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Falls City South School
7 p.m. Thursday
Prichard Auditorium

Presents
**A
NEW
WORLD
CHRISTMAS**

Falls City Public Schools Elementary Music Teacher Robin Ankrom and her third, fourth and fifth grade South School students will present "A New World Christmas" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, at Prichard Auditorium.
Doors open at 6:30.
The unique holiday musical revue celebrates the joy of the season by bringing the ideals of Christmas Past to the children of Christmas Future
Created by Teresa and Paul Jennings, "A New World Christmas" includes nine entertaining, often thought-provoking songs that come in a variety of styles, from traditional Christmas music to contemporary rock. They explore peace, brotherhood, and environmental concerns, and focus on how we can shape a better future for our world.
"It's about seeing Christmas in a different perspective," Ankrom said. "As the world changes, so do traditions."



Council President
Judy Murphy



Acting President
Don Ferguson

Murphy, Ferguson re-elected to preside over City Council

One new Falls City Council member, Charles Bentley, and three grizzled political veterans — Mike Dougherty, Jim Wisdom and Kirby Robidoux — were sworn into office Monday evening. All were elected to the Council in November's General Election. Bentley, a retired longtime foreman of the City's line crew, is the new Second Ward representative, replacing Angie Nolte, who did not seek re-election.

Dougherty, who represents Ward I, Wisdom (Ward IV) and Robidoux (Ward III), who was appointed by Mayor Jerry Oliver in 2015, all won re-election bids in November.

Once the Council members were sworn in, Council member Judy Murphy (Ward II) was elected to serve another year as Council President. Don Ferguson was elected to another year as Acting President.

Humboldt man pleads not guilty of housing illegal grow operation

A 51-year-old Humboldt man was arraigned in Richardson County District Court on felony drug charges Tuesday and a jury trial has been scheduled for Feb. 8, 2017.

Clint W. Schriener was arrested in early October at his home at 536

Sixth St. in Humboldt and police seized some 60 marijuana plants, as well as a small quantity of methamphetamine. Since the home is located four blocks south of Humboldt-TR-S School, Schriener faces a charge of delivery/distribution of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school, which is a Class II Felony. He also faces one count of possession of a controlled substance, a Class IV Felony. A count of possessing drug paraphernalia

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Darkest Night service Sunday

Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas after a big life change: A lost job, a broken relationship, a wearying illness, a recent death—or perhaps it is simply a time that has always been difficult.

The constant refrain on the TV and radio focuses on the happiness of the season and getting together with family and friends, but it reminds some people of what they have lost, or never had. We long for the space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern, and to know that we are not alone.

For these reasons, the Falls City Area Ministerial Association will offer a special "Darkest Night" service at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18 at First Presbyterian Church. Pastor Andrew Chavanak will preside.

You are invited to come join with us in sharing and hearing scripture, prayers, and music, acknowledging that God's presence is for those who mourn, and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness. Everyone, regardless of church background (or lack thereof), is welcome.

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NE State Patrol to work overtime this holiday season

Beginning Thursday, Dec. 15, and continuing through Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017, the Nebraska State Patrol will take part in the national "You Drink & Drive You Lose" campaign in an effort to remove impaired drivers from our roadways.

"Impaired driving spells holiday heartache, not holiday cheer," Nebraska State Patrol Supt. Col. Brad Rice said. "We are asking all motorists to partner with us to keep the holidays safe and happy. Through voluntary compliance with all traffic safety laws you can help keep our roadways safe."

Troopers and communications specialists will work overtime hours during the special "You Drink & Drive You Lose" campaign, which encompasses both the Christmas and New Year's holidays. A \$27,375 grant from the Nebraska Dept. of Roads - Highway Safety Office will help pay for the extra enforcement.

Motorists are reminded to always wear their seat

belts, never drive impaired or distracted, obey the posted speed limit, and don't travel faster than conditions allow.

Travelers can keep up to date with the latest weather and road conditions by utilizing 511, Nebraska's Advanced Traveler Information System. Dial 5-1-1 or check online at www.511.nebraska.gov

A Nebraska 511 mobile app is also available to download at no cost for smartphone users. Simply search your app provider for Nebraska 511.

To report reckless or impaired drivers, or if you need non-emergency roadside assistance, call the Nebraska State Patrol Highway Helpline when safe to do so, at (star) *55 from your cell phone or 1-800-525-5555 from any landline. Emergencies should be reported to 911.

"We want everyone to be home for the holidays - and every day," Rice said.

Verdon man faces felony charge after allegedly assaulting CMC staff, jailer

A 50-year-old rural Verdon man accused of assaulting two health care Community

Medical Center professionals and a jailer at the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center made a felony first appearance in County Court and has a preliminary hearing scheduled for the first of the year.

Neil D. Schatz on Nov. 13 allegedly grabbed a female CMC



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Photo by Jason Schock



FC Sacred Heart School Superintendent Fr. Thomas Dunavan opens the 7-12 Christmas Concert with a prayer Sunday night at Tiehen Gym. He is flanked by the junior high chorus, which kicked off the show with "Carol of the Bells." The high school chorus performed "Someday at Christmas,"

a 1967 release by Stevie Wonder and covered by The Jackson 5, with Nora Barker delivering a flawless solo, followed by the junior high and high school bands, which played two songs apiece. The concert was directed by Paula Newhouse and accompanied by Joyce Hundley.

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The bottom line

By Governor Pete Ricketts

Setting budget priorities is a key responsibility as your Governor. The upcoming legislative session will require tough choices to address a revenue gap which has grown in recent months. In Midwestern states, lower prices for our major ag commodities like corn and beef have resulted in a downturn in tax revenue.

When Nebraska families face tough financial times, they reduce their spending. Government should be no different. In my last budget, the Legislature and I reduced the rate of growth in state spending by almost half from 6.5 percent to 3.6 percent. Instituting restraint over the last two sessions was the right thing to do, and it laid the foundation for balancing this next budget with reductions in spending.



While cutting back during tough budget times is a common sense step for Nebraska families and business owners, the State Capitol is full of various groups and special interests opposed to budget cuts. Already, senators and their staff are being lobbied to raise taxes instead of cutting government spending. Rolling back previous tax reductions, raiding the property tax credit relief fund, and raising the sales tax rate are just a few of the proposals being pushed by special interests. All of these proposals would be bad for Nebraska families and businesses and bad for our economy.

When the Legislature returns in January, I will take a different approach by recommending the Legislature make immediate reductions to close the state's budget gap in the current year. Additionally, I will propose a new two-year budget that continues to rein in the growth of government without a tax increase.

Three principles must guide our next budget. First, the budget must be balanced. Second, the revenue gap must be addressed without tax increases. Third, the budget must reduce government spending.

State law requires Nebraska to balance our state budget. To achieve this, my administration has taken proactive steps to begin reducing state spending. At my direction, state agencies instituted a hiring freeze for non-mission critical positions and a ban on non-essential out-of-state travel. We reduced the amount of money state agencies receive quarterly in preparation for the needed spending reductions to the current budget.

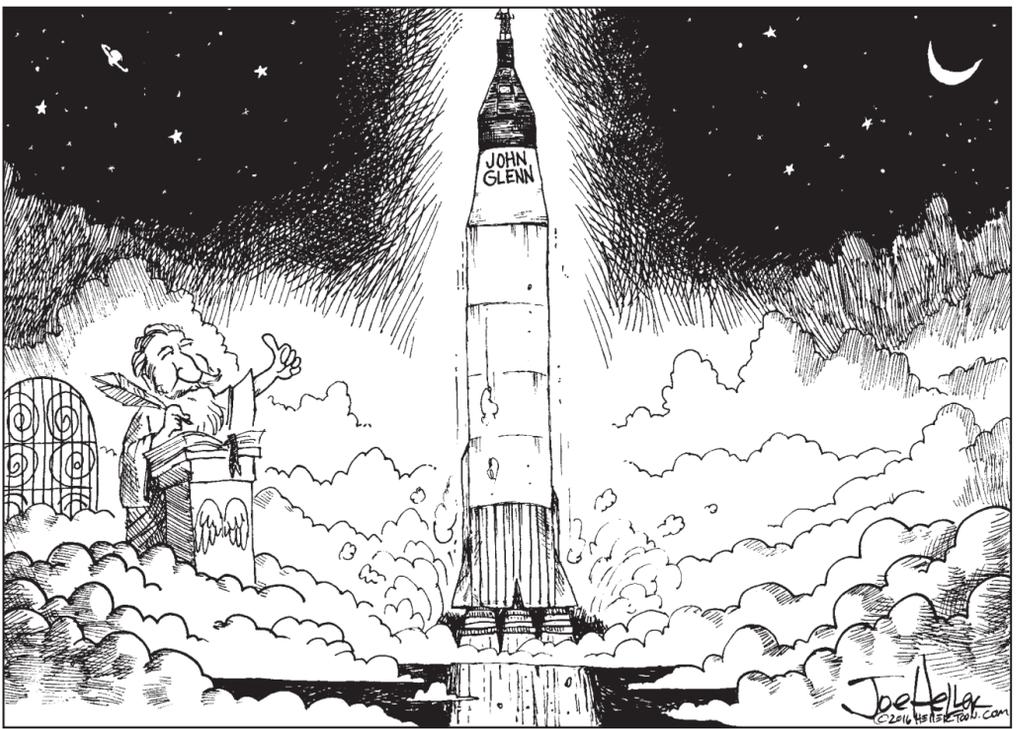
In preparation for the next state budget, state agencies identified ways to cut back. Agency directors proposed targeted reductions, and I have been combing through the proposals with my budget office as we prepare the budget I recommend to the Legislature.

As we work to reduce spending, we are also developing legislative initiatives to reduce spending and identifying tax reforms that fit in a flat budget. The only way to have sustainable tax relief is to control spending. Any opportunity for tax relief is fundamentally the difference between spending restraint and revenue. Our need to grow the economy will also sharpen our focus to reduce unnecessary regulations and ensure economic incentive programs create good-paying jobs all across Nebraska.

As your Governor, my focus is on representing Nebraska families and their interests in state government. This year, I hosted over 30 town halls across the state, and everywhere I travel Nebraskans tell me our taxes are too high.

This reality is reflected in national rankings. USA today ranks Nebraska 5th in the 10 worst states for property taxes while the Fiscal Times ranks Nebraska 7th highest for property taxes. According to Bloomberg, Nebraska ranks 16th highest for income taxes. High taxes are a major barrier to growing our state. I oppose tax increases and will continue to do everything I can to pave the way for future tax relief by reducing state spending.

I hope you will contact your state senator before January to express opposition to tax increases and support for spending restraint. You can find contact information for your senator at www.NebraskaLegislature.gov. Please also share your ideas with my office at pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov or 402-471-2244. In Nebraska, the people are the second house, and I value your input.



Christmas shopping is done, presents wrapped, strings attached?

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

Can there be anything more in-Christmas is coming; can the next session of the Nebraska Legislature be far behind? Would you believe Jan. 3, 2017?

The Governor has done his pre-legislative shopping. He spent something in the neighborhood of \$70,000 of his own money directly on legislative seats and another \$130,000 or so on the Republican Party to use on legislative races. Then there's the \$300,000 he paid for a referendum that ultimately put the death penalty back on the books.

That's a half million dollars. Sure, it's his money and he can do what he wants to with it. It was a massive precedent-setting move. Let's hope he got what he bought. Six senators who should toe the line and the opportunity to kill the 10 people currently on death row.

No strings attached, right? I can't speak to the blood-lust of the Governor and the Attorney General - although it was gracious of them to wait a whole three weeks after the election before announcing that they had a new protocol for the drugs and the method that will be used for the executions. By the way, that protocol won't be released until the inmate is told about it a month or two before the scheduled execution.

So, why the secrecy? The Governor can say that isn't the case and he can surely say that the people of Nebraska said they wanted the death penalty on the books. I still wonder if the ballot language - which perfectly followed the letter of the law - wasn't ultimately confusing with retain meaning no death penalty and repeal meaning a return to the death penalty. But, that's another issue for another time.

Transparency, on the other hand, is serious business. So, tell the world how you intend to kill these people in an effort to deter others from killing. Lay it out in excruciating detail, explaining what happens to the victim minute-by-minute. The people who voted to put this barbarian act back on the books need to understand what they have done.

Speaking of transparency, how about publishing the record of every visit between the Governor or one of his staff with every senator who received his money for their campaign. We need to understand if he got his money's worth. Better yet, we need to see how the lines between the executive and legislative branches of government have been blurred.

Now that the shopping is done and the campaigning is over, the governing begins. Here's the reality, colder than a January winter in Nebraska: 35 of the state's 49 lawmakers will have two years or less experience. Let that soak in, 35 of 49. That leaves 14 veterans whose experience ranges from 4 years (8 senators) to 41 years (1 senator). Four senators have 6 years and one has 7 years.

That's what the executive branch influence in election outcomes gets you. An inexperienced bunch that the Governor hopes will dance from his string. Hey, if things don't go your way, throw some money at it. That'll get you a new chairman of the Agriculture Committee - after all, the experienced veteran chair cast a couple

votes you didn't like. Same with the Judiciary Committee.

Do you get the idea that since the Governor dug into his deep pockets and was successful in six of the 11 races he targeted, that the dynamic was slanted in a less than democratic way? I thought that stuff was supposed to happen at the ballot box based on voter's approval or dislike of the candidates.

There will be 15 Democrats, one Libertarian and one Independent in the officially nonpartisan Legislature. That leaves 32 Republicans and one can assume

that six of them will be in the governor's pocket.

Nonetheless, out-going Democratic Party Chairman Vince Powers says the gain of three Democratic seats will be enough to protect Nebraskans from the policies that led to massive tax cuts in neighboring Kansas, cuts that have wreaked havoc in particular with education funding.

Here's a word to the 17 rookies coming to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber next month. Do something completely nonpartisan. Be your own person. Vote your own heart, or conscience - whichever one you have. You're in for the 90-day long haul. Make us proud

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: WINTER FUN

ACROSS

- 1 *e.g. "A Winter's Tale" by Mark Helprin
- 6. Bag in Paris
- 9. *Cold-weather lip trouble
- 13. Speak one's mind
- 14. "What?"
- 15. What phoenix did
- 16. Used a lot in sports
- 17. ____ of Aquarius
- 18. Misrepresent
- 19. *Troika ride
- 21. *Has two eyes made of coal
- 23. Beluga yield
- 24. Found in a wall
- 25. Reggae precursor
- 28. Whiskey without water
- 30. Mother of Calcutta
- 35. What little kittens did with their mittens
- 37. Computer operating system
- 39. Ascetic holy Hindu
- 40. Hippocrates' promise
- 41. Chemically induced waves, pl.
- 43. Good obtained illegally
- 44. Garment fold
- 46. Sandwich alternative
- 47. Northern freshwater fish
- 48. No, they don't really crawl in one's ear
- 50. Substance abuser
- 52. Neither
- 53. Type of tide
- 55. Jamie ____ Curtis
- 57. *Popular cold weather fabric
- 61. *Desired winter destination, pl.
- 64. Don McLean: "Drove my chevy to the

DOWN

- 1. Us, in Mexico
- 2. Prefers
- 3. Tiny bottle
- 4. "C'mon in!"
- 5. Wound
- 6. Persian king
- 7. Precedes Sep.
- 8. Maiden's "hope" storage
- 9. Captain's team
- 10. Islet in a river
- 11. Half-way around the world
- 12. Part of a hammer
- 15. Residences
- 20. "Faster!" to a horse
- 22. *Roast a chest ____ over an open fire
- 24. Cavalryman's foot holder
- 25. #61 Across, sing.
- 26. Bear Down Under
- 27. In the Asteraceae family
- 29. Again
- 31. Wood file
- 32. Buzz Aldrin's first name
- 33. Plumed military headdress
- 34. *Ice Angler's drill
- 36. *Warm winter day occurrence
- 38. *Winter Holiday, for short
- 42. Abracadabra, e.g.
- 45. Preserved in a can
- 49. "Fancy that!"
- 51. Go back into business
- 54. Cover story
- 56. Horace's poem
- 57. Dart
- 58. Prefix in levorotary
- 59. Like a zealous fan
- 60. Pauper's permanent state
- 61. Bridge
- 62. Units of work
- 63. Cut and run
- 66. *Gingerbread creation
- 68. 60 mins., pl.

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Erin Brewer (left), daughter of Scott and Trisha Brewer, was selected to represent Falls City High School this summer at the annual Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference. Dylan Frederick (right), son of Gary and Jamie Frederick is the alternate.

HOBY is a non-profit organization that seeks to motivate and empower young people throughout the world to make a positive difference through understanding and action based on effective and compassionate leadership. HOBY's mission is to provide lifelong leadership opportunities that empower individuals

to achieve their highest potential.

HOBY was founded in 1958 by veteran actor Hugh O'Brien after a visit with Dr. Albert Schweitzer at his clinic in Africa. Motivated by Dr. Schweitzer O'Brien established HOBY. Since its beginning, more than 355,000 young people have participated in HOBY's programs throughout the world. Annually, more than 20,000 public and private high schools are invited to select an outstanding tenth grader to attend HOBY leadership development seminars that are run principally by a dedicated group of over 4,000 volunteers.

Report: Too many Americans deficient in financial knowledge

Nebraska is one of eight states receiving a B grade on the 2016 National Report Card on Adult Financial Literacy, released Monday by Champlain College's Center for Financial Literacy. The other states are Alaska, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Montana, Vermont and Wisconsin.

John Pelletier, director of Champlain College's Center for Financial Literacy, says that even those states like Nebraska with B or other high grades are merely the best among a group of low-performing states. No state received an A or A+.

"Our report shows that our nation has dramatic room for improvement, so one should not be misled by grades," notes Pelletier. "For example, while adults in Nebraska perform well in important areas like managing credit wisely, they can improve in other areas, like retirement readiness and prudent student loan debt."

The report card assesses the problem of adult financial illiteracy nationally, and gives grades to each state based on data gleaned from national organizations that track Americans' financial knowledge, credit, saving and spending, retirement readiness, investing, and levels of insurance.

Thirty-two percent of Nebraska grades were C, D or F (23 out of 71 financial literacy grades).

The Champlain College Center's report card shows that more than three-quarters of adults live in states with poor grades. This means that too many American adults are deficient in financial knowledge and skills, which leads them to make uninformed and often poor decisions about their money.

A former finance executive, Pelletier says the challenge is educating the millions of Americans who misuse credit, don't save for a rainy day or for retirement, don't pay their bills on time or have a budget, or know how to invest or plan for the future.

He says adult illiteracy documented in this report is an indictment of our educational systems' failure to provide students with personal finance education before they become adults. Champlain's Center produced the 2015 National Report Card, which graded America's high schools on their efforts to teach personal finance. States generally underperformed in that study as well.

"We must take the subject of personal finance seriously in high school, college and beyond," Pelletier says. "It needs to be a priority, like math and reading. The first step is to gauge our financial illiteracy, and that is what this report does," he says. "Our hope is that the facts will motivate efforts to improve personal finance education across all ages."

To arrive at relative grades, 59 data points were drawn from 18 national organizations.

Champlain College

Founded in 1878, Champlain College is a small, not-for-profit, private college in Burlington, Vermont, with additional campuses in Montreal, Canada, and Dublin, Ireland. Champlain offers a traditional undergraduate experience and more than 60 online undergraduate and graduate degree programs and certificates. Champlain's distinctive career-driven approach to higher education embodies the notion that true learning occurs when information and experience come together to create knowledge. All Champlain undergraduates must take non-credit personal finance seminars to graduate.

Center for Financial Literacy

Established in 2010, Champlain College's Center for Financial Literacy is a nationally acclaimed, one-of-a-kind financial literacy program aimed at increasing knowledge of money matters in classrooms across Vermont, ensuring that college students graduate with the skills to make sound decisions about spending, credit and investments, and helping adults navigate difficult financial situations like buying a home and saving for retirement. The Center is a partnership among several financial institutions, non-profit entities and governmental agencies. The Center advocates for more financial education opportunities at the local, state and national level and has launched a variety of programs aimed at increasing the personal finance sophistication of our citizens.

FROM BUILDING BLOCKS TO NATION-BUILDING

By Craig R. Christiansen, Executive Director
Nebraska State Education Association



Christiansen

In virtually every pre-school and primary classroom, there is (or should be!!) a box of wooden blocks of various shapes for students to use as they imagine, create, build. These "building blocks" are an important part in a student's work of imagining and learning through play and object manipulation. Plain wooden blocks, Lincoln Logs, and parquetry blocks are children's tools in not only building houses, stores and cities, but in building roads and tunnels and other connections that make communities. These first years of playing/learning about communities is too often downplayed (or ignored) by adults, who themselves struggle with the continual problems of community and nation-

building.

Most of us readily understand nation-building as it applies to emerging or "new" nations that have undergone revolutionary change. The United States was a new nation after it broke away from Great Britain. It needed to create new laws, new governance institutions...new ways of doing business as Americans, not British colonists. That transition from colonies to an independent nation took courageous and far-sighted leaders...and actions...at every level. Those leaders today are celebrated as "Founding Fathers" and heroes of a successful eight-year war against what was considered at that time as one of the greatest military powers on earth. But that is not the only model of nation-building we have to celebrate and nourish.

The profound – and sobering – reality is that an independent, democratic society must attend to nation-building on a daily basis.

A WORK IN PROGRESS

Thirteen generations of Americans have had to understand not only how to build houses and cities, but how to build and maintain connections within and between communities in a nation that must be continually repaired, re-worked, re-nourished and re-built. That is not the job of our long-dead Founding Fathers. It is the ongoing work of every generation if this nation is to continue.

Like many young students over many generations, I was enthralled by the story of Daniel Boone as he led settlers through the Cumberland Gap to what he had created as one of the first English-speaking settlements west of the Appalachian Mountains. I loved the story of how Boone created this new settlement at virtually the same time that the American Revolution began. Much later, I discovered that creating (and maintaining) Fort Boonesborough was not quite as simple and straightforward as I had thought. No community is simple to maintain. Neither are nations.

IDENTITY ISSUES

In fact, for the U.S., the problem of nation-building has been not only an initial challenge, it has been a continuing task at every time and in every community since the Revolutionary War.

Although we don't often consider the battles for unity that occurred in the 1780s between the original colonies and the Free Republic of Franklin, the Vermont Republic, or the Southwest Territory, these were serious contests between regional and national identity.

Reminiscent of early regional identity issues in this country, the recent historical shift away from a white, protestant, straight, male dominated society to today's racial, religious, gender, and lifestyle diversity demands an even greater attention to the community work before us.

CAREFUL PREPARATION

It is critical for each community to carefully prepare every generation for the important work of tolerance, acceptance, the recognition of common goals, and the knowledge that everything fails if we cannot live and work together in peace. How well the pre-school and primary grade students learn to play creatively in building communities, beginning on their very first day in school, will be, in part, measured by the continual success of their community.

As adults we have an obligation to actively support and engage these young students, not just in building block play, but in building and developing skill in listening, talking, and working together. We have done fairly well so far, but it is a daily task. How well will we do tomorrow?

Founded in 1867, The Nebraska State Education Association has nearly 28,000 members across the state.

SEZ-I

'Annual Carol Sing'

If you were unable to go to the Christmas Program at the High School, you missed a wonderful program Sunday.

We are blessed with talented people who shared their talent. Who needs to go to Branson when you have it here at home.

Bruce Walker

Adopt a family for the holidays

With the Christmas Season upon us, the Richardson County SENCA Office and its dedicated volunteers are diligently working to help provide a brighter holiday for those less fortunate. They do their best to provide not only several gifts for each of the children, but also a substantial meal.

Every year is tough providing gifts for the older kiddos, as they are sometimes forgotten in the regular donations. So, if anyone would like to donate some gifts for the older kids or gift cards to local merchants so they can shop for what they would like, that would be greatly appreciated. The Christmas tree with gift tags is up at ShopKo or there is a donation box set up at Dollar General, as well. They are still needing donations of meat (about 15 smaller families worth) for the Christmas dinners (ham, whole chicken, roasts, etc.) or gift cards (SunMart, WalMart, etc.) to purchase the meat themselves. Other food donations still needed include: mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, canned fruits, cream of mushroom soup, French fried onions, and fillers such as gravy, pasta, pasta sauce, mac-n-cheese, etc. There are still several families left to be adopted.

When adopting a family you are able to provide gifts (and food, if you chose to do so) for an entire family. Anyone interested in helping on any level, please call 402-801-1811. All donations need to be in on or before Dec. 14, 2016.

Sherry L. Huddleston



Christmas Open House

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The Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Post #222 held their "Annual Christmas Tour of Homes" Sunday, Dec. 4. Four gracious home owners showed their Christmas decorated homes. All of the proceeds will be given to the Nebraska Homeless Veterans in the local area.



Five young women style hair in a tent in this photo taken near Monroe, Nebraska around 1905

Society

St. Peter's ELCA

On Dec. 5, five members of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church met at 11:30 PM with Roxann Stitzer at the piano, the ladies sang several Christmas carols.

Lesson Leader, Becky Runyan led the perival with a reading from the book, "Purpose Christmas," by Rick Waren, then Chapter 38 from the book "Morning Speldor," by Marcia Schwartz. Lesson closed with Missionary Benediction and Lord's Prayer.

President Roxann Stitzer opened business meeting. Lois Cameron called roll and read November minutes, approved.

Treasurer Becky Runyan reported on bank balance and Linda Du-

erfeldt on flower fund.

Old Business, a thank you was read.

New Business, Triennial Convention will be July 10-17, 2017, in Minneapolis, MN, with fee \$200 per person. Mail to Chrisey Garton, P.O. Box 8, Glenvil, NE 68941-0008. Winter Retreat, Jan. 21, 2017 in Grand Island at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Registration 8:30 a.m., fee of \$18.00 meeting, 9-3:00 p.m. Send to Sandy Terry, 1461 2nd Ave. Ct., Fremont, NE 68025-5317. Theme: Luke, 10:38-41. Southeast Conference, March 18, 2017, Christ Lutheran Church, Pickrell, NE.

Altar Committee for Dec., Joni Milam. Next meeting, Jan. 9, 2017, with lesson leader, Roxann Stitzer and Hostess Verna Mae White.

Refreshments were served by Roxann Stitzer at close of the afternoon.

The great Nebraska hair hoax of the 1800's

It was the style during the 1880s and 1890s for women to augment their own long hair with carefully matched hair from other humans or animals. Nebraska women usually obtained this additional hair through local grocers. The trade must have been lucrative, because storekeepers sometimes inserted ads in their local newspapers offering to fill "hair embellishment needs." During the 1930s workers of the WPA Writers' Program of the Work Projects Administration recorded the following reminiscence of a Nebraska woman whose desire for such embellishment in the 1880s led to a joke at her expense.

"A pioneer lady in Saunders County, who, because of the embarrassing nature of her narration wishes to remain anonymous, has the following story to tell about the hoax that was played on her one day in the '80's when she felt the need of ordering a hair switch. She says: 'Nearly everyone was wearing extra hair in those days because the prevailing style of hair dress required it. I had never worn any hair except my own but was now beginning to feel old-fashioned when

I went to church or social gatherings where most of the ladies had enough hair—false and their own—to stuff a mattress. But I didn't like the idea of going into a store and placing an order for the additional hair I desired. It seemed to me to be something to be ashamed of, like getting false teeth or artificial breast forms.'

"However one morning, when I must have felt unusually brave, I clipped some sample hairs from my head and tied them together with a pink ribbon after which I put them in an envelope. This envelope was placed on the front room table where it wouldn't be forgotten when we went to town that afternoon for our supply of groceries. . . .

"I first bought groceries when I arrived in town that afternoon, then I ambled over to the dry goods section of the store to order my switch. It seemed as if everyone in the store was following me as I did so. Two of the town's cattiest women were ranged along the dry goods counter, where they were pretending to look at this and that but in reality following my movements with

their curious eyes. They were the town's most notorious busybodies who were always hunting for a scandal.'

"My face flushed with embarrassment as I placed my order to the clerk within their hearing. . . . What I saw when he pulled out its [the envelope's] contents made me wish the floor would cave in; because, instead of holding my carefully selected tresses he had a bundle of horse hairs and pig bristles that were tied with the same pink ribbon I had used for my hair. . . . After I had recovered from the shock I grabbed them from his hand and rushed out of the store."

The husband was identified as the practical joker who had switched the hair in the envelope. His wife concluded, "I didn't go back to the village for months after this hoax had taken place, because I knew everyone in the community heard about it and was laughing at me."

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Humboldt Chapter 234 Order of the Eastern Star

A Christmas potluck dinner preceded the Dec. 1, 2016 meeting of the Humboldt Chapter #234 Order of the Eastern Star. The chapter met at The Meeting Place at 6:30 p.m. for a bountiful meal enjoyed by 14. A special guest was the Grand Conductress Candice Martin from Friendship Chapter #122 in Fremont.

At 7:30 p.m. Phyllis Kreutzer, Worthy Matron, presided over the short form meeting. All sang "Joy to the World," as the Opening Ode. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag followed. The Grand Conductress was escorted to the East by Conductress Nancy Nemechek, introduced and given a hearty welcome.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Donna Monnette and approved. Treasurer JoAnn Koso gave her report. The Secretary read communications. Letters from Ron Giesselmann, Executive Director of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children were read. He thanked the chapter for recent gifts to the Purple Ribbon 4-H Club, Thanksgiving In-gathering and memorial for Marie Busboom. There are 24 children living at the Home and they were sent monetary gifts to their Activity Bus Fund as well. A memorial card for Past Grand Matron Margaret Worthman who served the state in 1961-1962 was read. She passed away on Oct. 29, 2016 at the age of 106. A memorial service was held in her memory and the chapter draped. She was a member of Ch #250 in Weeping Water. Several members were recognized with illnesses or recoveries.

The Associate Matron Elizabeth Ketner announced installation of officers will be held at the January stated meeting. Mrs. Martin addressed the chapter and invited all to attend the Grand Chapter Session in Kearney in 2017.

Chapter closed in form with prayer by Chaplain Joan Wheeler and singing of "Silent Night." During the social hour members held a gift exchange as they enjoyed cookies.

R.C. Sheriff's Office receives grant for speed control equipment

Richardson County Sheriff's Office receives grant for speed control equipment. The Richardson County Sheriff's Office is being awarded a highway safety grant to assist in obtaining two mobile radar units.

According to the Nebraska Department of Roads, Highway Safety Office, Administrator, Fred Zwonechek, "The Richardson County Sheriff's Office has been awarded the funding to help prevent traffic crashes, injuries, and fatalities at various locations throughout the area."

The mobile radar speed detection equipment provides the agency with a state-of-the-art system that will enhance speeding control efforts. The Nebraska Department of Roads, Highway Safety Office, has awarded \$1,800.00 to the Richardson County Sheriff's Office toward the purchase of the new units. "They should be commended for taking advantage of this funding assistance to equip their patrol units with the tools necessary to assure safer streets for the residents and visitors to Richardson County," Zwonechek said. "Utilizing this equipment has demonstrated proven success at reducing traffic crashes, injuries, and fatalities within the communities," he said.



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Technology Tuesdays: Come meet with Pat, our IT expert for one hour, starting at 10:30 a.m. or 6 p.m. She'll help you with your iPad, Kindle, etc.

Stalder Art Gallery Santa Fe Southwest: Alice Clever, now through December 31.

Classic movies for the whole family! We have them! Come check them out during holiday times!

Book Discussion: Thursday, January 12 at 2 pm. *The Lost Wife*, By Alyson Richman. Come get your copy for next month's book discussion! No Book discussion in December.

Kids Rock! (K-5th!): Come to the Library on Tuesdays at 3:30-4:45 for our after school programs!

Star Wars Game Night: Tuesday, Dec. 13, 6-7:30 p.m. Brush up on your Jedi knowledge before the new movie hits theaters! Star Wars Catch Phrase, trivia, charades, and Kablooyo are in store!

For the Little Ones: Tuesday, December 13: We will be making ornaments for the city tree from recycled items!

Tuesday, December 20: Let's bring holiday cheer for others! We're going to make cards, write in them and give them out to family, friends or random people you see!

Wednesday, December 28: 1:00-2:30 pm: Come for Board games, fun programs, and neat treats! We look forward to seeing you!

Thursday, December 29: 1:00-2:30 pm: Movie Matinee! Come

watch *The Good Dinosaur*. In a world where dinosaurs and humans live side-by-side, an Apatosaurus named Arlo makes an unlikely human friend. Rated G

Lapsit-Story time for families, babies, and toddlers! Thursdays at 10:30 am. Stories, songs and fun! Dec. 8: Snow; Dec. 15: Candy Canes; Dec. 22: Christmas; No Lapsit December 29.

Storytime: Thursdays at 6:30-7:15 pm. Ages 3-Pre-K-Dec. 15: Ornaments. Dec. 22: Christmas. No Storytime Dec. 29.

YALA Book Club: *Sorta Like a Rock Star*, By Matthew Quick. Monday, Dec. 19, 6-7:30 pm. It's the last meeting of 2016, but don't worry, there's more to come in 2017! Let's end the year with this feel good novel that will make you believe there are some pretty awesome humans in this world.

All I want for Christmas is... books! You've seen your classmates walking around with brand new copies of awe-some novels and whispering excitedly about them to each other. Now is your chance to be a part of the book club too! YALA Book Club is open to all 6th-12th graders and meets once a month to discuss and play games centered around monthly novels which are all yours to keep! Stop by the public or school library for a second semester permission slip and turn it in by December 15 to have your first book in time for Christmas!

We are starting 1000 Books Before Kindergarten again! It's a wonderful opportunity to have your child read to everyday, or as much as possible. The American Medical Association said reading aloud to children.

DID YOU KNOW?

The most translated film of all time is the Jesus film, based on the Gospel of Luke. It has been dubbed in 112 languages and has been screened in all the countries in the world, albeit some in private viewings.

RC Historical Society decorated for Christmas

The Richardson County Historical Society is decorated inside and out for the holiday season. Please stop by and see what has been done. They have many new artifacts. A beautiful 30" doll in very good condition is on display. Also recently donated to the Museum is a ribbon case once in the Preston General Store, Preston, NE. The AG building also has been decorated, see many new items there.

They will be open regular hours, 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M., Tuesday through Thursday, and Saturday. The Museum will close for January and February to conserve on utilities. The Museum will reopen on March 1, 2017. Call 402-245-3481 or 245-3372 for other information.

Five steps to prep your home for winter weather

(StatePoint) This winter, stay ahead of frost and freezing temperatures by taking some easy steps to get your home ready for the cold months ahead. If you're not sure where to start, there are some quick step-by-step directions to get you in the DIY spirit.

How to seal off drafts: Windows and doors are the biggest culprits of drafts in your home, but there are products that make sealing them simple. While product packaging often provides instruction, online videos may be a better resource. For instance, Duck brand provides a step-by-step tutorial for how to seal window drafts with its Roll-On Window Kit and Heavy Duty Weatherstrip Seals, which provide tight barriers to keep warm air in and cold air out. Or, for drafty doors with thick gaps, the Double Draft Seal easily slides onto the bottom of doors to block unwanted chill. Visit duckbrand.com to learn more.

How to prevent freezing pipes: Every winter there are billions of dollars in insured losses due to burst pipes and other winter-related damage, according to the Insurance Information Institute. To prevent frozen pipes, it's imperative to drain water from outdoor faucets and garden hoses. Plus, have in-ground sprinkler systems winterized, as well. You can review a quick 4-minute video at thisoldhouse.com, where experts show you how you can do this easily and efficiently.

How to clean your gutters: Frozen gutters are another prime source of snow and ice damage. Ice can accumulate on the edge of the roof and prevent melting snow from draining. That's why it's important to clean debris from gutters several times a year. Keep the ladder on a level surface with another person as a spotter. Wear gloves and safety goggles to protect yourself, and drop debris onto a tarp or bucket below. Flush the gutter with a hose to check for proper flow, and finally check down spouts for anything that might be lodged.

How to insulate your water heater: Wrapping your water heater with an insulated blanket reduces heat loss and saves energy. It's simple: just measure the circumference of your water heater and cut the blanket to size. Products such like Duck brand's Water Heater Insulation Blanket come with tape for easy installation and it's made of non-irritating recycled cotton, not fiberglass.

How to protect outdoor items: High-wind gusts and cool temperatures can wreak havoc. Be sure to store or protect outdoor furniture and accessories. Smaller items, such as cushions, umbrellas and drained hoses, should be stored in sheds or basements. Protect larger patio furniture and grills with tarps or custom-fit covers. A roll of strong, all-weather tape, like T-Rex Tape, can fix any rips or holes you may find along the way. Unlike other tapes, it is designed to withstand harsh temperatures to hold stronger and longer, ensuring your items will be in great shape for spring grilling season. Visit trextape.com for more information.

Thanks to a plethora of online resources, weatherizing doesn't have to seem daunting. By watching a few short videos and following some easy instructions, you can have your home ready for whatever weather winter brings.



Photo by Nikki McKim

Annual Wreath Laying ceremony this weekend at Steele Cemetery

The Ladies VFW Auxiliary will be holding its annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at Steele Cemetery.

The mission — "Remember, Honor, Teach — is carried out in part by coordinating wreath laying ceremonies on a specified Saturday in December at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as veteran's cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond. The VFW Auxiliary also organizes a week of events, including international veteran's tributes, ceremonies at State Houses and a week-long "Veteran's Parade" between Maine and Virginia where they stop along the way to spread the message about the importance of remembering our fallen heroes, honoring those who

serve, and teaching children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms.

This week of events is made possible by thousands of volunteers who organize local ceremonies, raise funds to sponsor wreaths, and participate in the events. The VFW Auxiliary receives no government funding. The cost of its programs is paid by individual wreaths sponsors, corporate donors and volunteer truckers.

The Auxiliary also coordinates veteran services and recognition through a variety of programs, and provide schools with teaching aides for projects throughout the year.

See more at www.wreathsacross-america.org



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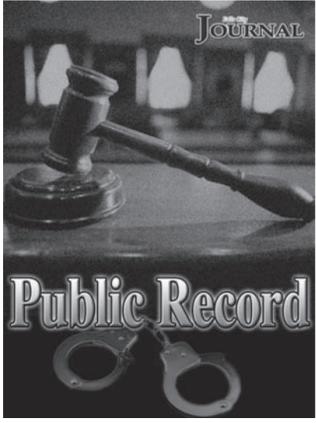
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DISTRICT COURT

-William L. Holbrooks, of Humboldt, has been granted dissolution of his marriage to Susan D. Holbrooks, of Calhoun, SC.

-Brian M. McFeeters, 28, of Falls City; resentencing for violation of probation on accessory to a felony conviction; placed on probation for one year and ordered to pay Court costs of \$185 and probation fees of \$390; must attend complete cognitive group programming, crime victims empathy class, dialectical behavior therapy and relapse prevention treatment and enroll in a residential treatment program for chemical dependency within 30 days or serve three separate 30-day terms in Richardson County Jail (beginning March 6, 2017; June 6, 2017; and Sept. 6, 2017).

The case stems from burglaries committed at the Falls City Golf Club in January 2015. McFeeters was originally charged with three counts of felony burglary, but two were dismissed and another amended to a misdemeanor.

-Blake M. Westcott, 21, of Falls City, possession of a controlled substance, a Class IV Felony; pled not guilty; jury trial scheduled for Feb. 8, 2017.

-Jeffrey M. McNeely, 37, of Falls City, count one, possession of a controlled substance, a Class IV Felony; count two, driving under suspension; pled not guilty to both counts; jury trial set for Feb. 8, 2017.

-Leo C. Moore, 31, of Falls City, count one, possession of a controlled substance, a Class IV Felony; count two, possession of drug paraphernalia; pled not guilty to both counts;

jury trial set for Feb. 8, 2017.

COUNTY COURT

-Elizabeth A. Wilson, 65, of Falls City; assault in the third degree; pled not guilty; pretrial hearing set for Dec. 19.

-Colton Hayworth, 18, of Falls City; MIP (under 19); case continued to Dec. 19 for entry of plea.

-Alexander E. Kirkpatrick, 18, of Rulo; MIP (under 19); pled not guilty; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 4, 2017.

-Lindsey R. Duerfeldt, 19, of Lincoln; reckless driving, first offense; case continued to Dec. 12 for entry of plea.

-Kari L. Craig, 28, of Verdon; domestic assault in the third degree; pled not guilty; pretrial hearing set for Dec. 19.

-Matthew V. Rathje, 18, of Falls City; leaving the scene of an accident (failure to furnish information); pled no contest; ordered to obtain alcohol assessment.

-Jami L. Coonce, 19, of Rulo; count one, no proof of insurance; count two, no registration in vehicle; count three, no driver's license on person; count four, speeding (11-15); pled guilty to all charges; fined \$125, plus Court costs of \$50.

-Michael L. Seager, 33, of Falls City, theft by unlawful taking (less than \$500); pled no contest; fined \$75, plus Court costs of \$50.

-Devin W. Handley, 20, of Falls City; driving under suspension; arraignment Dec. 19.

-Ryan E. Simmonds, 37, of Falls City; count one, criminal trespass in the second degree; count two, possess K2 or marijuana (one ounce or less); pled guilty to both counts; placed on probation for six months; fined \$200 on count one, \$300 on count two, plus Court costs of \$50; ordered to serve seven days in Richardson County Jail beginning Feb. 28, unless waived by the Court; ordered to not be at Eastview Apartments unless authorized in writing by the administrator.

-Levi J. Campbell, 22, of Falls City; sentencing for reckless driving, first offense; placed on probation for six months; fined \$450, plus probation fees of \$195 and Court costs of \$50; ordered to successfully complete outpatient treatment for chemical dependency.

-Dion C. Grier, 65, of Rulo;

count one, DUI (.15-plus); count two, driving left of center; pled not guilty to both counts. Pretrial hearing set for Jan. 4, 2017.

-Troy W. Liberty, 41, of Falls City; sentencing for count one, driving under suspension; count two, failure to use turn signal; placed on probation for one year and fined \$150, plus Court costs of \$58.50.

COUNTY COURT WAIVERS (Court Costs Not Included)

Tickets written by RC Sheriff's Deputy Clinton Stonebarger
-Cassidy R. Lee, speeding (16-20), \$125.

Tickets written by RC Sheriff's Deputy Jonathan Kirkendall
-Maggy K. Rieschick, improper/defective vehicle lights, \$10.
-Carl H. Slaubaugh, speeding (11-15), \$75.

Tickets written by RC Sheriff's Deputy Andrew Woods
-Ricky L. Frazier, speeding (11-15), \$75.

-Robert L. McIntosh, speeding (11-15), \$75.
Tickets written by RC Sheriff's Deputy Lyle McMann

-Brett A. Brittan, speeding (6-10), \$25.
-Charles N. Smith, possess/consume open alcohol container, \$50.
Zachary Harrington, speeding (11-15), \$75.

Tickets written by RC Sheriff's Deputy Lew Barker
-Jordan C. Evans, speeding (11-15), \$75.

Tickets written by State Patrolman Kaleb Bruggeman
-Jose N. Girona Burgos, speeding (11-15), \$75.

-Bruce Daniel Finley, speeding (11-15), \$75.
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-Rusty N. Walton, speeding (11-15), \$75.
-Jason B. Anderson, speeding (6-10), \$25.

-Robert T. Jordan, speeding (6-10), \$25.
-Hannah E. Cole, speeding (6-10), \$25.

-James A. Hill, speeding (11-15), \$75.
-Jacob M. Wenzl, speeding (16-20), \$125.

-Blake C. Raymond, speeding (36-plus), \$300.
Tickets written by State Patrolman Kent Kavan

-Jerry L. Feek, speeding (11-15), \$75.
-Kim E. Barber, speeding (11-15), \$75.

-William A. Burks, no operator's license, \$75.
-Gary W. Wilson, speeding (11-15), \$75.

-William D. Dixon, speeding (11-15), \$75.
Tickets written by FCPD Officer Millie King

-Matthew W. Hanesworth, appliances in yard, \$40; maintaining a nuisance, \$35.

-Joshua M. Darden, maintaining a nuisance, \$60; unregistered, wrecked or junked vehicle, \$60.

-Brandon L. Frenzel, speeding (6-10), \$25.
-Robert E. Wagg, failure to yield right of way, \$25.

-Gina M. Scheitel, speeding (6-10), \$25.
Tickets written by FCPD Officer Zach Racliffe

-Jessica M. Karst, speeding (11-15), \$75.
-Derek S. Huppert, speeding (6-10), \$25.

-Jeffrey A. Ferris, disturbing the peace, \$75.
Officer N/A

-Charles L. Buckmon, speeding (16-20), \$125.



During the week of Thanksgiving, the SENCA Food Pantry in Humboldt received a generous donation of approximately \$400 worth of food from Thrivent Action Team member Dorothy Nolte (pictured) and members of the Humboldt Faith Lutheran Church. The donation consisted of a variety of items that included 30 pounds of hamburger, quick box meals such as Hamburger Helper, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, etc.

The donation will help provide emergency food assistance to economically challenged families throughout Richardson County.

"As members of the Thrivent Action Team, our goal is to provide help and support to our community," Mrs. Nolte, the program coordinator, said. "Our team utilized \$250 in 'seed money,' then collected additional contributions from the congregation to help make the project successful. The funds were then invested into the community, first by purchasing items from the local grocery store and then by donating those items to SENCA to be distributed to local families in need of food assistance."

To learn more about the Thrivent Action Team or how to organize a similar event in your community, contact Rex Kappel at 402-862-5325.

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Tigers' streak of 29 consecutive wins over Auburn snapped

Auburn High School junior Tayten Minton scored a game-high 24 points, while senior Skyler Hopper scored 19 and pulled down 10 rebounds as the Bulldogs snapped a mind-boggling 29-game losing streak to rival Falls City Friday night in a 65-55 Bulldog home victory.

Coach Don Hogue's Tigers, which got strong perimeter shooting and 20 points from junior guard Rudy Vrtiska, last lost a basketball game to Auburn on Dec. 9, 2005. To put that into perspective, consider that the current seniors back then were just kindergartners.

That winter was also the last time Auburn concluded a basketball season with a winning record. But that, too, could change; the Bulldogs ran their record to 3-0 Friday before falling in lopsided fashion (61-24) to Class C2's top team, unbeaten Elmwood-Murdock.

The Tigers, on the other hand, who have enjoyed unprecedented success on the hardwood the last dozen or so years, find themselves still seeking the first victory of 2016-17. And if FC is going to get that win in 2016, it'll be a quality win, and it'll be on the road. They travel to St. Joe tonight to face a Leblond team that has dropped three straight since winning its opener, but also one with a stellar



Photo by Deena Beer

Falls City junior guard Rudy Vrtiska drained 3-of-4 three-point attempts, went 9-of-13 overall from the floor and 5-of-6 at the line in scoring a team-high 20 points in the Tigers' 65-55 Friday night loss at Auburn.

tradition that includes back-to-back District Championships in 2014 and 2015 (sound familiar?). After that, it's trips to Class B opponents Plattsmouth (Saturday) and 2-1 Nebraska City (next Tuesday, Dec. 20) before wrapping up the pre-Christmas portion of the schedule at 3-1 Milford. FC flips the calendar as it does annually, back in St. Joe for the Leblond Tournament.

The first 14 days of January may be even more grueling. After home games against Marysville, KS (Jan. 3) and Johnson-Brock (Jan. 5), its on to NC Lourdes (Jan. 7), to face a Knights team that missed an upset over aforementioned Elmwood-Murdock by a single point opening weekend, the Auburn rematch (Jan. 10) at home, Class B Maryville, MO, at home (Jan. 13) and then on

Wrestling

Sabetha Duals

Sabetha 53, HTRS/PC 18
126: Harrell, SHS, def. Hunzeker, HTRS, in :23.
132: Wilhelm, HTRS, def. Wisdom, SHS, in 1:17.
145: Brownlee, SHS, def. J. Watson, HTRS, in 3:43.
152: Meyer, SHS, def. M. Otto, HTRS, in 2:52.
160: N. Novak, HTRS, def. Brownlee, SHS, in 3:01.
170: Becker, SHS, def. A. Flynn, HTRS, in 4:19.
182: Rokeby, SHS, def. G. Crowley, HTRS, in :15.
195: Ukele, SHS, def. J. Davis, HTRS, in :17.
285: Strahm, SHS, def. A. Vaughn, HTRS, in :52.

Auburn 48, HTRS/PC 36

126: Keller, AUB, def. Hunzeker, HTRS, in :19.
132: J. Wilhelm, HTRS, def. Block, AUB, in :25.
145: Ligouri, AUB, def. M. Otto, HTRS, in 1:26.
152: Watson, HTRS, def. Davenport, AUB, in 1:34.
160: Novak, HTRS, def. Sealock, AUB, in 1:32.
182: Flynn, HTRS, def. M. Jones, AUB, in :22.
285: Lyles, AUB, def. Vaughn, HTRS, in 1:58.

HTRS/PC 48, Wamego 24

126: Wahlmeier, WAM, def. Hunzeker, HTRS, in 1:20.
132: Siebert, WAM, def. Wilhelm, HTRS, in 4:41.
145: Watson, HTRS, def. Garcia, WAM, in :50.
152: Otto, HTRS, def. Simonssen, WAM, in 1:50.
160: Novak, HTRS, def. Garcia, WAM, in 1:22.
170: Flynn, HTRS, def. Wanklyn, WAM, in :37.
285: Vaughan, HTRS, def. Bouck, WAM, in 2:00.

HTRS/PC 48, Pleasant Ridge 15

132: Wilhelm, HTRS, def. Oatney, PR, in :42.
145: Otto, HTRS, def. Gwartney, PR, in 1:16.
170: Bridges, PR, def. Flynn, HTRS, 7-0.
285: Stiver, PR, def. Vaughn, HTRS, in :31.

HTRS/PC 54, Riley County 24

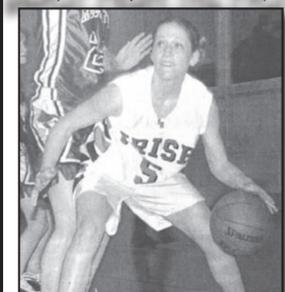
132: Wilhelm, HTRS, def. Lindell, RC, in :13.
145: Watson, HTRS, def. Barnes, RC, in :54.
152: Otto, HTRS, def. Sheaves, RC, in :24.
160: Novak, HTRS, def. Nielsen, RC, in :27.
182: Rignell, RC, def. Crowley, HTRS, in 1:48.
285: Kaje Faulks, HTRS, def. Brown, RC, in 1:07.

Auburn 48, HTRS/Pawnee City 36

126: Keller, AUB, def. Hunzeker, HTRS, in :19.
132: Wilhelm, HTRS, def. Block, AUB, in 0:25.
145: Ligouri, AUB, def. Otto, HTRS, in 1:26.
152: Watson, HTRS, def. Davenport, AUB, in 1:34.
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Northvue Sports Bar

BLAST FROM THE PAST



This Irish gal helped her team defeat Rock Port by scoring nine points and leading her team in assists.

Can you identify this Blast from the Past? (Last Week's Blast from the Past was Kari Fritz)



Photo by Deena Beer

Falls City High School senior Morgan Bletscher gets defensive against Auburn sophomore Sydnie Reeves in the Tigers' 53-23 loss Friday night on the road. Reeves finished with 13 points and 12 rebounds, while Allie Binder, a transfer student from Humboldt-TR-S, scored 12. The Lady Bulldogs forced 34 turnovers and took a 27-6 lead into halftime. The following night, Auburn hammered Elmwood-Murdock 61-35 to improve to 3-1 on the season.

Falls City senior Alyssa Frederick scored nine points to pace FC, which falls to 0-2 on the season. FC travels to Wymore tonight to take on the 2-2 Lady Raiders and go to Plattsmouth Saturday.

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FCMS Students of the month of November, from left: Ben Bauman, senior son of Mark and Jenny Bauman; Peyton Campbell, senior daughter of Jason and Ivy Campbell; Cydney Forsyth, freshman daughter of Kurt and Naomi Forsyth; and Cade Schawang, sophomore son of Dan and Kristi Schawang. The students were nominated by high school staff and are being recognized for being innovative, responsible, resilient, and resourceful. Each of the students was praised in nomination comments for "academic excellence, going above and beyond what was asked of them, their helpfulness, and their leadership, and serving as excellent role models for their peers," according to high school principal Gale Dunkhas.

WRESTLING

Syracuse JV Tourney

126B - Kyle Black, FC, def. J. Daily, Gretna, 10-7; D. Sikes, York, def. Black in :20. Black placed second.
 138 - Lane Burns, FC, pinned K. Burns, Papio S., in :51; B. Barger, Aurora, pinned Burns, FC, in 1:51; Burns, FC, pinned C. Rahe, Syracuse, in 2:15. Burns placed second.
 152 - Shane Campbell, FC, pinned Z. Vavra, York, in 2:48; Z. Bliss, Aurora, def. S. Campbell, FC, 4-0; R. Needham, Papio S., pinned Campbell, FC, in 1:32; Campbell, FC, pinned A. Valquier, NC, in 2:46; Campbell, FC, pinned S. Kenny, York, in 3:56. Campbell placed second.
 170B - Dakota Fisher, FC, pinned T. Edmonds, Plattsmouth, in 2:28; N. Henry, Harlan, pinned D. Fisher, FC, in 3:02; D. Todd, York, pinned Fisher, FC, in 4:00. Fisher placed third.
 182 - Keegan Hunzeker, FC, pinned Z. Hess, York, in 5:31; Hunzeker, FC, pinned J. Nelson, Aurora, in 1:35; Hunzeker, FC, def. O. Hinton, Plattsmouth, 2-0; Hunzeker, FC, won by forfeit over L. Lund, Gretna. Hunzeker placed first.
 195 - D. Winters, Plattsmouth, def. Ed Fritz, FC, 9-6; Fritz, FC, pinned S. Maloney, York, in 5:20; Fritz, FC, pinned M. Sikes, Aurora, in :19. Fritz placed second.
 195B - Dylan Frederick, FC, pinned S. Schneider, Waverly, in 3:56; Frederick, FC, pinned T. Heisner, Gretna, in :55;

Frederick, FC, pinned X. Starr, York, in :38. Frederick placed first.
 220B - Trevis Keller, FC, pinned B. Jackson, York, in 5:29; Keller, FC, pinned J. Nielsen, Waverly, in 3:22. Keller placed first.
 285B - D. Weyer, Harlan, pinned Tommy Palm, FC; J. Reyes, York, pinned Palm, FC, in 1:40; Boehnke, NC, pinned Palm in 1:29; C. Zach-Pike, Gretna, pinned Palm in 1:14; Daric Burghardt, Gretna, pinned Palm in :11. Palm placed sixth.
2016 Raider Classic
 138 - Collier, Tonganoxie HS, pinned L. Burns, FC, in 4:47; C. Owen, Chase Cty., pinned L. Burns, FC, in 4:57; A. Pierson, Wamego, pinned Burns, FC, in :43; Collier, Tong, pinned Burns, FC, in 4:20. Burns placed 8th.
 152 - Laun, Abilene, pinned Dylan Sutton, FC, in 5:18; Sutton, FC, won by med. forfeit over Haberkorn, Hayden; C. Searcy, Tong, pinned Sutton in 3:10; Sutton, FC, pinned Garcia, Wamego, in 5:13; E. Black, Rock Creek, def. Sutton, FC, 20-5TF. Sutton placed 8th.
 160 - Brett Black, FC, pinned T. Mace, Ottawa, in 4:50; Hand, Tonganoxie, pinned B. Black, FC, in 4:50; Black, FC, pinned Gonzalez, Wamego, in 2:00; Whiteley, Abilene, pinned B. Black, FC, in :42; Black, FC, pinned Garcia, Hayden, in :29. Brett Black placed 3rd.
 170 - Bloomer, Ottawa, pinned Dakota Fisher, FC, in 1:37; Fisher, FC, bye; Stanley, Rock Creek, pinned Fisher, FC, in 1:51; Burse, Salina Cent., pinned Fisher, FC, in 1:19; Fisher, FC, def. Wanklyn, Wamego, 19-3TF. Fisher placed 8th.
 182 - Creach, Ottawa, pinned Keegan Hunzeker, FC, in 3:07; Hunzeker, FC, def. Stanley, Rock Creek, 13-1MD; Workman, Concordia, pinned Hunzeker, FC, in 1:33; Hunzeker, FC, pinned Geiss, Chase Cty., in 2:50; Hunzeker, FC, pinned Burghart, Hayden, in :40. Hunzeker placed 7th.
 195 - Wuthnow, Abilene, def. Carter Hunzeker, FC, 12-4MD; Hunzeker, FC, bye; Hunzeker, FC, pinned Anschutz, Herington, in :39; Hunzeker, FC, pinned Dylan Frederick, FC, in :48; Hunzeker, FC, pinned Carter, Wamego, in 1:55. Hunzeker placed 6th.
 195 - Riekeman, Abilene, pinned Dylan Frederick, FC, in :43; Carter pinned Frederick, FC, in 2:59; Frederick, FC, bye; Hunzeker, FC, pinned Frederick in :48; Frederick, FC, pinned Anschutz, Herington, in 1:08. Frederick placed 8th.
 220 - Brandon Banks, FC, pinned Crubel, Rock Creet, in 4:48; Stout, Chase Cty., def. Banks, FC, 11-5; Banks, FC, won by DQ over Ferguson, Ottawa; Chistiensen, Abilene, def. Banks, FC, 17-4MD; Stout, Chase Cty., def. Banks, FC, 18-3TF. Banks placed 4th.
 285 - Isaac Hogue, FC, pinned Bouck, Wamego, in :42; Burt, Abilene, def. Hogue, FC, 9-1MD; Hogue, FC, pinned Schlup, Chase Cty., in 2:28; Morrow, Salina, pinned Hogue, FC, in 2:50; Backhus, Herington, pinned Hogue in :49. Hogue placed 4th.
 285 - Marrow, Salina, def. Dalton Kennel, FC, 3-1; Kennel, FC, pinned Adamson, Ottawa, in 3:40; Backhus, Herington, pinned Kennel in 3:40; Kennel, FC, pinned Sutton, Rock Creek, in 1:06; Schlup, Chase Cty., pinned Kennel, FC, in 1:57.

FCSH teams return to Prichard tonight with unblemished records

Falls City Sacred Heart earned a workmanlike 45-34 win at Friend last Friday to improve to 2-0 on the young basketball season.
 The Irish rebounded, played defense and for the most part took care of the ball in their second regular season outing, which followed preseason practice time drastically condensed after the 13-game football season. Sacred Heart's boys were still in pads on Nov. 21, a full week after everyone else reported for their first day of basketball practices.
 The lack of reps hasn't made a bit of difference in terms of wins and losses to date, as FCSH handled Sterling by 14 in the opener. That said, the team will need to be firing on all cylinders soon; a the end of the semester. The Irish can continue to work out the kinks and likely still improve to 3-0 tonight with it's home opener tonight against 2-2 Lewiston at Prichard Auditorium, but Friday's trip to Humboldt to face the 3-1 Titans could be a test, followed by perhaps another Saturday when St. Joe Leblond comes to town. After hosting 3-2 Tri County Tuesday, the biggest yardstick in the whole 2016-17 tool shed will be employed to gauge how the Irish measure up: Thursday, Dec. 22, at unbeaten Elmwood-Murdock, last year's Class C2 State Runner-Up and the top-ranked team in Class C2 entering this year. The Knights are as battled-tested as it gets, having this year beaten C2 No. 6 Yutan and 2016 D1 State Champion and preseason No. 1 Nebraska City Lourdes the opening weekend, before crushing C1s Ashland-Greenwood and an improved and previously unbeaten Auburn team to the tune of 66-25 and 61-24, respectively.

There are offensive weapons - namely 6-5 senior Brady Dreamer and junior shooting guard Zach Rust - but the Knights have long been defense-minded and certainly the current batch is no different. In six postseason games last March, E-M surrendered fewer than 43 ppg. All of last season, opponents eclipsed 60 twice. Last season, 10 of the team's 22 regular season wins came against teams with at least 15 victories. And there was that 54-49 semifinal win over top-seeded Winnebago, winner of 50 straight games.
 Yet, during a 10-0 December start, the team gave them the most fits? The Irish. At Prichard, a monster first half by Bryant Jorm propelled FCSH to go on a 23-6 second period run to take a 32-17 lead into halftime. After intermission, however, the Irish managed just 14 points and let the Knights come back and ultimately escape with a one-point win.

Last Friday at Friend, Tristan Keithley had the hot hand, draining a pair of threes and six of his nine field goal attempts in scoring a team-high 14 points. Point guard Drew Bippes scored 12 to go with four assists and Jorm hit a pair of threes, scored 12 and blocked a pair of shots. Theo Rohrer and Sean Arnold each pulled down eight boards, and Keithley six, as FCSH owned a 36-26 advantage on the glass. Arnold added five steals.

Senior guard Alexis Barnes scored 17 points and dished out five assists and classmate Jade Hill chipped in 14 points to go along with seven rebounds in a 60-49 Irish home victory over NC Lourdes last Tuesday at the Roh Activity Center. The game was tied at 28 at halftime, but D2 No. 2 and 3 FCSH made its free throws and outscored the Lady Knights 14-7 in the final period. The Irish were 8-of-13 from the line in the final period, as Abby Fiegenger went 4-for-4 and finished the game with 10 points and Barnes was 3-for-5.

Senior Haylee Heits was cold from the floor in the first half, but made up for it with a perfect 5-for-5 performance at the line. Heits pulled down a team-high eight rebounds in the game to help FCSH own a 25-18 edge on the boards.

Heits scored 17 and Barnes, 15, Friday at Friend, as the Lady Irish ran their record to a perfect 3-0 on the season. Once again, it was tight for 16 minutes, as FCSH actually trailed the preseason D1 No. 2 Bulldogs by one point, 19-18, at halftime, but pulled away after intermission. The Lady Irish surrendered just 11 points after half.

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Ralph Huber, a Korean War veteran, was promoted from Major to Lt. Col. in the U.S. Army.

Larry Weaver, Jim Hill, Kenneth Voegelé, Frank Malicke and Bob Gibson were elected to the board of directors of the local Chamber of Commerce.

Lincoln (UPI) — State fiscal officials reported the Legislature failed to appropriate sufficient funds to pay the senators' salaries for December. In 1966, state senators received \$200 a month. It was believed this was the first time they had short-changed themselves. And likely, the last.

Youngsters from Humboldt were pictured as they were administered tuberculosis tests.

Cheerleaders at Dawson-Verdon were Marjie Snethen, Beverly Kimes, Donna Auxier, Pat Ryan and Carla Snethen.

Headline: "Claims Canada Used as a Sanctuary for U.S. Draft-dodgers."

Firestone advertised Christmas specials that included Philco products. A major color TV shortage was predicted and shoppers were urged to "Buy Now" and get the model and cabinet of their choice.

UPI reported the death of Walt Disney in Burbank, CA. He was 65.

An advisory council was studying the feasibility of establishing a Headstart Center for children and families in Falls City, serving the town and surrounding area.

"Get Up a Party and Join the Fun." Don Murphy and His Rockets were to play at the Vets Club on Saturday night, Dec. 17.

An 11 year-old boy, Dennis Nissen of Rulo, died in a two-vehicle crash on Hwy. 4, about 2 1/2 miles east of FC.

Herds of the Richardson County Dairy Herd Improvement Association placed first in milk and butterfat production among all DHI groups in Nebraska in October.

Milan, Italy (UPI) — A Milan court granted a legal separation to a man whose wife made him do the dishes and other household chores. He said he had to do the housework because his wife, as a university graduate, felt "domestic tasks beneath her dignity."

Four year-old Tyler Bek had lots to share with Santa at the Chamber-sponsored visit by Mr. Claus at the Courthouse. Tyler and Santa were pictured in the Journal.

Sacred Heart High School students held their Christmas prom at Tiehen Gym. Albert Maust, "Mr. Music and His Men of Note," performed for the dance.

Headline: "Devaney Salary Is Hiked to \$25,500."

Robert M. Stump resigned his position as city engineer. He had accepted a two-year U.S. State Department assignment in Laos to be construction engineer for the Laos government.

Consumers Public Power District announced its proposal to build a multimillion dollar nuclear-fueled generating plant along the Missouri River south of Nebraska City (UPI).

Jackson, MS (UPI) — The Mississippi Supreme Court ruled that Mrs. Laura Pendergrass was within her rights if she were really naked when the new preacher paid a call.

25 Years Ago

Jennifer Dappen and Luke Fritz were crowned Homecoming royalty at Dawson-Verdon during halftime of the boys' basketball win over visiting Table Rock.

First United Methodist Church was filled to capacity for the Christmas Vespers program presented by the FCHS choral department directed by Mildred Appleoff.

Kelly Palmer was initiated into UNL's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa honorary society in Arts and Sciences.

The Journal published selected 3rd graders' Christmas stories. Some, including Andy Dunn's, were pretty far out. Remember the ape-for-Christmas story, Andy?

Southeast's Outstanding Students for November were Amanda Palmer-ton, 8th grade, Trenton Alexander, 7th grade, Kim Lockard, sophomore, and Aaron Marcusson, sophomore.

Lt. Col. Kenneth A Merz was a presidential advance agent who rode herd on Air Force One when it was on the ground after transporting President George H.W. Bush "here, there and everywhere."

Headline: "Kerrey (Bob of Nebraska) calls for universal health care."

Youngsters from North School attracted a sell-out crowd for their Christmas show, directed by Robin Ankrum. A photo included performers Carla Hunzeker, Jeff Grady, Cassie Gottula and Joni Kafer.

Jason Hillyard of FCHS was Del Sutherland's Athlete of the Week.

Washington (AP) — More than 1 million people were added to the rolls of the uninsured between 1989 and 1990, leaving a record 34.7 million Americans without health insurance.

Headline: "Freezing rain is moving across state."

Rick Schawang was pictured with a pair of burros "adopted" from public lands in western Arizona. Kenny and Pat Vonderschmidt had also "adopted" a young burro.

Ken's Pharmacy advertised Sugarless Chocolates. "They're New! They're Delicious! They're Here!" the ad promised.

Mayor Steve Kottich cut the ribbon as Bernard and Trudy Burenheide opened 4-Corners Ag Supply.

A "Sez I" from John and Susi Sailors: "Last Saturday we were going to go shopping in St. Joe. At the last minute we decided to stay in town and see what our local merchants had to offer. We not only found everything we wanted, but we saved time and money by shopping in town."

15 Years Ago

The D-V Mock Trial team placed fifth in the state competition at North Platte. Team members included Jessicka Martinez, Heath Christiansen, Ryan Bennett, Dan Fritz, Dan Giffée, Tanya Hinrichsen, Adam Lippold and Katie Giffée. Their coach: Carl Linnerson.

Jan McMullen reported that the SE Consolidated School Board voted to again try a levy override in the first half of 2002.

Sheriff Keith Hayes spoke to County Government Day students about the dangers of methamphetamine use.

Elaine Schawang was honored as Doe of the Year at the Elks Club.

Jason Schock's Athletes of the Week were Ashley Howard, FCSH, and Anders Erickson, FCHS.

Headline: "Cardinals (HTRS) going back to 11-man (football)."

A new flag pole and flag at Christ Lutheran Church, 23rd and Barada, was dedicated in memory of 2nd Lt. Robert J. Bossom and Seaman Paul A. Holtz.

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Duane Simmonds

Duane Michael Simmonds, 71, of Murray, passed away Dec. 1, 2016 in Murray. He was born

in Falls City on Oct. 3, 1945 to the late Clarence "Big Babe" Simmonds and Mary Rosalie (Zvolanek) Simmonds, of Rulo.

He was raised in Rulo, one of five children, where he went to school. He attended Reserve (KS) High School his freshman year, and then transferred to Falls City Sacred Heart, graduating in May of 1963. His class size was 25.

After high school, he worked in road construction for Ideker Construction until he enlisted in the U.S. Navy on Feb. 26, 1965. Duane served his country until he was honorable discharged on Feb. 25, 1969. After his discharge, Duane returned to Rulo and worked on the Missouri River, dredging sand and doing barge work with Cliff Liberty. In February 1973, he started working for Williams Pipeline as an operator. After 30 years of service, Duane retired in March of 2003.

In his younger days, Duane enjoyed hunting and fishing with his family and friends. Later in life, he enjoyed spending time in Rulo with family and friends, and helping his older brother, Ed Simmonds, maintain their family home.

Duane was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Dennis.

He is survived by his brothers, Edward Simmonds, of Rulo, Terry (Debbie) Simmonds, of Mound City, MO; sister, Lisa Law, of Falls City; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will host a Celebration of Life Service on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016 at the George Ogden Building in White Cloud, KS (3345 Thrasher Rd.). The family will receive friends from 10-11 a.m., then there will be a time for sharing favorite memories and stories from 11 until noon, following lunch.

A private family inurnment will be held at a later date.

Edwin Fouraker

Edwin Joseph Fouraker, 74, of Tucson, AZ, passed away on Dec. 7, 2016. He was born

March 7, 1942 to Mary Evelyn Fouraker (Frederick) and Harry Edwin Fouraker.

He grew up in Salem, graduating from Salem High School in 1960. Upon graduating, he joined the Navy and served eight years. Prior to his retirement, he was most recently employed by Raytheon in Tucson.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Virginia Crane Fouraker (Kentopp); father, Harry; brother, Gerald; and three sisters, Sonjia (Calvin) Kunze, and Pauline and Patricia Fouraker.

He is survived by sons, William Fouraker and Kenneth Crane; daughter, Gail (John) Parker; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; mother, Mary; brothers, John and Patrick; sisters, Kathryn (Butch) Johnson, Helen Fouraker and Regina (David) Farrell; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

A Memorial Mass will be held at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Falls City, with interment at Salem Cemetery, date to be announced. Hall Funeral Chapel, of Falls City, is in charge of arrangements.

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On this day in 1983, the NBA's Detroit Pistons defeated the Denver Nuggets 186-184 in triple-overtime in the highest-scoring NBA game ever.

James W. Rieger

James W. Rieger, 90, of Falls City passed away Monday, Dec. 6, 2016 in Falls City. He was born on Oct. 9, 1926 in Falls City to the late John and Mary (Dodds) Rieger.

He married Ann Stednitz on Oct. 14, 1951 at Falls City. She passed away Nov. 17, 2006.

James was raised on the family farm and attended Falls City High School. When married, the couple established their home on the farm where he worked most of his life, up until moving into Falls City in 2007. Other than farming, he also drove the bus for Falls City Public Schools and worked for Woodings-

Verona for many years. He was a member of First Brethren Church, where he served as a Deacon and trustee, was a member of the Rural Fire Dept., and was on the Rural Water District Board.

He is survived by a daughter, Mary (Jeffrey) Hanson, of Ithica, NE; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by parents; wife; brother, John; and sister, Anna Mae.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 12, 2016 at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home, with Pastor Victor Haworth officiating. Interment at Steele Cemetery.

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Margaret L. Radley

Margaret L. Radley, 90, of Falls City, passed away Friday, Dec. 9, 2016. She was born July 3, 1926 at Barada to the late Grover and Fern (Dixon) Vice.

Margaret married Floyd Radley on Jan. 13, 1944 at Hiawatha, KS. He passed away on Dec. 18, 2009.

She was raised on a farm north of Barada until moving to Rulo, where she graduated high school in 1944. She lived in Richardson County her entire life and all of her married life she lived in Falls City. She is a member of the Church of the Nazarene.

Margaret is survived by grand-

children, Melinda and Anne Radley, Jennifer Alleshouse, Kristen (Tim) Goree, and Jayme (Woody) Melton; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sons, Dan and David; three brothers; and one sister.

Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016 at the Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Stephen Floyd and Pastor Richard Lehmkuhl officiating. Interment at Steele Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. Monday at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home, Falls City.

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Richard H. Moses

Richard H. Moses, 79, of Falls City, passed away Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016. He was born Nov. 9, 1937 at Lincoln to the late Eldridge and Elaine Moses.

Richard married Nancy Duke on June 17, 1991 at Champaign, IL.

He was raised in Lincoln and graduated from Lincoln High School. He then attend the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts. After graduation, he attended Wichita State University, where he earned his Master's Degree in Fine Arts. He began his teaching career at the University of Illinois, where he taught for 37 years before retiring in 1999. Fol-

lowing retirement the couple resettled in Falls City.

Richard was a big supporter of the Richardson County Humane Society and EDGE. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Moses, of Falls City; sons, Paul Moses, of Lincoln, and Richard (Seegal) Moses, Jr., of Red Bank, NJ; daughter, Christian Moses-Igan and her husband Ian, of Austin, TX; step-son, Bryan Drew, of Lincoln; brother, James (Blair) Moses, of Meza, AZ; and 12 grandchildren.

There will be a private family graveside service at a later date. No viewing or visitation. Dorr and Clark Funeral Home, of Falls City, is in charge of arrangements.

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Get the skinny on avoiding holiday weight gain

(StatePoint) Even with a year of healthy habits under your belt, it's easy to let the holiday season tip the scales. But don't let those parties, extra trays of cookies floating around, and massive holidays feasts get the best of you.

Here are smart ways to stay trim all season long and avoid regaining an entire year's worth of dieting.

Schedule Your Workouts: Sure, the holiday season is super busy. There is more shopping to do, errands to complete, and social engagements to keep. But through it all, be diligent in finding opportunities to burn more calories. Use the stairs instead of taking the elevator. Park farther away from an entrance than you normally would. Do calf raises as you wait in line. Curl weights or perform squats as you talk on the telephone. And if you belong to a health club, prioritize your trips to the gym as you would any other appointment on your calendar.

Cut the Fat: Fat has more calories per milligram than any other nutrient, and most people underestimate the amount of fat they consume. Unfortunately, the holidays can be a particularly frustrating time of year to avoid it -- for instance, pumpkin pie can have 20 grams of fat in just one slice and a gingerbread cookie has 7 grams of fat. Rather than avoid your favorite foods and treats altogether, consider weight loss solutions that don't require specific meal planning or a massively restrictive diet, such as I-REMOVE from bmiSmart, a plant-based supplement taken after each meal with a glass of water.

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Use Moderation: Even with a workout program in place and weight loss tools to aid your dieting efforts, it's important to not let the holiday season be a caloric blank check. Use the same sensible tricks that work for you all year long.

For example, if you're eyeing the party buffet, prioritize your favorite treats so you don't end up getting stuffed on items you don't even enjoy. Fill your first plate with fruits, veggies and other healthy options before diving into the richer fare. And of course, make sure you drink plenty of water between those servings of egg nog and champagne.

To give your 2017 resolutions a great jump start, mind your health during the holiday season.

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- Tree farmers _____ where trees have been cut.
- Some people like _____ trees (fake), because they travel during the holidays and the trees don't need to be watered.
- Some people buy trees with their roots bundled so they can plant the trees later in the _____.
- Some go into the woods and _____ their own trees.
- Trees travel home on top of cars, sleds and people's _____.
- Many people used to place their trees on top of _____.
- Today people place their trees in stands on the _____.
- Often trees are placed near _____ to share joy with people passing by.
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1

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P N

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2

C L D O
B E S P R

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3

D O U L S
F R

This tree has short dark-green to yellowish-green needles. They bend easily to the touch. This is easy to decorate and smells so good, too!

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF WENZ FAMILY FARMS, LLC

Notice is hereby given that Wenz Family Farms, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska with its registered office located at 1719 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska. The Limited Liability Company is organized to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska. Said Limited Liability Company was organized on November 16, 2016 and shall have perpetual existence. The affairs of the Limited Liability Company are to be conducted by one or more managers as provided in the Operating Agreement and the initial manager is Leon Wenz.

Leon Wenz, Manager

WEAVER & MERZ
Douglas E. Merz #12807
Zachary L. Blackman #24921
1719 Stone Street
P.O. Box 569
Falls City, NE 68355
402-245-3015

29-6-13

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF CLASSIC CLUB 8, LLC

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §21-193 notice is given that Classic Club 8, LLC, a limited liability company, was organized on November 17, 2016 by filing a Certificate of Organization with the Nebraska Secretary of State setting forth the following:

- 1. The name of the company is Classic Club 8, LLC.
- 2. The period of duration of the company is perpetual.
- 3. The address of the initial designated office of the company in Nebraska is: 111 East 17th Street, Falls City, Nebraska, 68355, and the company's initial registered agent for service of process in Nebraska is Richard L. Halbert, 111 East 17th Street, Falls City, Nebraska, 68355.
- 4. The general nature of its business is to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

Its Attorneys:
Richard L. Halbert, #11659
Michael R. Dunn, #16825
Christopher C. Halbert, #22609
Ryan C. Dorcey, #25748
Halbert, Dunn & Halbert, L.L.C.
111 East 17th Street
Post Office Box 447
Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447
Phone: (402) 245-4486

29-6-13

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA IN THE MATTER OF THE TESTAMENTARY TRUST CREATED BY THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF SYBIL G. HAMPTON, Deceased, being the SYBIL G. HAMPTON FAMILY TRUST Case No. PR96-060 NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR REVIEW AND SETTLEMENT OF TWENTIETH ANNUAL ACCOUNTING FROM OCTOBER 28, 2015 TO AND INCLUDING OCTOBER 27, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Carolyn Arnold and Grant Smith, Co-Trustees, have filed an accounting and Petition for Review and Settlement of Twentieth Annual Accounting From October 28, 2015 to and Including October 27, 2016. Hearing has been set to consider the accounting, petition and fees on January 4, 2017, at 10:30 a.m., Richardson County Court, in Falls City, Nebraska.

Dated November 28, 2016

SYBIL G. HAMPTON FAMILY TRUST
Carolyn Arnold and Grant Smith,
Co-Trustees

Richard L. Halbert, #11659
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6-13-20

NOTICE In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska. In the Matter of the Estate of Margaret E. Schaible, Deceased. Case No. PR16-51

Notice is hereby given that on November 28, 2016, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Michael C. Schaible, whose address is 1923 Towle Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before February 6, 2017 or be forever barred.

Curtis L. Maschman
County Judge

WEAVER & MERZ
Douglas E. Merz, No. 12807
Zachary L. Blackman, No. 24921
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6-13-20

NOTICE OF FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, AND FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska. In the Matter of the Estate of Edwin J. Nutzman, Deceased. Case No. PR16-53 Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Formal Probate of Will of said deceased, Determination of Heirs and Appointment of Rick Nutzman as Personal Representative has been filed and is set for hearing in the Richardson County Court, Second Floor, Courthouse, Falls City, Nebraska, on January 4, 2017 at 10:00 o'clock A.M.

Curtis L. Maschman
Clerk of the County Court

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13-20-28

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION ORDINANCE NO. 2016-110 IN PAMPHLET FORM

Public Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, held at 6 p.m. on Monday, December 5, 2016, there was passed and adopted Ordinance No. 2016-110 entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-110

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 5.06 OF THE CITY OF FALLS CITY ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW PET GROOMING AND PET TRAINING AS PERMITTED USES IN THE I-1 DISTRICT; AND TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

Said Ordinance was published in pamphlet form on December 13, 2016. Copies of said Ordinance as published in pamphlet form are available for inspection and distribution at the Office of the City Clerk, in the City of Falls City, Nebraska.

Gary Jorn, City Clerk
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION SAYLOR FARM AND LAND HOLDINGS OF NEBRASKA, LLC

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §21-193 notice is given that Saylor Farm and Land Holdings of Nebraska, LLC, a limited liability company, was organized on December 5, 2016 by filing a Certificate of Organization with the Nebraska Secretary of State setting forth the following:

- 1. The name of the company is Saylor Farm and Land Holdings of Nebraska, LLC.
- 2. The period of duration of the company is perpetual.
- 3. The address of the initial designated office of the company in Nebraska is: 111 E. 17th Street, Falls City, Nebraska, 68355, and the company's initial agent for service of process in Nebraska is Christopher C. Halbert, 111 E. 17th Street, Falls City, Nebraska, 68355.
- 4. The general nature of its business is to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

Its Attorney:
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13-20-28

County Board

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOVEMBER 29, 2016 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2016. Roll call was answered by Standerford, Davidson and Sichel. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sichel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Davidson. Chairman Sichel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2016, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

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

The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

SHERIFF, DON POUNDS
Sheriff, Don Pounds updated the Board on the routine business within the Sheriff's Department and Jail this week.

ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPT.
Scott Huppert, Highway Superintendent met with the Board to update them on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR JAIL BUILDING FUND
At 10:43 a.m. Chairman Sichel declared a public hearing opened for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed additional budget of expenditures of \$270,000.00 in FY2016-2017 to meet the expense that will be incurred by the Jail Building Fund for the construction of the kitchen at the Jail/Law Enforcement Center which will be funded from the issuance of the limited tax county building bonds issued in 2016.

No one appeared for the hearing. Chairman Sichel declared the public hearing closed at 10:48 a.m.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT ADDT'L BUDGET

Motion was made by Sichel to adopt Resolution 2016-2017-27 to approve the additional budget of expenditures of \$270,000.00 for the Jail Building Fund for the construction of the kitchen at the Jail/Law Enforcement Center which will be funded by the 2016 issuance of the limited tax county building bonds. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 23, Page 75)

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Resolution 2016-2017-22

Motion was made by Davidson to approve a sub-division for Frederick J and Kenneth S. Thilteges located in S1, T1, R17 and to adopt Resolution 2016-2017-24. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 23, Page 76)

Cancel Check

Motion was made by Sichel to adopt Resolution 2016-2017-25 to cancel a check issued in error. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 23, Page 77)

Transfer of Funds

Motion was made by Standerford to adopt Resolution 2016-2017-26 to transfer funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$70,000.00 as stated within budget document FY16-17. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 23, Page 78)

Change Order

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the change order for the Jail/Law Enforcement Center kitchen construction for the additional plumbing in the amount of \$992.00. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

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

GENERAL FUND

Animal Health Center, serv	426.59
Beers Shops, serv	524.44
Blue Cross/Blue Shield, insurance	60175.88
FC Mercantile, supp	395.50
Farm & City Supply, supp	85.73
Brian Kirkendall, reimb	113.40
Office Depot, supp	155.07
Don Pounds, reimb	802.99
True Value, supp	411.22
Verizon Wireless, serv	310.67
TOTAL GENERAL FUND.....	\$63,401.49
INHERITANCE TAX FUND	
Joseph Buckminster, serv	4780.00
General Fund, transfer	20000.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE TAX FUND.....	\$74,780.00

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Davidson to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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

B.O.P.W.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS October 20, 2016 2307 Barada Street Falls City, Nebraska

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street in said City on the 20th day of October, 2016, at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: Albu, Bartek, Murphy, Nelson, Veigel. Absent: None. Alan Romine recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairman and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairman and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of

MINUTES

A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Bartek to approve the minutes for the October 20, 2016 meeting as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Bartek to approve the November 3, 2016 agenda as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Albu to approve the Utility Superintendent's report as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Murphy, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

CHANGE ORDER - WARTSILA

the public. The Chairman publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Bartek and seconded by Nelson to approve the minutes for the October 6, 2016 meeting as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Murphy, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Albu to approve the October 20, 2016 agenda as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Murphy, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

RESOURCE ACTION PROGRAMS - ENERGY DETECTIVE

A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Nelson to approve the Resource Action Program for \$2,702.70. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Murphy, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairman and Board on October 20, 2016; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Gary Jorn, City Clerk
Marshall Nelson, Secretary
Merle Veigel, Chairman

B.O.P.W.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS November 3, 2016 2307 Barada Street - Falls City, Nebraska

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street in said City on the 3rd day of November, 2016, at 5:33 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: Albu, Bartek, Nelson, Veigel. Absent: Murphy. Alan Romine recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairman and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairman and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of

Gary Jorn, City Clerk
Marshall Nelson, Secretary
Merle Veigel, Chairman

SWITCHGEAR BUILDING

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Bartek to recommend to the City Council to purchase switchgear building. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2016-112

A motion was made by Bartek and seconded by Albu to recommend to the City Council to adopt Ordinance #2016-112. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

EASEMENT AT GRAND WEAVER HOTEL

A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Nelson to provide transformer, 750kva, 3 phase 120/208 volt-2000A to Grand Weaver for easement for transformer behind KexRx Pharmacy and primary line to the Courthouse. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT WITH RICHARDSON COUNTY

A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Nelson to recommend to the City Council the agreement with Richardson County. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Bartek to approve the claims for October, 2016 as follows: Electric Department - \$422,541.87, Water Department - \$95,593.31; Mechanic Shop - \$7,299.53; Gas Department - \$70,615.14; Sewer - \$38,574.51. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Bartek, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

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Gary Jorn, City Clerk
Marshall Nelson, Secretary
Merle Veigel, Chairman

Village of Salem

VILLAGE OF SALEM

The Salem Village Board met November 8, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building. Chairman Strauch opened the meeting. Vogeke, Kean, and Wessel answered roll. Catlin was absent.

Reimers reported on the water system. Two shut-offs for the month.

Snow removal bids were opened. Two bids were reviewed by the board. Strauch moved to accept the bid from KMW Construction, LLC. Motion seconded by Wessel, Kean, Strauch, and Wessel voting yes, Vogeke abstained. Motion carried.

Claims were presented for payment. Kean moved to pay claims, seconded by Strauch. Motion carried.

Strauch moved to adjourn at 8:30, seconded by Wessel. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be December 6, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.

Carolyn Glathar, Clerk

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Carolyn Glathar, Clerk

CLAIMS: FRED REIMERS, 650.00; OPPD, 549.44; RURAL WATER, 1540.48; WATER FUND DEPOSIT, 400.00; WATER TESTING, 18.40; SCHENDEL PEST CONTROL, 73.00; ROBERT AITKEN, 600.00; USPS 23.00; WITNER MOWING, 450.00; WOLFE'S PRINTING, 133.05; USPS WATER, 64.50; STREET WORK, 350.00; DHHS WATER TESTING, 503.40

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Richardson County Road Department is currently seeking applications for a full time Dragline (Crane) Operator, position requires a Class A COL. Applications are available at the Highway Superintendent's Office, 65087 706 Trail, Falls City or on the website www.co.richardson.ne.us. Applications will be accepted, at the Highway Superintendent's office. Richardson County is an equal opportunity employer. 48-49

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Thank you to all who helped or donated in any way with the 8th Annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner held at St Paul's Lutheran Church, 20th and Towle Sts. This wonderful community service event was again a huge success thanks to volunteers from St. Paul's, other area churches and the surrounding communities. Also a big thank you to Thriver! You all put the "giving" in Thanksgiving! Many thanks and Blessings,
Sharon Walker, Ann Smith
co-chairmen 49

Many thanks to all for the prayers, visits, cards, flowers, phone calls, food, and special thanks to our sons, Richards, Carolyn and Robert for all the help they gave to us. Thank Dr.'s Celeste, Tramp, Peterson, Bierman and Habermann at Mayo's for their diagnoses and concerns. Also thanks to F.C. Care Center for excellent care while we were living there. Thanks to Pastor Gifford for his prayers, visits at home, hospital and Care Center. It was wonderful to have all the concerns given us. May the Lord bless you all.
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NSEA names new director

The Nebraska State Education Association, representing 28,000 public school teachers and support professionals, will have a new executive director in the new year, according to NSEA President Nancy Fulton.

Fulton said the NSEA Board of Directors has chosen National Board Certified Teacher and former NSEA Board of Directors member Maddie Fennell as the new executive director. Fennell will begin work in mid-January with current Executive Director Dr. Craig R. Christiansen. In August Christiansen announced plans to resign effective at the end of February. He plans to return to his first love of research and teaching at the university level.

"I am very pleased that Maddie and Craig will work together in January and February to ensure a smooth transition," Fulton said. "Their combined years of service to our Association and to the education profession is remarkable."

"Maddie brings an impressive resume and a clear dedication to public education and the Association's vision of a great public education for every student," said Fulton. "She is committed to our mission to advocate for education professionals, empowering them to provide a great public education for every student."

Fennell, who currently works as a Teacher Fellow in the Center for Great Public Schools with the Na-

tional Education Association, was Nebraska's 2007 Teacher of the Year. Fennell was an educator with the Omaha Public Schools for 26 years, teaching 1st, 4th and 5th grades, and serving as a literacy coach. As a Teacher Leader in Residence in the Office of the Secretary at the U.S. Department of Education from September 2015 to September 2016, Fennell worked in the areas of teacher quality and teacher leadership. Fennell served as a U.S. Department of Education Classroom Teacher Ambassador Fellow from July 2013 to September 2015, and has served as president of the Omaha Education Association, as well as Chair of the NEA Student Program.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to serve the students and educators of Nebraska in this new role," said Fennell. "I am grateful to Craig for his faithful stewardship of the NSEA over the past 25 years and to the Board for its faith in my leadership. Working together with members, staff and a broad coalition of partners, we will continue to build on Nebraska's history of a strong public education system."

Fennell will be the 14th executive director in the NSEA's 150-year history. Founded in 1867, the NSEA is a member-directed union representing 28,000 public school teachers and other public education professionals.



Maddie Fennell



Photos by Jason Schock

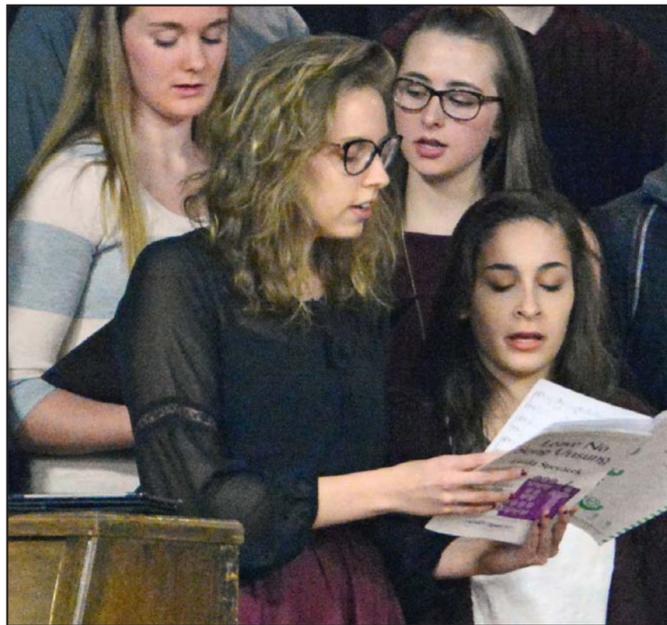
FCSH freshman Evi Schock, left, and sophomore Teresa Morehead really have a ball when playing Christmas music with their flutes, as they did Sunday night at the FCSH 7-12 Christmas Concert at Tiehen Gym. The concert was directed by Paula Newhouse and accompanied by Joyce Hundley.

Grow operation

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was dismissed without prejudice. Richardson County Deputy Sheriff Jonathan Kirkendall made the arrest the afternoon of Oct. 2 when working an unrelated case at a nearby residence. He said he noticed the odor of marijuana emitting from Schriener's home and, according to court documents, was given permission to search the residence. Several marijuana plants were allegedly discovered on the main floor and nearly 50 plants were located in the basement.

Schriener served nearly six years of an 11-year sentence in the Nebraska Dept. of Corrections out of Otoe County for the manufacture of methamphetamine and theft by unlawful taking. He was paroled in March 2011.



The FC Sacred Heart High School chorus performed "Someday at Christmas," a 1967 release by Stevie Wonder and covered by The Jackson 5, with Nora Barker delivering a flawless solo, at the school's 7-12 Christmas Concert Sunday night at Tiehen Gym.

CMC assault

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employee by the shirt with force up

around the neck area, choking her and scratching her face. The woman had to tear out of her shirt entirely to free herself from Schatz' grip. According to an arrest affidavit filled out and signed by arresting officer Richardson County Deputy Sheriff Lyle McMann, Schatz also grabbed and pushed another female worker at CMC and once transported to the enforcement center grabbed a female jailer around the neck.

Schatz faces one count of assault on an officer or health care professional, a Class IIIA Felony.

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Wednesday, Dec. 28. The office will close at noon on Friday, Dec. 23. The deadline for the Dec. 28 paper will be noon. The office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26. The Journal will publish & be delivered on Wednesday, Jan. 4. The office will close at noon on Friday, Dec. 30. The deadline for the Jan. 4 paper will be noon. The office will be closed on Monday, January 3.
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READER PHOTO OF THE WEEK
 This week our photo was submitted by Kathy Valasek of Omaha. The topic was "Christmas Lights"

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Christmas Traditions

'NIGHT SKATING'
 December 16, 1944

John Falter's cover proves, among other things, that his reputation among illustrators for having a remarkably retentive visual memory is well deserved. Last fall, the Post asked him to see what he could do in the way of dreaming up a skating cover. Falter said he knew just the setting—Moyer's Pond, in Blooming Glen, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, where the children stop on their way home from near-by Fretz public school on winter afternoons to do a little figure-cutting. Falter had seen Moyer's Pond only once. That was when he had driven past it last winter while returning to his farm near Perkasio from a village shopping tour. But the details of the winter scene were still sharply etched in his mind. He made one more trip to the pond, in September, when Blooming Glen was still blooming and the pond was a mass of wavelets, to get his topography correct. Then he went back home and began painting his skating scene from memory. Moyer's Pond is the fourth in a series of Falter scene covers.
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DECEMBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR •Events •Club Meetings •School & Chamber Activities				1 Rotary Noon	2 FCHS BB 4:30PM	3 SH Living Rosary & Formal 7:30 PM
4 	5 FC City Council 6PM VFW Auxiliary 6:30 Wellness Brunch at FC PC 10:30 AM	6 SH Basketball 5PM at RAC-Parents Night-Girls vs. NCL Blood Pressure Clinic at Sr. Center 12-1PM	7 FC Lions Noon Weight Watchers at FCFC 5PM SH Elem. Christmas Program 7PM	8 Rotary Noon FC Jaycees 6:30 at CMC	9	10 Knights of Columbus SH Boys BB Tourney at RAC
11 SH 7th-12th - 7PM Christmas Program Christmas Carol Sing at Prichard Aud. 2PM	12 BPO Does 7PM FC Vol. Fire Dept. 7PM	13 Am. Legion 7PM SH BB vs. Lewiston 4:45 FCHS Wrestling vs. Conestoga 7PM FC Chamber BofD-Noon	14 FC Lions Noon Weight Watchers at FC FC 5PM	15 FC South School Christmas Program at Prichard Aud. 7PM Rotary Noon	16	17 SH Boys BB vs. LeBlond 1PM SH Freshman Christmas Cookie and Candy Sales at Parish Hall
18 SH Freshman Christmas Cookie and Candy Sales at Parish Hall	19 FC City Council 6PM FCHS Christmas vocal concert 7PM	20 SH BB vs. Tri-County 4PM Humane Society at Sun Mart 7:30PM Am. Legion Aux. 6:30PM	21 FC Lions Noon Weight Watchers at FCFC 5PM	22 Take Shape for Life at FCFC 6:40PM FC Schools-No School SH Christmas dismissal at 1:15 PM Rotary Noon	23	24
25 	26 BPO Does 7PM	27 VFW 7PM	28 FC Lions Noon Weight Watchers at FC FC 5PM	29 Rotary Noon	30 	31

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