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FCMS Students of the Month of January from left: Spencer Forsyth, sixth grade, Ava Morgan-Schorn, seventh, Jack Findlay, eighth.

Middle School Students of the Month of January

The students of the month for January at Falls City Middle School were: Jack Findlay, eighth grade, Ava Morgan-Schorn, seventh, and Spencer Forsyth, sixth. Each student received a T-shirt, compliments of Stripes & Signs, printed with the Student of the Month logo. The Elks Club will sponsor a complimentary meal during Youth Week for all of this year's student of the month recipients and their parents.

To receive student of the month, students must first be nominated by one of their teachers. The criteria for nomination this year once again focuses on the 212 degree message. The teachers are continuously looking for the students that give the extra degree. Someone who internalizes the truth that is "Not enough to be good when you have the ability to be BETTER!" Each month the teachers choose an individual from each grade that were identified as a 212 degree student and met the criteria. This includes: turning work in on time, exemplary behavior everywhere, goes out of their way to help peers, good grades and/or improvement; always showing effort, active and/or involved in the community, leadership accomplishments: academic, athletic, or in the community, school attendance, positive attitude toward others, honest and trustworthy, cooperative and dependable, helpful to teachers, positive attitude toward school, and considerate of other's feelings.

Teachers vote by private ballot. Those students who don't win are given honorable mention and are

eligible in future months.

Spencer is the son of Naomi and Kurt Forsyth. He is described as being a very conscientious student that enjoys helping others. He is a regular on the honor roll and ABBIT lists, while also participating in chorus and band.

Ava is the daughter of Charity and Darcy Zimmerman. She has been working very hard on her academics and is very particular on her skills, writing and organization. She invests a lot of time to bettering herself in athletics as well. Ava is a pleasant and polite student to work with and treats her peers with respect. She loves to create homemade and personal gifts for her friends. She has received recognition for honor roll and ABBIT. Ava participates in chorus, volleyball, basketball, track and quiz bowl. Outside of school, Ava volunteers at the Richardson County Humane Society animal shelter.

Jack is the son of Susan and Jeff Findlay. He is described as a great student! He is a regular on the honor roll and ABBIT lists each quarter. Jack participates in band, chorus, show choir, football, basketball, track, quiz bowl and FCA. Beyond FCMS, he is active with FC Rec baseball and the FC Trap Team.

The students who received honorable mention for January include: Michelle Beer, Trey Gilkerson, Mazey McCullough, Emma Clark, Jacob Craine, Kyle Eickhoff, Carson Bredemeier, Makenna Pfohl, and Justin Brewer.

Society

St. Peter's WELCA

Five WELCA members and a guest, Lela Buckminster, met Monday, Feb. 1, at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church. They sang "What a friend," as Norma Lee Duerfeldt accompanied at the piano.

Norma Lee opened the lesson period with Chapters 9, 10 and 11 from the book, "Morning Splendor," by Marcia Schwartz. The lesson ended with Missionary Benediction and Lord's Prayer.

President Roxann Stitzer opened the business meeting and Lois Cameron called roll and read minutes from the January meeting.

The bank transactions and balance were noted, Linda Duerfeldt reported on the flower fund, Nelle Pfister gave information on Lutheran investments, and thank you notes were presented.

Nelle served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

The next WELCA meeting will be held Monday, March 1, Nelle as lesson leader and Becky Runyan, hostess. Joni Milam heads the February Alter Committee.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this day in 1950, Sen. Joseph McCarthy stepped into the national spotlight, claiming he could prove that more than 200 employees in the State Department were card-carrying members of the Communist Party. He never substantiated the claim. McCarthy was nearing the end of his first term and needed a big issue to energize his run for a second.

The family of **Ken Richey** wishes to honor his 80th Birthday on **Mon., Feb. 15** with a **Card Shower**. Cards may be sent to: **Ken Richey**, 1003 Harlan St., Falls City, NE 68355



Falls City Library and Arts Center, 1400 Stone St., Falls City. Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, 9a.m.-noon.

Project Response: Helping Families in Crisis. Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Provides support and advocacy to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other related issues. 1-800-456-5764.

Film: Jane Austen's *Emma*, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9. This is the story of a rich, clever and beautiful young woman who can't resist orchestrating other people's lives.

Movie: *Minions*, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16. Evolving from single-celled yellow organisms at the dawn of time, Minions live to serve.

Film and Lit Club (Falls City High School), 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17.

If you have a disease, would you want the cure? Be ready for discussion and trivia competitions about *Delirium* by Lauren Oliver.

Book: *Attachments*, by Rainbow Rowell, 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25. "Cracking. Laugh-out-loud dialogue, characters that feel painfully real."

Lapsit Story Time! Babies — three years. 10:30 a.m. Thursdays. Music, stories, songs, movement and snacks!

Movie Night: *Ant Man*, 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22. Scott Lang is armed with a super-suit with the astonishing ability to shrink in scale but increase in strength, he must embrace his inner hero to save the world.

Sermons a la' Carte starts Friday

The annual "Sermons a la' Carte" Lenten services, sponsored by the Falls City Area Ministerial Association, will begin Friday, Feb. 12, at St. Peter & Paul's Catholic Church, 18th and Fulton Streets. Pastor Andrew Chavanak, of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, will preach "Good News to the Poor."

Sermons a la' Carte is traditionally provided by the FCAMA as a way for area churches to observe the Christian season of Lent together. Each year, a Scripture-based theme is chosen and area pastors take turns preaching them each Friday during Lent. The preaching takes place within a worship service in one of the churches in Falls City, and that church provides lunch following the service, with the exception of the final service on Good Friday. The services begin at noon, and are scheduled for no longer than 30 minutes, so that those who have to return to work have time to worship and eat. The preacher for each service is not the pastor of the church where the service is held that day. There is an offering taken at each service for the work the FCAMA does in the area to help those in need.

The theme for this year's Sermons a la' Carte series is "Jesus Announces God's Mission" and is based on Isaiah 61:1-3 and Luke 4:14-21.

The remaining services in this year's series, the locations and the preachers, are:

Feb. 19: First Presbyterian Church (20th and Harlan), Pastor Fay Ann Blaylock, First Christian Church (DOC) and Zion United Church of Christ, "Bind Up the Broken- Hearted"

Feb. 26: St. Thomas Episcopal Church (16th and Harlan), Pastor Karla Shafer, Bethel United Methodist Church, "Proclaim Liberty to the Captive"

March 4: First United Methodist Church (17th and Harlan), Pastor Stephen Floyd, First Church of the Nazarene, "Let Light Shine for Those Bound in Darkness."

March 11: First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ (14th and Stone), PastorCarolynn Winters-Hazelton, First Presbyterian Church, "Declare the Lord's Favor."

March 18: St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (20th and Towle), Fr. Tom Duranvan, Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, "Fulfill the Word."

March 25 (Good Friday): First Church of the Nazarene (1812 Wilson St.), Fr. Larry Parrish, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, "I Will Draw All People to Myself."

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Select students from FC Sacred Heart's Music Department were part of the annual Pioneer Conference Instrumental Program on Monday, Jan. 18, at Johnson-Brock School with clinician John Furrow, band instructor at Falls City Public School. The day was spent in clinics with a final performance for the public at 6:30 p.m. Sacred Heart students Natalie Kriefels, Nora Barker and Lauren Parrish performed a flute trio for the public and

Barker was selected for a solo part during the performance. Photographed, from left: Megan Strasheim, Taylor Coonce, Nate Bird, Joe Bieker, Haylee Heits, Logan Mattan, Nate Finck, Sara Wertenberger, Keith Salimo, Ciara Catlin, Barker, Kriefels, Joshua Froeschl, Jade Hill, Maggie Goltz, Bob Hermesch and Parrish.

All-Mail voting for Arago/Barada precinct

The Richardson County Clerk's Office has received formal approval from the Nebraska Secretary of State's Office for the Arago/Barada voting precinct to be an all-mail election precinct for the 2016 primary and general elections.

All registered voters in the Arago/Barada precinct will soon receive via the mail, non-forwardable, the official ballot for the May 10, 2016 primary election. Included within the mailing of the ballot will be an envelope for the return of the ballot, stamped and self-addressed with instructions for mailing and/or returning to the County Clerk's Office at the Courthouse before the close of the polls at 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, May 10, 2016. When the return envelope with the ballot is received at the Clerk's Office, the envelope is checked for the proper signature, information is verified against the voter registration record, and then will be held for safekeeping until verified once again and counted by the County Counting and Canvassing Board.

Other counties across the state have designated all-mail voting precincts and have determined that voter turnout is significantly higher and the cost of the election per voter is lower.

This designation as an all-mail election voting precinct is effective until withdrawn by the county, at which time a polling place would once again be designated.



Falls City High School Band had representation in two prestigious honor band festivals in January. Jordan Eads was selected to play flute and piccolo at the Northwest Missouri State "Four State Honor Band" on Saturday Jan. 23. Tavia Bruxellas (photographed here) was selected to play French Horn at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln "Winter Winds Festival" Jan. 22-24. Both young ladies did an outstanding job at their respective festivals and representing the Falls City community, band instructor John Furrow said..

Building Permits

- Sue Bantz, 710 E. 16th St.; water heater, \$600.
- Jim and Anny Hoy, 2618 Schoenheit St.; basement piers, wall anchors, \$15,936.
- Dave Mezger, 602 Stone St.; storage shed, \$8,500.
- Gerald and Kathy Hopp, 1905 Burton Dr.; remodel, \$18,000.

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HTRS speech team wins MUDECAS

The Humboldt-TR-S Speech Team won the MUDECAS Contest held at SE Community College in Beatrice on Jan. 30. HTRS scored 81 points in the 16-team tournament to take the championship plaque. NC Lourdes was runner-up with 31 points and Pawnee City took third with 23.

The Titans, coached by Carl Linnerson, had gold medal-winning performances from John Kanel in Impromptu Speaking; Lauren Patzel in Persuasive; Kendal Werts in Entertainment; Chloe Workman in Serious Prose; and Kaleb Knudson and John Kanel in Duet Acting. The team also had several runner-up finishes, with Emily Gonnella in Informative; Knudson in Humorous Prose; Kanel in Entertainment; Patzel in Serious Prose; and Werts in Poetry.

Other medalists were Workman, 3rd, Humorous Prose; Ashton Collins, 3rd, Poetry; Chase Merwin, 4th, Poetry; Trenton Plager, 3rd, Extemporaneous; Camille Svoboda, 4th, Informative; Knudson, 3rd, Impromptu; and the Duet of Workman and Werts finished in 3rd place.

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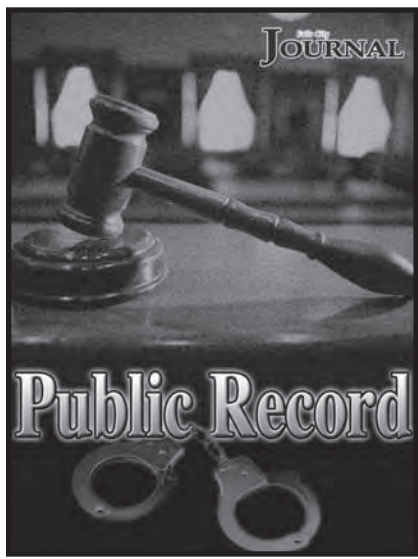
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COUNTY COURT (Court costs not included)

-Tammy S. McFeeters, 48, of Falls City, no proof of insurance, amended to licensing a vehicle without proof of liability insurance; pled no contest to amended charge. Fined \$100, plus Court costs of \$100.
-Joseph M. Koso, 21, of Falls City, count one, no proof of insurance; count two, speeding (6-10). Amendment to complaint authorized by the Court - matter to be handled via waiver.
-Blake M. Westcott, 20, of Falls City, shoplifting, pled no contest; fined \$75, plus Court costs of \$49, and ordered to pay restitution of \$20 to Shopko.
-Ricky Long, age N/A, of Humboldt, count one, obstructing alley; count two, obstructing sidewalk. Pled guilty to both counts; fined \$25 on each count, plus Court costs of \$48 and Sheriff's fees of \$39.92.
-Chloe A. Patel, 21, of Dawson, count one, leaving the scene of an accident (failure to furnish information), amended to careless driving; count two, reckless driving, first offense. 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). Fined \$75, plus Court costs of \$48.
-Jeffrey M. Frenzel, 29, of Falls City, assault in the third degree; pled not guilty. Case continued to March 2 for pretrial hearing.
-R.G. Osborne, 45, of Pawnee City, issuing a bad check (less than \$200); pled guilty. Fined \$50, plus Court costs of \$48, and ordered to pay restitution of \$504.55 to North

Fork Farm Service, of Humboldt.
-Patricia R. Stonebarger, 25, of Auburn, count one, assault in the third degree; count two, criminal mischief (less than \$500); count three, criminal trespass in the second degree. Pretrial hearing scheduled for March 2.
-Joel T. Lunsford, 27, of Falls City, domestic assault in the third degree; pled not guilty. Case continued to March 2 for pretrial hearing.
-Dawn M. Wisdom, 39, of Falls City, theft by unlawful taking (more than \$5,000), a Class IIA Felony. Preliminary hearing scheduled for Feb. 24.
-Melissa Y. Runkles, 40, of Falls City, theft by unlawful taking (more than \$5,000), a Class IIA Felony. Preliminary hearing scheduled for Feb. 24.
-William M. Eberling, 26, of Falls City, theft by unlawful taking (more than \$5,000), a Class IIA Felony. Preliminary hearing scheduled for Feb. 24.
-Jason N. Berger, 30, of Falls City, count one, assault; count two, disorderly conduct. Trial held, found guilty. Sentencing set for March 2. Ordered to pay Court costs of \$49.
-James Bassett, 57, of Falls City, disorderly conduct; found guilty. Sentencing set for March 2.
-Jamie L. Simmonds, 48, of Rulo, DUI (.15-plus), amended to DUI, first offense. Pled no contest to amended charge. Sentencing set for March 2.
-Alexander S. Nelson, 18, of Falls City, sentencing for count one, driving under suspension, first offense; and count two, speeding (11-15). Fined \$125 on count one; \$75 on count two, plus Court costs of \$49; placed on probation for one year; must obtain a valid Nebraska driver's license by March 14.
-Carla L. Dodd, 47, of Falls City, count one, driving under suspension; count two, failure to use turn signal; count three, failure to use seat belt; count four, failure to use child passenger safety restraint. Pled guilty to count one; counts two, three and four dismissed with prejudice. Sentencing scheduled for Feb. 24.
-Nathan J. O'Grady, 34, of Falls City, sentencing for attempt of a Class I Misdemeanor; fined \$150, plus Court costs of \$49 and Sher-

iff's fees of \$8.50.
CIVIL COURT
-Judgment entered in favor of National Collegiate Student Trust, and against Sara M. and Kathryn P. Pfaff, of Humboldt, in the amount of \$27,654, plus prejudgment interest of \$3,569.89 and Court costs of \$90.15. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.51 percent.
-Judgment entered in favor of Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, on behalf of GE Capital Bank (amazon.com), and against Anthony Shafer, of Falls City, in the amount of \$522.14 and Court costs of \$63.50. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.51 percent.
-Judgment entered in favor of Accredited Collection Service, Inc., and against Dawn M. Frederick, of Rulo, in the amount of \$1,013.69, plus prejudgment interest of \$110 and Court costs of \$73.10.
-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, and against Scott Huffles, of Falls City, in the amount of \$540.56, plus prejudgment interest of \$53.76, attorney fees of \$59.05 and Court costs of \$70.46. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.51 percent.
-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, and against Donald Holle, of Falls City, in the amount of \$360.14, plus prejudgment interest of \$33.51, attorney fees of \$41.01 and Court costs of \$51.96. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.51 percent.
-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, and against Breanna Vaudrin, of Humboldt, in the amount of \$113.26, plus prejudgment interest of \$3.78, attorney fees of \$16.32 and Court costs of \$58.92. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.51 percent.
-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, and against Thomas Stone, of Falls City, in the amount of \$115.00, plus prejudgment interest of \$2.67, attorney fees of \$16.50 and Court costs of \$51.96. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.51 percent.
-Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Systems, and against Brandon Reyes, of Humboldt, in the amount of \$483.41, plus prejudgment interest of \$19.88, attorney fees of \$45.34 and Court costs of \$110.80. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.51 percent.
COUNTY COURT WAIVERS (Court costs not included)
Tickets written by State Patrolman Kent Kavan
-Greg A. Mowery, excess windshield or window tint, \$25.
-Rebecka A. McGarvey, expired in-transit decal, \$50.
-Phillip A. Doerr, no valid registration in vehicle, \$25.
-Mark W. Morrow, speeding (11-15), \$75.
Tickets written by State Patrolman C.A. Zost
-Jacob M. Schawang, speeding (6-10), \$25; failure to use seat belt, \$25.
-Rebecca L. Griffin, speeding (6-10), \$25.
-Joseph L. Scotton, speeding (6-10), \$25.
-Quantin L. McIntosh, no operator's license, \$75.
-Logan M. Hoffman, speeding (11-15), \$75.
-Kamron D. Fender, speeding (11-15), \$75.
-Phillip A. Doerr, no valid regis-

tration, \$25; no license on person, \$25.
-Jared S. Claussen, speeding (6-10), \$25; failure to use seat belt, \$25.
-Rickey J. Kuker, failure to use seat belt, \$25.
Tickets written by Deputy Sheriff Jonathan Kirkendall
-Kelly R. Gallegos, speeding (11-15), \$75.
-Nathan E. Hoggatt, speeding (21-35), \$200.
-Alec D. Shea, speeding (16-20), \$125.
-Elio A. Flores-Martinez, speeding (11-15), \$75; possess/consume open alcohol container, \$50.
-Craig T. Roberts, speeding (11-15), \$75.
-Rolando Ramirez, speeding (16-20), \$125.
Tickets written by Sheriff's Deputy Clinton Stonebarger
-Manuel D. Martinez, possess/consume open alcohol container, \$50.
-Angel Franco, speeding (6-10), \$25.
-Colton W. Rowland, possess/consume open alcohol container, \$50.
-Dustin W. Fauth, possess or use drug paraphernalia, \$100.
-Jihad S. Jada, speeding (11-15), \$75; failure to use turn signal, \$25.
-Jerry Fulton, speeding (6-10), \$25.
-David G. Evans, speeding (11-15), \$75.
-Pepper J. Snyder, speeding (16-

20), \$125.
Tickets written by State Patrolman William Rowell
-Daniel Ratiu, speeding (6-10), \$25.
-Courtlan J. Thompson, speeding (11-15), \$75.
Tickets written by State Patrolman Eric Jones
-Sarah A. Lock, no operator's license (waiverable), \$75; unlawful/fictitious display of plates, \$50.
-Emma D. Gill, disobey stop lights, \$75.
-Sloan Davis, speeding (21-35), \$200.
Tickets written by State Patrolman Timothy Baumann
-Jay J. Hannah, nonresident violate 30-day immunity, \$25; speeding (6-10), \$25.



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Days of Yore...

By:
Nikki McKim

50 Years Ago
(Feb. 10-16, 1966)

The Sportsman Bar at Hotel Stephenson had a waterfall as an added and unwelcome feature. A stream of water began shooting through the wall at the rate of seven gallons every three minutes.

Workers started replacing the ruined steel door on the Bank of Salem after vandals had broken in.

Richard Majarus suffered a bruised nose after a collision at his farm entrance west of Rulo.

The Community Hospital in Falls City made a plea with the public to get any interested nurses to come work for them. There was an acute shortage of RN's in Falls City.

The Maze Sheet Metal bowlers fell just 10 pins short of the leaders of the Men's City Association Bowling Tournament with their handicap total of 2,967 at Falls City Bowl.

An item from UPI - George Rockwell, the "fuehrer" of the American Nazi party, was arrested on a charge brought by the Jewish War Veterans six years prior.

A similarity between the Salem safety deposit burglary and the burglary of the Riley (KS) State Bank a week prior brought an agent of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation to Salem to investigate.

A gentleman who pled guilty to a charge of disturbing the peace in Falls City was fined \$1.

An item from UPI - Science fiction writer Frederik Pohl said "If this research proceeds as it now gives every indication of proceeding, by 1975 you may have an end to cancer; 20/20 vision; a cure for baldness and relief from the common cold."

In the latest edition of *Tiger Tales*, the Falls City High School newspaper, published in the *Journal*, student teacher and track star Louis Fritz was featured. The story focused on his illustrious track career at Peru.

25 years

An item from the Associated Press - Dancing cigarette boxes and virile movie actors once touted smoking when it was a popular national habit. Such images are fading along with public approval of smoking.



Steve Simon dished out six assists, grabbed 11 rebounds and scored 20 points in the Irish's 67-23 nail-biting win over Palmyra.

Tarkio College in northwest Missouri announced they would be closing unless they raised \$3 million by the end of winter.

The Dawson-Verdon Jets girls' basketball team defeated the Humboldt Cardinals 59-26 to advance in districts. Angie McLaughlin threw in 18 points to lead the Jet attack. They then beat Lewiston 43-37 to qualify for the District Final.

Humboldt Cardinal wrestlers who advanced to the State Wrestling Tournament were: Shane Keeton, Matt Schutz, Joe Cano, Jake Bents, Brian Hunzeker and Matt Garris.

FCMS teacher Terri Miller (Hogue) was named Teacher of the Quarter by the student body.

The DV Jets reached the finals of the Class D1 girls' district tournament with their 43-37 victory over Lewiston.

Brian Hunzeker of Humboldt High was named Richardson County Athlete of the Week. Brian was among county athletes to qualify for the State Wrestling Tournament.

Ron Jordening, owner of Bredeaux Pisa, was awarded a certificate of Operational Excellence for his efforts and dedication to the basic principles of restaurant operations, quality, service and cleanliness.

15 Years

FCMS senior Lisa Palmer was selected as one of the NSAA's 48 "Believers and Achievers" for the school year.

Long power outages swept across much of Richardson County over a span of three days causing several schools to close.

FCMS sent a school-record nine wrestlers to the State Wrestling Tournament: John Watlington, Ryan Williams, Ryan Eickhoff, Billy Pierce, Andy Dunn, Chris Vollmer, Shane Vollmer, Dana Dill and Jake Harken-dorff.

Erin Fritz, a senior at DV, and Matt Rumbaugh, a senior at FCMS, were named the Falls City Journal's Athletes of the Week.

The Richardson County Unit of the American Cancer Society announced its Daffodil Days celebration, to be held the first week of March.

The Richardson County Military History Museum in the Courthouse was in the middle of an on-going repair job. Cracks in the terrazzo floor were repaired and the floor was polished by a company out of Iowa.

OBITUARIES

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Elmer C. Linderman

Elmer Clarence Linderman, 95, of Falls City, passed away on Monday, Feb. 1, 2016 at Falls City. He was born April 17, 1920 south of Salem to Clarence E. Linderman and Fredricka R. (Gatz) Linderman.

He attended rural schools and graduated in 1938 from Falls City High School. Elmer married Vesta M. Bletscher Jan. 12, 1945. He enlisted in the US Army in March of 1945 and was honorably discharged in November 1946 with a WWII Victory Medal.

Elmer farmed for 11 years near Reserve, KS, and later worked for Ray Majerus in the Rulo area. After moving to Preston, he operated his own rock truck. He retired in 1980 and moved to Falls City in 2005.

Elmer joined Immanuel Evangelical Church in 1936 and later was an active member of Bethel United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his son, Stanley (Rosemary) Linderman, of Tempe, AZ; daughter, Joyce (Charles) Hundley, of Falls City; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Vesta; a son, Keith; and a brother, Dale.

Elmer's funeral was held Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016 at Bethel United Methodist Church, with Rev. Karla Shafer officiating. Burial was at Bethel-Zion Cemetery, with military graveside honors presented by the Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard.

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J.W. Standridge

J.W. Standridge, 89, of Falls City, passed away Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016 at the Falls City Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, of Falls City.

Following cremation, there will be a private family burial at a later date. There will be no viewing or visitation.

Hall Funeral Home, of Falls City, is in charge of arrangements.

Lois J. (Richardson) Wittwer

Lois Jane (Richardson) Wittwer, 84, of Humboldt, passed away on Monday, Feb. 1, 2016 at Brighton Gardens Senior Living Center in Omaha. She was born on Aug. 23, 1931 to Bethel and Jennie (Haverkamp) Richardson.

Lois was raised in Verdon and graduated from Verdon High School with the Class of 1949. Lois then attended Peru State College and earned her teaching certificate.

She became a country school teacher at Union Dale District #66 south of Humboldt, where she met her soul mate and partner for life. On April 21, 1951, Lois was united in marriage to John Sterling Wittwer and to this union three daughters — Nancy, Donna and Jo Anne — were born.

Lois was a member of the Christian Church in Verdon and Rebekah Lodge #100 in Humboldt. She was a 4-H leader for a number of years and was involved with her daughters' school activities. Lois loved to dance, play cards and go out with friends.

In 1966, she and Sterling acquired the existing John Deere Dealership and together they were instrumental in the success of the southeast Nebraska farming community as the owners of the local dealership for 27 years. The success of their store provided an economic contribution to the local community and Lois enjoyed working with Sterling on a daily basis. After her retirement, she enjoyed wintering in Las Vegas for many years. Later she wintered

in Green Valley, AZ to be near her sisters. Lois always came back to Humboldt because it was home. She had a quick wit and sense of humor and enjoyed socializing.

Lois is survived by daughters, Nancy Wittwer, of Omaha, Donna (Mike) Fankhauser, of Mountain View, AR, and Jo Anne Wittwer, of Nebraska City; grandchildren, James Ough of Steamboat Springs, CO, Michael Ough, of Verdon, FL, Kyle Fankhauser, of Dallas, TX, and Cory (Alexandria) Fankhauser, of Plano, TX; great-grandchildren, Ava and Remington Fankhauser; step-great-grandchildren, Taylor Pendleton and Destiney Torres; sisters, Joan (Keith) Mez, of San Antonio, TX, Peggy Fairbanks, of Green Valley, AZ, and Marie Lyons, of Falls City; brother, James (Pat) Richardson, of DeFuniak Springs, FL; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Sterling; sisters, Betty (Ernest) Schuetz and Helen (Stanley) Smith; brother, Robert (Patricia) Richardson; brothers-in-law, Don Fairbanks and James Lyons; and son-in-law, Jack Sanders.

Funeral Services were held Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016 at The Four-Mile Congregational Church south of Humboldt, with Pastor Ron Russell officiating. Inurnment will be at the Humboldt Cemetery at a later date.

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Norbert Darveaux

Norbert J. Darveaux, 78, Valley Falls, KS, formerly of Rulo, died Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016 at his home.

A Rosary will be read at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2016 at St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at Valley Falls. Visitation will follow at the church. Inurnment will be at 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday at Valley Falls Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Norbert J. Darveaux Memorial Fund, to be designated later and sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, PO Box 6, Valley Falls, KS 66088.

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-Incumbent **Rock Herr**, of rural Humboldt, has declared his non partisan candidacy for a four-year term on the District 70 School Board.

-Incumbent **Glen Kelley**, of Rulo, has declared his non partisan candidacy for a four-year term on the Rulo Village Board.

-Incumbent **Marc Merz**, of Falls City, has declared his non partisan candidacy for a six-year term on the Falls City Airport Authority Board.

The men's names will be placed on the ballot for the May 10 primary election. Incumbent candidates have until Feb. 16 to file, while the deadline for non-incumbents is March 1.



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Rec expresses gratitude to donors

By Kevin Malone

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FC Tiger wrestlers to Hickman Friday for B-1 District Meet

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Auburn 48, Falls City 18

- 106: J. Maher (AUB), win by forfeit.
- 113: Double forfeit.
- 120: D. Aldana (AUB), win by forfeit.
- 126: Armstrong (AUB) win by forfeit.
- 132: K. Ligouri (AUB) win by forfeit.
- 138: D. Dixon (AUB) win by forfeit.
- 145: A. Wheelton (AUB) win by forfeit.
- 152: J. Gill (AUB) over Dylan Sutton (FC) (Fall 0:32).
- 160: Blake Black (FC) over Kyle Davenport (AUB) (Fall 1:05).
- 170: Keegan Hunzeker (FC) win by forfeit.
- 182: J. Dunn (AUB) over Carter Hunzeker (FC) (Fall 1:19).
- 195: Double forfeit.
- 220: Isaac Hogue (FC) win by forfeit.
- 285: Double forfeit.

Falls City at Platteview Feb. 4

Platteview 72, Falls City 6

- 106: Double forfeit.
- 113: J. Warinki (PLT) win by forfeit.
- 120: Ostrander (PLT) win by forfeit.
- 126: K. Coufal (PLT) win by forfeit.
- 132: T. Patera (PLT) win by forfeit.
- 138: K. Warinski (PLT) win by forfeit.
- 145: J. Brinkman (PLT) win by forfeit.
- 152: Gage Jeffers (PLT) over Dylan Sutton (FC) (Fall 0:48).
- 160: C. Willey (PLT) over Blake Black (FC) (Fall 0:59).
- 170: D. Jones (PLT) over Keegan Hunzeker (FC) (Fall 1:22).
- 182: Carter Hunzeker (FC) over J. Nelson (PLT) (Fall 1:27).
- 195: C. Eads (PLT) win by forfeit.
- 220: A. McCormick (PLT) over Isaac Hogue (FC) (Fall 4:24).
- 285: E. Warren (PLT) win by forfeit.

BIG RED Recruiting Report

By Sean Stevens

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

One month before Signing Day, Nebraska's 2016 class was at 15 commitments and ranked between Nos. 37 and 45 nationally, depending on which recruiting service you believed. With a late rush (which could have been even stronger than it was), NU signed 21 and climbed to No. 24, according to both Rivals and 247Sports, while ESPN ranked them No. 26 and Scout.com, No. 28.

The mad rush began Jan. 20 with **DB Tony Butler** (6-2/197) of Lakewood, OH, followed by **LB Pernell Jefferson** (6-2/236) of New Orleans, LA, on Jan. 23, and **DE Collin Miller** (6-3/230) of Fishers, IN, Jan. 24. Huge OL target **Matt Farniok** (6-5/319) of Sioux Falls, SD, joined Jan. 27 and then two more pledges came through Feb. 2: **TE David Englehaupt** (6-4/235) of Norfolk (Catholic), and **DB Lamar Jackson** (6-2/206) of Elk Grove, CA.

There was also disappointment in the final days, though, as **WR Desmond Fitzpatrick** (6-2/189) of Waterford, MI, chose Louisville and athlete **Isaiah Simmons** (6-3/212), of Olathe, KS, picked Clemson. Those losses were particularly frustrating because Fitzpatrick had been silently committed to NU and Simmons was leaning Big Red before a last-minute visit to Clemson swayed him. NU had been recruiting Simmons for two years through two coaching staffs; Mike Riley made multiple trips to see Simmons in person, and Simmons grew up in Omaha before a move to KC. Apparently playing for a team that finished national runners-up was too great for Simmons to pass up.

To a lesser extent, NU also missed out on **TE Chase Allen** (6-7/225) of Nixa, MO, **OT Alaric Jackson** (6-7/285) of Detroit, **DE Tramal Ivy** (6-5/245) of Butler (KS) CC and **DT Amir Watts** (6-3/260) of Chicago.

Allen chose Iowa State for their aeronautical engineering program, and NU replaced him with Englehaupt. Ivy was dropped by NU because he is unlikely to qualify academically, and he signed with USF. Jackson and Watts were both scheduled to visit Lincoln Jan. 27, but cancelled those trips. Jackson signed with Iowa after Farniok chose NU, and Watts signed with Pittsburgh.

As mentioned before, Farniok was at the top of Nebraska's recruiting board at a position - offensive tackle - where they had a big need. He chose NU over Iowa and Michigan State after eliminating Florida State, Stanford, Michigan and others. Farniok is likely to redshirt in 2016, but should compete for playing time as a redshirt freshman in 2017.

Jackson was the cherry on the top for NU, announcing his commitment in an online video that was produced by Bleacher Report. The No. 1-ranked safety nationally according to Rivals, Jackson will start his Husker career as a boundary cornerback. He has the frame to grow into a linebacker, but also the athleticism and flexibility to run with wide receivers. I expect Jackson to be among the two-deep at cornerback this coming fall.

Jefferson initially committed to Oklahoma in August, but reopened things in January, visiting both NU and Indiana. Miami, Mississippi State, Missouri and TCU also offered. He cited the family atmosphere and the chance to learn from Trent Bray and play all three linebacker spots as reasons for his choice.

Butler comes from a high school program in Ohio that competes on a national level. He will begin his Husker career at safety and could find his way onto the field on special teams this fall. Clemson, Iowa and Michigan also offered Butler.

Miller also visited Indiana, Syracuse and USF. NU saw him in summer camp, but he was only around 205 pounds. He was able to get that up to 230 without sacrificing any of his speed, and may add another 15-20 pounds during college. From the same high school as former Husker Randy Gregory, Miller will play rush end.

Englehaupt has great speed for his size, running a 4.55 40-yard dash at NU's summer camp. He played running back in high school, but should be a tight end or possibly defensive end as a Husker.

Looking at the class as a whole, NU improved at QB with four-star **Patrick O'Brien** (6-4/225) of San Juan Capistrano, CA, who enrolled early and will go through spring practice. They also secured a transfer commitment from **Tanner Lee** (6-4/203) who spent three years (including a redshirt season) at Tulane.

I believe O'Brien is the key to this class, as success in NU's offense falls to a QB who is able to read defenses, make good decisions and be accurate. When you watch O'Brien on film, he shows tremendous accuracy and arm strength, combined with good mechanics honed over many years of working with a private QB coach. He's also 'sneaky-fast' and can pick up yards on the ground.

Lee will sit out 2016 as a transfer and have at least one year of eligibility remaining. He is applying for an NCAA hardship to regain a year after a coaching change at Tulane switched their offense from pro-style to an option attack. Over two seasons, Lee completed 54% of his throws for more than 3,600 yards, 23 touchdowns and 21 interceptions. He will compete with O'Brien in 2017 after **Tommy Armstrong** and **Ryker Fyfe** graduate.

Safety also trended upward, with Jackson, Butler, Colorado Player of the Year **Jojo Domann** (6-1/208) of Colorado Springs, and Calabasas, CA 4-star **Marquel Dismuke** (6-2/170). Although Jackson will start at corner, he may end up at safety. Dismuke declined offers from LSU, Michigan and Mississippi State after pledging to NU in June, while Domann rebuffed Colorado and Arizona State late in the cycle.

NU also stocked the offensive line with Farniok, and interior line prospects **John Raridon** (6-4/271) of West Des Moines, IA, **Bryan Brokop** (6-4/290) of New Lenox, IL, and **Boe Wilson** (6-2/277) of Lee's Summit, MO. While all of them will likely redshirt, they provide a solid base for the future of the Pipeline.

Linebacker depth continues to be rebuilt with NU adding Jefferson, **Quayshon Alexander** (6-2/235) of Wayne, NJ, and **Greg Simmons** (6-2/225) of Fort Pierce, FL. Domann could also end up at LB, but will start out as a safety.

Players I think are most likely to play this fall include O'Brien, Jackson, WR/returner **JD Spielman** (5-8/173), of Eden Prairie, MN, and **WR Derrion Grim** (5-11/191) of Stockton, CA. Spielman should be heavily involved in the kick return game and will likely get some spot duty at receiver, while Grim is already enrolled and will go through spring ball with O'Brien giving him a leg up when camp starts in the fall. We may also see a couple of the linebackers and safeties, but they are more likely to contribute on special teams until they pick up the speed of the game in college.

With 2016 in the books, 2017 starts now. NU may get a jump start on their class in March, as Rivals 250 **WR Keyshawn Johnson, Jr.** (6-1/195) and Rivals 100 **QB Tristan Gebbia** (6-3/180) of Calabasas, CA, have listed the Huskers in their top 5 schools and plan to announce soon. If those two come on board, chances with their teammate, 5-star **DB Darnay Holmes** (5-11/185), and also with Columbia, MO, 4-star **WR Jaevon McQuitty** (6-2/190) will rise. NU could have four top 250 players in the fold by the end of spring practice.

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Ways technology can improve how students learn

(StatePoint) For the last decade, there have been great shifts in the ways students study and learn, as education companies have developed new digital learning platforms. Educators say that content is more engaging and interactive now, and the benefits of these changes have been far reaching.

Recently, the Association of American Publishers hosted webinars where educators discussed digital learning platforms. Here are a few of their insights about the way new technologies and course materials are improving higher education:

Increase student engagement with assigned material. "I've got all these digital tools that make the classroom more exciting and help solidify students' knowledge to bring material to life. It's not just pushing information out; it actually kind of pulls them in to the material." - Patty Worsham, Accounting, Norco College (California)

Quickly gauge how students are progressing. "I have more data about what my students don't know and what their strengths and weaknesses are. I know exactly what objectives they have the most trouble with and where they need more practice with concepts I am teaching." - Lynda Haas, Rhetoric and Composition, University of California Irvine

Build skills for developmental students. "Students in developmental education need skill-building opportunities. Instead of doing that in class, I use a digital platform in my developmental reading class, and students can go online on their own time and complete activities that help them build skills they need." - Kristi Barker, Developmental Reading and College Success Strategies, South Plains College (Texas)

Focus on more difficult tasks in class. "I'm doing harder stuff in the classroom. But the way that I use digital stuff outside of class, there's often room for application and real world headlines and the messiness of the macro economy in the classroom." - Solina Lindahl, Economics, California Polytechnic

Encourage more faculty-student interaction. "One of the biggest changes has been better communication with my students. It builds a rapport, enables them to ask more questions and really focus on the way they're thinking. If we have an issue that needs to be changed, I can continually adapt my course so that it's interesting and engaging to my students." - Kelly Dreier, Reading, Richland College (Texas)

Provide instant feedback. "Students are able to complete something and get feedback immediately. They're getting that moment of cognitive dissonance where they're trying to figure out a problem and they get it incorrect. They're able to get that piece to help build a stronger foundation." - Dr. Phil Janowicz, Chemical Education, California State University Fullerton

Target student needs in the classroom. "With the adaptability features of these systems, I'm able to focus on what my students need and target the areas that need work. Then I'm able to tailor my instruction so we're working on what the students need to work on." - Nathalie Vega-Rhodes, Mathematics, Lone Star College (Texas)

For more information about digital learning materials visit aapbackto-campus.org. Where digital technologies and classrooms intersect, educators and students are seeing improved learning experiences, conclude experts.

I think I might run for president of... ...my class. I'll need a staff to help me! Kids: color stuff in!

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Presidents Day!

Well, it's certainly cuddlier than a real bear.

Who was the first president of our country? Why George Washington, of course! President Obama is our 44th president. How much do you know about the presidents? Read each clue below and fill in the crossword with the last names of each president:

1. During the American Revolution, as a child in South Carolina, this president was taken prisoner by the British. He was wounded by a sabre (sword) cut from a British officer when he refused to clean the officer's boots.

2. This president's wife, Dolley, saved a portrait of George Washington before the British attacked the city of Washington and burned the White House.

3. While this man was president, the government made Washington D.C. its new home. He and his wife were the first to live in the White House.

4. As a young soldier in battle, our nation's first president escaped uninjured even though his uniform had bullet holes in it and two horses were shot out from under him.

5. This president loved the outdoors. He even lived as a cowboy for a while. The much-loved toy, the teddy bear, is named after him.

6. This lawyer was known as "Honest Abe." When he was president, he declared that the slaves were to be freed.

7. This 5-star Army general was first president to travel in a nuclear-powered submarine.

8. This president drafted the Declaration of Independence. He felt strongly about each person's rights and freedoms.

9. This president never married. He invited his niece to the White House to be his hostess.

10. This Governor of Texas became president eight years after his father left the presidency. He owns a ranch where there are cows, dogs and cats.

Can you fill in the blanks to spell the names of the last 4 U.S. presidents?

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- __eorge W. __ush
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I like reading about the kinds of things the presidents did when they were kids.

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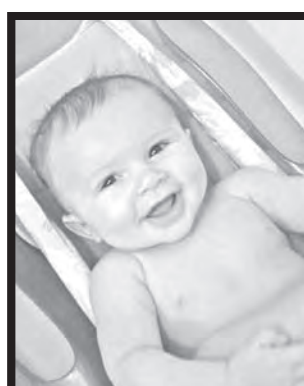
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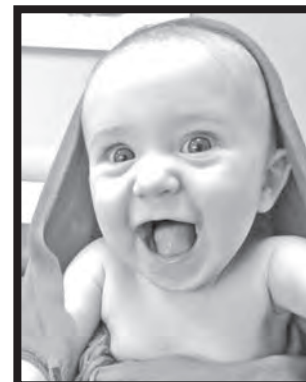
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 Wasilla, AK
Grandparents: Bill & Judi Carter, Mark & Barb Worley, Mike and Laurie Nelson
Great-Grandparents: Joyce Carter, Vicki Schmahl, Richard and Nona Hill



Elise Annalynn
 August 5 - 8 lbs. 6 oz.
Parents:
 Jason & Allison Hermes
 Seneca, KS
Grandparents:
 Kevin & Lynne Davis and
 Wayne & D'Ann Hermes
Great-Grandparents: Jeannie Coupe and Rosalyn Hermes



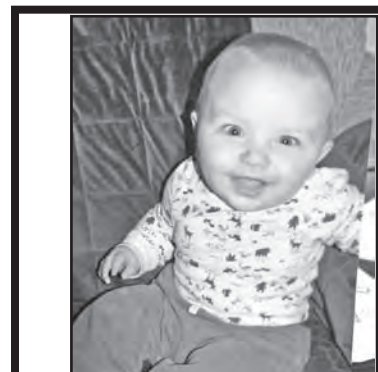
Henry Marsh
 July 13 - 9 lbs. 5 oz.
Parents:
 Heath and Cori Christiansen
 Auburn, NE
Grandparents: Lourie & Les Stonebarger,
 Lyle & Rhonda Harmon, Ron & Jeannie
 Rethman, Bob Christiansen
Great-Grandparents: Larry & Judy Harmon



Alice McLenon
 June 25 - 7 lbs. 8 oz.
Parents:
 Peter and Amber Carter
 Omaha, NE
Grandparents: Bill & Judi Carter,
 Marc & Debbie Chevalier
Great-Grandparents: Joyce Carter,
 Vicki Schmahl, Sue Ann Rathbun



Benjamin Donald
 August 10 - 8 lbs. 8 oz.
Parents:
 Emily Scribner and Joshua Perman
 Falls City, NE
Grandparents: Laurie Scribner and
 Julie Collier
Great-Grandparents: Jeannie Coupe,
 Sally and John Rieger



Corban Francis
 March 24 - 7 lbs. 8 oz.
Parents: Brian & Jessica
 Miller, Falls City, NE
Grandparents: Dave & Mary
 Miller, Keith & Brenda McKim
Great-Grandparents: Francis &
 Patricia McDonald,
 Jeanette & Vance Ulmer,
 Charles & Jean Sandfort



Stryker Taylor
 May 11 - 8 lbs. 14 oz.
Parents: Ann Marie Echnernach
 and Jeremy Dwayne Echnernach,
 Omaha, NE
Grandparents: Rodney L and
 Mary Jane Wissman. Keith and
 Barbara Echnernach



**Remington
 Danielle**
 December 15 - 6 lbs. 9 oz.
Parents:
 Brandt Vice & Kailynn Slane
 Cassville, MO
Grandparents: Melissa Farmer
 Dan and Wendy Vice



Jax Thomas
 July 6 - 7 lbs. 14 oz.
Parents:
 Dan and Kristi Simon
 Falls City, NE
Grandparents: Bill & CeCe Simon,
 Cindy Sailors
Great-Grandparents: Tom Burton, Caroline
 Palmer, Lauretta Schacht, LaMar Schacht



Mackenzy Leigh
 December 17 - 6 lbs. 9 oz.
Parents:
 Jason & Randi Cavin
 Falls City
Grandparents: Dennis & Teresa
 Chandler, Paula Taylor,
 Jerry Cavin
Great-Grandparents: Helen Goltz,
 Mike and Nancy Chandler



Jackson Charles
 March 22 - 6 lbs. 7 oz.
Parents:
 J.C. & Sarah Rieger
 Bellevue, NE
Grandparents: John and Sally Rieger,
 Jack and Holly Walsh
Great-Grandparents: James Enke
 Shirley Stevicks



Noah Kristopher
 February 26 - 5 lbs. 12 oz.
Parents:
 Kris and Ali Glathar
 Falls City, NE
Grandparents: Jean Sailors,
 Chuck and Denise Sailors, Terry
 and Carolyn Glathar



Tucker Louis
 October 20 - 7 lbs. 3 oz.
Parents:
 Brian & Janae Gertsch,
 North Platte, NE
Grandparents:
 John & Starla Vogt
 Doug & Marie Gertsch



Jayden Robert
 November 23 - 7 lbs. 10 oz.
Parents:
 John & Andrea Neville
 Falls City, NE
Grandparents: Dan & Cathy
 Scholl, John Neville
Great-Grandparents: Marvin &
 Norma Lee Duerfeldt, Bob Paty



Sawyer James
 April 2 - 8 lbs. 10 oz.
Parents:
 Toby and Amber Ramer
Grandparents:
 Gene and Lisa Ramer
 Bill and Marcy Lotter
Great-Grandparents:
 Bill and Dianne Hinz



Anson Merritt
 March 2 - 6 lbs. 8 oz.
Parents:
 Drew and Stacey Foster
 Falls City, NE
Grandparents: Tim and Cindy Foster,
 Kevin and Marilyn Space
Great-Grandparents: Twila Foster, Marlys
 Farm, Mary Sowles, James & Dottie Richardson



Hadley Grace
 May 23 - 7 lbs. 6 1/2 oz.
Parents:
 Kira Vollan & Layne Crabtree
 Falls City, NE
Grandparents: Kari Schutte,
 Russ and Melinda Vollan,
 Cary and Mary Crabtree



Braxton Lee
 March 17 - 7 lbs. 12 oz.
Parents:
 Joey and Nicole Jarred
 Verdon, NE
Grandparents: Joe and Debbie Jarred,
 Cindy Georges and Steve Howard
Great-Grandparents: Sharon Howard,
 Carolee DeVross



Garrett Brian
 May 29 - 9 lbs. 2 oz.
Parents:
 Jake and Melanie Rieger
 Falls City, NE
Grandparents: John and Sally Rieger,
 Clete and Mary Jane Wessel
Great-Grandparents:
 Shirley Stevicks



**Tyden William &
 Crew Thomas**
 June 3
Parents: Brian & Ashley Huppert
Grandparents: Raymond Eickhoff,
 Mary K Huppert, Deb Mefferd,
 Jerry & Claudia Huppert
Great-Grandparents: Jeane Sorensan,
 Byrneece Mefferd

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County Board

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JAN. 26, 2016 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016. Roll call was answered by Standerford, Davidson and Sichel. The Invocation was given by Sichel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Davidson. Sichel announced that the open meeting laws is posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the minutes of the Jan. 19, 2016 meeting as read. Motion seconded by Standerford. Roll call vote: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. ZNEZ

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization of Jan. 19, 2016 as presented. Motion seconded by Standerford. Roll call vote: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Standerford to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Sichel. Roll call vote: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse on the First Floor Lobby, the Commissioner's Meeting Room, the Third Floor of the Sheriff's Office and at www.co.richardson.ne.us

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL
Motion was made by Sichel to approve the Annual Noxious Weed Control Plan as submitted by Noxious Weed Control Supt. Joe Wittwer to be submitted to the NE Dept. of Agriculture. Motion seconded by Standerford. Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF
Jeff Frederick, First Sergeant of the County Sheriff's Dept., met with the Board at the request of the Sheriff who was unable to meet with the Board, to present and recite a letter from Sheriff Pounds offering his viewpoint and opinion for the relocation of the 911 PSAP from City Hall to the new Jail/Law Enforcement Center. No action was taken, as the Board will plan to meet with representatives of the City of Falls City at a later date.

Frederick was also requested to further review the position of Jail Administrator and the request that the Sheriff has made that the Jail Administrator also be a sworn, Nebraska-certified law enforcement officer, as is typical in most Sheriff's Offices in Nebraska.

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the request of Sheriff Pounds regarding the position of the Jail Administrator to be considered and compensated as a Sergeant Officer position, to be a Nebraska-certified law enforcement officer and to approve the additional duties which will include the jail and dispatch services, Courthouse security and transportation of inmates to and from Court. Motion seconded by Davidson. Roll call vote: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Standerford to enter into an interlocal agreement for the County to provide law enforcement services to the Village of Dawson at an annual fee of \$100. Motion seconded by Sichel. Roll call vote: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 23, Page 5).

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

D. A. DAVIDSON
Andrew Forney of the D.A. Davidson & Co. presented to the Board information for the refunding of the General Obligation Highway Allocation Fund Pledge Refunding Bond, Series 2011.

OPEN SEALED BIDS FOR RADIOS
At 11 a.m., Sichel presented the proof of publication for the opening of sealed bids for the purchase of radios for county public safety. Bids were received from the following: Platte Valley Communications, Inc., Grand Island, \$31,780.00; First Wireless, Inc., Omaha, \$25,218.00; Electronic Engineering Co., Omaha, \$25,390.00; Midwest Mobile Radio, St. Joseph, MO, \$27,294.78; Haug Communications of Seneca, KS, \$25,314.68. ZNEZ

Motion was made by Davidson to accept the bids received only for the purpose of further review by the EMA Director, Brian Dixon, with consideration to award the bid to be held at the Feb. 2, 2016 meeting. Motion seconded by Sichel. Roll call vote: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
At 11:30 a.m., Sichel presented the proof of publication for the notice to hold a public budget hearing to amend the FY2015-2016 budget to add a budget of expenditures for the Natural Disaster Fund with the receipt of revenue to be received from the Federal Emergency Management for Disaster #4225 resulting from the 2015 storms. No one appeared at the hearing. Sichel declared the hearing closed at 11:35 a.m.

Motion was made by Sichel to adopt resolution 2015-2016-39 to amend and approve the additional budgeted expenditures of \$150,000.00 to the Natural Disaster Fund in the FY2015-2016 budget. Motion seconded by Standerford. Roll call vote: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 23, Page 4)

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Blue Cross/Blue Shield Notices
The Board reviewed correspondence from Blue Cross/Blue Shield regarding the additional benefits that will be included in the County employee's health insurance plan. The first will be the addition of Identity Protection Services which will become effective Feb. 1, 2016 and the second is 24/7 virtual doctor visits that will start July 1, 2016.

Other
The Board approved a fee report for Sheriff Pounds for fees collected of \$1,879.04.

CLAIMS
Motion was made by Sichel to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today including the four claims held from last week for retroactive back pay which will be processed during the next regular payroll. Motion seconded by Standerford. Roll call vote: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND
Robert W. Aitken, CPA, fee4,550.00
Culligan, serv93.70
Datamax, serv18.32
FC Mercantile, supp1,18.75
Generators for Sale, serv896.00
Kollasch Law Office, fee1,328.00
OPPD, serv37.13
Pest Control Serv of SE NE, serv35.00
Physicians Laboratory, serv135.00
Richardson County Sheriff, costs539.37
Pam Vice, reimb111.24
William VonSeggern, contract4,000.00
West Payment Center, supp644.96
Tylene Windle, reimb35.64
Wolfe, supp323.64
TOTAL GENERAL FUND\$12,866.75

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND
Norris Quarries, rock5,318.89
Operation & Expense Acct., reimb31.00
True Value, supp9.98
Unifirst Corp., supp86.43
Windstream, serv\$1.85
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND\$5,498.15

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND
Lancaster County Clerk, C105-023,500.00
TTL GEN ASSISTANCE FUND\$3,500.00
JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT FUND
Laura Osborne, reimb\$7.30
TTL JUV. SERV GRANT FUND\$7.30

JAIL/LAW ENF BLDG FUND
AHR Construction, App #8308,763.00
TTL JAIL/LAW ENF BLDG\$308,763.00

ADJOURNMENT
Motion was made by Davidson to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Motion seconded by Standerford. Roll call vote: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again Feb. 2, 2016 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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

City of Falls City

Falls City Council Agenda
City Council Chambers, 2307 Barada St.
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Feb. 16, 2016 - 7 P.M.

The City Council may vote to go into Closed Session on any agenda item as allowed by State Law.

ROUTINE BUSINESS
1. Announcement of Open Meetings Act.
2. Roll Call
3. Prayer - Don Ferguson.
4. Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Mayor's Report.
Consent Agenda
1. Minutes Approval - Feb. 1, 2016.
2. Agenda Approval.
3. Police Report Approval.
4. Treasurer Report Approval.
5. Consent Agenda.

Any item listed on the Consent Agenda may, by the request of any single Council Member, be considered as a separate item under the Regular Agenda Section of the Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS
1. Second Reading - Ordinance 2016-100 - To allow Golf Car to be driven within the City Limits.

REGULAR BUSINESS
1. Public Hearing - One Year and 6 Year Street Improvement Plan - Patrick Malcolm Olsson

Associates.
2. Discussion and Action - Approval of the One Year and Six Year Street Improvement Plan.

3. Discussion and Action - Recommendation by the CARC to forgive the \$500,000 LB840 loan as outlined in the MOU between the City and Consolidated Grain and Barge Co. as all the requirements have been successfully satisfied - Executive EDGE Director Beckie Cromer.

4. Discussion and Action - Recommendation by the CARC to forgive the \$200,000 CDBG ED ReUse loan as outlined in the MOU between the City and Consolidated Grain and Barge Co. as all the requirements have been successfully satisfied - Executive EDGE Director Beckie Cromer.

5. Discussion and Action - Appointment of Brian Poppe, Beckie Cromer and Pam Holle to the Housing Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
1. Discussion and Action - Litigation.
ADJOURNMENT
Gary Jom, City Clerk

Soil health, no-till conference Feb. 22

How to capture our full potential with soil carbon is a main theme this year at the Southeast Nebraska Soil Health and No-Till Conference says Nebraska Extension Educator Randy Pryor.

The conference is set for Monday, Feb. 22, at the Hallam Community Center. Registration begins at 8 a.m., with the program starting at 8:30 and concluding at 3:30 p.m. Free registration and a noon meal is included and CCA credits have been applied for this program.

There are several out-of-state experts that are contributing this year, Pryor said. Jerry Hatfield, soils scientist from USDA-ARS in Des Moines, IA, will be speaking on "Soil Health: Capturing the Full Potential of No-Till."

Another keynote presentation will be Josh Lloyd, a farmer from Kansas with an integrated livestock and crop farm. Lloyd was the ASA's 2010 National Conservation Legacy Award winner, uses yield mapping, cover crops and more to make no-till work. There are 2,900 acres that Lloyd operates in north central Kansas.

Complimenting these two regional speakers are Paul Jasa, UNL Ag Engineer, who will speak on how important a systems approach to no-till farming is. He will also give an update on new cover crops data on the Rogers Memorial Research Farm. Jasa has considerable continuous no-till farming experience.

Tyler Williams, Extension Educator in Lancaster County, will highlight new computer tools available to farmers that relate to climate. Keith Burns, a farmer from Bladen, NE, has a new topic for participants called "Carbonomics - The Wonderful Economy of Plants and Soil."

Dan Gillespie, a no-till specialist with NRCS, will tackle the issue of solving ephemeral erosion. Problem areas in fields became apparent after last year's severe storms in May.

At the conclusion of the program, Paul Hay will moderate a panel discussion with the speakers on the program and encourage questions from the audience.

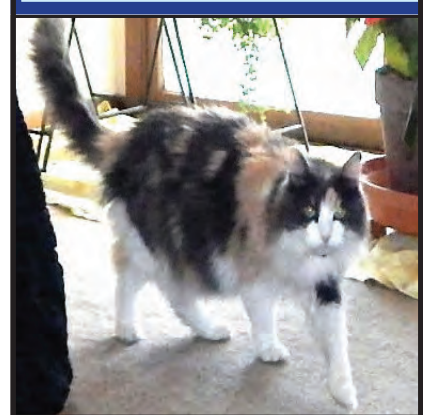
Farmers Cooperative is sponsoring and serving the noon lunch to all participants. Pre-registration is suggested for this program by Tuesday, Feb. 16, to help with meal count to the Saline County Extension Office by calling (402) 821-2151 or e-mail lou.hajek@unl.edu

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NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

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3. The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 11745 642 Ave., Dawson, NE 68337 and the name of the initial registered agent is Amy S. Harmon.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed Proposals, in duplicate, addressed to Falls City Utilities, City of Falls City, NE, will be received until 10 a.m. local time on the 15th day of February, 2016 for furnishing to the Falls City Municipal Power Plant the following equipment and materials:

Dual Fuel Fired Engine Generator Unit No. 9 CONTRACT NO. 30215-2

Bids received after the above specified time for opening will be returned unopened to the sender. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10 a.m. local time on the same date at the Utilities Department offices.

Proposal shall be submitted as a portable document format (pdf) file to the following persons' email addresses.

Alan Romine Thomas F. Lutz, P.E.
Utility Superintendent Project Manager
Falls City Utilities Lutz, Daily & Brain, LLC
Consulting Engineers
2307 Barada St. 6400 Glenwood, Ste. 200
Falls City, NE 68355 Overland Park, KS 66202
aromine@falls-city-ne.us tom.lutz@ldbeng.com
Office 402.245.2533 Office 913-831-0833
Fax 402-245-2741 Fax 913-831-1569

Specifications are obtainable from Lutz, Daily & Brain, LLC, Consulting Engineers. Specifications are available for review only at the Falls City, NE, utility offices.

Each bidder shall submit with his bid a certified check or a cashier's check on a solvent Nebraska bank, or a bidder's bond payable to the City Treasurer of the City of Falls City, NE the amount of which is not less than five percent (5%) of the bid price, and which shall guarantee good faith on the part of the bidder, and the entering into Contract within 20 days after notification of acceptance at the price bid, if accepted by the Purchaser. Bids shall remain in effect for 60 days from the bid date.

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Proposals will be evaluated by both the Owner (Falls City Utilities) and the Engineer (Lutz, Daily & Brain, LLC, Consulting Engineers). The evaluation will be based on pricing, quality, time required for completion, experience of the Bidder and other factors. The Owner reserves the right to select the proposal which best suits its needs whether the price is the lowest or not, and also reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive irregularities therein. All companies submitting proposals must agree that such rejection shall be without liability on the part of either the Engineer or the Owner for any penalty brought by any company submitting a proposal because of such rejections, nor shall the companies submitting proposals seek recourse of any kind against the Engineer or the Owner because of such rejections; and the filing of any proposal in response to this invitation shall constitute an agreement of the company submitting a proposal to these conditions.

FALLS CITY UTILITIES FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA

Falls City Housing Authority Eastview Tankless Water Heaters-2016 NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Proposals from contractors will be received by the Board of Commissioners, Falls City Housing Authority, Falls City, NE 68355 until 10 a.m. (CST) Wednesday, March 9, 2016 for the removal of existing water heaters and installation of new tankless water heaters in the apartments and the replacement of a tank water heater in a utility room. Extensive electrical work is required to upgrade the electrical service in order to provide power to the new water heaters. The City of Falls City, NE will provide a new transformer that will sit on a concrete pad provided by the contractor. A catwalk, in the attic space, will be provided by the contractor. An additional water line will be provided by the contractor for the Housing Authority to connect to their future humidifier on the mechanical units in each apartment. All work is described on the project drawings. The work is to take place at the Falls City Housing Authority, Eastview Apartments, located at 800 E. 21st St., Falls City, NE. The work is to be done in accordance with the plans and or specifications as prepared by Architecture Incorporated, Lincoln, NE. All bids received from the contractors will be reviewed at a following Falls City Housing Authority Board of Directors meeting, a contractor will be selected and all contractors will then be notified of the board's decision.

A single prime bid is requested for this work. All sealed proposals shall be delivered to Ms. Linda K. Ebel, Executive Director, of the Falls City Housing Authority, 800 E. 21st Street Falls City, Nebraska.

Specifications may be examined at and obtained from the office of the Executive Director, of the Falls City Housing Authority, 800 E. 21st Street Falls City, NE. This project is open to receive proposals from HUD Section 3 individuals/businesses. HUD Section 3 requirements and submittal forms are available at the office of the Housing Authority Director.

All proposals shall be submitted on forms issued by the Architect and any other form of proposals will not be considered. The successful contractor will be required to furnish corporate surety, performance bonds in a sum equal to 100 percent of the contract price as proposed, in accordance with H. U. D. requirements.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond or certified check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid.

No bidder may withdraw for at least thirty (30) days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids. ZNEZ.

The construction shall be based on the equipment and materials as specified. Any and all requests for change in materials, systems, etc., shall require prior approval from the Architect.

The housing authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities in any proposal and to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. The Housing Authority Board will vote on the acceptance of a contractor's bid at a later time from the bid opening and the bidding contractors will be notified of their bid's status thereafter.

Board of Commissioners Falls City Housing Authority

NOTICE

The Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging will hold its regular Governing Board meeting at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, 2016, at Valentino's Restaurant, 701 Court St., Beatrice, NE. An agenda is available for public inspection at 1901 Court St., Beatrice. ZNEZ.

VILLAGE OF PRESTON 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 7:00 p.m. on the 24th day of February 2016 in the Education Room at Community Medical Center in Falls City, for the purpose of hearing comment relating to the proposed One and Six Year Street Improvement Program for 2016
Julie Vollmer
City Street Superintendent 9

VILLAGE OF BARADA 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 24th day of February 2016 in the Education Room at Community Medical Center in Falls City, for the purpose of hearing comment relating to the proposed One and Six Year Street Improvement Program for 2016.
Julie Vollmer
City Street Superintendent 9

VILLAGE OF SALEM

The Salem Village Board met Jan. 5, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Chairperson Strauch opened the meeting in the Community Building. Kean, Vogege, Catlin and Wessel answered role.

Fred Reimers reported on the water system, noting he had completed operator training and had received his new operator's license.

Vogege reported that Bennett Heating & Cooling had done a maintenance check on the furnace in the Community Building. He also reported on snow removal.

Claims were presented for payment. Wessel moved to pay the claims; seconded by Kean. Strauch, Catlin, Wessel and Kean voted yes; Vogege abstained. Motion carried.

The next meeting was scheduled for Feb. 2, 2016. The 1-6 Year Street hearing was to be first, followed by the regular meeting.

Strauch moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.; seconded by Kean. Motion carried.

Carolyn Glathar
Village Clerk

CLAIMS: FC JOURNAL, 29.95; FARM & CITY, 65.62; RWD, 1,388.07; FRED REIMERS, 650.00; SALEM WATER FUND, 400.00; JEO CONSULTING, 600.00; BENNETT H&C, 65.00; SCHEDEL PEST CONTROL, 28.00; LEAGUE DUES, 40.00; C. GLATHAR, 450.00; POSTAGE, 35.00; OPERATOR LICENSE, 115.00; SNOW REMOVAL, 405.00; NE DEPT. OF REVENUE, 354.95.

Village of Stella

Village of Stella Board of Trustees Meeting, Feb. 1, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at the Stella Community Building

Present: Chastity Davis, Adam Stanley, Heath Stanley, Jim Owings & Jerry Joy.
Absent: None
Guests: Tracy Milke, Andy McMullen and Pat Hatfield.

Chairman Joy called the 1&6 Street Hearing to order at 7 p.m., roll call was taken with all present and Joy noted the posting of the open meeting act. Each board member had been presented with a copy of the plan before the meeting. Joy introduced the resolution for the One Year and Six Year Plan for the Street Improvement Program prepared by the street superintendent and moved its adoption with a second by Adam Stanley. All voted yes. Motion by Owings and second by H. Stanley to adjourn hearing at 7:06. All voted yes.

The regular monthly board meeting was called to order and Joy noted the posting of the open meeting act.

Motion by J. Owings and second by A. Stanley to approve the minutes as presented. All voted yes.

Motion by H. Stanley and second by Owings to approve the treasurer's report as presented. All voted yes.

Motion by Davis and second by A Stanley to pay the claims and payroll. All voted yes.

Communications: Letter from Miller Monroe Ins and Survey completed by fire department.

NPPD - Pat Hatfield was present to update the board on the fact that this area which was previously served by five NPPD employees has been reduced to two, so some services may take a little more time. He also asked for any input in ways they can improve service to us. He was thanked by the board for the help with the tree and street lights at Christmas time and repair of street lights when called on. There was discussion on the Ely building and the electrical service on that corner.

He explained two plans, one permanent and one temporary, to allow Ely to repair his building, as right now the pole is too close.

Committees: Streets - OK Lights - OK Park - OK. W&S- Written report by Milke, Tracy went over his report with the board, answering any questions. Library - Written report by James. Maintenance Man - None, Planning - None Tree - None, Health - Davis proposed the idea of some sort of fitness challenge. Community Building - Down spout on the north side of the building has been bent. Main Street Improvement - None

Playground - Davis reported the committee would like to see some sort of donor board completed and some small equipment in the mini-park with the remaining funds.

Propane Tanks - The village owns one 500 and one 250 gallon tank, so will keep the 250 at the barn and Vice can remove the 500.

Dates for signing up for re-election was discussed with the three members whose terms will end in November.

Streets - Owings noted that two loads of rock

had been put on the road past the elevator and one at the corner by Henry Sullwold.

Water shut-offs were signed.

Miscellaneous - McMullen asked if there was a plan for interior painting of the tower. It was noted that it would be in the plans in the next few years.

Motion by J. Owings and second by H. Stanley to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. All voted yes.

Vicki Owings, Clerk

February Claims and Payroll

NE Public Health Environmental Lab,

MAY 10, 2016 PRIMARY ELECTION EARLY VOTING BALLOT REQUEST FORM

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Libertarian
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**Voter's Signature: _____ Agent's Signature: _____ (if applicable)

Table with 3 columns: Request by mail, Request in person, Request by agent. Times: 4:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm. Dates: Wednesday, May 4, 2016, Monday, May 9, 2016, ELECTION DAY, May 10, 2016.

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The following is a list of all lands and lots in Richardson County, Nebraska on which taxes are due and unpaid for the tax year 2014 and prior years. This list is published pursuant to State Statute #77-1806.

Hereby notice is given that delinquent taxes on these following lands and lots will be offered for public sale on Monday, March 7th, 2016 at the Richardson County auditor's Office from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and will continue from day to day until all taxes have been offered for sale according to State Statute #77-1806.

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RN – OB Department –Weekend Day Shift Position: Provide care for patients while predominantly working in the field of obstetrics providing care in labor, delivery, postpartum and nursery. Applicants must be strong communicators, team players, able to work under pressure, and have or be able to obtain a Kansas registered nursing license. Prior OB experience preferred. Full time weekend shifts consist of two weekends on and one weekend off rotation. On-call responsibilities required.

Nurse Aides – Medical Surgical – Full Time Day and Part Time Night Positions: Provides direct non-professional nursing care to patients of all age groups. High school diploma or GED required. Nurse aide certification preferred. Weekend rotation required.

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State Champs wrap up the regular season this week at home, hosting North Andrew, MO, Tuesday, and Highland (KS) Thursday. The D2-1 Sub-district Tourney is Feb. 15-18 in Johnson, but as has been the case most every February, the qualifying process is nothing but a formality for Sacred Heart. They've already locked up the No. 1 seed at the state tournament. The postseason for FCSH begins at 9 a.m. Thursday, March 3, at Lincoln Southwest High School.

City slashes Chamber funding by 80 percent

The FC Chamber of Commerce has received \$15,000 annually from the City since 2012 to help with its budget, but that well has run dry, according to Mayor Jerry Oliver and the City Council, which last week voted to take its funding back down to near the pre-2012 levels, pledging \$3,000 for 2016.

Branch said the move came as a surprise to him, but that his office could work around the shortfall, noting that Sauces & Cycles, which lost about \$3,000 last summer and also had a \$5,000 sponsor subsequently opt out for '16, has been nixed and that move alone will help the budget process this coming year. That said, the Chamber Director also reported that about \$6,600 in new Christmas decorations for the entrances to Falls City, Harlan Street and the downtown area have been ordered and monetary donations are desperately needed to get that bill paid.

Large signs, measuring 40 feet in width and brightened by LED lights, were ordered to welcome visitors to Falls City at four entrance locations during the holiday season, as were 27 six-foot tall snowflakes to adorn the light poles along Harlan and 30 wreaths for the business district.

The new decor will replace the dilapidated furnishings used for decades. It more than showed its age this past Christmas season.

Fight cold, flu; get back on your feet

(Family Features) Even a mild case of the flu or a powerful cold can leave you feeling run down and out of sorts for days or even weeks. While many ailments must simply run their course, there are many steps you can take to fight your way back to good health.



The first step is identifying whether you're fighting a cold or the flu, which can be tricky because many of the symptoms are similar. However, colds tend to come on more slowly, while the flu hits rather quickly. Often cold symptoms stay limited to your head (runny nose, sneezing, sore throat), while a flu affects other areas of your body with aches, fatigue and sometimes digestive irritation such as nausea or diarrhea. Generally, flu symptoms are more intense than cold symptoms. Sometimes, but not always, the flu brings a fever or 100 degrees or more, along with chills and sweats.

Follow this advice to help fight cold and flu, and get you back on your feet:

*Stay home and rest, and avoid contact with other people. Also wash your hands frequently to prevent infecting others or re-infecting yourself.

*If you are at risk of developing flu-related complications, consult a doctor about whether prescription antiviral drugs are advisable. Typically, these prescriptions are most effective when taken within the first 48 hours that you become ill.

*Use over-the-counter remedies to ease symptoms and make

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*Avoid becoming dehydrated, which can exacerbate your symptoms and lead to more serious health risks. Water, juice and warm soups or broths are good options to keep fluids in your system.

*Adjust your climate. Opt for a temperature that is warm but not hot, and if air is overly dry, add moisture with a cool mist humidifier or vaporizer.

Even the healthiest people encounter germs and get sick from time to time. Taking care of yourself and giving your body the chance to heal is the best treatment. Learn more about treating your cold and flu symptoms at fishermansfriend.com

Librarian pines to open on Fridays

Falls City Library & Arts Center Librarian Hope Schawang last Monday presented the annual report to the City Council and 2015, like 2014 before it, and '13, '12, etc., was high-traffic at the library.

The facility averaged 920 visits per week and last year 368 new patrons signed up, bringing the total membership to well over 4,400. That's a couple hundred more than the city's population.

The popularity of the library led Schawang to push for longer operating hours. Currently, the FCL&AC is open Monday through Thursday and again Saturday morning. Schawang said she'd like it to be open Fridays, noting that an additional two or three part-time employees would be needed to staff the library the additional day, but part-time workers wouldn't receive benefits packages, thus wouldn't be too big a drain on the City financially. Additionally, volunteers logged some 1,500 unpaid hours in '15.

Many patrons utilize the computer lab, which is stocked with 26 devices. The lab is larger than other libraries in

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