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Royals prospect Bubba Starling is starting his fifth season in the minors. Lets just hope he makes varsity by Sept. 9, 2018 when Colorado comes to Lincoln.

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'Gramercy Park'
March 25, 1944



This scene was the first of several Falter painted of New York City. The apartment building in which John and his wife Maggie lived overlooked Gramercy Park, and she can be seen in the second story window. When the art editor of the SEP saw this painting, he told John that it should be a cover. This was a dream come true for him, and it would eventually become his fourth cover for the Post. His panoramic covers with long views of people were a major departure from the Post's customary close-up designs. In fact, Norman Rockwell himself adjusted to the newer style for a time, which he later referred to as his "Falter Period."

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Photo by Nikki McKim

St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Verdon will hold it's final service this Easter Sunday.

Sun setting on St. Mark's Lutheran

By Nikki McKim

A rural Verdon church will hold its final service on Easter Sunday after serving the community for 133 years. St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church will close its doors due to lack of attendance and a drop in donations.

The large farm families that founded the congregation have all but disappeared over the years and fifth and sixth generation members have found worship elsewhere, but to those whose lives the church impacted, the memories will last a lifetime.

"I always looked forward to Christmas Eve Services with my family and getting dressed up in our Christmas outfits," LuAnn Meinheit Moon said. "It was always such a beautiful, traditional service and made me feel so warm, safe and filled with love."

Marsha (Kentopp) Niday, a Falls City High School graduate now living in Fremont, was baptized, confirmed and married at St. Mark's. Her father, the late Bill Kentopp, was at one time the church council president.

"We truly had some incredible teachers and leaders at St. Mark's. Even in this small country church, there are hundreds, if not thousands, of people who have a piece of this church in their hearts," Marsha Niday added. "I realize how disappointing--even devastating it

is--to end such a beautiful era in God's house! We are all blessed to have these memories to keep.

"We are the Church."

The road hasn't always been a smooth one for St. Mark's Lutheran Church. The contemporary building on a quiet gravel road two miles south and one mile east of Verdon has a rich history rooted in the soil upon where it sits. The small congregation that still worships each Sunday is made up of many whose ancestors help found, build or rebuild the church so long ago.

The seed of the current church was planted when a group of Rich-

ardson County Lutherans began to meet in the early 1800's in the small Harkendorff school house for worship services. Decades later, in 1882 under Rev. Gromish, the first steps towards organizing a congregation were taken in 1882 when trustees John G. Heinzelman Sr., Henry Jom Sr. and William Oswald were elected for "St. Marien's Evangelical Lutheran Church."

A year later, in 1883, the land on which the current church sits was purchased for one dollar. The new church was dedicated the same

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Former Clerk accepts plea, owes Dawson \$25,000-plus

A former Village of Dawson Clerk who altered 21 checks totaling \$26,611.74 and used Village funds to pay personal bills was originally charged with six felony forgery counts in Richardson County District Court, but now faces just one after reaching an agreement with the County Attorney's Office.



Stutheit

Jennifer L. Stutheit, 32, of Humboldt, last Tuesday pled guilty to second degree forgery, a Class III Felony, and in exchange prosecutors dropped four similar counts, as well as a fifth, second degree forgery, a Class IV Felony. She will appear back in Court May 3 for sentencing.

On the surface, it would appear Stutheit received the deal of a lifetime, as a Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts report alleged the former Village employee between Oct. 1, 2013 and April 20, 2015 used public funds as her personal ATM

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Recent data suggests more than 40 percent of Nebraska toddlers 'at risk'

FC Sixpence awarded \$275,000 grant

The Trustees of the Sixpence Early Learning Fund announced this week that Falls City will be one of seven Nebraska communities to receive new funding to school districts in partnerships with local licensed early care and education providers for infants and toddlers at risk.

Falls City's award of \$275,000 joins North Platte, Kearney, and a consortium serving multiple communities in the Nebraska through hubs in Chadron, Gering, and Sidney, for grants totaling more than \$1.3 million after a competitive application and review process. Sixpence, a collaborative funding structure involving the Nebraska's Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Education and private sector investors, has issued grants to community partnerships statewide since 2008, now totaling 35 communities. Traditionally, these Sixpence grants are awarded to school districts working with other local agencies that meet the statutory requirements governing the use of Sixpence funds providing either center-based or home-based family engagement programs. This latest round of grants is the first time Sixpence funds have been made available to partnerships including licensed child care providers with a different set of statutory requirements specifically supported by Nebraska's Step Up to Quality rating and improvement system.

According to recent data, approximately 30,000 infants and toddlers, or more than 40 percent of Nebraska children between birth and age 3, face risk factors that threaten their chances of arriving at kindergarten developmentally on par with their peers. These children are more likely to struggle in the K-12 system, attain a lower level of education, enter the criminal justice system as offenders, develop chronic health problems and earn less as working adults. Neuroscientific, sociological and even economic evidence suggests that stimulating and supportive experiences in the first years of life encourage the emergence of cognitive skills, behaviors and character traits that drive academic success and

steer children toward healthier, more productive life outcomes.



While child development experts agree that parents play the most important role in children's earliest learning and developmental experiences, it is also true that child care is a reality for Nebraskans who must participate in the workforce to provide for their families. The new Sixpence Child Care Partnership grants ensure that more infants and toddlers are being cared for in environments

that provide the kinds of early learning experiences known to narrow the achievement gap.

The FCPS administration says it's "committed to helping all children from birth through age 3 and their families achieve success through quality services in every area of the community." This is accomplished through strong partnerships with Health and Human Services, licensing specialists, Head Start and SENCA, ESU #4, Community Medical Center, the Falls City Library & Arts Center, the Ministerial Association, the SE Nebraska Health Dept., and the SE Early Learning Connection.

"This grant adds to our partners the licensed child-care providers of the Falls City community who play an important part in the development of young children," District 56 Supt. Tim Heckenlively said. "These providers will receive training, materials, and support to help them in this role. This grant will provide a coach/teacher to offer guidance in achieving the grant goals. This grant totals \$275,000 the first year, and \$225,000 for the next two years.

"Childcare providers are professionals in their field," Sixpence Supervisor Kathy Martin said. "This grant will recognize their accomplishments, and provide them with the tools and education needed to do their jobs. We are grateful to be given this opportunity."

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Last Friday night I walked in the door of my house, I unbuttoned my pants in search of bed pants, walked through the kitchen, tossed everything down on the dining room table and slumped on the couch. The time change had left me exhausted and messed up my sleep routine. I leaned my head back and thought about how glorious it was going to be sleeping in on Saturday morning. I could feel the sleep mask on my face and the covers pulled up to my chin. I was ready for bed. I sat back upright and scanned the room for dirty dishes to put in the dishwasher, and that's when I saw it, a box sitting on the dining room table.

I've loved to get mail since I was a kid. Maybe it's because my grandpa, grandma and aunt would send my sister and I goodies and letters from Texas or maybe it was because Cori and I took turns battling who would run from the Dawson Café to the Post Office on the important mission to get the mail for my Aunt Mayree. Either way I love getting mail and I also have some insane idea that someday, someone is going to send me that million dollar check I've been so patiently waiting for. As I gathered the box in my arms, I tried to rack my brain as to what I'd bought that could have been delivered already. That day I had ordered some stuff online but this was nothing I had ordered. My excitement was sky high as I tore into that box like a kid at Christmas. It was a large fancy black box with a small bottle of nail polish right in the middle. I was stumped, surely this had to be a sample sent from my make-up company. I grabbed the receipt and noticed that it was a gift receipt and the color of the nail polish? Jungle Red.

Jungle Red probably won't mean anything to most people, but to me, it made this nail polish very special! I have two very favorite movies that I watch over and over again. One of them is 'The Women,' from 1939. It stars Norma Shearer, Joan Fontaine, Rosalind Russell, Paulette Goddard and a young, sultry and gorgeous Joan Crawford. I'm definitely not talking about that cringe worthy remake with Meg Ryan-burn it, skip it, whatever you do-don't watch the new version. The 1939 original version is the *only* one to see. In the movie Joan Crawford and Norma Shearer are in a battle for Norma's husband. There are several scenes that take place in a nail salon and the ladies who come in for their gossip about Norma and Joan request Jungle Red nail polish. It's mentioned in several times throughout the film and for years I have searched for that color of nail polish. I was as excited and stumped as to who would know enough about me to send me that specific color. There was no card, no name, nothing. I had a few ideas so I started asking my friends.

A few hours later I got my answer. Angie, who I will share an apartment with in Hollywood six weeks from now had sent it to me as a birthday gift. For the last 10 years we send each other birthday gifts about six months late. It started out as an accident on my end but has evolved into a fun tradition.

In that one fancy box came all the excitement I had been waiting for. I've been so focused on everything that has gone wrong in 2016 and will go wrong that I haven't really felt the butterflies. When I think about the trip I'm excited, but I don't have that stomach dropping, crazy intense can't wait feeling. That feeling was delivered to me in a fancy little box. The idea that this small town, Dawson girl who failed a keyboarding class her freshman year was going to be in Hollywood for a week covering a red carpet, well I still can't really wrap my mind around it. Last week the *Hollywood Reporter* announced a few more films that will be shown and stars who may attend.

The opening night film that I can't attend as a member of the media will be 'All the President's Men,' starring Dustin Hoffman and Robert Redford. If Dustin Hoffman and Robert Redford walk the red carpet- anything that happens before or after that just won't matter. I'm a bit of a Benjamin Braddock nut. 'The Graduate' is film perfection in my book and one of the best films to watch over and over. It helps that I also enjoy 'Kramer and Kramer,' 'Hero,' and most days 'Tootsie.' I think seeing Robert Redford would be amazing because there isn't a woman alive who doesn't swoon over him in 'The Way We Were,' (oh Hubble, you fool!). I tend to favor Hoffman over Redford and I think that admission will surely break my mom's heart a little.

I have my suitcase pulled out with my travel size containers ready to be filled. I have my outfits picked out and I'm breaking in my new shoes. That one little bottle of nail polish has kicked my back end into gear. I needed to remember how much this trip truly means to me and how exciting it's going to be.

I tend to count time in Newspapers. So there are only five newspapers left until I hop on a plane and head way out west! Also in the area that day will be the Kansas City Royals, which gives me more than enough reason to strut down Hollywood Blvd. in Royals gear. It will be a great day. I'm now vigilant in the countdown to April 27, only 36 more days to go.



Four fountains becoming a Capitol reality

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

Mom always said that nothing good happens fast. If she was right, this new project at the Nebraska State Capitol is going to be a doozy since it is nearly 100 years in the making.

Construction is well underway on the four courtyard fountains, which had been included in original plans for the building but were scrapped by financial concerns when the third Capitol building was constructed. It has taken nearly a decade for some former senators and other Capitol enthusiasts to see a dream come true.

Capitol Administrator Bob Ripley, who says the fountains will be done in time for the 2017 Sesquicentennial activities, likens the task to building a ship in a bottle. The fountains are being built in courtyards that are completely surrounded by building. Dirt has to be removed through the hallways of the building. Construction materials, including yard upon yard of concrete, steel and stone, have to be brought through the building.

Yes, it would have been much easier to build the fountains during construction of the original building. But, money was tight and folks were obviously in a hurry to build the third Capitol and do it right. The first lasted only a few years and had to be torn down because of inferior building materials. The second developed a huge crack in one wall, apparently because of shoddy building practices, and had to be torn down after the current Capitol was built around it.

The history of the three Capitols in Lincoln began at statehood in 1867 with a two-story building with a central cupola, made of native limestone. The second Capitol was started in 1881 and finished in 1888. In 1915, plans began for the third - and current -- Capitol on the same site. The second one was left in place and the new one built around it. Then the old was torn down and the center of the current Capitol stands in its place.

Architect Bertram Goodhue's design called for placement of a fountain in each of the four courtyards within the building, but the project - as well as a set of murals in the tower -- was abandoned during the Great Depression. Talk of the fountains surfaced again after the murals were finally installed in 1996. That left the fountains as the last original design to be completed.

Former Omaha Senators John Nelson and Scott Price were among those who pushed to make the fountain project happen. Nelson called the Capitol a state treasure that belongs to the people. He said "we owe it to the people to assure it's complete." The project became the first major one for the Nebraska Association of Former State Legislators, a group formed in 1976 that had previously only held reunion banquets. Many other former senators, including association director Vicki McDonald, stepped forward to get the project on track.

The project comes with a price. Lincoln's Kingery Construction Company won the bid for \$2.79 million. A budget bill passed in 2014 authorized the Capitol Commission to use \$2.5 million from the state's rainy day fund to install the foun-

tains, to make improvements to support the operation and maintenance of the fountains, and do associated courtyard landscape restoration.

That money was hard fought. The Legislature had to override a veto from then-Gov. Dave Heineman who used the all-too familiar line that he wanted to use every dollar available for property tax cuts. After all, a guy's got to get re-elected. The Governor said the courtyards were rarely used. But, another

\$500,000 was added to the fund in 2015 with a transfer of money already appropriated to the Capitol Commission but unused. Heineman suggested that private donors finance the fountains.

But, the group persisted. Former Lincoln Senator DiAnna Schimek said

it's very important that the people of Nebraska have ownership of the building. They made great sacrifices for the original construction and completing the building as it was designed will be a tribute to those efforts.

Goodhue's fountains were inspired by the cooling fountains he saw on a trip through Persia. They included dish-like, cast bronze bubblers and designs representative of the many people groups who have inhabited the state. Ripley said Goodhue's plans also called for colorful, flowering hedges. A return of that landscaping will make the courtyards more attractive and enticing to users.

Hat's off to all who are making the completion of the original State Capitol design a reality. Even if it took 100 years.

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1. *Science fiction author Asimov
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9. Arctic floater
13. Mexican revolutionary
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18. Perform on a dais
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21. **"A Good Man Is Hard to Find" author
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37. Vietnam's neighbor
39. Rosetta Stone, e.g.
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41. External
43. Skater's jump
44. Bert's best friend
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47. Confident answer
48. Old time playground staple
50. Reduced Instruction Set Computer
52. Limit, to some
53. **"Ten Days That Shook the World" author
55. CaFé alternative
57. **"Go Tell It on the Mountain" author
61. **"The Executioner's Song" author
64. Greeting from Don Ho
65. Give it a go
67. Gigantic wrestlers
69. Kick back
70. Longest division of time
71. *Wharton of "The Age of Innocence" fame
72. Auction off
73. DNA transmitter
74. River in Hades

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5. Open book?
6. Capital of Switzerland
7. Retirement investment
8. Louisiana swamp
9. *Woodrow Wilson Rawls' "Where the Red ____ Grows"
10. Meat quality
11. Upon
12. Observer
15. Woman's suitors
20. Convex molding
22. Tube in old TV
24. Jane Fonda's 1980s garb
25. **"The Turn of the Screw" author
26. Habitate
27. Trailblazer Daniel
29. *Oz Creator
31. Greek H's
32. Connection in a series
33. Court employee
34. **"Roots: The Saga of an American Family" author
36. Short for Anisette
38. Big rig
42. Haile Selassie's disciple
45. Canal junk
49. Yellow river tributary
51. Michelangelo's tool
54. Come in
56. Dodge
57. Criminal's barrier
58. Away from wind
59. Bum around
60. Lentil soup
61. Tropical Asian starlings
62. Do like exhaust pipe
63. **"Portnoy's Complaint" author
66. Wesley of "Harry Potter"
68. Pronoun for George Eliot

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Plea bargain includes restitution to Village

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by racking up \$27,798.50 in total fraudulent charges.

Though nothing is official until the judge hands down a sentence, Assistant Richardson County Attorney Zach Blackman said terms of the agreement include repayment of more than \$25,000 to the Village of Dawson. Stutheit allegedly signed a confession dated April 21, 2015, admitting to altering bank statements and using Village funds to pay for her personal NPPD bills. She was fired from the position last spring.

Village Board Chair Bill Koch said Monday he was "glad they're going after restitution," but that the Village of Dawson incurred a \$15,000 bill from the APA for conducting the audit, thus is out about \$40,000 from the ordeal.

"I think the county's judicial system should've done more for us," he said. "We were victimized and we're not really satisfied with how the system handled this."

Koch said he will serve out the remaining two years of his term, but does not plan to run for the office again.

Other members of the Village Board during the audit period included Charles Laux, Roger Goos, Phil Fisher, Jim Nincehelter and Brian Johnson.

In its report, the APA "identified a significant number of financial transactions from the Village that are highly questionable and could be fraudulent," including:

- 21 unauthorized payments totaling \$26,611.74 to the former Clerk, who "appears to have altered the copies of the checks included on the bank statements in an effort to conceal that these checks were made payable to her."

- Three personal electricity payments totaling \$832.26 to NPPD.

- \$100 in water deposits not deposited in the Village account.

- A \$154.50 money order not paid to a vendor.

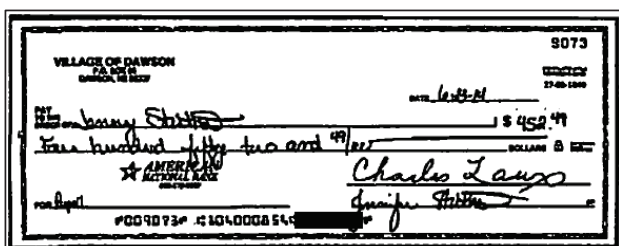
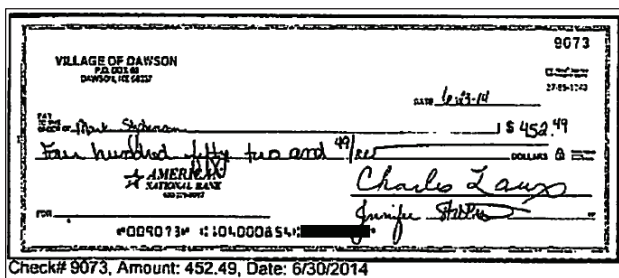
The APA report also had a harsh assessment for the Village Board, noting "the Village's control environment was not conducive to fair and complete financial statements."

The Board, according to the Auditor, "failed to monitor properly the financial activity of the Village to ensure the accuracy and completeness of its financial records, failed to maintain adequate

Description	# of Transactions	Total Questionable Amount
Unauthorized Payments to the Former Clerk *	21	\$26,611.74
Personal Electricity Payments to NPPD	3	\$832.26
Water Receipts Not Deposited	1	\$100.00
Money Order Not Paid to Vendor	1	\$154.50
Unknown Petty Cash Fund	N/A	\$100.00
Total Questionable Transactions		\$27,798.50

* The Clerk appears to have altered the copies of the checks included on the bank statements in an effort to conceal that these checks were made payable to her.

Check number 9073, dated June 23, 2014, for \$452.49 was made payable to Mark Stephenson per the accounting records; however, the check was actually made payable to the former Clerk:



Bank Account	Check Date	Check Number	Altered Payee	Actual Payee	Amount
General	6/1/2014	9056	Office Max	Jenny Stutheit	\$687.08
General	6/2/2014	9057	Sam's Club	Jenny Stutheit	\$653.29
General	6/9/2014	9060	Koch's Auto	Jenny Stutheit	\$262.09
General	6/23/2014	9073	Mark Stephenson	Jenny Stutheit	\$452.49
General	8/18/2014	9104	Davis Plumbing, Heating & Electrical	Jenny Stutheit	\$569.40
General	8/18/2014	9107	NPPD	Jenny Stutheit	\$581.84
General	8/15/2014	9112	NPPD	Jenny Stutheit	\$654.77
General	9/3/2014	9115	Merz Farm Equipment	Jenny Stutheit	\$954.24
General	10/1/2014	9147	Seneca Sanitation	Jenny Stutheit	\$885.00
General	10/24/2014	9158	NPPD	Jenny Stutheit	\$450.00
General	10/25/2014	9159	NPPD	Jenny Stutheit	\$743.19
General	11/1/2014	9163	Seneca Sanitation	Jenny Stutheit	\$885.00
General	12/1/2014	9171	NPPD	Jenny Stutheit	\$1,723.29
General	12/1/2014	9174	Midwest Laboratories, Inc	Jenny Stutheit	\$884.93
General	12/21/2014	9190	NPPD	Jenny Stutheit	\$1,375.92
General	2/1/2015	9210	Utility Service Co, Inc	Jenny Stutheit	\$2,428.52
General	2/15/2015	9233	PeopleService	Jenny Stutheit	\$2,715.74
General	3/3/2015	9239	PeopleService	Jenny Stutheit	\$1,580.26
General	3/18/2015	9245	NPPD	Jenny Stutheit	\$2,614.81
General	4/1/2015	9249	Jenny Stutheit*	Jenny Stutheit	\$2,143.19
General	4/8/2015	9266	Jenny Stutheit*	Jenny Stutheit	\$3,366.69
			Total		\$26,611.74

* The altered payee for these items was not available because the Village's CPA received the bank statements for this month directly from the bank and entered them as payable to Jenny Stutheit.

supporting documentation for a number of transactions," making \$66,746.71 in payments with no documentation or inadequate documentation to support the expense, failed to comply with the Record Management Act and Open Meetings Act.

The Auditor's Office recommend the Board implement proper monitoring and controls over the Village's finances, including the following:

- Performing a periodic review of the Village's accounting records compared to its bank statements to ensure their agreement and that

there are no unauthorized uses of Village funds.

- Conducting an adequate review of the documentation supporting all claims presented to the Board for approval.

- Ensuring all claims against the Village are presented properly to the Board for approval by comparing the claims presented to the actual bank statements.

- Implementing procedures to ensure all amounts received from residents are properly deposited to the Village's bank accounts.

- Ensuring all claims are properly paid by warrant, as required by statute.

- Determining whether a petty cash fund is needed and, if so, officially approving the amount in a Board meeting and implementing procedures to review the documentation to support purchases made from the fund.

Janis Richardson was appointed Clerk in June 2015 and the necessary changes have been implemented, Koch said. The Nebraska Attorney General's Office is not investigating the Village, contrary to various reports.

"Please be assured that we are working towards making the corrections and implementing any and all changes outlined in your draft attestation," they replied to the Auditor's Office in a statement.

VA Announces Community Care Call Center to help Veterans with Choice Program Billing Issues

Veterans can now work directly with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to resolve debt collection issues resulting from inappropriate or delayed Choice Program billing. In step with MyVA's efforts to modernize VA's customer-focused, Veteran-centered services capabilities, a Community Care Call Center has been set up for Veterans experiencing adverse credit reporting or debt collection resulting from inappropriately billed Choice Program claims. Veterans experiencing these problems can call 1-877-881-7618 for assistance.

"As a result of the Veterans Choice Program, community providers have seen thousands of Veterans. We continue to work to make the program more Veteran-friendly," said Dr. David Shulkin, Under Secretary for Health. "There should be no bureaucratic burden that stands in the way of Veterans getting care."

The new call center will work to resolve instances of improper Veteran billing and assist community care medical providers with delayed payments. VA staff are also trained and ready to work with the medical providers to expunge adverse credit reporting on Veterans resulting from delayed payments to providers.

VA is urging Veterans to continue working with their VA primary care team to obtain necessary health care services regardless of adverse credit reporting or debt collection activity.

VA acknowledges that delayed payments and inappropriately billed claims are unacceptable and have caused stress for Veterans and providers alike. The new call center is the first step in addressing these issues. VA presented The Plan to Consolidate Community Care in October of 2015 that outlines additional solutions to streamline processes and improve timely provider payment.

For more details about the Veterans Choice Program and VA's progress, visit: www.va.gov/opa/choiceact. Veterans seeking to use the Veterans Choice Program can call 1-866-606-8198 to find out more about the program, confirm their eligibility and schedule an appointment.

MILITARY

Falls City High School Senior Luke Gifford took the oath of a US Army soldier on March 15. Luke, son of Rev. Dan and Katy Gifford, has had his sights set at serving his country in the Army since elementary school, when he fell in love with American History and Geography. Gifford will report to Fort Benning, GA, in August 2016 for Basic Training. The Gifford's would like to thank the Falls City Community and FC Public Schools for their support and education, which has led to this goal.



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ACCEPTING CORN YIELD TROPHY—Laura and Nathan Thompson of Falls City, represented corn grower Dean Stevens, also of Falls City, by accepting an award during the annual Commodity Classic in early March in New Orleans. Stevens placed third in the state in the A No-Till/Strip-Till Non-Irrigated Category of the 2015 National Corn Yield Contest sponsored by the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA). From left are Laura Thompson, presenter Brent Hostetler and Nathan Thompson. Hostetler, a corn grower from Plain City, OH, chairs the NCGA Production Stewardship Action Team.

Local grower is state winner in National Corn Yield contest

An area corn grower has been honored as a state winner in the 2015 National Corn Yield contest sponsored annually by the National Corn Growers Association. Dean Stevens, of Falls City, placed third

in the state in the A No-Till/Strip-Till Non-Irrigated Class with a yield of 264.718 bushels per acre. The hybrid used in the winning field was Pioneer P1257A.

Stevens was one of 407 state winners nationwide. The 2015 contest participation included 7,729 entries from 45 states. Of the state winners, 18 growers – three from each of six classes – were named national winners, representing nine states. The average yield among national winners was 386.4 bushels per acre – greater than the 2015 U.S. average of 169.3 bushels per acre. Six of the national winners recorded yields of 400 bushels or more per acre. “This

harvest, the world witnessed the incredible bounty U.S. corn farmers can provide to meet the growing need for food, fuel and fiber both in our nation and around the world,” said NCGA

“Our contest participants demonstrated that America’s farmers continue to strive for excellence while adopting state-of-the-art tools which help them meet those goals,” said President Chip Bowling, a corn grower from Newberg, MD. “The top yield in this year’s contest – a tremendous 532.0271 bushels per acre achieved by David Hula of Charles City, VA, - is a testament to these efforts.”

Farmers are encouraged through the contest to utilize new, efficient production techniques. Agronomic data gleaned from the contest reveal the following:

-Average planting population for the national winners was 40,861 seeds per acre, compared to 34,123 for all entrants.

-National winners applied an average of 364.06 pounds of nitrogen, 116.39 pounds of phosphorus and 231.78 pounds of potassium per acre.

-Average commercial nitrogen use per bushel of yield was 0.94 pounds for the national winners and 0.89 pounds for all entrants.

-27.78 percent of the national winners applied trace minerals, compared to 38.74 percent of all entrants.

-Use of manure as a fertilizer was consistent. 38.89 percent of national winners applied manure, compared to 16.06 percent of all entrants.

-The National Corn Yield Contest began in 1965 with 20 entries from 3 states. The highest overall yield was 218.9 bushels per acre, while the national yield average was in the mid-60 bushel-per-acre range. The winners were recognized March 4, at the 2016 Commodity Classic, the premier convention and trade show of the U.S. corn, soybean, sorghum, wheat and equipment industries, held this year in New Orleans, LA.

For a complete list of winners and for more information about NCYC, visit the NCGA website at www.ncga.com.

The National Corn Growers Association represents more than 41,000 members, 48 affiliated state corn grower and checkoff organizations, and hundreds of thousands of growers who contribute to state checkoff programs.



GILKERSON — Kaleb and Katie Gilkerson, of Falls City, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Avery Marie. She was born Jan. 8, 2016 at Community Medical Center and weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 17 1/4 inches long. She is welcomed home by her brother, Brayton (2). Maternal grandparents are John Keller, of Rulo, and Kris Keller, of Falls City. Paternal grandparents are Becky Griffin, of Falls City, and Brad Griffin, of Auburn, and Brian and Amanda Gilkerson, of Diamondhead, MS. Great-grandparents are Karen and (the late Harry) Foote, of Falls City, and Ralph and (the late Marlene) Gilkerson, of Falls City.

Society

Falls City Does

Falls City Drove #56 met Monday evening, March 14, at the Elks Lodge. President, Cathy Gutshall, called the meeting to order. Secretary, Mary Wiltse, read the minutes and they were approved as read. Ruth Arms and Nancy McKim have completed the Benevolence report for Grand Lodge. Treasurer, Linda Frost, gave the Treasurer report. Linda reported about the Inter Club Challenge. New categories have been added this year. The Does won the Academy Awards Prediction challenge thanks to Linda Santo. Other challenges include NCAA basketball predictions for March Madness, bird calling, golf league and many more.

Cathy Gutshall announced that the Elks Installation of Officers will be Friday, April 8 at 7p.m. Her

husband, Kevin will be installed as the Exhausted Ruler.

The Coin March was held and Happy Birthday was sung to Dianne and Phyllis. Cathy thanked the refreshment committee, Linda Frost, Chairman with Karey Weaver as absentee Hostess. Prizes were won by Bev, Sandy, Phyllis and Karen. The next meeting will be Monday, March 28. Joyce Buck will be the Chairman of refreshments with Diane Sefried as Hostess. *Note: The March 22 date is incorrect in the Does Yearbook.*

Area Fellowship Sunrise Service

The Area Fellowship of Churches has planned an Easter Sunrise Service to be held at First Church of the Nazarene, 1812 Wilson St., at 6:30 a.m. Sunday, March 27. The public is invited to this non-denominational service.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

MARCH 24, 2016

6:15 P.M. Fellowship

7 P.M. Communion

Worship Service

Hiawatha Presbyterian Church

7th and Kickapoo

EASTER SUNDAY

March 27, 2016

9 A.M.

Hiawatha Presbyterian Church

and

11 A.M. - Falls City

Presbyterian Church

20th and Harlan

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Shubert American Legion Post #22
Sat., March 26
Shubert Legion Building
5 P.M. - 7 P.M.
Freewill Offering



Falls City Area Jaycees

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 26

Beginning at 9 A.M.

City Park Baseball Fields

Three Age Groups Ages 0-9

Lots of Easter Eggs and Prizes for All Ages!!!

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They were married at Table Rock Methodist Church on March 29, 1956.
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EASTER EGG HUNT

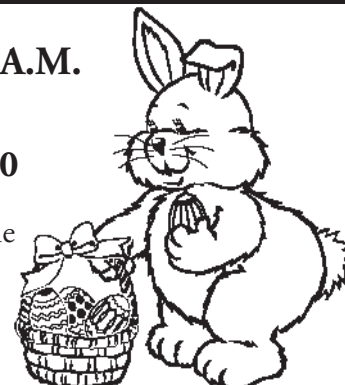
Sat., March 26th - 10 A.M.

Special Prizes

Age Groups 0-3, 4-6 and 7-10

Balloons and Prizes handed out by the Falls City Fire Department at the Fire Truck.

The Easter Bunny will be here, bring your camera.



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 22 – Confession 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 23 – Confession 12:00–1:00 p.m. & 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 24 – Confession 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 24 – Mass of the Last Supper – 7:30 p.m. - Confession following Mass

Friday, March 25 – Confession 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Friday, March 25 - Good Friday Service – 12:05 p.m.

Friday, March 25 - Stations of the Cross – 7:00 p.m. • Confession following Stations

Saturday, March 26 - Easter Vigil – 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 27 – Confessions 6:30–6:55 a.m. & 9:30–9:55 a.m.

Sunday, March 27 – Easter Masses – 7:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

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March 26, at 11:00 a.m.

at Good News Assembly of God

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All children ages 0-10 are welcome! Lots of prizes and candy, don't miss out!

Students



Tavia Bruxellas

Sophomore Pilgrimage

Every year the Falls City Chapter of the Nebraska General Federation of Woman's Clubs makes it possible for one sophomore, girl or boy, from FCHS to attend the Sophomore Pilgrimage in Lincoln. The purpose of this program is to create interest and educate students about Nebraska Government.

While at the Sophomore Pilgrimage, sophomores from across the state will be attending the Nebraska Unicameral in session, meeting with their State Senator, eating lunch in the Governor's Mansion and visiting the Supreme Court Chambers.

Attending this year's Sophomore Pilgrimage from Falls City High School is Tavia Bruxellas, daughter of Paulo and Vanji Bruxellas. The 32nd annual Sophomore Pilgrimage will be held at the State Capitol Building on April 6.

Imogene Strasil is celebrating her **Birthday on March 23.** Her children invite you to participate in a **Card Shower** in her honor. **Birthday Greetings** may be sent to her at **2422 Chase St., Falls City, NE 68355**

Easter Cantata "IN HIS HANDS"

Presented by Southeast Community Choir
Good Friday
March 25 - 7:00 p.m.
Stella Community Church
 Refreshments following service

CMC to hold open meeting

Community Medical Center will have its Annual Community Meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 7, in the education room at the hospital.

The meeting is open and the public is invited to attend.

CMC CEO Ryan Larsen will provide information and answer questions about the state of the hospital and its performance in 2015 in terms of quality, patient experience, finance and community benefit. The meeting is expected to last no more than 45 minutes.

"We believe it's important for a community hospital to be accountable to the community," Larsen said. "This is our chance to report to the people we serve on what we are doing to deserve their trust. Whether they attend in person or hear our report through the news media, I hope people can be proud of their hospital."

FCSH Honor Roll

Falls City Sacred Heart has announced the Green (high) and White (regular) Honor Rolls for the third quarter.

Green (94-100%)

7th Grade - Danielle Bippes, Delbert Casteel, Jackson Fiegenger, Dalton Fouraker, Elle Froeschl.

8th Grade - Seth Brewer, Blake Frederick, Jacob Hoy, Madison Littrel, Mackensie Nelson, Claire Niemeyer, Lexis Pokorny, Jena Reeyes, Kiefer Salimo, Luke Schawang, Evi Schock, Jarrot Simon, Emily Wertenberger.

9th Grade - Ciara Catlin, Tanner Cromer, Ahren Ebel, Anthony Froeschl, Elizabeth Keithley, Teresa Morehead, Chloe Schock, Rande Witt.

10th Grade - Joe Bieker, Abby Fiegenger, Nate Finck, Robert Hermes, Ryker Hoy, Madison Huppert, Ryan Keithley, Tristan Keithley, Brady Keller, William Morehead, Lauren Parrish, Miranda Raithe, Theo Rohrer, Sara Wertenberger.

11th Grade - Aly Bangert, Nora Barker, Alexis Barnes, Bailey Coonce, Taylor Coonce, Libby Dunn, Haylee Heits, Jade Hill, Emerson Keithley, Noah Keller, Robert Olberding, Keith Salimo, Libby Schawang.

12th Grade - Joshua Froeschl, Maggie Goltz, Louise Hamilton, Rachael Keithley, Natalie Kreifels.

White (91-93%)

7th Grade - Kyle Bauman, Blake Dougherty.

8th Grade - Max Froeschl, James Stice.

9th Grade - Drew Bippes, Emily Crouse, Easton Vonderschmidt.

10th Grade - Sean Arnold and Andrew Neddenriep.

11th Grade - Nick Aitken, Megan Crouse, Logan Mattan, Thea Schulenberg.

12th Grade - Henry Arnold, John Bauman, Caitlin Cooper, Lane Johansen, Cameron Jordan.

Society

Shubert American Legion Aux.

The Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222 met Tuesday, March 8, at the Legion building. President, Tana Brown called the meeting to order and was followed with prayer. Everyone pledged to the flag, sang *God Bless America* and repeated the Preamble. Roll call was taken by the secretary, Elizabeth Ketner, with seven members present. Treasurer Lana Willman gave her monthly report.

Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 25, at the park in Shubert. This is for all community children up to the Fifth Grade. The Easter Bunny will be present to visit and take pictures with the kids.

The Auxiliary will be helping the Legion with a fundraising fish fry for the building fund on from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at the Shubert Legion building.

Five members who attended the District Convention in Pawnee City Feb. 13 gave reports. The committee for Girl State announced a girl has been chosen. More information on this will be given at a later date.

Discussion was held on the Richardson County By-Laws and changes made for the next convention to vote on. A meeting will be held with the Falls City unit to make plans for their future.

Patsy Wing was the hostess for the community luncheon at the Legion building March 1. Linda Patchen will host the next one on Tuesday, April 5. This is for anyone in the community to come together for lunch and fellowship.

The next meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at the Legion building.

Indian Cave Sunrise Service

The annual sunrise service at Indian Cave will be held at 7 a.m. Sunday, March 27.

Sponsoring churches are: The Nemaha and Shubert Christian Churches, Prairie Union Baptist Church, Stella Community Church and Barada Methodist Church. This is a nondenominational service and is open to the public.

A park permit is required, however, the churches will help those in need of admittance.

Breakfast will following worship at the Shubert Christian Church.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the old days pretzels were associated with Easter because the twists of the pretzel were thought to resemble arms crossing in prayer.



Olberding-Kopf wedding April 30

Gary and Debbie Olberding of Stuart, NE, and Daniel and Renee Kopf, of Rulo, would like to announce the engagement of their children, Kacie Olberding and Logan Kopf.

Kacie is a 2005 graduate of Stuart High School and Logan is a 2005 graduate of FC Sacred Heart.

Kacie attended BryanLGH College of Health Sciences and graduated with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Nursing in 2010. She went on to get her Masters Degree in Nursing from Creighton University in 2013 and is certified as a family nurse practitioner.

Logan also graduated from BryanLGH College of Health Sciences with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing in 2010 and is currently attending Bryan College of Health Sciences, pursuing a Masters Degree in Nurse Anesthesia. He will graduate in May 2016.

The couple has accepted jobs at the Shenandoah (IA) Medical Center. Kacie is currently working as a family nurse practitioner. Following the wedding and graduation from anesthesia school, Logan will join her and her Goldendoodle, "Chip," in Essex, IA. He will start his position as an anesthetist at the Shenandoah Medical Center this summer.

The couple will be married at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Rulo on April 30.

Hip Hop Hip Hop Over to the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 26 - 2 P.M.
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Public Record

DISTRICT COURT

-Rachel A. Witt, of Falls City, has filed for dissolution of her marriage to Brian J. Witt, of Falls City.

-April M. Feighner, 36, of Falls City, was sentenced to six months in Richardson County Jail, with credit for 14 days previously served, on a charge of attempted accessory to a felony, a Class I Misdemeanor. She was ordered to pay Court costs of \$143.50, though can receive credit of \$90 per day for each additional day spent in jail. Feighner was also granted work release.

COUNTY COURT

-A 27-year-old Kansas native who gave his current address as Eastview Apartments, 800 E. 21st St., in Falls City, waived extradition and was returned to Kansas on a felony warrant.



Jamison

Christopher L. Jamison, originally of Hays, KS, was declared a fugitive of justice and arrested by local authorities. He is accused of committing a burglary Dec. 11, 2015 in Trego County, KS.

-Thomas L. Bassett, 33, of Falls City, was sentenced to serve one year in Richardson County Jail, pay a \$1,000 fine and had his driver's license revoked for 15 years after being convicted of driving under the influence, third offense.

Bassett received credit for 90 days previously served and his jail sentence was suspended until April 1.

He was about two weeks into a 24-month probation term when he was cited for driving during revocation in Nemaha County. Bassett had earlier in the month been sentenced to probation for DUI - third offense. A couple months later, on June 13, 2015, he was cited in Falls City on yet another DUI.

In addition, Bassett last week was sentenced to 10 days in jail for criminal mischief (less than \$500), and ordered to pay Court costs of \$49.

A third case against Bassett is

pending. He is scheduled to appear and enter pleas in County Court on April 11 on charges of criminal mischief (less than \$500) and disturbing the peace.

-Joel T. Lunsford, 27, of Falls City, domestic assault in the third degree, amended to disturbing the peace; pled guilty to amended charge. Fined \$250, plus Court costs of \$49 (may receive credit up to \$150 for counseling expenses); placed on six months probation; must attend and complete anger management class within 90 days; to serve 10 days in Richardson County Jail beginning Aug. 1 (unless waived by Court).

-Jeffrey A. Morley, 26, of Falls City, count one, criminal trespass in the second degree; count two, criminal mischief (less than \$500); count three, disturbing the peace. Pled no contest to count three; counts one and two dismissed with prejudice (**Editor's Note** - dismissal with prejudice bars the government from prosecuting the accused later on the same charge). Sentenced to serve five days in Richardson County Jail, pay Court costs of \$49 and obtain an alcohol assessment. A show cause hearing was scheduled for March 23.

-Ian L. Malcolm, 29, of Lincoln, theft by receiving stolen property; pled no contest. Ordered to serve three days in Richardson County Jail and pay Court costs of \$49 and Sheriff's fees of \$17.

Malcolm is accused of possessing a stolen knife belonging to Paul E. Schawang III.

-Jeffrey A. Morley, 26, of Falls City, criminal mischief; pled not guilty. Trial scheduled for April 6.

-Jeffrey A. Morley, 26, of Falls City, criminal mischief (less than \$500); disturbing the peace. Pled not guilty to both counts. Pretrial hearing scheduled for April 4.

-Jeffrey A. Morley, 26, of Falls City, criminal mischief. Pled not guilty. Pretrial hearing set for April 4.

-Cara L. Cavaness, 25, of Falls City, theft by shoplifting (less than \$500); pled guilty. Fined \$100, plus Court costs of \$49 and Sheriff's fees of \$8.50. Ordered to pay restitution of \$1 to Kwik Shop in Falls City.

Cavaness was accused of taking a sleeve of Oreo cookies on Feb. 24.

-Shaun T. Robertson, 29, of Humboldt, count one, no license on person; count two, possess K2 or marijuana (one ounce or less); count three, possess or use drug paraphernalia. Pled no contest to all three counts; fined \$350, plus Court costs of \$49.

-Misty Wass, 25, of Humboldt, disobey stoplights; pled not guilty. Trial set for April 6.

-Michelle Richbourg, 39, of Falls City, seven counts of unlicensed animal; pled no contest. Sentencing set for April 11.

-Robert S. Hillard, 44, of Falls City, count one, maintaining a nuisance; count two, unregistered, wrecked or junked vehicle. Pled not guilty to both charges. Pretrial hearing set for April 11.

-Blake M. Westcott, 20, of Falls City, reckless driving, first offense; pled not guilty. Pretrial hearing set for April 11.

-Blake M. Westcott, 20, of Falls City, theft by receiving stolen property; pled not guilty. Pretrial hearing set for April 11.

Westcott is accused of possessing a cell phone belonging to Teresa Lewis.

-Tonia A. White, 39, of Falls City, compulsory education - attendance required (*Nebraska Statute 79-209*: School attendance - child absent more than 20 days per year); pled no contest. Sentencing set for April 18.

-John C. Peterson, 56, of Lincoln, count one, driving during revocation, first offense; count two, failure to use turn signal. Pled no contest to both counts; sentencing set for May 2.

-Michelle D. Richbourg, 39, of Falls City, selling tobacco to a minor; pled no contest. Sentencing set for April 11.

-Robin D. Watson, 56, of Falls City, compulsory education - attendance required (*Nebraska Statute 79-209*: School attendance - child absent more than 20 days per year); pled not guilty. Pretrial hearing set for April 11.

-Gary M. Dumont Jr., 29, of Falls City, count one, resisting arrest, first offense; count two, violate protection order; count three, driving during revocation; count four, criminal mischief (\$500-\$1,500); count five, criminal mischief (less than \$500). Case continued to March 28 for entry of plea.

-Travis J. Feldhacker, 30, of Omaha, burglary, a Class III Felony. Case bound over to District Court for arraignment April 5.

CIVIL COURT

Judgment entered in favor of Credit Bureau Services, and against Jacob A. Babb, of Falls City, in the amount of \$321.64, plus prejudgment interest of \$54.37, attorney fees of \$37.16 and Court costs of \$63.50. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.51 percent.

Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Services, and against Gary and Dawn Hasley, of Falls City, in the amount of \$809.04, plus prejudgment interest

of \$86.66, attorney fees of \$85.90 and Court costs of \$77.42. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.51 percent.

Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Services, and against Theodore Auxier, of Humboldt, in the amount of \$511.51, plus prejudgment interest of \$24.80, attorney fees of \$56.15 and Court costs of \$103.92. Post-judgment

interest to accrue at 2.51 percent.

BUILDING PERMITS

- Rick Lemerond, 2724 Harlan St.; room addition, \$16,000.
- Janice Wittwer, 811 E. 18th St.; cement driveway, \$9,500.
- Jason and Anne Youde, 2124 Highland Ave.; garage (approved by Board of Adjustments), \$20,000.

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Friday, March 25th 6:30 p.m.
Chamber Office

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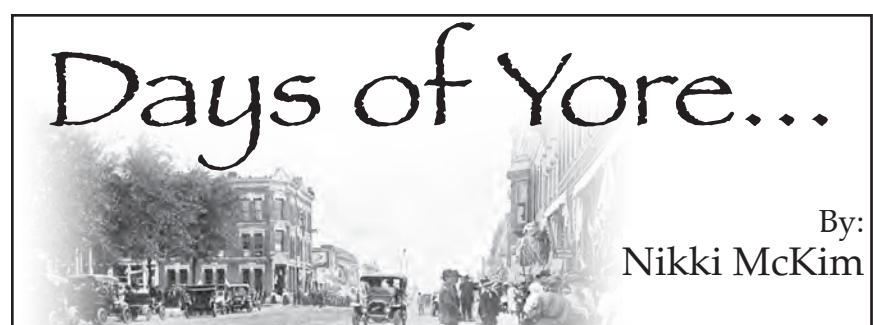
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**50 Years Ago
(March 22-28, 1966)**

Mother Nature committed a boo-boo at the farm of Roy Bahr when Siamese twin pigs were included in a litter born to a Hampshire sow.

The state health board approved the release of \$200,000 to Humboldt in Hill Burton Construction money for its proposed \$500,000 hospital. However, federal approval was required before the release of the money.

Members of the Falls City Rural Fire Dept. fought a grass fire on the Joe Bachman place, eight miles southeast of Falls City. The fire burned along a levee, damaging 20 railroad ties.

A 60-foot-long sign, which measured four feet in height, was blown from the front of Armbruster Motor Co. and was demolished.

During Farmer Days, Firestone in Falls City invited everyone to come in and win a live hog. There was nothing to buy; customers just had to guess the hog's weight. Closest to the actual weight won the hog.

The University of Nebraska refused a request for the use of Memorial Stadium to host a Beatles concert. The concert promoter opted to skip Nebraska during the tour altogether.

Fifty-nine pigs were killed during a rural Salem fire at the farm of Claude Stumbo.

Breezy-Hill Drive-In opened for the spring and summer season.

A Falls City train brought back a big chunk of the devastating blizzard near Panama. The engineer estimated that they hit drifts nearly three blocks long.

Nancy Cummins, of Falls City High School, won two firsts during the eighth annual Peru State College Interscholastic Contest.

A heater exploded and burst through a bedroom of the Robert Werner home, exiting the roof and demolishing the house.

25 years

The Sacred Heart Speech Team completed a successful season, placing third in the District Speech Contest.

Gymnasts Rachel Lemerond and Katie Simon competed in the USGF



Missouri Championships in St. Louis. Rachel placed fourth overall in her age division.

All State Scholarships were awarded to Bridget Way, David Smith and Denise Rieschick at the GFWC/NFWC District 1 Fine Arts Festival.

Jason McNeely was the only Tiger to score in the running of the Doane Invitational indoor track meet. McNeely picked up a point, finishing sixth in the 880.

Megan Merz, a senior at Falls City High School was one of three youth winners of the NE Game and Parks Commission's Stamp Art Contest.

SPC Richard Killingsworth, son of Kay Adams, returned from duty in the Persian Gulf.

Work began on the Rulo park project, as workers completed the first section of what would become a 120-foot boat dock.

The rural home of Tom and Gayle Weinert was extensively damaged in a fire which developed from hot embers from a wood stove.

Ted Harshbarger, director of cooperative education at Peru State College, was named the school's interim athletic director.

Stefanie Wolf, a junior at FC Sacred Heart was selected as the Girls State representative of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 102.

15 Years

Shelby Jordan, Matt Sells, Katie O'Grady and Sally Witt, all of FC Sacred Heart, and Brent Shubert, of Southeast Consolidated, were all named to the Pioneer All-Conference Basketball First Team.

David Martin, a long-time English teacher at Omaha Central High School and a writing instructor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha was selected as the recipient of the Carol MacDaniels Teacher of the Year Award.

Dawson-Verdon sophomore Ryan Bennett was the county's only state champion speaker during the High School Speech Championships. Ryan was first in Class D2 in Entertainment Speaking.

Erin Fritz, of Dawson-Verdon, was selected as one of the best students in Nebraska, and was awarded the Board of Trustees Scholarship to attend Peru State College.

Aaron and Jennifer Hill were the parents to a daughter, Madelynn Jean born at Overland Park, KS.

Loretta Barber

Loretta Barber, 72, of Rulo, passed away on Sunday, March 20, 2016 at St. Louis, MO. She was born on Dec. 6, 1943 at Denver to Faye (Cordova) and Ben Maes.

She married Gerald Barber on July 14, 1968 at Omaha.

Loretta was raised at Denver and graduated from North High School in 1963. She then attended cosmetology school at Denver and later worked in beauty shops and then for the May D&F department store.

When married, the couple lived in Omaha until moving to rural Hiawatha, KS, and then to Rulo. She worked as a cook at The Bridge Café and Ye Old Time Saloon, and was a homemaker, as well. She also cut hair at home for family and friends.

Loretta was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at Rulo and the Altar Society.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald, of Rulo; children, Deborah (Tom) Grzywa, of St. Louis, MO, Scott and Jeremy Barber, both of Rulo, Lisa Barber of Highland, KS; mother, Faye Cordova; brother, Ben Maes, of Brighton, CO; sisters, Phyllis Leyba and Virginia Maes, both of Brighton; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father; and a sister, Bernita Maes.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Fr. David Oldham officiating. Interment will be in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery. A parish rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, Falls City, and the family will receive friends following the rosary.

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Claire Elaine (Fryer) Hutson

Claire Elaine (Fryer) Hutson, 81, of Camp Verde, AZ (formerly of Falls City), died of congestive heart failure and went to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 20, 2016. She was born in Falls City on May 10, 1934 to Mary Adams Rhoads Fryer and Eldon Lloyd Aylesworth Fryer.

She was a Registered Nurse and graduated from St. Joseph (MO) School of Nursing in 1954. She loved being an OB Nurse, though she worked in many departments at several hospitals through the years.

Claire was an accomplished musician and played the clarinet, piano and organ. She also had a beautiful singing (soprano) voice.

She was a Christian and was involved in church where she often sang and played the piano and the organ.

She lived in many places across the Midwest—Clinton, MO, North Platte, Oklahoma City, and Hill City, KS; the West—Lander, WY, and Grand Junction, CO; and in King Salmon, Kodiak, and Anchorage, AK, through the years. As her family grew, her husband's work with the Federal Aviation Administration took them on many adventures across the U.S. After Bennie's retirement from the FAA in Alaska, they had a few more moves, initially to a farm in the Missouri Ozarks, then returning to Lander, where they lived many more years before moving to Camp Verde, AZ, in November 2014 to escape subzero winters. She often said she was a gypsy at heart and didn't mind moving so much.

She was also a collector of tea pots and stories. She loved to visit and she loved to read. She enjoyed picnics, whether in a backyard, a city park, or in the mountains and loved the outdoors as long as she could go home by the end of the

day; Claire preferred gardening over camping. She also enjoyed homemaking, quilting, embroidery, handicrafts and cooking, and made wonderful pies and bread. She dearly loved spending time with her family and everyone's extended and blended families and friends.

She was beloved by all and known for always remembering birthdays, anniversaries and holidays with personal cards and letters, which everyone will miss.

Claire is survived by her beloved husband of 61 years, Bennie Lyle, whom she met when he was in the Navy and she was in nursing school; children, Matthew (Sue) Hutson, of Lander, Susan Harrington, of Anchorage, AK, Kathleen (Randy) Lussier, of Mesa, AZ, Jeffery (Kim) Hutson, of Lander, Sheila (Craig) Hutson-Thompson, of Casper, WY, Shawn (Debbie Cruz) Hutson (Major USA Retired), of El Paso, TX, and Jennifer (Ron) Cox, of Casper; 25 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; sisters, Nancy Rowland, Carol (Tom) Voyles, and Marcia (Randy) Blanton; brothers, Keith and Lynn Fryer; along with scores of nieces and nephews and all their families.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grandchildren, Matthew Charles Hutson, Jr. and Zachariah James Rodgers; brother, Jerald "Jerry" Fryer; sisters, Jeannine Strecker, Thelma Douglas, Mary Langdon and, in infancy, Rebecca Fryer.

Claire leaves us with a legacy of acceptance, helping others and trusting in the Lord.

The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at Camp Verde Christian Church.

Greers Mortuary, of Sedona, AZ, is in charge of arrangements.

www.greersmortuary.com

Charles E. Loghry

Charles Edward Loghry, 79, of Falls City, passed away Sunday, March 20, 2016 at Falls City. He was born on Sept. 19, 1936 at Omaha to the late Edward Loghry and Christina (McKenzie) Zimmerman.

He attended Omaha schools until he entered the Nebraska State Home at Beatrice. Charles left the state home in 1962 and moved to Falls City to live with his stepfather and mother. While in Falls City, he worked for Stephenson Hotel, A&G Steakhouse, mowed yards and collected cans for recycling.

He was a member of Sts. Peter

and Paul's Catholic Church.

Charles is survived by cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; half-siblings, Spark, Nellie and Violet.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Falls City, with Fr. Thomas Dunavan officiating. Interment will be at the Falls City Catholic Cemetery. A Parish Rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, Falls City.

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Cover crop/soil health field day March 30 on Jon Keithley farm

A cover crop/soil health field day is scheduled for 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 30, at the Jon Keithley Farm at 71475 650 Ave.

As part of an NRCS Conservation Innovative Grant Project, a plot of different cover crops were drilled into prevented planted acres on the Keithley Farm northwest of Falls City in late August and early September, according to Nemaha County Extension Educator Gary Lesoing. Several different species and mixes of cover crops were planted for evaluation at the plots.

The field day will start with registration at 9, followed by discussion and field observations of cover crop plots, view of a soil pit and other cover crop fields in the area until noon.

Several Extension and NRCS specialists will discuss cover crop and soil health issues. Ag economist Jay Parsons will discuss lease arrangements for grazing cover crops; beef systems specialist Mary Drewnoski will review the potential opportunities for grazing cover crops and discuss their forage value, even on prevented planted acres; Lesoing will share recent soil health and soil chemical analysis data collected from plots this spring; and no-till specialist Paul Jasa will share his experiences with no-till, cover crops and soil health.

Two NRCS experts will also be at the field day to discuss soil health and cover crops: State agronomist Cory Brubaker and soil health specialist Candy Thomas.

The Keithley family has utilized no-till for many years and, with the use of manure and cover crops, have impacted soil health on their farms.

While early registration isn't required, it is recommended: Call Lesoing at (402) 274-4755.



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Maple Cemetery landscape efforts recognized

Salem's Maple Cemetery was recognized for its 2015 landscape efforts earlier this month at the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum Awards Reception March 4 in Lincoln on UNL's East Campus.

The Maple Cemetery Board received a Community Landscape

Award "recognizing the implementation of a landscape project that significantly improved a community landscape."

A massive tree planting operation (the original plan called for 50 trees, but overwhelming fundraising success allowed for 79) took root last spring and gave Maple Cemetery, which was decimated by a 1997 ice storm, a much-needed makeover. Other improvements included the purchase of a new lawn mower, a directory of the some 2,000 burial plots, improved drainage at the entrance, removal/trimming of existing trees and identification of burials that previously had no markers.

A fundraising campaign conducted by the Cemetery Board, a \$10,000 "Trees for Nebraska Towns" grant administered by UNL's Nebraska Forest Service and the Nebraska Environmental Trust (which is funded by the Nebraska Lottery), and a matching \$10,000 gift from an "anonymous" donor generated enough funds to

purchase the trees and make the landscaping improvements.

"Salem was a good example of what a small community could do by coming together for a project," Justin Everson of the Statewide Arboretum/NE Forest Service, said. He noted all the volunteers who have helped water and care for the newly planted trees and said the cemetery is once again living up to its "wonderful heritage of tree planting."

Village of Salem Board Members at the time of the improvements included: Chairman Ivan Schuetz, Secretary and Treasurer Barbara Brown, Tony Brown, Anita Nolte, Richard Rowland and Marlene Schuetz.

The big donor remains officially anonymous, but it's believed the money came courtesy of comic Larry the Cable Guy, aka Dan Whitney, a Pawnee City native whose father, Thomas Von Whitney, is among those buried at Maple Cemetery. Tom Whitney grew up in the Salem-Humboldt area, was minister of the Four Mile Congregational Church in Humboldt for 12 years and the Congregational Church in Verdon for 10. The Whitney family moved to Florida in 1979, when Dan was a sophomore at Pawnee City High, and Tom died at the age of 70 in September 2004. He shares a headstone with his wife, Shirley, 78, who currently lives in Lincoln near her famous son.



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ate Vice President of Early Childhood Programs and Sixpence Administrator Amy Bornemeier said connecting school districts with child care providers is essential in helping attain the Sixpence program's goals.

"The success of Sixpence over the past decade shows Nebraskans understand the value of programs that help parents put kids on the path to success early in life," Bornemeier said.

"Connecting licensed child care providers with school districts and other local partners allows communities to make better use of the existing resources, facilities and early childhood workers available to them."

According to Bornemeier, the new Sixpence Child Care Partnership grants also play a part in addressing the need to grow the number of skilled early childhood professionals throughout the state.

"Working with parents to support our state's youngest children's early development requires professionals who are experienced and skilled," she said. "Right now, Nebraska's skilled early childhood workforce can only reach about 7 or 8 percent of our infants and toddlers at risk. If we are going to get ahead of that problem, we need to find new ways to attract, cultivate and retain more professionals in this field. The new grant awards move us in the right direction by using Sixpence's blended public-private funds to deliver professional development, technical assistance and other resources to the child care providers that Nebraska's working parents rely upon."

The new Sixpence grants are also connected to the state's Step Up to Quality child care rating and improvement system, a collaboration between Health and Human Services and the Dept. of Education. It provides professional development opportunities to child care providers, assists in meeting accepted quality standards, and conducts assessments for quality improvement.

Licensed child care providers involved in the new Sixpence partnerships are required to be enrolled in Step Up to Quality and achieve a Step 3 rating on a 5-step quality scale by end of the third year of their Sixpence grant.

On-farm research projects available

By Gary Lesoing
UNL Extension

On-farm research has been conducted across Nebraska with Nebraska Extension for several years. This program is expanding and getting stronger with support from the Nebraska Corn Board. In 2015 the On-Farm Research Network had 80 studies conducted by 66 Nebraska Corn and Soybean growers.

You may view these results at: <http://cropwatch.unl.edu/farm-research/resultshome>

Consider this an invitation to partner with the Nebraska On-Farm Research Network to secure and work with 2016 on-farm research projects. We have three types of projects you can choose from.

1. You select a topic which you feel is important and needed in providing answers in your growing region. We will work with you to establish a plan on how to plant and harvest the study using your own equipment. Nebraska On-Farm Research can also assist as needed throughout the year.

2. We have developed protocols for a number of study topics that focus on areas of critical importance to crop production (including nitrogen, irrigation, and planting population studies). A number of new and revised research protocols are being developed and will be posted soon. These protocols are self-contained and include an example treatment map.

3. We are making arrangements for several industry partnership studies in the 2016 growing season. One study that is applicable to southeast Nebraska is:

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Please call Laura Thompson 402-624-8033, laura.thompson@unl.edu; Nathan Mueller - 402-727-2775, nathan.mueller@unl.edu; or Keith Glewen (402-624-8005) for specifics on the above.

If you interested in conducting on-farm research, feel free to contact me. I am the Extension Educator in southeast Nebraska who is a member of the On-Farm Research Network. You can reach me at (402) 274-4755 or glesoing2@unl.edu. I will work with you on your research project throughout the year.

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FC SACRED HEART WON THE CLASS D1-1 DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP and captured medals in all 18 events Tuesday, March 15, at the District Meet held at McCool Junction. Every Irish speaker medaled as FCSH racked up a tremendous 408 team points. The hosts were runners-up with 365. The top three places qualified their event for the state speech competition this Thursday, March 24, in Kearney (*denotes state entries): Humorous prose, Bryant Jorn, 2nd*, Tanner Cromer, 6th; Informative, Nate Finck, 1st*; Libby Dunn, 2nd*; Serious Prose, Nora Barker, 2nd*; Miranda Raitzel, 4th; Poetry, Libby Dunn, 2nd*; Ciara Catlin, 4th; Entertainment, Maddie Huppert, 1st*, Anthony Froeschl, 5th; Persuasive Speech, Wertenberger, 3rd*, Keith Salimo, 6th; Duet, Austin Ahern/Teresa Morehead, 2nd*, Ryker Hoy/Tanner Cromer, 3rd; Oral Interpretation of Drama, Spamalot, 4th; Camp Sunshine, 6th; Extemporaneous, Bob Hermes, 3rd*, Miranda Raitzel, 6th.

Photographed, first row, from left: Finck, Barker, Jorn, Jordan, Dunn, Huppert, Robert Olberding, Andrew Neddenriep; second row, assistant coach Angie

Taft, Raitzel, Salimo, Ryker Hoy, Wertenberger, Cromer and head coach Stephanie Bippes; third row, Anthony Froeschl, Chloe Schock, Teresa Morehead, Bob Hermes, Austin Ahern and Ciara Catlin.

HTRS BOTH HOSTED AND WON THE CLASS C2-1 DISTRICT MEET March 15 in Humboldt, scoring 413 points and qualifying 13 events for this weekend's state competition. Medaling and qualifying for state in individual events were: Chloe Workman, first in Humorous Prose and first in Serious Prose; Kendal Werts, first in Poetry and third in Entertainment; John Kanel, first in Entertainment; Tanner Merwin, first in Persuasive; Emily Gonnella, first in Informative; Chase Merwin, second in Poetry; Trenton Plager, second in Extemporaneous Speaking; Kaleb Knudson, third in Humorous Prose; Lauren Patzel, third in Serious Prose; Camille Svoboda, third in Informative. The duets of John Kanel and Kaleb Knudson advanced to the state competition with a third place finish.

The Titan team is coached by Carl Linnerson.

Dunn drives in a pair

FC Sacred Heart graduate and Peru State College redshirt freshman Chaz Dunn got a hit, drove in a pair of RBI and scored a run in the second game of a doubleheader Saturday, but the Bobcat baseball team still fell 7-5 and was swept by Grand View University in Des Moines. PSC lost the opener, 7-0.



Chaz Dunn

The Bobcats, which host William Penn today in a doubleheader (the first game is slated to start at 1 p.m.), is off to a rough start at 5-15 overall and 0-4 in conference play. The schedule, unfortunately, doesn't ease up this week. William Penn arrives with a record of 12-5 and 3-1. Friday, the Bobcats hit the road to Marshall, MO, to face 11-11 Missouri Valley College in another conference doubleheader (also beginning at 1 p.m.). PSC then makes its way to Lamoni, IA, Saturday to face Graceland University (9-18, 3-1).

Dunn, an infielder, has appeared in 11 of PSC's 20 games this year and has started three times. In addition to his best offensive game of the year, the former four-sport high school standout made six assists with the glove and turned the first double-play of his young career.

2015-16 Pioneer All-Conference Boys Basketball

First Team		
Hayden Miller	Junior	Lourdes Central Catholic
Nolan Schafer	Senior	Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer
Ted Gyhra	Senior	Pawnee City
Dylan Benson	Junior	Sterling
Julius Sakinis	Senior	Lourdes Central Catholic
Second Team		
Jaxson Balm	Junior	Johnson-Brock
Bailey Witt	Senior	Falls City Sacred Heart
Dalton Anderson	Senior	Lewiston
Bladen Ahl	Senior	Diller-Odell
Eli Herr	Senior	Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer
Third Team		
Nathan Derr	Senior	Friend
Olof Olson	Senior	Lewiston
Henry Arnold	Senior	Falls City Sacred Heart
Trey Stutheit	Junior	Johnson-Brock
Josh Masur	Senior	Sterling
Honorable Mention		
Quinten Vasa	Sophomore	Lourdes Central Catholic
Drake Adams	Freshmen	Southern
Chase Hain	Junior	Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer
Kaleb Knudson	Senior	Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer
Andrew Davis	Sophomore	Pawnee City
Devon Clark	Junior	Johnson-Brock
Jordan Wenzl	Senior	Sterling
Kolby Houlden	Sophomore	Friend
Jacob Meybrunn	Senior	Lewiston
Dylan Wolbert	Junior	Diller-Odell

2015-16 Pioneer All-Conference Girls Basketball

First Team		
Taylor Cockerill	Junior	Sterling
Maggie Goltz	Senior	Falls City Sacred Heart
Raeleigh Menke	Sophomore	Friend
Hayley Heits	Junior	Falls City Sacred Heart
Laura Box	Junior	Lourdes Central Catholic
Second Team		
Madison Jurgens	Junior	Diller-Odell
Lexi Ryan	Senior	Friend
Erika Goracke	Senior	Sterling
Alexis Barnes	Junior	Falls City Sacred Heart
Madison Hajek	Junior	Diller-Odell
Third Team		
Mariah Willey	Junior	Pawnee City
Jade Hill	Junior	Falls City Sacred Heart
Kaitlynn Simon	Sophomore	Johnson-Brock
Jena Fink	Senior	Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer
Bailey Kahler	Senior	Sterling
Honorable Mention		
Emily Zvolanek	Junior	Southern
Brooke Baugh	Junior	Friend
Libby Fulton	Junior	Lourdes Central Catholic
Lauren Parrish	Sophomore	Falls City Sacred Heart
Megan Wehrbein	Sophomore	Lewiston
Allie Binder	Sophomore	Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer
Olivia Farwell	Junior	Pawnee City
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Tips to spruce up your outdoor spaces for the season

(StatePoint) When the weather warms up, it's all about relaxing outdoors. But it's possible you've neglected upkeep on your home's outdoor spaces during the chilly months of winter.

To enjoy yourself more this season, take time to spruce up your yard. Here are some quick tips.

Do a Survey - Take a walk around the perimeter of your patio, deck and yard to survey what needs to be cleaned, repaired or replaced. Did potted plants and lawn ornaments survive the cooler months? Are outdoor light fixtures functioning? Are fallen branches littering the yard? Make a mental to-do list.

Deep Clean - Like interior spaces, periodic deep cleans are necessary outdoors too. But don't waste your leisure time.

"With the right tools you can work smart, not hard," says Jeff Devlin, host on a popular home improvement channel. "A heavy-duty cleaner, such as Mean Green Degreaser, not only works indoors, but is ideal for my tough outdoor cleaning jobs."

Devlin recommends using the Super Strength multi-surface formula -- which is lab-tested to clean and remove grease, grime, mildew, dirt, and oil more effectively than its competitors -- to clean and remove mildew from patios, outdoor furniture, concrete, composite and wood fences and siding, as well as to clean and degrease tools, lawn equipment and grills. Use it as a concentrated spray or diluted solution. Clean with a brush or sponge.

"For your toughest jobs, add it to your pressure washer," says Devlin. Helpful cleaning tips can be found at MeanGreenDegreaser.com.

Routine Maintenance - Perform routine upkeep to keep items from falling into disrepair or becoming overgrown or unkempt.

Sweep walkways and your deck regularly, especially if they are situated under trees. Promote a healthy lawn by mowing it regularly, never removing more than one-third of the grass blade. Keep gutters devoid of leaves and debris so that water does not collect in your yard or at the base of your home's structure. Rinse patio furniture, umbrellas and awnings using water or a diluted cleaner.

Spring is in the air. With a little effort, you can be prepared to make the most of it.



Happy Easter!

What are you doing in the nest? Huh? Huh? What? Keeping the eggs safe, of course.

Yay! Easter is almost here! There's so much to do that my cousin Harry the Hare is here to help me get ready.

What do you know about the Easter holiday? Easter is an important Christian holiday. Christians believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Easter is the celebration of his "new life after death." It is a time of great joy. Families spend a lot of time getting ready: cleaning, decorating, planning meals, and getting their best clothes ready for church. My crossword puzzle is about Easter and what families are doing. Can you read the clues to fill it in?

Easter Time:

- the 40 days before Easter; for some people a time for prayer and fasting; many people "give up something," like desserts
- many Easter services are held at this beginning of a new day
- ring with joy
- burn with bright light
- Easter Bunny brings these, with treats in them...
- with this kind of rabbit often in the middle
- beautiful, white flower that stands for "new life after death"
- soft, yellow baby animals also used as a symbol of new life
- gentle animal sometimes used as a symbol of Jesus
- dawning of a new day; can be a time for this

3 Cute Easter Eggs

Families Are:

- cleaning _____ and decorating
- dyeing and decorating _____
- baking hot cross _____
- dressing in their best _____
- going to _____ services
- visiting _____ and relatives
- hunting for _____ eggs
- enjoying delicious ham _____
- sending _____ and buying flowers
- marching in an Easter _____

Clues for Crossword:

Across:
 10. dinners
 11. parade
 12. candles
 13. sunrise
 14. cards
 15. buns
 16. lily
 17. friends
 18. church
 19. Lent

Down:
 1. Easter
 2. chicks
 3. baskets
 4. lamb
 5. bells
 6. houses
 7. chocolate
 8. beginnings

"Double Take" of Easter Fun

Study the items below in the boxes.

- In the first box, find 2 chicks that are exactly alike and positioned the same way.
- In the second box, find 2 baskets that are the same.
- In the third box, find 2 bonnets and then 2 eggs that are exactly the same in the pile.

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Demolition Bids & Building For Sale

The Fillmore County Board of Supervisors will receive sealed bids for the demolition of the "Old Hospital" in the office of the Fillmore County Clerk until 12:45 p.m. April 12, 2016.

Village of Shubert

Regular Monthly Meeting - March 7, 2016
Shubert Library
The Village Board of Shubert, NE held the monthly board meeting on March 7, 2016 in the Shubert Library.

- Ayes. Motion carried.
Jennifer Buchner, Village Clerk
Vice Oil & Propane -13.10
Dearborne National -37.84
NPPD - Fire Barn -0.00
NPPD - Weather Siren -22.11
NPPD - Library -0.00
NPPD - Community Building -0.00
United States Treasury -195.08
Jennifer Buchner -554.10
USPS Office -49.00
Falls City Journal -16.00
Jennifer Buchner -49.00
NPPD - Streets -495.95
Advantage Business Solutions, Inc. -92.95
Village of Shubert - USDA Account -906.00
USA Blue Book -115.13
State of Nebraska PHEL -60.00
Southeast Telephone Company -47.82
Aaron Davis -207.79
Tracy Milke -415.57
NPPD - Sewer -0.00
NPPD - Wells -0.00
Tracy Milke -89.88
Aaron Davis -50.00
Nebraska Rural Water Association -20.00
Davis PHE -257.65
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Falls City Sanitation Service -0.00
Midwest Labs -177.50
State of Nebraska PHEL -0.00
Falls City Sanitation Service -1,055.70
Davis PHE -992.95
Village of Shubert - USDA Account -906.00

Village of Rulo

Village of Rulo Board of Trustees.
Regular Meeting March 14, 2016
7:00 PM Rulo, Library
Present Glen Kelley, Norman Thompson, Lee Smith, Dion Grier, Ellen Coburn, & Jane Zentner/Village Clerk.

E.S.U. #4

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 held its regular meeting on Monday, March 14, 2016, at 5:15 p.m. at the Educational Service Unit 4 in Auburn, Nebraska. The following claims were paid for the month of March:
General Fund -- \$100,876.22
Payroll -- \$380,343.30
NCECBVI -- \$46,279.45
Federal Programs -- \$1,622.78

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There was a motion and second (Shafer/Steele) to approve the balance and claims sheet with adjustments. Roll call vote was all "Ayes"; Motion carried. One claim will be changed to a different account. One claim will be held over until after the NRD meeting. Motion and Second (Oliver/Patchen) to change weather siren payment from Fire to General account. Roll call vote was all "Ayes"; Motion carried.

Quality On Tap!

City Of Falls City
Annual Water Quality Report
For January 1 to December 31, 2015
This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the City of Falls City water system to provide safe drinking water.

groundwater wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.
The source of water used by City of Falls City is groundwater.

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* Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Table with columns: Microbiological, Highest No. of Positive Samples, MCL, MCLG, Likely Source Of Contamination, Violations Present. Rows include Lead and Copper, COPPER, FREE, LEAD, Regulated Contaminants, ARSENIC, BARIUM, CHROMIUM, FLUORIDE, NITRATE-NITRITE, Disinfection Byproducts, TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAAs), TTHM, Radiological Contaminants, COMBINED RADIUM (226 & 228), RADIUM-226, Unregulated Water Quality Data, SULFATE.

Table with columns: City Of Falls City, TEST RESULTS, Date Printed: 3/18/2016, NE3114705. Includes sections for Disinfection Byproducts, Radiological Contaminants, Unregulated Water Quality Data, and a list of violations.

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Falls City Public School is seeking applicants for the position of Teacher/Coach in its Childcare Partnership Grant. This position requires a certified teacher with 9 college credit hours in Early Childhood Education, recognized by NDE Rule 11. The Teacher/Coach shall possess the experience and skills to provide grant management and mentoring opportunities for childcare providers and demonstrate a connectedness to the district's resources. 11-13

NOTICE - TEMPORARY LABORERS JOB OPENING

Applications will be received at the City Office, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska, until 4:00 P.M., April 2, 2016, for the positions of Temporary Laborers for the City of Falls City, Falls City, Nebraska. The individuals hired will be scheduled to work the months of May 2016 through July 2016. Pre-employment drug testing is mandatory. The applications, job descriptions and qualifications for the positions are at the City Office or on the web at www.neworks.nebraska.gov. The City of Falls City is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 10-11

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NOTICE - CEMETERY LABOR JOB OPENINGS

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The celebration of Easter and the final service at St. Mark's Lutheran Church southeast of Verdon will begin with fellowship and refreshments at 9 a.m., followed by services.

St. Mark's Lutheran, since 1882

(Continued from Page 1)

year and soon an additional half acre was purchased for the cemetery that sits behind the building overlooking glorious sunsets.

Early on, growth of the con-

gregation was slow and steady, but by 1913 the congregation had out-grown its accommodations. On Jan. 6 of '13, church members authorized the construction of a new building and the old one was sold

to St. Paul's Lutherans, represented by Henry Roesch, Martin Nolte, Andrew Ketter and L.A. Meinzer, and physically moved to Falls City. It was during this time that the name of the Verdon church was changed to St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Drawn up by Carl Buthman of Falls City and constructed by the Bohrer brothers, St. Mark's Lutheran Church was dedicated on Oct. 12, 1913, nine months after authorization and five months after the first brick was laid.

During the late 1920's and 1930's the Great Depression brought financial hardship to all people, but the people of St. Mark's hung in there; and in 1943 the Verdon Lutherans proved they could take the heat, quite literally. The church building, though, could not. On the night of Nov. 28, fire and brimstone was delivered not from the pulpit, but from an unknown origin, and completely destroyed the beautiful church. Flames couldn't destroy the people's spirit, however, as a school house once again became a temporary place of worship until the smoke-damaged basement was fixed up for the people of St. Mark's.

Twenty long years after the fire, the current church building was dedicated in 1963. It had a contemporary feel to it, as well as a finished basement, fellowship hall, kitchen facilities, Sunday School space and seating for 250 people. The congregation celebrated its 100th birthday in 1983 and dreamed of a long and bright future ahead. Sadly, that dream would only extend another 33 years.

As news of its closing made its way through the community, many of St. Mark's long-time members mourned the loss of place that for generations has brought such comfort and joy into their lives.

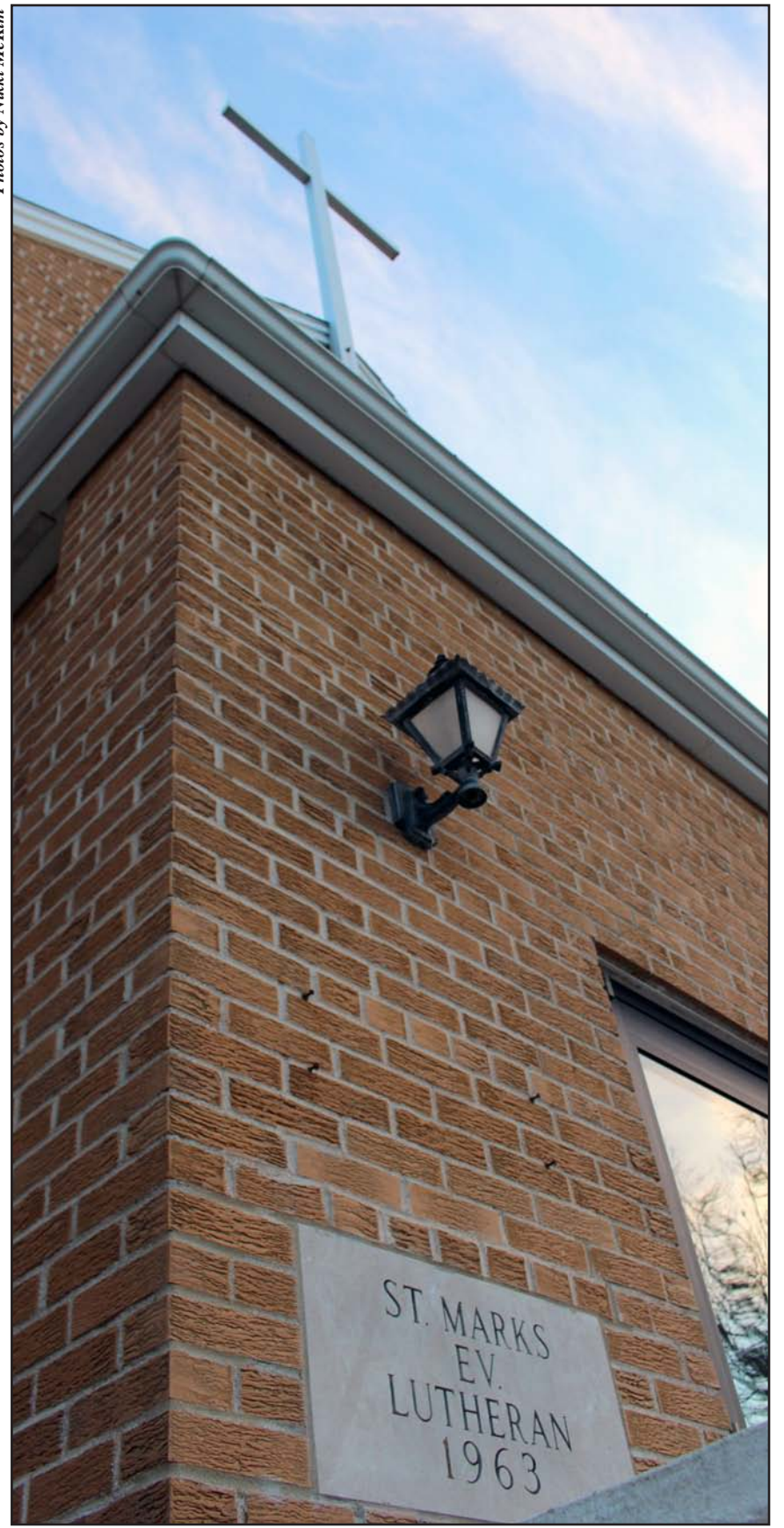
"All the important things in my life have happened there," Amy Harmon, a fourth-generation parishioner who then raised a fifth generation in the church, said. "I was baptized and confirmed there, married there like my parents; my grandparents are buried there with my dad and brother. I have lots of memories."

Following Easter Sunday, a walk through the church will be accompanied by the sound of the wind whispering through the trees and the creaky unpolished floorboards underfoot, each distinctive whimper reverberating off the church's vaulted ceilings. The sanctuary has a powerful and enduring story to tell, but limited opportunities to be heard. The playground empty, the parsonage vacant and the sun, as it sets on each day, will illuminate only an honored past before darkness shrouds for good the prospect - and presumption - of a looming golden daybreak.

"All these years later I realize how it had been there for all of our families — highs and lows, just the way a church should be, Amy's husband, Matt, said. "St. Mark's was more than just bricks and mortar; it's been a community that was always there for me and anybody that crossed its threshold."

Throughout the church grounds, a crowd of memories extracted from countless churchgoers embodying 133 years of fellowship

Photos by Nikki McKim



St. Mark's Lutheran Church in rural Verdon started in the Harkendorff school house and was organized by John Heinzelman and Henry Jorn. In 1913, the first church erected was sold to Falls City, which was represented by Henry Roesch, Martin Nolte, Andrew Ketter and L.A. Meinzer. The current St. Mark's (above) was dedicated in 1963, 20 years after a devastating fire. For two decades, the congregation met in the basement of their old church, otherwise gutted by the fire.

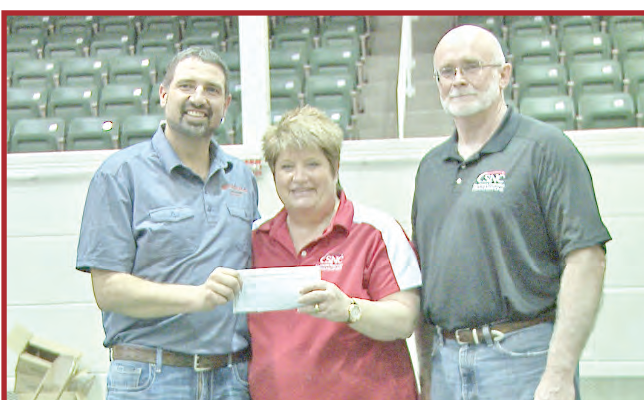
ALUMNI WEEKEND
Falls City Elks Club
Saturday, March 26
Come to the Elks
"Circles of Fifths"
8:00 P.M. - Midnight
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

EMPTY BOWLS SOUP SUPPER
THANK YOU

Donations totaling \$4,784.00 were donated for the 7th Annual Empty Bowls Soup Supper event. Donations that evening were \$2,657.75 and prior donations from the community totaled \$2,126.25.

- One Stop Café - Posole Soup
- Kobza Dental - Chili Soup
- Breezy Hill - Chicken Noodle
- Ms. Beasley's - Beef & Noodle
- Frontier Bank - Minestrone
- Falls City Lanes - White Chicken Chili
- FC Healthcare Community - Chicken Noodle
- SNC - Jim Wisdom - Wizz's Tator Surprise
- Better Halves Club - White Chicken Chili
- Community Medical Center - Minestrone
- Robert Zeigler - Baked Potato Soup
- Falls City Travel - Savory Beef & Rice
- SNC - Barb Brunette - Taco Soup
- Would Eye - 5 Bean & Meat Soup
- Sportin' Falls City - Grannies Chicken & Dumplings
- FC Booster Club - Potato Soup
- FC Nursing & Rehabilitation - Chicken Noodle
- A&G Steakhouse - Hamburger Vegetable Soup
- Pizza Hut - Broccoli & Cheese
- SunMart - Loaded Baked Potato

We would like to show our appreciation to the following individuals and organizations for their contributions to this event:
 FC Public Schools - Cinnamon Rolls • Runza - Cookies
 Subway - Cookies • Quilting Club - Cookies/Bars
 Sacred Heart Booster Club - Bars • Angie Muckey - 15 Pottery Bowls
 SENCA/Melissa Hardenberger - Volunteer
 Great Western Bank - Volunteers • FC Public Schools - Volunteers



The Would Eye held a golf tournament in November last year with the proceeds going towards the Backpack Program. A total of \$1,237.00 was raised from this tournament. Special thanks to Eric Froeschl and all who played and donated to the tournament!



(Pictured Above, Eric Froeschl, Debbie Witt and Chuck Whitney.)

are scattered all around - like tiny broken hearts. You read it on the tombstones in the little cemetery out back; you hear it in the trees dedicated in memory of the departed; and you feel it in the majestic building that for so many witnessed the beginning, the end and the big stuff in between.

With the doors closing on this long chapter of Richardson County history, past and present members are hoping to make the final service a happy event and celebrate the lives that happened on that piece of land located less than four miles south and east of Verdon on 710 Road. The celebration of Easter and the final service will begin with fellowship and refreshments at 9 a.m., followed by the Easter and Closure Services with open communion at 10:30.

One final time, memories will be shared and laughter heard coming from the brick structure on the quiet gravel road. And tears will be

shed. As the final notes of a 133-year harmony surrender to the ear-splitting sound of silence, the flock will disperse in different directions, leaving St. Mark's Lutheran Church to yesteryear.

Echoes will have the floor.

Easter Buffet at the Falls City Elks Club
1417 Stone St.
11a.m.-1:30p.m.
Delicious Homemade Fried Chicken & much more!

READER PHOTO OF THE WEEK

This week our photo was submitted by Vicki Beilke. The topic was "Where do you read your Journal" Vicky reads hers at Oaklawn in Hot Springs, Arkansas



Readers can enter a new photo every week, one photo per week with the photographers name and location. No logo's or copyrighted work. Each week we will give you a new topic.

Submit photos to: journalpotw@gmail.com before Noon on Monday. Each weeks winner can come by the Journal office at 1810 Harlan St., to receive their prize!

Next week... **Fish**