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Home for the Holidays and Stone Street Window Opening

The Falls City Chamber of Commerce and Main Street is presenting 'Home for the Holidays' Stone Street Stores' Window Opening on Friday, November 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Santa will arrive via his sleigh and greet children at his house at the Mini Park on Stone Street. The event will feature Holiday carolers, hot chocolate and cookies and sleigh rides.

Falls City Chamber takes steps to promote local holiday shopping

By Kaylie Ractliffe

As Falls Cityans begin their holiday shopping in the coming weeks, the Falls City Area Chamber of Commerce & Main Street is launching two promotions to encourage people of the community to do their shopping locally.

The new Falls City Passport Program gives people the opportunity to "stamp their passports" by shopping at local businesses throughout the holiday season. Passports will be available at the Chamber office and participating businesses beginning Nov. 25, and those with eight or more stamps can be turned in starting Jan. 2 for the chance to win gift cards, Chamber Bucks and other prizes.

Chamber director Amber Holle says the promotions aim to give the community an exciting way to shop local, but also to help people understand why it is important to do so.

"Locally owned businesses invest more in local labor, pay more local taxes, spend more time on community based decisions and create local events," Holle said. "In doing so, they create more opportunity for all of us here in our community."

A 2013 study by the Small Business Administration found that 63 percent of new jobs are created by small businesses, a statistic Holle says is important to Falls City residents and the overall local economy.

"Local businesses are more

accountable to their own communities. They're owned by people who live in the community and are more invested in the community's future," Holle said.

The second promotion offered by the Chamber this year encourages people to purchase Chamber Bucks, an ongoing program among Falls City merchants and service providers.

"Chamber Bucks are checks similar to gift cards that can be purchased at the Chamber office and redeemed at [over 80] participating Chamber Member [businesses]," Holle said.

A full list of Chamber Bucks participants and their contact information can be found at the Chamber's website. Holle says shopping local is beneficial not only to small business owners but to shoppers as well.

"[Employees] at local businesses often have more specific product expertise for better customer service," Holle said. "And they enable you to try on and try out items before you buy... which saves you time and money."

Other benefits of shopping local include encouraging entrepreneurship, reducing the impact of climate change and supporting community groups.

"Local stores help sustain vibrant, compact and walkable downtown centers, which is essential to reducing pollution," Holle said. "[They also] are statistically more likely to give to local charities."

Holle encourages Falls City residents to take advantage of the Chamber's shop local programs this holiday season and throughout the year.

"Put your money where your heart is. Support your friends, neighbors and yourself," Holle said. "Invest in our community. Help to create a strong and healthier Falls City by keeping our money here."

More information on the Falls City Passport Program and Chamber Bucks is available at the Falls City Chamber of Commerce & Main Street office.



What I'm Thankful for, by the students of Falls City Sacred Heart Elementary

<p>I am thankful for my family, friends, God, Jesus, Teacher, Life. Macy Taft</p> <p>I am thankful for my pigs, my family, my mom, my dad, food, pets. Treydon Witt</p> <p>I am thankful for water, food, America. Elin Vonderschmidt</p> <p>I am thankful for food. Aiden Scheitel</p> <p>I am thankful for my mom and dad. Rylee Ann Littrel</p> <p>I am thankful for everything, sunsets. Taytum Maddox</p> <p>I am thankful my family. My family is very nice. I am also thankful for my pet bunnies. I also like to pet them in the afternoon. I am thankful for my food, water, nature, friends and shelter. I am thankful for the world and my faith. Willa Fritz</p>	<p>I am thankful for Hammy the cow he lays down a lot and Mr. Mfly pant he's a mad chicken. Call him mad Max. I am thankful for Bobey the fish and snail billy bob they like to do nothing and brothers and mom and dad, jason. Trace S.</p> <p>I am thankful for my family. My brother likes to play with me sometimes. My dad likes to play video games and I like to watch him. I am also thankful for my school because I like to play with my friends. I am thankful for my home, my Country, my state, my teacher, my pets, food, water and my faith. Renee Drummond</p> <p>I am thankful for my family. I am also thankful for food, shelter and clothing. I am thankful for bountiful crops, cattle, livestock, deer, venison. I am also thankful for my catholic school, my faith, my church. These are many of the thinks I am thankful for. Elijah Canonico</p>	<p>I am thankful for family because my family helps me when times are hard. If my family wasn't here than I would not be here today. Another thing I am thankful for is the earth to be healthy. If the earth wasn't healthy then it would be really hard to live here. These are some of the things I am thankful for. Cooper Knobbe</p> <p>I am thankful for confession because it washes away our sins so we can go to heaven and meet God. My life, because I can frolic with my friends and family and give thanks to everyone. Family, because they provide me with love, food, and other extraordinary things. Thank you God. Quincy Koelliker</p> <p>My dads combine. Michael</p>
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BRINGING MOM BACK

By Lori Gottula

Since this is Thanksgiving, I wanted to write about gratitude for this week's paper, and decided to tell a story of my own, to help you think about the things in your own life for which you are grateful.

January 11, 2016 was my mom's 76th birthday, and I remember that my gratitude that day was overflowing. My mom (Judy Kimball of Auburn), my sister, Michelle, and I were celebrating with a late lunch at the Mexican restaurant in Auburn, the community where Mom has lived her entire life. She was still wearing the hot pink, blingy sombrero that she had worn while the waiters sang, "Happy birthday." A light salsa song played in the background, so I stood up from the booth and stretched out my hand.

"Let's dance, Mom," I said.

"Here?" She said, in that tone of voice that she always uses when she thinks I am crazy. But I didn't care who was watching. I felt like dancing because this birthday was a miracle.

Five months prior, Mom had suffered a ruptured brain aneurysm.

"She is lucky to be alive," her neurosurgeon had said. "Most people don't survive this, and if they do, they are usually paralyzed or unable to speak. Your

mom is one lucky lady. But she has a long way to go." Right after the rupture, Mom could roll onto her side, walk a few steps with help, and talk. But she had to have surgery the next day to drain fluids from her brain. After the surgery, she could still move and talk,



but couldn't walk two steps without getting exhausted. She thought the TV remote was a cell phone. She didn't know enough to shove her covers off if she was too hot, or pull them up if she was too cold. She often woke up in sheer terror because she didn't know who she was or what had happened to her, but as long as she saw a familiar face, her fear usually subsided.

Few people outside the family believed that Mom would survive for very long, but my family and I firmly believed that we could bring her back

with prayer, humor, patience, and encouragement. To that end, and because of her fear, my three siblings and I decided that one of us should be there at all times.

I knew that the majority of the time commitment would be mine because two of my siblings worked full time, and the third was unable to be there for long periods of time. But as a writer, my schedule was flexible, and more importantly, my husband was supportive.

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Honoring Nebraska's Veterans

By Governor Pete Ricketts

"A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces, but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers." President John F. Kennedy's words ring true now more than ever. Each year, Veterans Day is an opportunity for Americans to set aside the things that divide our country, and celebrate the men and women who have served our country through the years. This day is set apart to honor their service and sacrifice which have protected the freedom and liberties we hold in common as Americans.

This Veterans Day marks 98 years since we first observed this celebration. On November 11, 1919, Armistice Day commemorated the cessation of fighting in World War I on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, 1918. After World War II, a veteran developed the idea to expand the meaning of Armistice Day to celebrate all veterans, and it became known as Veterans Day.



As Nebraskans, we not only recognize Veterans Day in our state, but we also look for opportunities to honor our veterans all year long. Our veterans sacrificed much to keep us safe on overseas battlefields, and they also continue to serve at home in their communities.

I know from personal experience how much the continued service of our veterans contributes to the Good Life. As the Chief Operating Officer of the online brokerage firm Ameritrade, several key team members who worked for me previously served in the military. As Governor, I have hired a former Navy officer as Chief Human Resources Officer, a U.S. Army Officer to lead Administrative Services, and a Captain from the JAG Corps to lead Veterans Affairs.

This year, my administration worked with the Legislature on a number of new initiatives that are helping make Nebraska a better place to live, work, and raise a family for veterans.

My mission as Governor is to make state government more effective, more efficient, and more customer-focused. This year, senators and I streamlined services for Nebraska veterans by merging the two state agencies that serve them. This is something Nebraska veterans have been seeking for years. Through LB 340, we unified the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Division of Veterans' Homes, formerly part of the Department of Health and Human Services. A single agency created a united team working for the men and women who have sacrificed so much for our state and country.

The Legislature and I also worked together to break down barriers for veterans and military families seeking job opportunities. We eliminated unnecessary requirements for military spouses with occupational licenses and expanded the hiring preference in Nebraska to include spouses of service members. We also waived the requirement for veterans to resubmit certification for a key property tax exemption if no change in medical condition has occurred. Finally, we created five additional Military Honor License Plates to recognize the service of members of the reserves of the armed forces.

These are just some of the ways we are making state government work for our veterans and their families. My administration will continue to look for additional ways to make the Good Life an even better place to be a veteran.

This month, it is my hope that each Nebraskan takes the opportunity to honor all past and present servicemen and women as well as their families. This can be as simple as attending an event on Veterans Day; stopping at the local VFW or American Legion chapter for a meal; or taking the time to visit a neighbor to let them know you're grateful for their service. They have made incredible sacrifices. Taking the time to share your appreciation through a few words or time out of your day will mean the world to them.

Please join Nebraskans and Americans from across our country in honoring veterans for their service. Throughout the year, you can visit www.veterans.nebraska.gov for a calendar of veterans related events. I hope you will check it out. Additionally, if you would like to share a story about a veteran's service, I want to hear from you. Please call my office at 402-471-2244 or email me at pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov.



Let's be thankful for First-World problems

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

In spite of it all, and most of all in spite of ourselves, we have a lot for which to be thankful this year.

Forget the controversial elections, the hurricanes and the mass shootings. If you were born in America, you won the lottery. Just look around. We grouse about first-world problems every day while the world struggles with hunger and poverty and on-going wars.

The best estimate on the world population is 7.5 billion people. Of those, 1.9 million live in Nebraska. You can probably guess how many people live in your community and you most likely know how many people live in your house. Helps you to put all this in perspective.

We complain that there just aren't enough decent restaurants.

Yet, one in nine people in the world face hunger or what the experts call food insecurity – not knowing if they are going to have enough to eat. One in six people in America face hunger. The hunger rate in Nebraska is 14.8 percent of the 1.9 million population.

Have you ever served food at a mission or in a homeless shelter? It's a rewarding experience that will definitely make you thankful. Gifting groceries or even donating money to the organizations that do will also make you thankful.

We complain that we can't buy designer jeans for the kids.

Yet, worldwide, three billion people live on less than \$2.50 a day. That's poverty. An estimated 80 percent of the world's population lives on less than \$10 a day. In Nebraska, 12.6 percent of the population is estimated to live in poverty. That's about 237,000 fellow Nebraskans.

We complain that Suzy dropped her smartphone and cracked the screen. And our internet is too slow.

Yet, one billion people in the world don't have mobile phones – in some cases no phone at all. In America, six out of seven people have a mobile device. One-third of the world's population cannot access the Internet. That's 2.3 billion people who can't "Google" something, waste time on Facebook or order from Amazon. Imagine that.

We complain that there's nothing good on TV.

Yet, only 79 percent of people in the developed world

have access to television and just 69 percent of people in developing nations know this thing we call TV. In the United States of America, 96.7 percent of households have at least one TV set.

We complain that the new Nebraska license plates are boring.

That's a good thing because it means we have cars and trucks. There are an estimated one billion cars in the world for those 7.5 billion people. The United States has 239.8 million cars. China is second

with 78 million cars.

The bottom line here, tomorrow (November 23) is Thanksgiving. If you have: food on the table; more than \$10 a day for living expenses; a mobile phone; internet access and a TV set; in the eyes of the world you have a lot for which to be thankful.

So, let's get over ourselves and count our blessings!

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STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: THE 1980S

ACROSS

- "No way" partner
- Lending letters
- Basketball star Nowitzki
- "Love," ♪ Paris
- ____ date
- Kind of chisel
- Infamous Ford model
- Stuff in a tray?
- Romanov's edict
- Bony chest plate
- *It makes the heart grow fonder
- *You can't make an omelet without breaking one
- Border
- Prune
- Block of granite, e.g.
- Whacko one
- Eye layer
- Author Murdoch
- Paparazzo's quest
- Common allergens
- *Sure sign of fire
- Like nay-sayers
- Rid of obstructions
- Done to trouble
- Asian weight unit
- Cold sore, e.g.
- Object of worship
- 9 to 5, e.g.
- Not of the cloth
- Famous frat house
- *Louder than words
- *They can't be choosers
- Allocated quantity
- Famous T-Rex
- Cereal killer
- Prodded
- **No ____ crying over spilt milk"
- Recycle, in a way
- H or O in H₂O, e.g.
- **You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ____"
- Make tea, e.g.

DOWN

- Midday slumbers
- Fail to mention
- Use a whetstone
- Grossly unconventional
- *Two of these do not make a right
- Genesis man
- Pimple fluid
- ____ center for help
- Home of Blue Devils
- Ali Khamenei's domain
- CISC alternative
- Genuflecting joint
- Serious quarrel
- Tangerine-grapefruit hybrid, pl.
- Ballerina's do
- Non-living
- *No such thing as a free one
- Egg cell
- ____ Cottontail
- Picture on a coat?
- Not this
- Actor Hill
- Weasel's aquatic cousin
- *A watched pot never does this
- Hurry up!
- Row of vagrants
- With a jagged margin
- Follows aim and shoot
- ____ Diego
- They're usually golden or amber
- Question in dispute
- White heron
- Caribbean color
- Like a short reply
- Burkina Faso neighbor
- Big-ticket ____
- Duff in Springfield, e.g.
- Flu symptom
- Kate Winslet in "Titanic"
- *Beginning of a thousand mile journey
- "This land is your land..."

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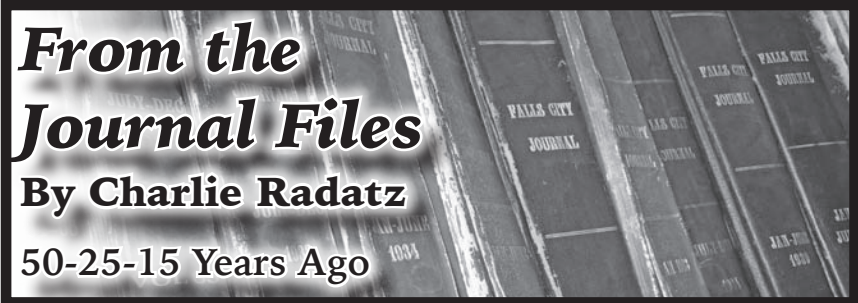
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50 Years Ago - Nov. 22 to Nov 28, 1967

The Falls City Board of Education voted three to two during a special meeting to recognize the Falls City Education Association as the negotiating agent for the district's school teamers. Representing the teachers at the meeting were Pete Christenson, Paul Weinert, and Larry Godwin. At the time the starting salary for a first year teacher was \$5,300.

A survey team from UNL and the Department of Education reported preliminary findings of a two-day study of the school system. The team recommended that the district formulate plans for 100 students per grade within the next several years and 150 per grade for the future.

Rod Carew, 22, who made the jump from Class A ball to the Minnesota Twins was the nearly unanimous choice as the American League's Rookie of the Year. The left-handed hitting second baseman batted .296 and was the choice of 19 of the 20 members of the Baseball Writers Assn.

Santa Claus gave out 800 candy canes to children at his "Santa House" located on the Courthouse lawn. The attractive red and white house was built by the vocational agriculture department at the high school.

A \$1.8 million bond issue was approved by 72% of those casting ballots in the Auburn/Peru school district. The bonds financed construction of a new elementary at Peru, a new senior high in Auburn, and an addition to the Calvert Elementary in Auburn.

Oklahoma won the Big 8 Football Title by defeating Nebraska 21-14. Two field goals, a pair of touchdown runs, and two 4th quarter pass interceptions sealed the victory for the Sooners.

The NSAA announced that the Falls City High basketball teams would continue to compete in the Class B first district. Sacred Heart was assigned to the first district in Class D.

One member of the Peru State Bobcat football squad was selected to the NAIA District 11 All District team, defensive tackle John Gilmore.

Nineteen girls were included in a sports page photo of the 1967 Dawson-Verdon Volleyball Team.

UPI's Board of Coaches Poll selected Southern Cal (9-1) as the national champion college football team. Oklahoma (8-1), of the Big 8, finished third. Wyoming (10-0), the nation's only unbeaten team, was ranked 5th.

Nebraska finished the season 6-4 overall and 3-4 in Big 8 play, but Nebraska head coach Bob Devaney said his squad "put forth a great effort" every time they took to the field.

Gerhard Radio and Electric was celebrating its 40th Anniversary. Earl May had flocked Christmas Trees \$1.25 and up. And the Jaycees were selling trees on the Dairy Dip lot at 14th & Stone.

25 Years Ago - Nov. 22 to Nov 28, 1992

The Sacred Heart football team recorded its 51st victory in a row and claimed the Class D2 State Championship by defeating Sumner-Eddyville-Sumner at Jug Brown Stadium 44-14. It was the 4th consecutive state title for the Irish.

The "King of Country Music", Roy Acuff, perhaps best known for his performance of "Wabash Cannonball", died at age 89.

A winter storm swept across the southern half of Nebraska's Panhandle. Sidney recorded 7 inches of new snow.

Three performances of "The Butler Did It", a comedy/mystery, were staged at the Cobblestone Center with dinner an extra option for two of the performances. The cast and crew were all from Falls City.

Nebraska with a record of 7 and 2 was ranked No. 12 in the Associated Press Poll of major college football. Miami, with a spotless 10-0-0 record was ranked No. 1.

The Ne-Mo-Ka Craft Fair was held at Prichard Auditorium Sat. & Sun., Nov. 28 & 29, at Prichard Auditorium. Handcrafted items were on display in more than 70 booths.

Added to the Journal's Athletic Hall of Fame were Alice Yates Cole formerly of Verdon, a softball pitcher who tossed 3 no-hitters in her career; Jerry Collier, a Falls City High football, basketball, and track star who was Nebraska High School Athlete of the Year in 1956; Jerry Eickhoff, a Dawson-Verdon athlete who never had a losing basketball season in his 23 years of coaching at Hampton, NE; and John Schulze of Dawson who went on to star in football and track at Northwest Missouri State.

Several Richardson County athletes were named to the Galaxy Conference All-League Team including on offense Chris Carpenter, Chris Darnell and Mike Huppert of Sacred Heart; Shawn Phillips, Tate Jacobitz, and Tracy and Josh Dunn of Southeast Consolidated; and Jim McNealy of Humboldt. The first team defense included Nate Froeschl, Matt O'Grady, and Jason Lenard of Sacred Heart; and Jacobitz and Tracy Dunn of Southeast.

The All-Big 8 team was loaded with Huskers including on Offense Running Backs Calvin Jones and Derek Brown, Center Jim Scott, and Lineman Will Shields; and on Defense Lineman John Parrella; End Travis Hill, and Defensive Back Tyrone Byrd.

The Richardson County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited Banquet grossed approximately \$16,000 with the majority of the money raised coming from the auction of special Ducks Unlimited items.

Richardson County Commissioners voted to increase the road and bridge budget for 1992-93 by \$1 million, an action necessary to enable the County to spend federal and state emergency funds for roads, bridges, and culverts damaged during heavy rains and flooding.

The Journal's Richardson County Athlete of the Week was Chris Carpenter who scored three touchdowns in the Class D2 State Championship Football Game.

Steven J. Titus of the Richardson County Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol was presented the prestigious Billy Mitchell Award, an award recognizing a series of achievements in the CAP program.

It was announced that on Sun., Dec. 6, Union Pacific would include a stop in Falls City of a train powered by a steam locomotive making a run from Kansas City to Omaha. Area school children were invited to ride the train from here to Nebraska City.

15 Years Ago - Nov. 22 to Nov 28, 2002

County Commissioners approved a three year contract retroactive to July 1, 2002 with members of Local 61 of the union that represents Roads Department workers. The contract provided for pay increases of 3.5% for 2002, 4% for 2003, and 4.5% for 2004.

The Journal's Athletes of the Week were Allison Weaver and Cassie Pokorny, both members of the Sacred Heart Volleyball Team that finished as the runners-up in the State D1 Volleyball Tournament.

Sacred Heart's Allison Weaver and Katie O'Grady were named to the Pioneer All Conference first team. Melanie Stauffer of HTRS and Dottie Ramer of Southeast made the second team.

Dan Fritz of Dawson-Verdon made the D2-1 All District Team on offense and defense.

Sacred Heart dominated the All-District first team. Selected on offense were Matt Sells, Adam Gruber, Brian Huppert, and Josh Gruber. The top defenders included Huppert, Jeff Ahern, Justin Vonderschmidt, Carpenter, and Gruber. Sells was the district's top punt returner.

"Santa Claus II" and "Harry Potter Chamber of Secrets" were playing at the River Twin Cinema. "Cactus Hill" was performing at Camp Rulo, Karaoke was featured at the Legion Club, and "Prairie Rose" was entertaining at Bantz's Chances R Bar.

The District 56 Annual Report to patrons listed a student population of 939 with a 96% total attendance average.

Falls City's "Old Fashioned Christmas" got underway on the Friday after Thanksgiving with sleigh rides for kids and adults, a Soup Supper at the Methodist Church to benefit the Library Building Fund, and a chance for kids to visit with Santa Claus.

Seven homes and Milam's Greenhouse were included on the 6th annual Tour of Homes Dec. 1st sponsored by the Falls City High School junior class.

BRINGING MOM BACK

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So I took up residence in the recliner in Mom's room, and learned how to basically do everything except dispense her meds. The miracles that I witnessed during that time were incredible.

The first came a few days after that first surgery. Mom was still in ICU, and the room was dimly-lit because the light worsened her terrible headaches. She had tubes everywhere. The entire right side of her head had been shaved, her remaining hair was matted with iodine, and her color was a cloudy gray. She looked 20 years older than she was.

The nurses checked on her every fifteen minutes, and woke her once an hour to ask the requisite questions. "What's your name? What today's date? Where are you? When is your birthday?" At that point, she knew the answer to the first question, but was totally lost on two, three, and four. I would gently remind her, and she would nod in recognition. Then the next hour, she would forget everything she knew.

She was in severe distress at the time, with bladder spasms, and her brain was resetting every three to four minutes, so she and I repeated the same scenario and conversation over and over as if it was the first time. Mom kept trying to get up. She would get dizzy, nauseous, then lay back down, and three minutes later, would do it all again. Exhaustion had set in for me, and I was about to break.

"Lay back down, Mom," I said as patiently as possible, as she tried to get out of bed for the sixtieth time.

"Why?" she said. "I need to get up."

She lay back down then, and closed her eyes. Three minutes later, we went through the same scene yet again. I couldn't take it anymore. I walked the ten feet to the nurse's station outside her room and begged the nurse to give her something to relax her spasms.

"We can't," the nurse said, "The side effects—like slurred speech, fatigue, confusion—mimic a stroke. We have to be able to tell, and we can't do that if we sedate her." Mentally, I understood, but emotionally, I didn't care. I wanted them to do anything they could do to take away her suffering. I saw Mom through the window, and she was trying to get up yet again.

"Mom, lay back in the bed," I said, as I rushed back in her room.

"Why?" she said. "I need to get up."

I couldn't take it anymore. For the first time since I had received word of the rupture, I started to cry. I asked the nurse to stay with Mom for a few minutes, then I ran down the hall to an empty waiting room. I got down on my knees and prayed with firm expectation.

"Lord," I said, "Mom is in such distress, and she doesn't deserve this. I believe that you will calm her mind and body." I rocked back and forth on my knees, and felt a relaxing calm of my own. I went to the restroom to wash my face, pulled myself together, then headed back to her room.

When I got there, Mom was sleeping.

"Her spasms are gone!" the nurse said, "She is worn out, so we're not going to wake her this hour. She needs her sleep." My gratitude was beyond explanation.

The next miracle came several days after her second surgery, to place a shunt in the brain. It was the middle of the night, Mom was still in ICU, and my sister was trying to sleep in the recliner in the corner of the room. I was seated in a chair by Mom's bed, with my head on a pillow on the rails.

Mom's throat was unbearably sore because of the surgery and a feeding tube that was down her throat. Her head was pounding, so the nurse had just given her some Tylenol intravenously. I gave Mom a sip of water, and watched her struggle to swallow it. She was so miserable that she couldn't sleep.

"Do you want to listen to some music?" I said quietly to Mom. She nodded. I searched through the songs on my phone and spotted a few old-time hymns that I thought would comfort her. I clicked on Blessed Assurance, and set my phone on Mom's pillow.

The rich, flowing chords filled the dimly-lit room. My tense shoulders relaxed. I squeezed Mom's hand while I listened to her breathe, and watched the pain on her face as she tried to swallow. When the song reached the chorus, I started to sing quietly.

"This is my story. This is my song. Praising my savior all the day long." And then, I was watched with surprise as Mom opened her parched lips and sang along. Her croaky, aching voice was barely above a whisper, but that didn't matter. "This is my story, this is my song. Praising my savior all the day long."

I looked over in the corner, and my sister was sobbing. She and I both knew that Mom was knocking on heaven's door.

"Please Lord," I whispered. "All we ask right now is that you just make her throat feel better." Then I joined Mom as we finished the song.

The next morning, Mom took a gulp of water from her big hospital cup.

"That didn't look like it hurt as much as it did yesterday," I said hopefully.

"It didn't!" she replied. "My throat feels a lot better today."

Again, I swelled with gratitude. I continued to witness miracle after miracle as Mom continued to progress. And the bond between her and me strengthened every day, through difficult moments, as well as moments of humor. One time, about 11 p.m., I made sure she was asleep for the night, then I climbed into the recliner and sunk down into the space that had become mine. I sighed heavily. (You know you're tired when a recliner feels that good.)

I turned and looked at Mom, who was staring down at her wiggling toes. Her feet were hard to miss because she wore bright yellow no-slip socks.

"Are those my feet?" she asked.

"Well, they're not MY feet," I said, jokingly.

"Oh," she said. "I just don't want them to get cold in the night." I took a deep breath. "Do you want me to cover them up, Mom?" I said.

"Would ya?" she replied.

I dragged my concrete body out of the recliner, covered up her feet, asked her if there was anything else I could do, then fell back into my makeshift bed. Pretty soon I heard her chuckling. It was such a beautiful sound that I started giggling. Within seconds, we were both laughing hysterically. It was exactly what both of us had needed.

The rest of the month, Mom went through ups and downs, regular rooms and ICU, promising results, and set-backs that were gut-wrenching. When we left the University of Nebraska Medical Center to go to Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Lincoln, she couldn't walk from the bed to the door of her own room. I prayed from Omaha to Lincoln that she would progress quickly once we arrived at Madonna.

Two days after we got there, Mom was walking more than 30 feet down the hallway (with a walker). I was floored. With the physical, occupational, and speech therapy that she received there, she progressed by leaps and bounds. After three weeks, she was able to go home. Not home to a nursing home, or home to an assisted living facility. She was able to go HOME to her own house, where my older brother also lives. Within one month, she gave up the walker.

And then, five months after the rupture, there we were—celebrating her birthday at the Mexican restaurant, and I had asked my mom to dance.

"Why?" she said again. She looked mortified and embarrassed. I looked down into her deep blue eyes. "Because you can," I said.

She got up and took my hand, and I sang an obscure Mexican tune while we danced and laughed and teased. She let go of her inhibitions and tipped her head here, then kicked her heels up there, like we were contestants on Dancing With the Stars. My heart soared. I had my Mom back. We were dancing again, simply because she could. Today, my Mom is still living at home, can drive her own car, walks at the wellness center, and goes shopping with friends. And my family and I will be forever grateful.

On this holiday, may you be filled with an abundance of gratitude for things both big and small, and may you, too, experience the blessed power of healing. Happy Thanksgiving.

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Falls City first grade Food Pantry donation

Once a month different classrooms will have the choice to donate something from the list below to help the SENCA Food Pantry. This is strictly a volunteer assignment, as this activity will be used to teach citizenship in helping the community.

Each class will have the opportunity three times during the school year to help donate: Boxed Dinners, mac n cheese, soups, canned pasta, spaghetti

noodles, spaghetti sauce, juice, cereal, peanut butter, toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, size newborn, three and size four diapers, baby wipes, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, soap, laundry detergent and dish soap.

Kindergarten and Third: September, December, March; first and fourth: October, January, and April; second and fifth: November, February, May.

SOCIETY

Humboldt Order of the Eastern Star

Worthy Matron Elizabeth Ketner presided over the November 2 stated meeting of the Humboldt Chapter #234 Order of the Eastern Star. Thirteen members were present for the meeting at the Meeting Place at 7:30 p.m. The Opening Ode, "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" was sung before all pledged allegiance to the American flag.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer JoAnn Koso gave her report of recent expenditures.

Communications were read by

Donna Monnette. They included thank you notes for recent Thanksgiving gifts to the Children's Home in Fremont and Masonic Home in Plattsmouth. A thank you letter from Worthy Grand Matron Anita Sohm and Worthy Grand Patron Jim Taylor for helping with the Area 8 Visitation in Pawnee City. A Christmas letter from them reminded us to honor our Veterans who are responsible for the freedoms we are enjoying. Several of our members were recognized for their service in the Armed Services.

The Nebraska OES News was reviewed. The Secretary read an article written by Ron Gies-

selmann, Executive Director, at the Children's Home concerning "Residential Care Trend". Bills were approved and the Chapter will continue to give \$5 cash gifts to each child at the Children's Home for Christmas.

Election of officers was held with pro tem Worthy Patron George Ketner in charge. Those chosen for 2018 are Worthy Matron- Nancy Nemechek; Worthy Patron-George Ketner; Associate Matron-Sarah Nims; Associate Patron-Edgar Bredemeier; Secretary-Donna Monnette; Treasurer-JoAnn Koso; Conductress- Phyllis Kreutzer; and Associate Conductress-Elizabeth Ketner. The remaining officers will be chosen by the Worthy Matron Elect.

A memorial service was given in memory of Betty Brzon who passed away and the charter draped in her memory.

The chapter will hold a pot luck dinner at 6:30 p.m. preceding the December meeting.

There being no further business chapter closed in form with prayer by Chaplain Joan Wheeler and singing of the Closing Ode, "Take My Life And Let It Be."

Refreshments were served by Debbie Dunn. George Ketner was observing a birthday

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The *Falls City Journal* reported in the November 15, 2017 paper that the Jingle Bell Ride group photo was taken by *Lori Gottula*. It was actually taken by Shari Morehead.

The *Falls City Journal* reported in the November 8, 2017 and November 15, 2017 paper that Sgt. Crystal Richey-Scrivens was ranked an E-4 at the time of her Honorable Discharge. The information we received from several sources was incorrect. Sergeant Scrivens ranked an E-5.

NET's new FC antenna installation underway

For those who watch and listen to NET in the Falls City area, installation of a new antenna is underway.

During installation of the antenna, there will be broadcast outages of television and radio. Removal of the old and installation of the new antenna is scheduled to start Friday, Nov. 17 and may last three to four days, depending on weather.

To install the new antenna, weather needs to be dry, clear and calm. A critical factor for installation is wind speed. The wind speed at the top of the 450-foot tower can only be a maximum of 20 mph for tower crews to safely complete the installation. If work has started and the weather becomes an issue, crews may not be able to continue and the time will be extended.

Once the work is finished and the new antenna is installed, viewers will be able to watch NET over-the-air on its new channel 25 (instead of channel 46). However, they will need to do a rescan of their television or set top boxes to receive NET. The channel will not change for those who watch NET through other providers. The radio frequency will remain 88.9 FM.

For the most up-to-date information, call the NET Help Desk at 800-698-3426 or email customerservice@netNebraska.org for assistance.

For those unable to receive NET television and radio during this installation period, go to netNebraska.org and select Live and On Demand from the top right corner of the home page for radio and television. The free NET Nebraska App can also be downloaded on mobile devices for live and on-demand viewing/listening.

In addition, some current episodes of NET and PBS programs can be viewed online at video.netNebraska.org. NET PBS KIDS can be live streamed at pbskids.org/video or via the PBS KIDS mobile app.

The coverage area in the new Falls City Translator K25OG-D (previously K46FG-D) includes the following counties: Nemaha, Richardson, Pawnee and Johnson.

SOCIETY

Reavis-Ashley Chapter D.A.R.

Reavis-Ashley Chapter D.A.R. met Friday November 10 for an 11:15 luncheon and meeting at Gus's Cafe in Hiawatha, Kansas. Hostesses were Glenda Nelson and Beverly Kimmel. The Chaplain, Beverly Droge, gave the luncheon prayer. Seven members and one guest were present.

Regent Glenda Nelson called the meeting to order with the chapter opening followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the American's Creed. Treasurer Dawn Feldkamp presented the treasurers report and moved that the Chapter pay achievement and magazine dues. Beverly Droge seconded the motion and it was approved by the members. Secretary Ann Smith read the minutes from the October 13th meeting, they were approved by members. President General's message was read by Glenda. National Defense report was given by Beverly Droge, she read articles from the Daughter's magazine on World War 1 highlighting the military career of Sgt. York.

Flag minutes were given by Glenda explaining the use of flags on clothing and uniforms. Indian minutes were presented by Beverly Droge, giving information on the Sac-Fox tribes.

Glenda read a thank you from Deb Minor thanking Reavis-AshleyChapter for honoring the Vietnam veterans.

Leota is making table decorations for the awards luncheon at spring conference.

Regent Glenda and Anne Moser attended State Board of Management meeting and reported to the members. She will pick up essays from the schools in December. Glenda displayed pictures of the Chapter flag that is in

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 2
8:30-11:00
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the military room of the museum. She also reported that the Chapter had displays for Constitution week in Sabetha; Bern, Seneca and the Falls City schools and library.

Dawn passed out the revised By-Laws that the committee has drawn up, will be voted on at the January meeting.

Guest Ruth Ann Wellls from Beatrice was welcomed and is working on membership papers.

The program was given by Regent Glenda telling the interesting history of Washington Square in Philadelphia, Penn..

Next meeting will be December 8th at 11am at Anne Moser's home.

60th Anniversary

Please join us for a 60th Anniversary Open House in honor of

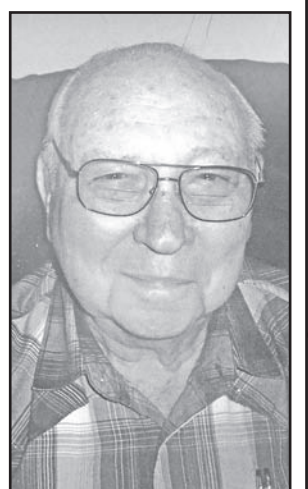
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Friday, Nov. 24, at 6 pm Santa's Arrival via Sleigh to the Mini Park Stone St.
Saturday, Nov. 25, 1-3 pm at Falls City Lanes
Saturday, Dec. 2, 1-3 pm at ShopKo
Thursday, Dec. 7, 5-7 at Wolfes Printing
Saturday, Dec. 9, 1-3 at Merz Farm Equipment
Wednesday, Dec. 13, 4-6 pm at Community Medical Center
Friday, Dec. 22, 4-6 pm at Brown's Shoe Fit

What a wonderful Birthday party! I would like to thank everyone for being so kind and thoughtful. I appreciate the cards, personal notes, flowers, gifts, and for coming to my 100th Birthday party. The surprise video from Jessica and Tony Santo was so special, along with flowers from Debbie Palmer and music from my youngest grandson, Jason Harmon. I also want to thank my children, their spouses, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many other family and friends for making this day such a joy. God bless you all, Jeannie Schulze



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Falls City Public Schools November Superintendent's District Update

The Falls City Public Schools held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 13, 2017. Here are the highlights of the meeting.

Students Honored for Academic Excellence – Falls City Public Schools honored 15 students on Monday, November 13, at the annual Academic Excellence Awards ceremony during the Board of Education meeting. The awards ceremony was created to recognize the academic accomplishments of students in various grades achieving either a perfect score on the Nebraska State Assessment during the spring of 2017, or scoring above the 94th percentile on an ACT composite. Students must meet rigorous academic criteria to qualify for the award. Not only were the students congratulated for high academic achievement, their parents were recognized for their part in supporting their children and School District 56. A special recognition was also made to the FCPS teachers for their hard work and dedication in providing a top-notch educational experience for Falls City's youth. *(Please turn to page 14 for story)*

Educators Health Alliance Approves 0% Increase in Rates - There will be no increase in premium rates next year for the health insurance plan used by the Falls City Public School District, following action by the Educators Health Alliance (EHA), a consortium of three statewide public school groups that manages the plan. When the 2018-19 plan year begins on Sept. 1, 2018, it will mark the 16th consecutive rate increase of less than 10 percent and the second time there has been a zero percent increase. The average annual increase over the past eight years has been 3.3 percent.

The one-year freeze in premium rates is made possible due to a number of factors, including:

- The impact of the EHA's state-wide wellness and health promotion program;
- Recent lower than anticipated utilization rates in hospital and physician services;
- Pharmacy benefit management programming that has led to reduced pharmacy trends;
- A program designed to assist in the management of a chronic diseases;
- Holding the line on health and administrative cost increases and;
- Continued prudent management in the design and choices of benefit plans.

The Educators Health Alliance is a non-profit corporation that was created to procure quality, affordable health care insurance for Nebraska educational employees. The rates set by the EHA Board are for the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska (BCBSNE) health care plan used by more than 400 public school district and affiliate groups in the state. The plan

is governed by a 12-member board representing the Nebraska Association of School Boards, the Nebraska Council of School Administrators and the Nebraska State Education Association. More than 80,000 Nebraskans are covered by the plan, making it the largest health plan in the state.

FCPS to Partner with the Nebraska Department of Education for Continuous School Improvement - The recommendation from the Continuous Improvement Steering Committee comes after researching AdvancED and the Nebraska NDE Frameworks school improvement models. The Nebraska Frameworks Model will effectively meet the academic needs of FCPS student and will be the framework that will continue to guide our school improvement efforts. Students' educational needs will be continually being met utilizing the Nebraska Frameworks model while leading the process to improve education for ALL students.

New Toddler Playground Open - Through the generous Sixpence Program and the Child Care Partnership Endowment Grant, a new toddler play area comes to the Falls City community. Designed specifically for toddlers and preschool age children, the new playground creates a space where young children can grow and learn together.

The District 56 Board of Education acted on several items before concluding the regular meeting.

- 1) Approved on Second and Final Reading Policy Revisions: 1) 6318 Employee Conduct and Appearance; 2) 6319 Professional Boundaries Between Employees and Students; 3) 7110 Admission; 4) 7137 Student Health and Immunization Checkups; 5) 7112 Work Permits
- 2) Approved on First Reading Policy Revisions: 1) 4240 Textbook Loan Program; 2) 7113 Admission of Students That Reside Outside the State of Nebraska; 3) 7143 Restraint and Seclusion.
- 3) Approved the part-time position for a Licensed Mental Health Professional in partnership with the Falls City Community Medical Center and the Falls City Sixpence Program.
- 4) Accepted with regret and gratitude the resignation of Gail Froeschl, effective the end of the school year. Mrs. Froeschl was a Second Grade Teacher, Elementary Librarian, and Reading Intervention Teacher during her successful 30-year tenure with School District 56.

The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent, Tim Heckenlively.



Seventh Grade students from Sacred Heart School visited the Nebraska Innovation Campus in Lincoln as their prize for being the winning teams at the Richardson County Inventure Day. This day included touring a makerspace and having the opportunity to do a custom screen print. Then the students participated in an innovation workshop where students did customer research and improved on their invention ideas from Inventure Day. The day concluded with a tour of the Innovation Campus including the Food and Greenhouse Innovation Centers.

Pictured above, L-R: Fr. David Oldham, DeLanie Witt, Grace Malcolm, Caylee Ewers, Sam Dunn, and John Crouse. Back Row: L-R Kacy Brewer, Macy Keller, London Nachtigal, Riley Nelson, and Kamden Sipple

SOCIETY

ALA Fall Round-Up
Johnson Unit #330 hosted the District 13 Fall Round-Up on October 28, 2017. The meeting was held in the Bender-Reese Legion Post building in Johnson. Units attending came from Auburn #23; Burchard #156; Cook #360; Crab Orchard #336; Du-Bois #39; Humboldt #269; Johnson #330; Pawnee City #168; Shubert #222; Sterling #140; and Table Rock #289. Department officers present were: Department Chaplain, Barbie Meyer and NEC Northwest Division, Deb Albers.

The colors already in place, a hand salute was performed. Opening ceremonies were led by District 13 President, Ruth Hietbrink, which included invocation, reciting the 'Pledge of Allegiance,' singing our 'National Anthem,' and reciting the Auxiliary's Preamble. Parliamentarian, Lois Blindle, read the POW/MIA Resolution 228.

President Ruth introduced her District officers: Vice President, Linda Patchen; Secretary and Treasurer, Doris DeJonge; Parliamentarian, Lois Blinde; and Chaplain, Kay Ebeler. Ruth also recognized the County Presidents and Past District 13 Presidents in attendance.

Doris DeJonge, Secretary

Following a noon salad luncheon, the meeting reconvened at 12:50 p.m. Jean Burns gave the District 13 history report. Everyone present introduced themselves, the Unite they were from and their passion for becoming an Auxiliary member. Motions were made and seconded to dispense with reading of the minutes and treasurer's report. The Little Red School House coin march was held.

President Ruth and Vice President Linda gave their reports. Roll call of Units was taken. There were 28 members and two guests presents. Department Chaplain and NEC Committee Woman gave their report and updates. National reports were given by Amanda and Barb Washburn. Awards and certificates were presented. The ALA 2018 Lottery Calendars are again being made available. Cost is \$50 a calendar.

There being no further business, a Prayer for Peace was given, 'God Bless America' was sung, and the meeting was adjourned.

Doris DeJonge, Secretary

LIBRARY EVENTS

Falls City Library & Arts Center, 1400 Stone St. Hours: 10 a.m.-8p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m.-noon Saturday.

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

Only on Tuesday's: November 21, 3:45-4:45 pm. It's Turkey Time! Let's Play Games! November 28: 3:45-4:45 pm.

LEGO Club! Theme: What I'm Thankful For K-2nd grade November 27: 3:45-4:45 pm or 5:00-6:00 pm. 3rd-5th grade. Please call 245-2913 to sign your child up.

Young Adult Library Activities 6th-12th: Game Night, Tuesday, November 21, 6:00-7:30 pm. It's time to bring out the games! Let's see who will be the winner! Book Club, *Everlost* by Neal Shusterman, Monday, November 27, 6:00-7:15 pm. Nick and Allie don't survive the car accident...but their souls don't exactly get where they're supposed to go either.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 ~ CHRISTMAS EVE CASH DRAWINGS!!
CASH Drawings to win up to \$250 every 1/2 hour 4pm-11pm.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 ~ MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!
CASH Drawings to win up to \$200 every 1/2 hour 3pm-11pm.
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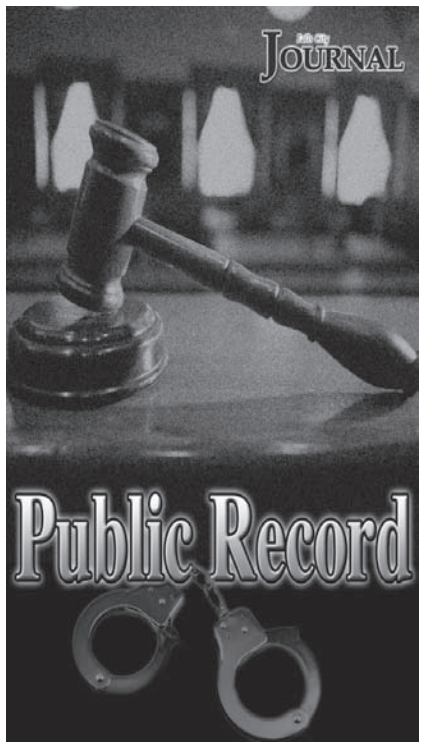
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Wednesday, November 22, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist - The Holy Eucharist service includes a celebration of Holy Communion, which ALL are welcome to receive



(Editor's Note - dismissal without prejudice means the government did not waive its right to litigate the matter in a subsequent action). Fined \$50, plus Court costs of \$49.

(Editor's Note - dismissal with prejudice bars the government from prosecuting the accused later on the same charge).

Alex J. Brennan, of Falls City, count one, resist arrest – 1st offense, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$300 and jail sentence starting Nov. 15, 2017 for a term of 20, credit for 20 days served and nine months proba-

tion. Count two, disturbing the peace, plead no contest, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$100 and nine months probation.

Willard A. Lane, of Falls City, count one, DUI-alcohol, first offense, amended to, count dropped/dismissed; count two, refuse to submit to test, first offense, plead no contest, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$500, probation for a term of eight months starting Nov. 15, 2017, evaluation/treatment, \$20, probation admin. Enrollment fee of \$30 and probation fee-\$200; count three, no proof of insurance, amended to, count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count four, no license on person, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty.

Thomas B. Chapple, of Hiawatha, KS, count one, domestic assault, third degree, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for December 6, 2017.

Eric S. Hestermann, of Humboldt, count one, theft-unlawful taking (\$0-500), plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for November 29, 2017.

Melissa L. Ewing, of Lincoln, count one, DUI-first offense, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$500, probation for a term of

eight months starting June 21, 2017, evaluation/treatment, \$20, probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30, probation fee, \$200, interlock device for a term of four months, starting Feb. 21, 2018; count two, refuse to submit to test-first offense, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count three, refuse to submit to pretest, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count four, possess/consume open alcohol container, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty.

Oscar Martinez, of Bern, KS, count one, operate motor vehicle/avoid arrest-felony; count two nonresident violate 30-day immunity; count three, speeding (36+), preliminary hearing scheduled for December 4, 2017.

Andrew S. Reed, of Falls City, count one, no proof of insurance; count two, leave accident-fail to furnish info-first offense; count three, no valid registration-car/pickup; count four, careless driving. Entry of plea is scheduled for November 27, 2017.

Priscilla K. Gates, of Falls City, count one, unregistered/wrecked/junked vehicle, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes city fine of \$20; count two, weeds and grasses over 12", plead not guilty; count three, maintaining a nuisance, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes City fine of \$25. Hearing is scheduled for November 20, 2017.

Daniela C. Richey, of Falls City, count one, nuisance, dogs as a nuisance, unlawful, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes City fine of \$50; count two, dogs and cats, unlicensed, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes City fine of \$25 and Court costs of \$50.

Tyler J. Fritts, of Falls City, count one, criminal mischief (\$0-500), plead not guilty; count two, disturbing the peace, plead guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for December 4, 2017.

Christa F. Feighner, of Falls City, count one, maintaining a nuisance, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes City fine of \$25, and \$49 in Court

costs.

Ian L. Malcolm, of Falls City, count one, driving under suspended before reinstated license, plead not guilty; count two, unlawful/fict. display of plate/renewal tab, plead is not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for November 29, 2017.

Timothy J. Barber, of Humboldt, count one criminal mischief (\$0-500), plead not guilty; count two, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty. Pre-trial is scheduled for November 27, 2017.

John D. Cooper, of Humboldt, count one, littering- first offense, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for November 27, 2017.

Amie S. Hart, of Falls City, count one, assault-third degree, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for November 20, 2017.

Amie S. Hart, of Falls City, count one, no proof of insurance; count two, drive under suspended before reinstated license, plead guilty, found guilty; count three, speeding (16-20), plead guilty, found guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for November 20, 2017.

Lazaro T. Carratala, of Port Arthur, TX, count one, no operator's license, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$75; count two, speeding, (16-20), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$125, plus \$49 in Court costs.

Jared S. Kyner, of Hanover, KS, speeding (11-15), found guilty and fined \$75, plus Court costs of \$49.

Luz P. Mora, of Nebraska City, speeding (11-15) found guilty and fined \$75, plus Court costs of \$49.

Terri L. McNally, of Morrill, KS, speeding (6-10), found guilty and fined \$25, plus Court costs of \$49.

Rebecca D. Trent, of Bellev-

ue, NE, speeding (11-15) found guilty and fined \$75, plus Court costs of \$49.

Regina J. Kapastka, of Wymore, NE, speeding (6-10), found guilty and fined \$25, plus Court costs of \$49.

Kenneth D. Mayer, of Hazel, SD, speeding (6-10), found guilty and fined \$25, plus Court costs of \$49.

Darrel L. Steward, of O'Fallon, IL, speeding (16-20), found guilty and fined \$125, plus Court costs of \$49.

Melissa L. Daily, of Gridley, KS, speeding (6-10), found guilty and fined \$25, plus Court costs of \$49.

Delbert S. Schultz, of Burrton, KS, speeding (16-20), found guilty and fined \$125, plus Court costs of \$49.

Connie J. Walters, of Tecumseh, speeding (11-15) found guilty and fined \$75, plus Court costs of \$49.

Stacy L. Ebel, of Falls City, violate no passing zone, found guilty and fined \$25, plus Court costs of \$49.

Stephanie R. Scales, of Denton, KS, speeding (11-15) found guilty and fined \$75, plus Court costs of \$49.

Alfredo F. Vera, of Bellvue, NE, speeding (11-15) found guilty and fined \$75, plus Court costs of \$49.

Brianna J. Hirsch, of Sweetwater, TX, speeding, found guilty and fined \$200, plus Court costs of \$49.

Midland Funding LLC, vs Jon Dunlap, judgment of Judgment principal was entered for \$1,102.23. Default interest rate is 3.1520 percent, balance due is \$1,104.90. Judgement debtor is Jon Dunlap. Judgement of Judgment Court Costs were entered for \$64.50, judgement debtor is Jon Dunlap. Post-Judgement costs entered for \$5.00, judgement debtor is Jon Dunlap.



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On Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017, Regan Deckinger signed a letter of intent to play softball next season at Southeast Community College. Last season Regan had seven RBI, 16 runs scored, she drew 11 walks and stole seven bases. "Regan is a hard worker that always gives her best effort. Regan has the tools to play at the next level and Southeast Community College will be a good fit for her," said Coach Joe Dunn. (Above, L-R) Grandpa, Fred Deckinger, Dad, Steve Deckinger, Regan, grandma, Gracie Deckinger. Back, Coach Joe Dunn, Coach Benjie Scholl SCC head Coach Bob Ginsburg.

Doane football players receive academic accolades

A pair of Doane University football players received academic accolades on November 16 as the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District teams were announced. Najee Mustafaa and Jarod Fiegner (Dawson) were selected to the First Team for their efforts this year and will now be among the finalist for the Academic All-American honor which is announced in December.

Doane is in District 3 of the College Division with schools from Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Mustafaa was one of two running backs selected from the district. A biology major, he posted 272 rushing yards this year with four touchdowns. Mustafaa averaged 3.9 yards per carry on 69 attempts. He posted career-highs in attempts, yards and touchdowns this year.

Fiegner was one of four defensive linemen selected. An accounting and business administration major, he posted 23 tackles this season with 1.5 tackles for loss. He added three pass break-ups to his total. For his career, he finished with 76 tackles and 14.5 tackles for loss.

Both players missed time due to injuries this year, only to battle back for the stretch run at the end of the season.

Tigers junior high falls to Auburn

On November 9th the Falls City Tiger junior high basketball team traveled to Auburn to take on the Bulldogs.

The Tigers fell to the host in the "C" team matchup 26-15. Falls City was led by Joe Vrtiska with six points. In the "B" team game the Bulldogs outscored the Tigers 28-13 with Everett McCullough and Jaxyn Strauss each tossing in four points.

In the "A" game the host completed the sweep with a 45-23 win. Carson Simon led FC with 15 points.

On November 14, the Falls City junior high team took on HTRS at Falls City.

The Tigers won the "A" game 28-17. Carson Simon and Carson Bredemeier each led with eight points.

The Tigers won the "B" game 40-18 Everett McCullough led with 12 points, Bryson Buttrick had eight.

November 16, the Falls City junior high took on Savannah eight grade. In the "B" game, Falls City beat Savannah 31-23. Jaxyn Strauss had nine points and Jon Craig had eight points.

In the "A" game Falls City lost to Savannah 43-41. Jaden Nolte had 17 points while Carson Bredemeier had 12 points.

All-District/Conference FB

Stay tuned next week as we will be announcing football all conference, all district and all state teams as well as all conference and all state volleyball teams from both local schools.

Worthey -NAIA Scholar-Athlete

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) has announced Friday that 351 women's cross country student-athletes have been named 2017 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athletes.

Peru State seniors Alexandra Kenney (Milford), Kaitlyn Tennant (Thornton, Co) and Destiny Worthey (Humboldt) were among the 351 honorees.

In order to be nominated by an institution's head coach or sports information director, a student-athlete must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and must have achieved a junior academic status to qualify for this honor. Worthey is a triple major in

early childhood education K-3, elementary education, and K-12 health and physical education.

BUILDING PERMITS

-Wanda Volker, 2713 Fulton St.; tub/shower combo, \$5,100.

-Tim and Amanda Hersh, 507 West 15th St.; demo of residence, \$0.

-Thomas Georges, 2007 Towle St.; replace front patio, \$1,500.

-Devin Moore, 1005 Fulton St.; install porch, \$100.

-Mary Whitehouse, 2123 Abbott St.; wheelchair ramp, \$400.

-Mitchell Unruh, 317 East 22nd St.; porch roof and deck, \$7,500.

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The Journal office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24. The following week's paper will publish, Wednesday, Nov. 29. Our deadline for that paper, will be Wednesday, November 22, 2017 by 11:00 a.m., no later. Due to strict print deadlines we will not be able to accommodate any late ads, please plan accordingly.

INTRODUCING THE FALLS CITY PASSPORT PROGRAM

HERE'S HOW TO JOIN IN ON THE FUN:

- Pick up your passport & free tote bag at the Chamber office on Small Business Saturday, November 25th.
- Passports available at participating businesses after that day.
- Collect stamps at any of the 28 participating stores & restaurants through December 31st.
- Only one stamp per location.
- Turn your passport in between January 2nd-5th to be registered to win gift cards, chamber bucks & other prizes!!
- Must have 8 or more stamps to be eligible to win.

von Behren students hold annual recital

Students from the studio of Glenda von Behren were featured in recitals on Sunday, Nov. 12, at Christ Lutheran Church.

Performers included Skylar Baker, Brynna Bruxellas, Elianna Bruxellas, Pressler Bruxellas, Tavia Bruxellas, Liv Buckminster, Hailey Buchner, Grant Cornely,

Patrick Froeschl, Brynlie Jones, Hallie Jones, Kaleb Kaiser, Jacob Knox, Miyuna Kong, Danyelle Kuker, Isaac Larsen, Elijah Leyden, Vaden Leyden, Reagan McNeely, Paige Mueller, Brogan Nachtigal, London Nachtigal, Ethan Neddenriep, Kinsie Riggs, Courtney Rumbaugh, Avery Santo, Cole Schawang, Derek Schawang, Chaelee Schmidt, Lizzie Schuetz, Harley Sutton, Ceejay

Tisdell, Chloe Thompson, Aliza Tracy, Hailey Tracy, and Ryan Westengaard.

Click-It or Ticket initiative

The Falls City Police Department will be participating in a statewide 'Click-It or Ticket' enforcement effort from November 20, 2017 to November 26, 2017. Officers will be conducting enforcement throughout the city putting special emphasis on drivers not wearing seat belts. The campaign is coordinated by the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety.

One of the Safest choices drivers and passengers can make is to buckle up. In 2015, seat belt use in passenger vehicles saved an estimated 13,941 lives. Please buckle up and drive safe.



The Shubert American Legion and Auxiliary along with Table Rock and Humboldt American Legion and Auxiliary Units presented a Veteran's Day Program at the HTRS School Friday, November 10, 2017. Shubert Legion Members presented the colors, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The school band and Choir performed and Boy Scouts with Veteran, George Ketner overseeing showed how to fold the American flag with the meaning of each fold followed by taps. "Thank a Vet" was conducted by the Table Rock Auxiliary. Veteran, Robert Wortmann spoke about his trip with the "Vietnam Veterans Honor Flight" to Washington in May and Veteran, Bob Beckett spoke on "We Stand United" leaving everyone with the thought: Don't hate, Respect one Another, and Be Kind. Colors were retired by the Shubert American Legion Post #222.

WellCare of Nebraska offers unique Medicaid programs during Open Enrollment Period for families and children to Promote good health

WellCare Health Plans, Inc. (NYSE: WCG), will offer Nebraska's Heritage Health Medicaid members various unique benefits and services to help them stay healthy.

During the 2018 Open Enrollment Period (OEP), which runs from Nov. 1 to Dec. 15, 2017, Medicaid-eligible adults and children will be able to select WellCare as their health plan, providing access to preventive care and wellness resources. In addition to 100 percent coverage of immunizations, pregnancy services, hospital services, home healthcare services, and emergency/urgent care, the plan also provides special added benefits to improve quality of life.

Examples of other benefits WellCare offers at no cost, include:
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 Healthy Rewards Program which provides gift card rewards for members participating in wellness visits and preventive care

WellCare also covers the transportation cost for family or friends to take members to appointments, over-the-counter drugs and supplies not covered under the Heri-

tage Health program (up to \$120 worth of OTC items per household every year), and a discount card for items such as groceries and household supplies.

"WellCare is dedicated to providing the innovative services our members need, when they need it most," said Lauralie Rubel, president of WellCare of Nebraska. "With more than 30 years of experience, we effectively manage our members care in order to promote the strongest possible health outcomes."

During Open Enrollment, WellCare associates are available at the organization's Welcome Rooms located in Kearney, Norfolk, Omaha and Scottsbluff, to provide answers to any OEP-related inquiries.

Heritage Health is the state's healthcare delivery system that integrates Nebraska's current physical health, behavioral health and pharmacy programs into a single comprehensive and coordinated system for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) members. For more information on Nebraska Heritage Health, visit www.neheritagehealth.com.

As of Sept. 30, 2017, WellCare of Nebraska serves approximately 86,000 members in Nebraska, including 79,000 Medicaid members and 7,000 Medicare Prescription Drug Plan members.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF RICHARDSON COUNTY SCHOOL LAND LEASE SALE

Notice is hereby given that an authorized representative of the Board of Educational Lands and Funds of the State of Nebraska will offer for lease at public auction on the day and time set forth below, at the office of the County Treasurer of Richardson County in Falls City, Nebraska, the following educational lands within said County:

DATE: December 4, 2017

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

In the event of inclement weather and/or bad roads, the Board's Field Representative may postpone the sale until December 11, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. If this occurs, the County Treasurer and the Board's Lincoln Office will both be notified at least 90 minutes prior to the originally scheduled sale time.

TRACT	DESCRIPTION	SEC.TWP.RGE	2018 RENTAL	LEASE EXPIRATION
1	Lots 1, 3, 4, 11-17 & 21-29 (490 acres, more or less)	36-01-13E	\$28,141.76	December 31, 2029

Predominant Land Use: Dryland cropland and timbered pasture. Hunting and other recreational potential. This tract is located 12 miles southeast of Humboldt, NE.

Improvements to be sold include: 1,350 rods of fence. Total Value: \$12,150.00
 The storage trailer, all steel gates, electric fence, all feed bunks, all farm implements, all buildings, corrals and loading chute are to be considered personal property and are subject to removal by the previous lessee.

STIPULATION: Lessee will be entitled to any FSA payments available on the 167.4 prior CRP acres reseeded to grass included within this Lease. Lessee will immediately make application to the Natural Resources Conservation Service for an EQIP contract to install a livestock water pipeline, interior cross fencing to create 5 pasture units and livestock water tanks. The extent, construction, and design of these improvements must be approved by the Board of Educational Lands and Funds. The improvements included in the EQIP contract will be installed as soon as possible after cost-share funds are available or installed during the next calendar year after cost-share is deemed to be unavailable, by Lessee, at Lessee's sole and exclusive cost and expense. The Board has contracted with a local well driller to construct a livestock water well on the property. The Board will pay the net cost of the pipeline after cost-share or if cost-share is not available the full cost of the pipeline. The Lessee will install a solar submersible pump and pressure system to supply water to the pipeline.

2a	All that part of Lot 4 lying North of Big Nemaha River (20.80 acres, more or less)	36-02-13E	\$2,170.00	December 31, 2024
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Predominant Land Use: Dryland cropland
 This tract is located 6 miles southeast of Humboldt, NE.
 There are no improvements to be sold.

2b	All that part of Lot 4 lying South of Big Nemaha River (19.20 acres, more or less)	36-02-13E	\$2,433.50	December 31, 2024
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Predominant Land Use: Dryland cropland
 This tract is located 5 miles southeast of Humboldt, NE.
 There are no improvements to be sold.

3	NW4SE4 (40 acres, more or less)	16-01-14E	\$2,018.00	December 31, 2024
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Predominant Land Use: Grassland
 This tract is located 6 miles south and 1 mile west of Dawson, NE.
 Improvements to be sold include: 160 rods of fence. Total Value: \$960.00

In order for anyone to be eligible to bid on a school land lease, they must be able to contract in accordance with Nebraska Law and have deposited with the County Treasurer of the County in which the land is located, or with a representative of the Board, a bank draft, cashier's check, certified check or money order made payable to the Board of Educational Lands and Funds, or cash, equivalent to the 2018 rental of said tract. Said rental deposit may be submitted at any time until the tract is announced "Sold".

If more than one qualified bidder is interested in a lease, it will be sold to the party bidding the highest cash bonus, in addition to the first year's rent, at the auction. Bonus bids must be paid to the Board of Educational Lands and Funds immediately following the auction. Bonus bids are a one-time payment which covers the entire term of the lease.

All sales of educational land leases at public auction are considered to be non-revocable offers from the successful bidder, which shall become binding contracts only upon acceptance and approval following the sale by the Board of Educational Lands and Funds. Leases will be effective January 1, 2018, or upon acceptance and approval by the Board, whichever occurs later.

Leases will be issued only to those who sign the "Lease and Application" in person or through an Attorney-In-Fact who presents a Power of Attorney at the time of the auction. A sample Power of Attorney is available on the Board's website. Lease assignments submitted to the Board within 30 days of the auction will be processed without fee. The Board's standard form lease sets out the terms of the lease of the real estate to which this notice pertains; provided, however, any additional stipulations pertaining specifically to this real estate, which are included in this notice, shall be added to and become a part of the complete terms of the lease pertaining to this real estate. The Board's standard form lease may be inspected at the County Treasurer's office or on the Board's website and a copy, which includes any additional stipulations pertaining to this real estate, can be obtained by contacting the Board's Lincoln office or the Field Representative for this county named above.

The purchaser shall, within thirty days of the date of Board approval, pay the amount of the value of the improvements (and growing crops, if applicable) as stated above, to the County Treasurer of the County wherein the land is situated. If such payment is not made on time and in full, all payments made by the purchaser to the Board may be declared forfeited and a new lease or sale of the land may be authorized. All improvements affixed to the land which are not listed above are and shall remain owned by the School Trust. No improvements shall be placed on the land by Lessee without the prior written approval of the Board; and any improvements made by Lessee without the prior written approval of the Board shall be permanently owned exclusively by the Board.

All monies received by the Board's agents will be deposited subject to approval of the lease by the Board of Educational Lands and Funds. In the event a lease is not approved, the appropriate refunds will be issued.

All County Farm Service Agency information for the Board of Educational Lands and Funds is public information and is obtainable by contacting the local office.

Rental is subject to change by the Board semi-annually at any time during the term of the lease.

For further information contact

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Thanksgiving is a holiday to give thanks and share special moments with family and friends. While the original Thanksgiving might have taken place during a time when food was sparse, nowadays Thanksgiving often involves excessive amounts of food, with more food ending up in the garbage than in celebrants' bellies.

The United States Department of Agriculture projects that Americans will throw away more than 200 million pounds of edible turkey meat this Thanksgiving holiday. And Thanksgiving typically ushers in a period of wastefulness, as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says American households produce roughly 25 percent more trash between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day than during the rest of the year.

Reducing waste is a worthy goal year-round, but especially so during the holiday season. And accomplishing that goal can be done without sacrificing holiday traditions.

- Use fine china when serving meals. Thanksgiving provides an opportunity to serve meals on fine china and use the silverware that has gone unused instead of disposable plates and utensils. In addition to adding a touch of elegance to meals, reusable china and silverware is less wasteful than paper plates and plastic utensils. Cloth napkins and other table linens are also more eco-friendly than paper napkins.

- Decorate using natural items. Scour the great outdoors for all-natural centerpiece materials or other items that can be turned into wreaths and garlands. Vases filled with pine cones and acorns make for beautiful, inexpensive and festive decorations.

- Shop locally and organically. When shopping for Thanksgiving dinner, choose local produce, poultry and grains whenever possible. Resist the urge to buy more than you need as well. Skip some of the less-popular dishes that are used only to make the table seem full. Buy a small turkey or think about only serving turkey breasts, which tend to be the most popular cuts of the bird. Use reusable shopping bags to carry items home and reduce waste even further.

- Light candles and reduce energy consumption. During the meal, eat by candlelight and turn off lights in other areas of the home that are not in use. Rather than turning on the television, take the party outdoors and play a game of football on the front lawn.

- Have a local Thanksgiving. Start a new tradition and invite nearby friends and family over for the holiday instead of traveling long distances. According to Use Less Stuff, a resource for eco-conscious men and women, if each family reduced gasoline consumption by one gallon (roughly 20 miles), they could reduce greenhouse gas emissions by one million tons.

- Send home the leftovers. Send each guest home with some leftovers if you have any. This way the refrigerator isn't left full of items that will end up uneaten. Otherwise, donate uncooked food to a local food bank. Use any scraps of vegetables in a compost pile.

- Don't let recycling fall by the wayside. Remember to recycle all applicable items. Just because it's a holiday doesn't mean recycling habits should be forgotten. Encourage guests to pitch in by clearly marking recycling bins.

Thanksgiving can be less wasteful without detracting from the enjoyment and true meaning of the holiday.

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- regular _____ games wrapping up, leading into playoff season
- cold, crisp _____ making your breath steamy
- people storing _____ and salt to spread on icy spots
- fewer _____ hours
- filling fuel tanks and having _____ checked
- machines gathering corn, and chopping and blowing the _____ behind them
- _____ pulling out the bleachers and heating the gymnasium for indoor games
- _____ and hats to warm you

9. _____ gathering acorns to save for a chilly day

10. _____ flying south to avoid the harsh winter

11. _____ baked into delicious pies
















12. horses being unhitched from the wagons for _____ that will soon be hitched to sleighs for sleigh rides

13. signing up for winter _____ or exercise classes

14. _____ crinkling while being raked off the lawn

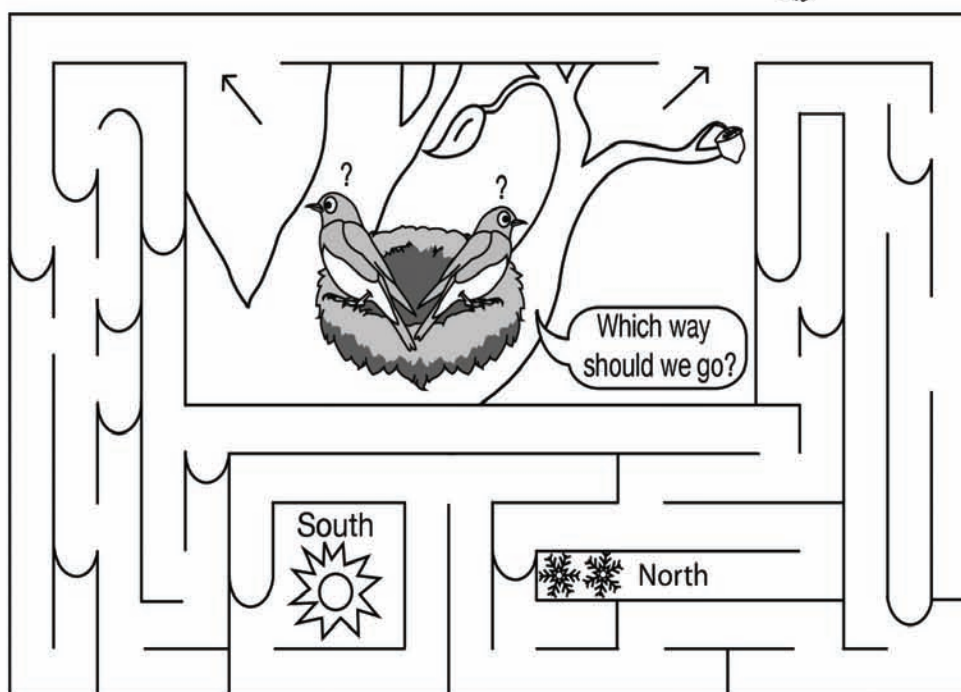
15. checking, repairing and buying _____, snowblowers

16. _____ painted on grass, leaves

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 leaves
 air
 birds
 squirrels
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 schools
 frost
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Match up the chores. Next, find and circle the bold action words!

1. raking	A. windows
2. shutting	B. leaves
3. harvesting	C. bushes
4. picking	D. gardens
5. trimming	E. apples

6. canning
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The Falls City Journal will be closed Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for Thanksgiving
The deadline for the Nov. 29 paper will be Wed. November 22. Deadline will be strict. We will publish the November 29th paper as normal.



This year's recipients are, pictured from back left – Brittney Radley, Tavia Bruxellas, Meredith Poppe, Brooklyn Romine, Ransom Campbell, Noah Milam, Austin Aldana, Carson Simon. Front row – Grace Morris, Jack Holys, Ava Armbruster, Paige Young, and Ashleigh Kirkendall. Not pictured Wyatt Olberding, Zach Petry.

Students recognized for test scores

By Charlie Radatz

No matter how hard I try, it seems I can never overcome a problem I have in getting to appointments on-time. So you can imagine the consternation I experienced when heading to the school board meeting last week. I found vehicles parked everywhere around the Middle School requiring me to park nearly a block away from the building entrance. Few people

ever attend these meetings unless something truly controversial is to be discussed like plans of the District to begin or end a popular extra-curricular program. I had looked over the agenda in advance, and I didn't recall seeing any such item listed. As I entered the building I saw lots of parents and kids gathered in the commons area, and I quickly learned they were there for the recognition of stu-

dents who had received perfect scores on assessment tests for the 2016-17 school year and of high school juniors who had scores in the 94th percentile or higher on the ACT assessments. You could see evidence of pride on the faces of parents as their children were presented their awards.

At the end of the program, Superintendent of Schools Tim Heckenlively, who deals daily with budgets, curriculum, staffing, equipment breakdowns, and countless meetings and extra-curriculum events, took time to address the students and parents. Said Supt. Heckenlively, "This is one of my favorite evenings of the entire school year. You (students) represent your school district well. You have a lot of very good teachers. I would also like to recognize all the parents. You are the reason these kids are here. Our schools are blessed to have unbelievable parental support. You (students) have a bright future ahead of you. Keep up the good work!"

DID YOU KNOW?

Barbie was introduced at the New York Toy Fair on 9 March 1959; her real name is Barbie Millicent Roberts and her parents are Ruth and Elliot Handler. Barbie has four sisters: Skipper (1964), Stacie (1992), Kelly (1995) and Krissy (1995).

Hunger in Richardson County

According to a report from the Food Bank of Lincoln received by Richardson County Commissioners during their Nov. 14th meeting 1,170 of the estimated 8,301 persons who reside in the County, or approximately 14.2%, are food insecure and of that total 440 are children under 18. The statistics are from a report included on the Feeding America website entitled "Map the Meal Gap". Helping deal with the child hunger problem is the Backpack Program sponsored by Southeast Nebraska Communications that provides 52 food-filled Backpacks to children each week. Monthly mobile food distributions are provided at Prichard Auditorium, 312 W. 17th St., Falls City, from noon to 1:00 pm. Distributions remaining this year will be Nov. 17th and Dec. 15th. Agency and community partners in dealing with hunger include the Southeast Nebraska Community Action Program with its main office located in Humboldt and its affiliated office at the Richardson County courthouse. Further information on hunger and the mobile food distributions

may be obtained by contacting Pam Armknecht at Humboldt or Melissa Hardenberger in Falls City.

Recently appointed Richardson County Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau, Jr. officially accepted his position and began his duties on Nov. 14th. Darveau reviewed with the Board the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges. He also reported that the staff was working on quotes for purchase of tires and oil for county vehicles. Darveau assured Commissioners all equipment has been serviced and readied for the coming winter months. The Highway Superintendent reported some damage had been done to the "Boy Scout Road" on approximately Wed., Nov. 8th. He said the cost of the damage will be submitted to the responsible party.

Emergency Management Director Brian Kirkendall presented the Board a quote from General Fire and Safety regarding the installation of a fire alarm monitoring system for the Courthouse. Commissioners approved a contract for installation of the system and the monthly charge for the service of \$39.00.

The Board met with County Assessor Pam Vice, County Treasurer Amanda Young, and County Attorney Doug Merz, to review the situation of delinquent personal property taxes that have gone to a distress warrant. Discussion was held on how to properly handle these distress warrants to successfully collect the taxes due.

Sheriff Don Pounds requested that the Board meet with himself and County Attorney Doug Merz to review certain court cases and the fines and/or sentencing from them. Sheriff Pounds was unable to attend this session due to a law enforcement situation that required his attention at the time. A fee report was approved for Sheriff Pounds for fees collected during the month of October 2017 totaling \$19,296.52.

Lyons attends NE Weed Control Assoc. Training

Tim Lyons, Nemaha and Richardson County Weed Superintendent recently attended the Nebraska Weed Control Association Fall Training, held at the Ramada Inn, Kearney. It was held on Nov. 8-9, with the theme "Year In Review".

Wednesday's topics included: Harlan Reservoir's Invasive Weed Control Story, Tom Zikmund – Army Corps; Twin Valley Weed Management Area Update, Merle Illian – TVWMA Coordinator; Winterizing Equipment, Sara Sivits – Dawson County Extension Educator; Factors to Build and Maintain Ecological Resilience, Chris Helzer – The Nature Conservancy; 2017 Year in Review Panel, Charles Brooks – Phelps Co. Weed Superintendent; North American Invasive Species Management Association Update, Rob Schultz – Hall/Howard Co. and Todd Boller – Fillmore Co. Weed Superintendents; Regional Year in Review, Region I, John Bebout – Otoe Co.; Region II, Terri Krysl – Boyd Co.; Region III, Mike Smith – Washington Co.; Region IV, Mark Goebel – Franklin County; Region V, Dan Wordekemper – Dawes Co.; Region VI, Ridge Horky – Custer Co.

Thursdays: NE Dept. of Ag. Year in Review, Mitch Coffin, Tim Stortz, Paul Moyer, David Boschult and Jeff Lampmann - NDA Noxious Weed Staff; Drift Watch – Bee Watch, Craig Romary – NE Dept. of Ag; High Plains Weed Management Area Update, Cris Burks – Banner, Cheyenne, Deuel, Garden County Weed Superintendent; Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force Update, Brent Meyer – Lancaster Co. Weed Superintendent/Task Force Chairman; NE Invasive Species Program Update, Allison Zach – University of Nebraska; Platte Valley Weed Management Area Update, Rich Walters – The Nature Conservancy; Fire Effects / Weed Management, Doug Whisenhunt – NRCS North Platte State Burn Specialist; 10 Day and 15 Day Individual Notices, Rod Stolpart – Rock Co. Weed Superintendent.

NWCA Fall Training was the third opportunity of 2017 to obtain required continuing education, as defined in the Nebraska Noxious Weed Act. Each superintendent must answer roll call twice a day, complete and pass the exam at the end of each day to receive his or her 10 hours of continuing education credit. The final opportunity for 2017 is the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Conference in Kearney on December 13-14, 2017.

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'JAMMING WITH DAD'
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Mr. Tinkelpaugh has suffered a relapse into the jazzmania of his youth, and the young folks hope he will recover rapidly and return to his chimney corner. No doubt he was quite an operator with the Dixieland rhythm of the era of The Collegiate 7, but that was circa 1928, and now there's a new circa; from a new generation the pent-up sound effects of the progressive beat yearn to find expression against ceiling beams. Let The Rumpus Room 4 remember this, in case one of them feels like rendering an outmoded parental recital around 1980. Those superb jazzmasters on the wall are Armstrong, Sullivan, Russell; below, Condon, Wettling, Teagarden, Erwin, and some unidentified pates. John Falter once played the sax, but he decided he could make sweeter music with a brush.

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