

By Nikki McKim



Santa Claus made a special stop Saturday by Merz Farm Equipment to visit over 75 children. CLOCK-WISE FROM TOP LEFT - **Noah Wenz**, son of Dan and Stefanie Wenz; **Macy Taft**, daughter of Troy and Angie Taft; **Ella** and **Brynna Glathar**, daughters of Kris and Ali Glathar; **Kendall** and **Hattie Johansen**, daughters of Aaron and Tiffany Johansen; **Cole Taft**, son of Troy and Angie Taft; **Myla Wenz**, daughter of Dan and Stefanie Wenz; CENTER - **Mason Goltz**, son of Shannon and Thomas Goltz.

Tiger Hwt. Jeremy Zimmerman finishes 2nd at Crete

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Photo by Jason Schock

Ella Heineman and the South School students, under the direction of Robin Ankrom, presented *'Twas One Crazy Night Before Christmas* last Thursday night (Dec. 11) at Prichard Auditorium. The show, as usual drew a large crowd.

By Jason Schock

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, creatures were playing football in the kitchen.

Some parents - grandparents, for sure - likely came expecting a sort of classic rendition of the 18th century poem *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* by Clement Clarke Moore (portayed in the musical by Joe Vrtiska) last Thursday from Director Robin Ankrom and her South School performers at the annual Falls City Public Schools' Elementary Christmas program. Those folks were in for a bit of a shock when the curtain arose and *'Twas One Crazy Night Before Christmas* ensued.

Children nestled all snug in their beds? No, but the cousins were sleepin' on the floor!

“On, Comet! On, Cupid, on Donner (Robert Stalder) and Blitzen!,” the famous poem reads, quoting the one and only St. Nick. “Though he spoke not a word” of three Santa Claus impersonators, nor was there even mention of the reindeer guards (Kyle Eickhoff, Roberto Angel, Bryson

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Diana Kottich, an elementary school teacher to hundreds of Falls City children for all or part of five separate decades, after a courageous and extended battle with cancer passed away Sunday morning, Dec. 14, 2014 at Community Medical Center. She was 58.

Memorial Services for Mrs. Kotich will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014 at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 20th and Towle Sts., with Rev. Andrew Chavanak officiating. Inurnment will be at a later date. The family will receive friends from 6-7 p.m. Wednesday at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials to the Richardson County Cancer Fund or the Richardson Foundation.

Diana Merz was born and raised in Falls City, attended FC Public Schools and graduated from FC High School. After college, she married another life-long Falls Cityan, Stephen Kottich, and they came home to work and raise a family. Mr. Kottich succeeded in business, was a popular mayor and is, to this day, a prominent community activist. Meanwhile, they raised two daughters and while Mr. Kottich led on main street, Mrs. Kottich led in the classroom, making an immeasurable impression on generations of young people. Diana educated chil-



dren inside FCPS' North and South Elementary School buildings at various grade levels for more than 30 years. Her career spanned from 1979 to 2012, when illness forced her retirement in January of that year.

Her popularity was palpable. Upon being diagnosed with ovarian cancer, friends and family launched "Team Diana," and Falls City was quickly painted teal, the color designated to promote ovarian cancer awareness. Teal "Team Diana" T-shirts, with the words "Pray-Hope-Believe" inscribed on the front, were sold to benefit the

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This may be remembered as the Orthopedic Year for the Bob and Lee Ferguson family.

The past six months there have been four knee and one hip surgeries for four family members.

Son Nick, a special education instructor in the Springfield-Platteview school system, started it all out by having his right knee replaced by Dr. Daniel Samani at the Community Medical Center on June 2. Then after recuperating at his parents’ home Nick went back to CMC and had his left knee replaced on July 7. Of course he was back in the classroom when school opened.

It was Lee’s turn on Sept. 3, when Dr. Samani gave her a new left knee on Sept. 3. Like Nick, she was a quick recuperator.

Joining in the fun, Bob went a bit further. A left hip which had been replaced 40 years ago was giving him all sorts of trouble so he had a complete replacement by Dr. Todd D. Sekundak at the Immanuel Medical Center in Omaha. The new hip of 40 years ago had forced Bob to limp ever since. The new hip took care of that but it is taking some time to adjust.

Son Don was the last of the Fergusons, for this year anyway, to fall in line by getting a new right knee, courtesy of Dr. Samani on Nov. 20 at CMC.

All are doing fine but any marathon running will have to wait.

The fall issue of “On Point, the Journal of Army History,” includes a four-page article with pictures, concerning the Army career of Col. John L. Schock, a native Falls Cityan who grew up on the farm of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Schock Sr., southeast of town. He was older than I and was a second cousin whom I barely knew.

The family called him Lloyd rather than John. He was on his third tour of duty in the Philippines when World War II broke out and he was on Luzon when the American forces were forced to capitulate on April 9, 1942.

The article noted: “The next few years would be miserable beyond comparison. In the coming months and years the prisoners would endure the Bataan Death March, starvation, disease, torture and execution....thousands died from disease....When the Japanese moved him to Bilibid prison for a short time, Schock became commander of the hospital. Contemporary accounts describe Schock as taking over the management of the hospital in addition to his other work and ably kept things moving.”

“On 13 December 1944 approximately 1,620 Americans and Allied POWs were taken from Cabanatuan and Bilibid prison camps to be transported to Japan....As the Japanese consolidated the POWs onto the Enoura Maru, American bombers attacked the ship on 9 January 1945, disabling the ship and killing an additional 300 POWs.”

The survivors were placed on the Brazil Maru. “Conditions on the ship remained horrible and worsened as the ship entered the colder climate near Japan. Weak, chronically malnourished and with very little clothing many POWs had no chance....Col. Schock, Dental Officer, died in our bay. Investigations after the war determined that Schock was likely buried at sea.”

“Students and faculty passing through the dental training section of Willis Hall of the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, can view a small plaque that reads: “In Memory of Col. John L. Schock, DC, 1891-1945.”... “Schock’s career paralleled the beginning of Army dentistry with numerous achievements and postings.”

The author, Nolan Andy Watson, wrote that while researching (in Falls City) he received information and help from Mrs. Jo Ann Auxier of the Richardson County Historical Society, where there is a Col. Schock exhibit.

If you watch the tv film, “Unbroken, A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption,” revolving around the life of Olympic distance runner Louis Zamperini, on Christmas Day you will see the horrific life of those Americans held prisoner by the Japanese. The book is available at the FC Library and Arts Center and after you’ve read it the story is going to stick with you for a while.

Three Falls Cityans died or were executed in Japanese prisoner of war camps in the very early days of WWII. They were Bernard Sandford, Rex Gordon Graden and John Wiezorek. All were serving in the Army in the Philippines.



More revelations in Department of Corrections mess

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

Just when you thought you’d read everything there was to write about problems with the Nebraska prison system, new revelations indicate a nagging intrusion from the governor’s office.

Parole Board Chairwoman Esther Casmer of Omaha has told a special legislative committee investigating the scandal-plagued Department of Corrections that she felt threatened by comments from Gov. Dave Heineman’s Chief of Staff Larry Bare. Both Heineman and Bare deny pressuring the Nebraska Parole Board to release unqualified – and sometimes violent – prisoners to relieve overcrowding.

Casmer’s allegations were corroborated by retired board member James Pearson of Lincoln, a former state trooper. Both said that former corrections director Bob Houston would visit Casmer’s office frequently and that he indicated he was visiting with Bare daily. Bare also met with Casmer and Pearson at least once. Nebraska’s prisons have long been overcrowded and the state could be forced by the United States Justice Department to build more rooms to accommodate the overload. The state could also be sued by any number of inmates on a basis of cruel and unusual punishment.

For his part, Bare has said he never threatened Casmer with losing her job if a parolee messes up and gets arrested and imprisoned again. He said he urged the board to work more efficiently. But Casmer claimed that Bare made it clear that the board was not paroling enough prisoners. As a result, prisoners were often let go before they had completed their rehabilitation. In some cases, prison rules were changed or overlooked to get more inmates out the door.

The whole thing drew public attention earlier this year when it was learned that prison officials had mistakenly miscalculated sentences of several hundred inmates and released them from custody too soon. That was followed with revelations that inmate Nikko Jenkins was denied the mental health treatment he repeatedly sought and was paroled anyway. He is awaiting sentencing on a conviction that he killed four people in Omaha within days of his release. Several high-ranking prison officials retired rather than being fired for the mess.

Some lawmakers and Democratic Party officials had called for criminal charges against those responsible, but Attorney General Jon Bruning and Lancaster County Attorney Joe Kelly concluded that there was an abundance of ineptitude, incompetence and neglect, but no criminal intent. Boy, that’s reassuring.

I have seen the Nebraska Parole Board in action. Esther Casmer is a tough cookie and not afraid to stare tough guys down and tell them they aren’t ready to leave. Even Heineman admitted that she’s a strong woman. Likewise, Pearson is a

stand-up guy. I can’t imagine that they made any of this up. But, with Heineman leaving office in a few weeks -- and taking Bare with him – it’s a moot point.

The chair of the special legislative committee, Sen. Steve Lathrop of Omaha, is term-limited and won’t be back. Here’s hoping someone else on the committee will pick up the ball and keep the pressure on the Legislature and the Executive Branch to find a solution.

If they don’t want to spend hundreds of millions to build more beds, maybe they will finally take a look at alternative

programs to deal with certain offenders. It’s working in Texas and other states. There is an urgent need to change the culture of the system as well as the people responsible, from judges and prosecutors down to the folks that run the prisons.

Sorry Pete Ricketts, the mess is going to fall in your governor-elect lap. Do the right thing.

DID YOU KNOW?
The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: The Wild West

ACROSS											
1.	French pancake										
6.	Trig function										
9.	*The steam ____motive drove Western growth										
13.	Flotsam and jetsam alternative										
14.	Earned at Kellogg School of Management										
15.	In any degree at all, archaic										
16.	Discrimination against elderly people										
17.	Black gold										
18.	Traction aid										
19.	*Spaghetti ____										
21.	*Precursor to cowboy										
23.	Type of tree										
24.	Cough syrup balsam										
25.	Contrary conjunction										
28.	Heracles’ wife										
30.	Methane or carbon dioxide, e.g.										
35.	“Put a lid ____!”										
37.	Russian mountain chain										
39.	Lorry in America										
40.	Capital of Norway										
41.	Special Administrative Region of China										
43.	Tubular pasta										
44.	Rock bottom										
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47.	Norse deity and husband of Frigg										
48.	Shoe hole										
50.	Audio bounce-back										
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61.	Metallurgy factory										
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66.	Female sheep										
68.	“ ____ two shoes”										
69.	RAF member										
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72.	A chronic drinker, pl.										
73.	*Billy the Kid’s was less than 20 when killing his first										
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DOWN											
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5.	Catch in a net										
6.	Ke\$ha’s 2012 hit										
7.	____Wan										
8.	Artillery burst										
9.	Beauty or babe										
10.	Curved molding										
11.	Blacken										
12.	Football great ____ Graham										
15.	*Jury did it to Wild Bill Hickock after famous gunfight										
20.	Watery discharge from eyes or nose										
22.	Priestly garb										
24.	*She often worked in one room in Old West										
25.	*The Wilderness Road trailblazer										
26.	“Take it back!”										
27.	Found over “n” in Spanish										
29.	Brightly colored and showy, Scottish										
31.	Rice-like pasta										
32.	*Sacagawea, e.g.										
33.	To ____ a play										
34.	*They were often traded										
36.	Work hard										
38.	Nonclerical										
42.	Early Irish alphabet										
45.	Bemoan										
49.	Triple ____ loop in skating										
51.	* ____ Trail, spanning east-west										
54.	Swelling										
56.	Intimate										
57.	Large edible mushrooms with a brown cap										
58.	Assortment										
59.	Unit V										
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61.	Bone-dry										
62.	Marines’ toy recipients										
63.	Prep for publication										
64.	Swedish shag rugs										
67.	Tail action										

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THINKING ABOUT HEALTH

Medicare will pay for obesity counseling, really?

By Trudy Lieberman, Rural Health News Service

It’s amazing how much we talk about making people healthier. Consider all the discussion in America about overweight people who are stigmatized for making poor food choices. Think about the warnings that obesity is a leading cause of preventable death. So it’s puzzling that Medicare offers an obesity counseling benefit that must be one of the best kept secrets outside of Washington.

Three years ago Medicare announced with some fanfare that it was adding coverage for obesity counseling sessions to help seniors lose weight. Some 30 percent of people in this age group are obese, and studies have shown that regular counseling sessions in a doctor’s office increase the chances an overweight person will drop some pounds.

Medicare was eager to add obesity counseling to the growing list of preventive services it covered, and the head of the agency told the press in 2011, “It’s important for Medicare patients to enjoy access to appropriate screening and preventive services.”

That was then. This is now, and the government doesn’t seem interested in promoting or publicizing obesity counseling. Very few seniors are enjoying this preventive service so widely touted three years ago.

My colleague Phil Galewitz at Kaiser Health News has reported that fewer than 1 percent of Medicare’s 50 million beneficiaries---about 120,000---have used the benefit. If 30 percent are obese, that means about 14.8 million seniors are waiting to be counseled. Maybe you’re one of them.

Seniors with a body mass index of 30 or more are eligible for one, 15-minute, face-to-face counseling session per week for one month, and then every other week for another five months. If you lose at least 6.6 pounds during those six months, you can have a monthly counseling session for another six months.

The benefit sounds like a pretty good deal, but it’s darn hard to find out about it. Here’s where good intentions collide with the realities of the medical marketplace. Medicare requires that primary care doctors provide the service during a separate visit not at the same time a patient comes in for other services.

Dr. Reid Blackwelder, who chairs the board of the American Academy of Family Physicians, told Galewitz it was a burden to bring patients in for a separate visit. “It’s not the best use of my time,” he said. Medicare pays doctors about \$26 for a 15-minute counseling session. Family docs, who are near the bottom of the physician income ladder, can make as much as four times that amount providing other services.

Medicare rules also won’t deliver reimbursement to those who know most about the disease, providers like obesity medicine specialists, psychologists and diabetes nurse educators. Go figure! Whatever Medicare may have been thinking, the agency’s solution means the providers most knowledgeable about the problem aren’t paid to do the counseling.

Nor does Medicare seem to be interested in letting those millions of overweight beneficiaries know about the sessions. There has been no publicity, nothing on Twitter or other social media, no push similar to what the government has done to get people to sign up for Obamacare insurance. The only publicity has been a mention in the Medicare Handbook sent to beneficiaries at the beginning of the year, which few probably have read. On page 52 of the 152-page 2014 Handbook, a mere seven lines offer a bare bones description of the benefit and tell seniors to talk to their doctor.

Since it seems pretty clear doctors aren’t going to talk to their patients, I asked Medicare about what plans it had for publicizing the benefit more widely and why it hadn’t done more to tell people about it. A communications official said, “We have published quite a bit of information about this benefit” and directed me to a bunch of publications like the “Medicare Quarterly Provider Compliance Newsletter,” which is like reading a book in Turkish for you and me.

So it looks like anyone who qualifies for the benefit has to ask for it. That might be something for your to-do list for the new year.

We want to hear your questions and comments about your healthcare experiences. Tell us what you’ve experienced with insurance, medicines, hospitals, and doctors. Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com

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Singing ‘their hearts out’ for 50 years

I want to thank all those who were part of the Community Carol

Sing, for a fine program on Sunday at the high school auditorium.

There were 45 people of all ages from high school to senior citizens with white hair. They sang their hearts out. We celebrated the program’s 50-year anniversary. Quite a record I’d say. We are so blessed with talent and people to volunteer for things like this. We can be proud we live in this community.

If you missed it, put it on your to do list for next year. The auditorium had many empty seats so lets fill them in 2015.

Bruce Walker

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Falls City Nursing and Rehab was recently given a Five-Star quality rating. A star rating is provided for three sources: Health Inspections, Staffing and Quality Measures. These three ratings are combined to calculate an overall rating. Nursing homes vary in the quality of care and services they provide to their residents. Reviewing health inspection results, staffing data, and quality measure nursing home quality. This information gives you a “snap-shot” of the care individual nursing homes give.

Front row, from left: Carole Glawe, Julie Collier, Anisa Carter, Tammy Carter and Norma Mattan; second row, Brianna Tracy, Marilyn Areavalo, Liz Kaster, Cassidy Cavaness, Clara Rowland, Kathrie McKern and Anita Moreno; third row, Brenda Rainey, Delores Holtz, Jessica McCann, Anna Jean Reynolds, Lynn Brown, Jennifer DeLong and Stephanie Kuker; back row, Dave Schuetz, Dave Young, Rose Timothy, Crystal Eickhoff, Sally Fleskoski and Heather Roberts.

Town hall meeting tonight to address \$350,000 Downtown Revitalization Grant

There will be a town hall meeting held tonight, Tuesday, Dec. 16 at City Hall to discuss future allocation of the \$350,000 Downtown Revitalization Grant.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the City Council Room at 2307 Barada St.

The money has been reserved for improvements in the redevelopment area. During the proposal stage there will be discussions on how to spend the grant and what the priorities are for the grant.

“Everyone is welcome to attend and voice their feelings,” Chamber Director David Branch said. “This is your opportunity to express your thoughts for the future directions of Falls City. Please plan to attend.”

If you would like more information on the grant you can go to the Falls City website, www.fallscitynebraska.org. This will give you an idea of what the meeting is about.

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‘Longest Night’ service for those suffering

The Falls City Area Ministerial Association is sponsoring a “Longest Night” service at First Christian Church, 14th and Stone Sts., at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21. This is a service for those who find Christmas a painful time for a number reasons, such as a recent death of a loved one, a lost job, a broken relationship, an ongoing illness or bad memories of a Christmas past.

There is a constant refrain on TV, radio, and other media focusing on the happiness of the season and getting together with family and friends. Sometimes this only serves to remind some people of what they have lost, or never had. A “Longest Night” service, so named because it takes place on or near the longest night of the year, gives people who are having a tough time with Christmas, as society celebrates it, the space and time to acknowledge their sadness and grief while being assured that they are not alone. It also gives those who can celebrate Christmas in traditional ways an opportunity to acknowledge God’s presence in a world in which much is broken.

Everyone in this community and area are invited to join with us in this time of sharing 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. If you know of someone who might find comfort in this kind of a service, please invite them. If you find this time difficult, come for comfort. If you find this time easy, come with comfort. Everyone, regardless of church membership, or no church membership, is welcome!

HTRS Mock Trial competes at State

The Nebraska Bar Foundation State Mock Trial competition was held at the Sarpy County Courthouse Dec. 9-10. The HTRS team of Elliot Gonnella, Carissa Carlin, Ashton Nanninga, Nick Anthony, Becky Blecha, Casey McNealy and Noah Sherman competed in three matches in the two days.

They faced Duschene Academy, Dundy County-Stranton, and Platteview. HTRS did not advance to the championship round.

Duschene Academy, HTRS’ first round opponent, won the State Championship over five-time champion Omaha Skutt Catholic.

The team, coached by Judge Curtis Maschman and Carl Linnerson, earned Honorable Mention.

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Little Lambs perform at Christ Lutheran

Students of Glenda von Behren’s Little Lambs Christian Preschool presented a Christmas Play/Program entitled “Happy Birthday Jesus” at Christ Lutheran Church Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7.

Preschoolers performing were Livianna Buckminster, Analeesa Busby, Adrian Coetzee, Michael Coetzee, Knox Davis, Gavin Dean, Tessa Gossman, Ryder Hullman, Kendall Johansen, Kaleb Kaiser, Elijah Leyden, Reagan McNeely, Nolan Nicholson, Carter Rumbaugh, Aiden Scheitel, Bryndlie Schulenberg, Karson Simpson, Farrah Wissler, Cash Witt, Treydon Witt and Reid Wustrack.

Mrs. von Behren’s husband, John, was narrator and delivered the Christmas message.

Little Lambs pianists previously showcased their talents at Christ Lutheran in a recital on Sunday, Nov. 16.

Tickling the ivories were: Elianna Bruxellas, Pressler Burxellas, Hailey Buchner, Melissa Feighner, Patrick Froeschl, Jared Hawley, Hallie Jones, Madi Jones, Chloe Knobbe, Miyuna Kong, Danyelle Kuker, Laineey Larsen, Rachel Magdanz, Grace Malcolm, Reece McNeely, Grace Morris, Dani Morton, Ethan Morton, Kaden Morton, Kinsey Niedfeldt, Zachary Petry, Elyse Poppe, Mackenzie Richbourg, Josie Riggs, Alexis Sutton, Piper Sutton, Chloe Thompson, Hailey Tracy, and McKenzie Witt. Vocal pieces were performed by DeLanie Witt.



Martinez — Erick and Brooke (Harring) Martinez, of Bennington, are the proud parents of a son, born on June 27, 2014. Alexander Tiehen weighed 9 pounds and measured 19 3/4 inches long. He was welcomed home by big sisters Ava (5) and Emma (3). Grandparents are Todd and Lori Harring, of Salem, Ann Martinez, of Lincoln, and Ventura Martinez, of Walton, KY. Great-grandparents: Walt and Barb Harring, of Lincoln, the late Richard and Patsy Karas, and the late Donald and Dolores Boring, all formerly of Dawson.

Business



Dave Young

Former Pamida boss new head honcho at FC Nursing & Rehab

The Falls City Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, formerly known as Careage Estates, has announced that Dave Young, of Falls City, in October assumed the duties of executive director.

Young, who managed Falls City’s Pamida retail store from 1981 to 1996, went back to school a couple years ago to make the career change. He was the administrator at Greeley (NE) Care Center for one year prior to taking the job at FC Nursing and Rehab.

Following his nearly two decades-long employment with Pamida, the Hopkins, MO, native managed the VF Corp. Outlet Mall in Nebraska City and also worked at Orscheln’s in Auburn.

Dave and his wife Kathy have three grown children: Alicia Sutton, vocal music teacher and choir director at FC High School; Chris, administrator of Tabitha Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Lincoln; and Laura, assistant professor at Butler University in Indianapolis; and nine grandchildren.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Earth gets 100 tons heavier every day due to falling space dust. According to current estimates, about 40,000 tons of extraterrestrial matter hit the Earth every year. Measurements of the amount of 4He – a helium isotope much more common on Earth – in the Antarctic ice strongly suggest a change of origins in terrestrial dust between the last Ice Age and the interglacial warm period we currently live in.

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**In Memory of
Bradley J. Sefried
Dec. 17, 1960 - March 28, 2014
From his family**



The graduating 5th grade class of 2014-2015 included students of 5th grade teacher Pam Smith. Members of the class were Hunter Bauman, Tyler Catlin, Ryan Dixon, Peyton Doerr, Lainey Ebel, Emma Frederick, Taylor Frederick, Jacob Froeschl, Jaeleigh Heck, Jakob Jordan, Jakob Kearney, Nicholas Keithley, Zachary Keithley, Chloe Knobbe, Emma Littrel,

Rachel Magdanz, Lauren Malone, Brogan Nachtigal, Kevin Salimo, Derek Schawang, Elizabeth Selleck, Ella Simon, and Erison Vonderschmidt. The Richardson County Sheriff's Department would like to thank Falls City Sacred Heart and Mrs. Smith for allowing them into their classroom to present this vital program to their students.

FC Sacred Heart 5th graders graduate from D.A.R.E.

Richardson County Sheriff, Randy Houser and D.A.R.E. instructor, Sgt. Lewis Barker, are proud to announce the 2014-15 graduates of D.A.R.E. D.A.R.E., Drug Abuse Resistance Education, is a law enforcement-led series of classroom lessons taught from kindergarten through 12th grades. The D.A.R.E. program is more than just drug prevention education. The DARE "Keepin' It Real" program was designed from 20 years of research involving kids their own age. The 10 week program is geared toward students entering into the

middle grades and teaches students good decision making skills to help them avoid high-risk behavior to ensure they grow up to live healthy, safe, and secure lives. Included in the program are two lessons geared towards "Bullying Prevention." These lessons teach the students how to recognize and prevent bullying among their peers. It also gives them safe, violence-free, ideas on how to properly report bullying. At the end of the 10-week program the students are required to write a D.A.R.E. report. The report

is to include how they feel about the D.A.R.E. program, what they have learned to help them stay drug-free and avoid violence, and why it is

Society

Eastern Star
Humboldt Chapter #234 Order of the Eastern Star members held their Dec. 4 meeting at their new location, The Meeting Place. They met at 6:30 p.m. for a Christmas potluck dinner with 15 members present. After a bountiful meal they held their business meeting at 7:30 with Worthy Matron Trudy Fankhauser presiding. After repeating the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag they sang a Christmas carol, "O Come All Ye Faithful."

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected. Bills were presented and correspondence read. Thank you letters were received from Ron Giesselmann, executive director of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, for recent monetary gifts sent from the chapter towards Thanksgiving meals, the Purple Ribbon Club and a new van for the use of the children's activities. Jo Peters, Foundation director of the Nebraska Masonic Home, also set appreciation for their gift toward holidays meals for residents from the local chapter. Mrs. Fankhauser reported on the sales of furniture and other kitchen equipment from the Masonic Hall building. She thanked the members who helped prepare items before the sale and moving needed items to The Meeting Place. It was a successful endeavor. Worthy Patron Edgar Bredemeier thanked the worthy matron for all her time and planning to make it a success in a short time.

A memorial service was held for a departed member, William Fankhauser, and \$10 gift was sent to the Children's Home in his memory. Since the regular meeting date falls on Jan. 1 it was necessary to move the meeting to Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m. Installation of officers will be held at that time also. The Landmarks were read by several members before the chapter closed in regular form. After prayer given by the chaplain all sang "The First Noel." A fellowship time followed with refreshments of Christmas cookies and a gift exchange for all.

Area Bridge
Nancy Wittwer, Myrt Arnold, Nancy Demmel and Shirley Holle won the prizes when Falls City Area Bridge met Dec. 9 with four tables of bridge played. Nancy Wittwer and Teri O'Grady were the hostesses. The next meeting will be Jan. 13 at the Elks Club with Kristy Gerweck and Merry VonSeggern as hostesses.

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Public Record

COUNTY COURT
Nicole L. Harkendorff, of Lincoln (formerly of Falls City), violation of protection order; pled guilty. Placed on 12 months probation and ordered to pay Court costs of \$49.
Colby L. Elms, of Falls City, criminal mischief, a Class IV Felony (more than \$1,500), amended to criminal mischief, a Class I Misdemeanor (\$500-\$1,500); pled guilty to amended charge. Fined \$250, plus Court costs of \$49.
Scott C. Hutfles, of Falls City, sentencing for DUI - first offense. Fined \$500, plus costs and fees of \$469.34; ordered to serve one day in Richardson County Jail (beginning Dec. 12); to serve 14 days in jail beginning June 16, unless waived by the Court; placed on

nine months probation; driver's license revoked for 90 days (ignition interlock device ordered); ordered to complete outpatient substance abuse treatment program and attend 15 AA meetings within 150 days.
Jeffrey M. McNeely, of Falls City, sentencing for DUI - first offense, improper/defective lighting and violation of stop or yield sign. Fined \$590, plus costs and fees of \$469.34; ordered to serve 10 days in Richardson County Jail beginning June 15, unless waived by the Court; placed on nine months probation; driver's license revoked for 90 days (ignition interlock device ordered).
Matthew A. Koeneke, of Falls City, count one, no operator's license; count two, no valid registration. Pled no contest to both counts. Fined \$100, plus Court costs of \$49.



Gary and Glenda Nelson, Jill Meyer, Susan Sipple, Rod Knaup, and Martin Leon, members of the Falls City Rotary Club, delivered student dictionaries to the third grade classes at South School and Sacred Heart on Tuesday, Nov. 18. This was the seventh year the Rotarians have done so as a literacy project.

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Scott D. Hayes, 44, of Lincoln, count one, DUI - second offense; count two, refusal to submit to pre-test; count three, refusal to submit to test - first offense; count four, resisting arrest, first offense; count five, assaulting an officer with bodily fluids; count six, disturbing the peace; count seven, criminal mischief (less than \$200). Case continued to Jan. 7 for bench trial.
DISTRICT COURT
Nicole L. Harkendorff, of Lincoln (formerly of Falls City), theft by unlawful taking, a Class III Felony, amended to a Class I Misdemeanor (\$200-\$500). Pled guilty to amended charge. Sentencing set for Jan. 20, 2015.
Rebecca J. Parker, of Rulo, has been granted dissolution of her marriage to Edwin E. Parker, of Robinson, KS.
ACCIDENTS
Tuesday evening, Dec. 9, 14th and Harlan Streets. Drivers: Casey Ryan Jackson, 36, of Merville, IA; Bradley T. Rose, 16, of Falls City. Estimated damage when Jackson, southbound in a 2011 Dodge Ram, according to the police report filed by FCPD Officer Sean Nolte, "ran the red light" and was struck by westbound 2000 Plymouth Neon, driven by Rose: \$200 to Jackson truck. No injuries were reported and Jackson was issued a citation.
Monday afternoon, Dec. 8, 415 E. 14th St. (Dollar General Store parking lot). Drivers: Robin L. Lippold, 54, of Rulo; Miranda Sue Thonen, 28, of Falls City. Estimated damage when vehicles collided in the parking lot: \$100 to Lippold's 2007 Jeep Liberty; \$1,500 to Thonen's 2003 Chevy Impala. No injuries reported and no citations issued.

NET Radio holiday music
"St. Olaf Christmas Festival" from 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24.
On Christmas Day, celebrate from 9-10 a.m. with "Welcome Christmas," joyful music featuring choral group VocalEssence; from 1-2 p.m., "A Chanticleer Christmas;" from 2-3:30 p.m., "Beethoven Symphony No. 9;" and from 9:30-10 p.m., "Bach Christmas Oratorio, parts 1-5.

Troublesome stats: County will provide \$766,595 to SCC in '15, then grads will work elsewhere

Falls City EDGE Tri-State Labor Basin Committee Chairman Charlie Radatz threw some startling numbers at Southeast Community College representatives at a public meeting held Dec. 3 at Falls City High School. Through his research, Radatz reported that Richardson County taxpayers will provide \$766,595 in property taxes to support SCC in 2015, yet of the 1,770 students who recently graduated from SCC, *eight* took jobs in Richardson County.
"Career academy programs work better to prepare high school students for more comprehensive manufacturing and welding programs at SCC than they do to prepare them for existing job openings," Radatz said, bluntly.
A small number of former Falls City residents who receive training at vocational schools in larger cities return to Falls City. Many who leave will never return, resulting in migration of rural students to urban areas.
"Our committee examined post high school plans of graduating seniors and found only a small number were taking manufacturing employment after high school and an equally small number were enrolling in community colleges to prepare for manufacturing employment. The general consensus drawn was that efforts are needed to make students understand the financial and self-fulfillment benefits of such careers and that career counselors need to provide appropriate guidance for those with an aptitude for such work," he said.
The SCC Strategic Planning Committee organized the public meeting to seek input and feedback from community members regarding the future direction of the college.
Radatz, the retired owner of KTNC Radio 1230 in Falls City and current member of the EDGE Board of Directors, addressed the SCC Board of Trustees, President Dr. Paul Illich and members of the college staff.
Radatz explained to the board that EDGE was formed in response to the difficulty experienced by local manufacturers in recruiting employees, particularly welders. Also mentioned were both healthcare and education institutions' difficulties in attracting highly skilled professionals to the rural community.
"Of particular concern to us is the problem manufacturers have in finding skilled workers to fill existing openings, a problem that has also delayed expansion plans and made it necessary for some manufacturing to be outsourced. Quite basic welding skills are mainly what they require. But programs to provide that training need to be offered at very little cost or entirely publicly funded. A fee-based welder training program gained little or no response until the cost of tuition was underwritten by EDGE," Radatz said.
"Community-based educational opportunities are needed. SCC campuses are located 75, 90, and 120 miles from communities in the southeast corner of our state. It's not practical for a commuting student from Richardson, Nemaha, Pawnee or Johnson County," he said.
Radatz said it's important young people understand there are excellent employment opportunities available in manufacturing in rural southeast Nebraska. SCC, he said, needs to help get the word out.
"Career educational opportunities are needed to meet the needs of employers in the rural counties in the southeast corner of the SCC district," Radatz said. "A public relations campaign is needed to make young people understand modern manufacturing is not like the 'sweat shops' of the past, but is work offering great financial and personal rewards.
"We stand at the threshold of opportunity," he added. "We need only to join hands and work together to again make rural Nebraska the place where the 'Good Life' can be enjoyed."

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Strategies for last-minute shoppers

Holiday shoppers tend to fall into three distinct camps. There are those people who have completed all of their shopping and wrapping even before November ends. Others shop in the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Finally, many people wait until the last minute, and such shoppers are the ones seen rushing from store to store on December 24.

Waiting until the last possible second to purchase a gift may not prove much of a problem when shopping for birthday gifts. But come the holiday season, such procrastination may find shoppers perusing limited inventories and dealing with other frantic procrastinators.

But even those shoppers who still plan to put off their holiday shopping can make the most of such stalling this holiday season.

• Consider eGift cards. Many retailers offer digital gift cards that can be emailed in a matter of minutes. Purchase the card from the online retailer and email the redemption code to the gift recipient. Time the email to arrive on Christmas morning or include all of the necessary information in a holiday card.

• Ship to store. Some shoppers like the convenience of ship-to-store services. This enables a person to purchase a gift online but avoid shipping charges by having the item made available at a store location. In-stock items are typically ready the day of purchase, and this helps you avoid crowds and impulse buys, as online purchases are typically available at special pick-up locations in the store that allow online shoppers to skip long lines at the registers.

• Avoid gimmick gifts. Skip the “as seen on TV” aisle at the store or trendy infomercial gifts. Such gifts may suggest to their recipients that you waited until the last minute to buy the gifts and then really didn’t have any good ideas.

• Expect extra charges and factor such charges into your budget. Procrastinating may work for your schedule, but expect to pay more if you shop online and require shipping. You will probably need to expedite shipping if you expect to have gifts delivered on time. Verify the delivery date before making any purchases. Paying more for shipping may outweigh the hassle of driving to store after store searching for gifts. Online retailers like Amazon may even offer selective delivery on Christmas Eve.

• Check store hours. Some stores offer extended shopping hours to meet the needs of last-minute shoppers. You may be able to visit early morning or late at night to skip the crowds. Certain department stores time sales with these extended hours, such as “early bird” or “night owl” specials, so you may even be rewarded for procrastinating.

• Shop smaller retailers. One way to avoid the hassles that often come with holiday shopping is to patronize smaller, independent shops. Chances are the crowds will be smaller at these shops and you may have access to a more unique selection of gifts than you would find at the nearby mall.

Falls City JOURNAL

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE & HOURS

CHRISTMAS WEEK, the paper will be delivered as usual on Tuesday. The *Journal* office will close early on Christmas Eve and will be closed Christmas Day and Friday, Dec. 26.

DEADLINE FOR THE DEC. 30 PAPER WILL BE NOON ON WED., DEC. 24.

NEW YEARS WEEK, the paper will be delivered as usual on Tuesday. The *Journal* office will close early New Year’s Eve, Closed New Years Day and Friday, January 2.

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1. soft, white blanket of this, frosting the top of buildings

2. elves making upgrades to this in the garage

3. a huge scroll of paper listing these of every girl and boy

4. station overflowing with ice cream and every topping

5. elves hang up their own on the special night

6. wrapped toys tossed into a magic ____ for delivery

7. elves travel by this and magic

8. elf checking each ____ to make sure its jingle is ready to jangle

9. elves using ____ to make hand-crafted wooden toys

10. haywire ____ - making machine, covering shop with silvery strands

11. dispensers mounted on the walls, complete with marshmallows

12. a massive stone ____, but Santa enters through the front door

13. Mrs. Claus' special kitchen always has a batch of ____ in the oven

14. the ____ is a chilly place, but the workshop is always toasty

15. each room has a working ____ that never runs out of firewood

16. each of the ____ cared for by at least 3 animal-loving elves

17. a special closet just for Santa's ____ - with a tailor elf on hand...just in case

18. ____ eating big meals to have energy to power his nose through that special night

19. giant rolls of ____ paper hanging from walls - every color and design!

20. every refrigerator has at least 2 gallons of ____ - Santa's favorite drink

Merry Christmas!

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2. United States

3. Scandinavia

4. England

5. Germany

6. Mexico

7. Holland

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American Christmas customs and traditions come from all over the world. The very beginnings of most are hard to trace, but many were made popular in a known place. Can you draw a line from each illustration of a custom to match it to the place that we probably borrowed it from? (We put a few hints in the puzzle too.)

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FC native, church choir release holiday CD

Benedictine College senior and Falls City native Colton Martin, a pianist, will give his undergraduate senior recital at 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23 in the student union at Benedictine in Atchison, KS.

This crowning achievement is the product of five years of undergraduate study at Benedictine under department chair Dr. Ruth Krusemark. Martin will perform works by Scarlatti, Beethoven, Ravel, and Liszt. Admission is free to the general public. No RSVP required.

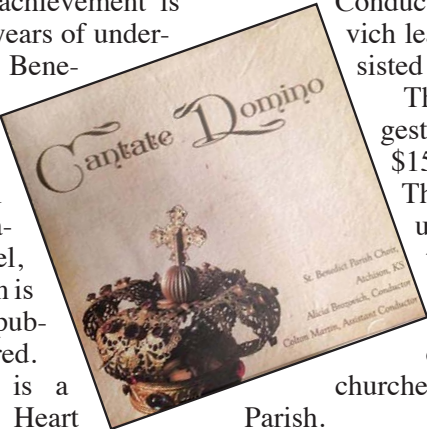
Colton Martin is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School, and the son of John and Mary Sue Martin, of Salem.

Martin serves as assistant conductor for the St. Benedict Parish in

Atchison and the choir has released a new CD, Cantate Domino, available for the holiday season. With works in a variety of languages, this collection features pieces by the great masters of choral music. Conductor Alicia Brozovich leads the choir, assisted by Martin.

There is a suggested donation of \$15 for each CD. The funds will be used to support the Sacred Music program in purchasing new organs for the churches of St. Benedict Parish.

If you wish to donate to this project, you can find your copy of Cantate Domino at Life in the Spirit, in Falls City, or by calling Mary Sue Martin at (402) 245-4620.



Photos by Nikki McKim



Falls City's Steele Cemetery hosted "Wreaths Across America," on Saturday, Dec. 13. **Top from left to right,** Vicky Zeigler, Doris Erickson, Marilyn Capps, Gail Froeschl, Betty Massey, Phyllis Kreutzer, Carla Capps, Anita Nolte and Charlotte Gentry. *(Not Pictured)* Bernice Matthes. **Bottom left,** the Falls City Patriot Guard Riders, **from left to right,** Eli Ramer, Gene Ramer and Gene Strauss. **Bottom right,** Gail Froeschl lays a wreath during the ceremony.

“Wreaths Across America” held at Steele Cemetery

Falls City's Steele Cemetery hosted "Wreaths Across America," a wreath-laying ceremony to honor veterans in each branch of the military, prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action, Saturday.

The Patriot Guard Riders who participated in the ceremony were Gene Strauss, Gene Ramer and Eli Ramer. VFW Auxiliary women who participated in the ceremony were

Vicky Zeigler, Doris Erickson, Marilyn Capps, Gail Froeschl, Betty Massey, Phyllis Kreutzer, Carla Capps, Anita Nolte and Charlotte Gentry.

"Wreaths Across America" was started in 1992 by Morrill Worchester, owner of the Worchester Wreath Co., of Harrington, ME. Finding themselves with a surplus of wreaths that year

and nearing the end of the holiday season, Worchester decided to honor our country's veterans. With the help of Maine Senator Olympia Snowe, arrangements were made for the wreaths to be placed at Arlington Cemetery in one of the older sections of the cemetery that had seen a drop in visitors with each passing year.

The annual tribute went on quietly for several years, until 2005, when a photo of the stones at Arlington, adorned with wreaths covered in snow, circulated around the Internet. The project suddenly received national attention. Thousands of requests were made from people wanting to help at Arlington, to emulate the project at their National and State cemeteries or to simply share their stories and thank Morrill Worchester for honoring our nation's heroes. Unable to donate wreaths to each state, Worchester began sending seven wreaths to each state: one for each branch of the military.

In 2006, simultaneous wreath-laying ceremonies were held at more than 150 locations around the country. The Patriot Guard Riders volunteered as an escort for the wreaths en route to Arlington. This began the annual "Veterans Honor Parade" that travels the east coast in early December.

In 2008 Congress unanimously voted Dec. 13 as "Wreaths Across America Day." The wreath laying ceremony is held annually, on the second or third Saturday of December.

For more information you can visit the Wreaths Across America website at www.wreathsassamerica.org

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Julie D. Bauman and Staff would like to recognize one of their own!

Morgan Hodge will be receiving her Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Business Administration and Management from Peru State College this December.

Morgan has been employed with Julie D. Bauman, CPA since October of 2013. She is responsible for assisting with financial statements and payrolls, organizing client records, assisting with asset detail records, sales tax, processing and organizing client tax records and auditing.

In May, Morgan will be getting married to Eli Bachman. Her parents are Mark and Jean Hodge of Falls City.

Congratulations on your achievements Morgan!

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Happy 9th Birthday Alex Ray!

Tiger heavyweight Zimmerman runner-up at Crete

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Falls City	18
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Falls City High School senior heavyweight Jeremy Zimmerman finished runner-up to two-time Class B State Champion Matt Clark of Syracuse Saturday at the Crete Invitational.

Zimmerman, who finished fifth in state in Class B a year ago, avenged a 2013 loss at the Crete Invite by defeating Class C sixth-ranked Blaine Paup of Central City, 1-0, in the semifinals.

Zimmerman was then pinned by Clark, who had to cut 20 pounds after football season to make the 285-pound limit, in 1:00, as the Syracuse big man — a Nebraska football recruit — closed in on the state record of 47 consecutive pin victories. Clark entered the season riding a streak of 38 consecutive pins, dating back to 2013. The record was set by Mike Shoff of Cambridge in 2012.

The 6-foot-5 Clark is currently the sixth-ranked heavyweight in the nation by Intermat and No. 1 in Nebraska's Class B. He was 49-0 a year ago, 46-2 as a junior and 31-14 his freshman year.

Zimmerman, 41-11 as a junior, remains unrated at 5-2 on the young 2014-15 season. He also finished second at the season-opening Raid-



FCHS senior heavyweight Jeremy Zimmerman finished runner-up in the Tigers' first two tournaments of the year, at Wamego, KS, and Saturday at Crete. Zimmerman, who finished fifth in Class B last winter, is 5-2 on 2014-15 under new head coach Nick Kraft.

er Classic Invite Dec. 6 at Wamego, KS. He captured four pin wins - three in the first period - before falling in the title match to Wamego's Kasey Fehy with just nine seconds remaining in the match.

ACT testing prevented most of the Tigers from competing at Crete, as Zimmerman and Blake Black (160) were the only wrestlers competing for FC High. Black was defeated by Ralston

At Wamego, Dalton Kennel placed fourth at 220, and Nathan Richey (113), Parker Thompson (126), Brett Black (145), Justin Ernst (152), Blake Black (160), Carter Hunzeker (182) and Brandon Banks (195) all scored points for the Tiger varsity.

The majority of the Tiger wres-

tlers competed in the JV invite at Nebraska City on Dec. 9, and the JV invite at Syracuse Friday, Dec. 12. Deven Nycum and Kennel walked away from both with medals.

At Syracuse, Richey was fourth at 113; Thompson was third at 126B; Nycum was sixth at 138; Geoffrey Zimmerman was third at 152A; Dylan Sutton placed fifth at 160A; Tommy Palm finished sixth at 195/220; Brandon Bank was fifth at 195/220; and Kennel was second at 195/220.

The Tigers compete once more before Christmas, traveling to the Auburn Invitational Saturday. The team's lone home appearance will be Jan. 15 with a triangular against Maryville, MO, and Sabetha, KS.

HTRS/PC Wrestling

The Humboldt-TR-S/Pawnee City wrestling team finished fourth out of nine teams at the Sabetha Tri-State Tournament last weekend with 93 points. The hosts won the title with 205.5 points.

Ben Railsback placed first at 160 pounds, pinning Hunter Cragg of Wamego at the very end of the first period in the semis, then pinned Sabetha's Austin Garber in 3:10 to win the title.

Jesse Hickey was runner-up at 170, earning a trio of pins before falling to Brandon Poe of Sabetha in 3:10.

Other medalists included Jacob Phelps, third at 152; Nick Novak, fourth at 132; Eli Cline, fourth at 182; Nicholas Zermeno, fourth at 195; Jacob Wilhelm, fifth at 120; Dalton Rohr, fifth at 220; and Kaje Faulks, sixth at heavyweight (285).

Also competing for the Titan Varsity: Michael Otto, 126, and Gypsy Crowley, 145.

Titan JV Wrestling
Jacob Railsback went 2-2 and finished fourth, and John Bruns placed fifth.

Big Red RECRUITING REPORT

By Sean Stevens

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

New Coach

Just five days after **Bo Pelini** was fired as head coach of Nebraska, AD **Shawn Eichorst** announced former Oregon State HC **Mike Riley** as the new man in charge. Riley came from WAY OFF the radar, and there were reports of an offer rejected by Arkansas' **Bret Bielema**. However if you believe NU Chancellor Harvey Pearlman's comments in the *Omaha World-Herald* this past week, Riley was Eichorst's only target.

"Mike Riley was the first choice. We never talked to Bielema... Here's a coach who — not saying anything about Bret — but he left Wisconsin last year for Arkansas. If he came here, do you think we'd have much confidence that he would stay?"

Transfers

Roster attrition is common with a coaching change, and it's already begun in Lincoln as redshirt freshmen TE **Greg Hart** and LB **Courtney Love** were granted their release to transfer to Kentucky.

Apparently both requested the opportunity to look around right after the Iowa game, before Pelini was fired, and were given permission. Neither played much this past season, however with the coaching change opening up competition it's somewhat disappointing that they would not stay through spring practice to see what might happen.

Recruits Meet Riley

Nebraska only graduates 12 seniors and expects to lose another three to five players to attrition or early entry into the NFL draft. With Hart and Love already gone and junior DE **Randy Gregory** is consistently mentioned as a top 10 overall draft pick that leaves roughly 18-to-21 roster openings.

Reaction from recruits to Pelini's firing was not positive, however once Riley was on announced and prospects had the opportunity to speak with him things turned around quickly. Here's a breakdown of the players who were committed to Pelini's staff.

Solidly on board:

— Colorado DBs **Eric Lee** (5-11/180) and **Avery Anderson** (6-0/170) committed to Nebraska back in February 2014, and have been instrumental as "peer recruiters" ever since. Retaining them would certainly go a long ways towards keeping the rest of the class intact. Riley made in-home visits and after those meetings both players reaffirmed their pledges to NU.

"We won't be taking anymore visits and we're 100 percent committed to Nebraska and that's all we're focused on right now," they told *Husker Online*.

—After talking with Riley via phone Dec. 10 and hosting him for a visit Dec. 12, WR **Stanley Morgan** (6-0/185), of New Orleans, told *Husker Online*, "I feel great about my decision to go (to Nebraska) and I'm ready to get working."

—Denton, TX, TE **Kevin Dillman** (6-4/205) told *Rivals.com* that the new staff wanted him as an h-back type of player and that he was solidly committed to that idea and would be making an official visit to Lincoln in January.

—Atlanta DB **Aaron Williams** (6-0/185) had scheduled an official visit to Notre Dame after hearing of Pelini's dismissal; however after an in-home visit with Riley he told *Husker Online*, "I'm comfortable with the situation, it's going to be something new, but I'm comfortable with it. I told coach that I'm fully committed... I'm still graduating early and I'm staying with Nebraska."

In good shape:

—NU's highest-priority targets are defensive linemen **Carlos** (6-3/270) and **Kahlil** (6-3/270) **Davis**, of Blue Springs, MO. A report by the *Kansas City Star* on Dec. 9 quoted Carlos as saying that he and his brother were no longer considering Nebraska. Shortly after that report, the twins' mother told *Husker Online* that the report was false and that Nebraska was very much still involved.

Riley scheduled an in-home for Dec. 10, stopping at Blue Spring HS, as well, to meet head coach Kelly Donohue. He also reached out to the twins' uncle — former Husker **Lorenzo Hicks**. The home visit couldn't have gone much better, with both players saying that they felt very comfortable with Riley and that they "are going to still listen to what other coaches have to say, but we're staying committed to Nebraska." They are planning an official visit to Missouri in January and possibly a trip to Oregon as well. Another trip to Lincoln in January could eliminate the Missouri and Oregon trips, though.

DE **Reuben Jones** (6-4/225) of Lakeland, FL, had picked up offers from Iowa and Louisville in the week following Pelini's dismissal, and was considering a trip to Louisville. A Dec. 11 visit from new defensive coach (and likely defensive co-ordinator) Mark Banker helped, but he's still considering other schools as well.

"This isn't the same Nebraska coaches, so it's a whole different deal with different people recruiting me now. So I am evaluating Nebraska just like it's another school," Jones told *Husker Online*.

RB **Kendall Bussey Jr.** (5-8/198), of New Orleans, was already wavering from his NU pledge before the coaching change. He made a number of unofficial visits this fall, including to Tennessee and Texas A&M. Bussey officially opened his recruitment up on Nov. 30, only to later tell *Rivals.com* that he was still committed to NU.

After Pelini's dismissal, Bussey's father told *Husker Online* that his son was, "still committed to Nebraska, but will be reopening things up a little while the coaching search takes place." A call from Riley Dec. 9 helped them understand where Bussey would fit in the offense, but they remain "committed but open."

Omaha commits **DaiShon Neal** (6-7/245) of Central and **Michael Decker** (6-4/288) of North were among the first to comment after Riley's hiring, with Neal telling *247 Sports*, "(Banker) told me how he would like me to play as a true freshman and not redshirt." *The World Herald* later reported that Neal had hosted an Oregon coach for an in-home visit and would be taking an official visit to Oregon in January, however, so his status is somewhat tentative.

Decker has been quiet, but his HS coach was contacted by new NU assistant **Mike Cavanaugh** who assured him that Decker was a priority for them.

Reports on OL **Christian Gaylord** (6-7/290) of Baldwin City, KS, and WR **Nekyle Lundie** (6-2/210) of Stone Mountain, GA, have been difficult to come by. Gaylord is believed to have hosted Cavanaugh Dec. 10, while Lundie has been "incommunicado" since his official visit to Nebraska in late September.

New commits

Linebacker is a high priority position for Nebraska this cycle, and coach Riley and LB coach **Trent Bray** are moving quickly to add players.

Tyrin Ferguson (6-2/210), of New Orleans, pledged to Oregon State, visited Corvallis in late November, and loved the trip; however his relationship with Bray made him change his pledge to NU.

"...I didn't commit to Oregon State because of the school. I committed to Oregon State because of the people who were recruiting me like Coach Bray," he told *Husker Online*.

Ferguson, who attends Edna Karr HS, also considered Washington State. Edna Karr was the home of three NU signees in the 2014 class: WR **Glenn Irons** and **Jariah Tolbert**, along with LB **Javeon Walton**.

Bray also held an in-home visit with Peoria, AZ, target **Dedrick Young** (6-1/220) Dec. 11. Young had been rumored to be leaning towards Nebraska for months, and is a close friend of Avery Anderson as well. On the morning of Dec.

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Irish teams fall to Sterling in championships

Both the FC Sacred Heart Irish and Lady Irish freshman-sophomore teams played for championships at Humboldt-TR-S Saturday and both came up just short, losing to Sterling in the finals.

The FCSH boys beat Johnson-Brock 38-37 in overtime to advance, as Emerson Keithley (team-high 11 points) drained a three-pointer and Theo Rohrer (eight points) a two in overtime for the Irish.

The Eagles' Devon Clark led all scorers with 20 points, but he didn't take a single shot in overtime.

In the championship, Sterling's Mason Gee hit a trio of threes and scored 10, while Dylan Benson, after going 0-for-6 in the first half, was a perfect 4-for-4 at the free throw line in the fourth quarter, finishing with eight points, in the Jets' 33-19 win over Sacred Heart. The game was tied at 19 after three, but the Irish were held scoreless the entire fourth quarter.

The FC Sacred Heart girls' two games were eerily similar. The Lady Irish defeated Johnson-Brock 36-35 to advance, as Sara Wertenberger scored 18 points.

In the title game against Sterling, however, FCSH lost 33-31, despite a 14-point showing from Wertenberger.

'Digital 'citizenship' topic of Jan. 19 event

Karen Haase, a Lincoln lawyer who practices in the area of education law, will discuss digital citizenship with students, parents, staff and other community members at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, in the Falls City High School auditorium.

Ms. Haase is a dynamic speaker and will present her message in a language everyone can understand. Ms. Haase has presented in numerous school districts over the past several years, addressing topics such as cyber bullying, sexting and Internet safety.

The event is open to the public.



2014 FC Sacred Heart Irish Basketball Team, front row, from left: Theo Rohrer, William Morehead, Nate Finck, Brady Keller, Christian Harring, Sean Arnold, Ryker Hoy and Cameron Barker; middle row, Ryan Keithley, Emerson Keithley, Keith Salimo, Cameron Barker, Nate Bird, Robert Olberding, Austin Ahern, Tristan Keithley and Andrew Neddenriep; back row, Sam Arnold, Henry Arnold, Zavan Kirkendall, Logan Scheitel, Bryant Jorn, Ben Mullins, Austin Malone, Sawyer Kean, Bailey Witt and Noah Keller.

D2 top-ranked Irish cruise to perfect 3-0 start

Class D2 No. 1 FC Sacred Heart earned a pair of lopsided victories last week on the road, beating South Holt, MO, 66-21 Tuesday and winning 63-42 at Friend Friday.

Sacred Heart won't play for the home crowd until Saturday, when they host St. Joseph (MO) Leblond - Falls City High's opponent tonight (Dec. 16 in Missouri). The Irish first make a trip to Humboldt Friday to face the 3-1 Titans.

Friday night, seniors Logan Scheitel and Sawyer Kean combined for 14 points in the opening period — Scheitel drained a couple threes, while Kean was perfect from the floor — as FCSH opened up a 20-10 lead. Sacred Heart was a red-hot 8-of-12 from the field in the quarter. Sophomore big man Bryant Jorn then scored eight of his 10 points in the second quarter as FCSH went into halftime up 30-22 on then-winless Friend (the Bulldogs have since improved to 1-3).

The lead grew to 18 by the start of the fourth quarter, as senior guard Austin Malone made 7-of-8 from the free throw line, scoring nine of his team's 14 third quarter points. Scheitel, who hit 3-of-5 from three-point range, made his

third and final three during the run. Both seniors finished with 13 points to lead four players who finished in double figures for FCSH. Malone added seven rebounds and six assists and Jorn came away with 10 points, a team-best nine rebounds and one block. Junior point guard Bailey Witt scored seven points, grabbed five boards and defensively finished with three steals.

FCSH owned a 29-19 rebounding edge and limited the Bulldogs to less than 33 percent shooting from the floor. No Friend player reached double figures in the game.

Tuesday in South Holt was a total mismatch, as the home team finished with nearly as many turnovers (31) as shot attempts (35). FCSH's defense held its opponent to a grand total of eight field goals 23 percent field goal shooting. FCSH led 35-7 at halftime.

Scheitel scored 16 to lead 10 different Irish players in the scoring column. He also contributed four steals and three assists. Witt recorded seven team-high steals, which led to 14 points, and senior Ben Mullins made 6-of-9 shots and scored 13.

FRIDAY SCORING
FCSH — Witt, 7; Malone, 13; Sam Arnold, 4; Kean, 12; Scheitel, 13; Hoy, 4; Jorn, 10.
Friend — Vossler, 4; Holden, 2; Stutzman, 6; Beckler, 7; Derr, 5; Eigsti, 3; Segner, 9; Smith, 6.

TUESDAY SCORING
FCSH — E. Keithley, 1; Witt, 14; Malone, 6; Sam Arnold, 3; Kean, 3; Scheitel, 16; Sean Arnold, 4; Hoy, 2; Jorn, 4; Mullins, 13.
S. Holt — Williams, 5; Barton, 2.

IRISH JV
The boys' junior varsity posted a 22-15 victory over South Holt in just two quarters of play. Robert

Olberding scored five to lead the way - all in the opening period. Theo Rohrer and Emerson Keithley scored four points apiece.

Last Monday, the Irish "C" Team came back to beat HTRS 28-24 in four quarters in Tiehen Gym. The Titans led 15-12 at halftime, but a big three-pointer by Sean Arnold, who scored 11 to lead the Irish, and four points from Ryker Hoy helped FCSH get the lead entering the fourth. William Morehead hit two free throws and Joe Bieker made a pair of shots down the stretch to clinch the win for Sacred Heart.

Grant Nanninga scored nine to lead the visiting Titans.

On Thursday, FCSH opened up a 22-7 halftime lead and held

on to beat Johnson-Brock 41-34 at Tiehen Gym. Morehead scored 10 points, Nate Finck added eight and Emerson and Tristan Keithley each had seven in the victory.

Johnson-Brock's Ben Bohling led all scorers with 18 points.

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Johnson-Brock beats Irish to take title of Knights Tournament

Drew Bippes scored 16 points and Bailey Darnell added 12, but the FC Sacred Heart junior high boys' basketball team fell 43-32 in the championship of the Knights of Columbus Tournament Saturday at Prichard Auditorium.

With the win, the Eagles avenged a 40-36 loss to the Irish, suffered just two days prior. On Thursday at Tiehen Gym, Darnell scored 18 and Cromer added 11 to lead Coach Steve Simon's team to the home court win.

In the "B" game Thursday, FCSH claimed a 36-22 win, as Jarrot Simon scored 11 to pace Sacred Heart.

Saturday in the Knights Tournament, the Irish defeated HTRS 36-28 in the morning to advance. Bippes had 14, followed by Darnell and Tanner Cromer, who each scored 10.

In the other Knights Tourney games: Johnson-Brock defeated Pawnee City 41-18 and HTRS beat the Indians 33-22.

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Unbeaten Tigers to St. Joe tonight

Falls City High School sophomore Kyle Leafy and seniors Jack Hartman and Weston Witt combined for 51 points and the Tiger basketball team improved to 4-0 on the season Friday night with a 61-45 win at Auburn.

Hartman, who led his team with 19 points, and Witt, who scored 14, were each a very solid 7-of-8 from the foul line, while Leafy made 8-of-10 from the field and scored 18 points to go with 11 team-high rebounds. He missed two shots. It was a career night for a guy with a lot of career left.

The remainder of the roster produced 10 points, however, and Auburn, currently 1-4, on the strength of Patrick Frary's game-high 22 points hung around much longer than FC Coach Don Hogue would've liked.

"We didn't play well - we needed to make more offense for ourselves by playing on the defensive end of the court," he said.

The Tigers forced just 12 Bulldog turnovers and recorded five steals in the game - season lows (for what that's worth four games into the season).

FC will need to be at the top of its game this week, with trips to St. Joseph Leblond tonight and to Class B No. 8 Plattsmouth Saturday. The Blue Devils, like FC currently 4-0, opened the season with a 61-44 victory over Auburn, which indicates an even matchup when the Tigers roll into town.

On top of their game - like last Tuesday, when FCHS hammered visiting Atchison 71-45. Hartman scored 20 on 9-of-13 shooting and also led the Tigers with eight assists and four steals, while Witt made five threes (out of seven tries) and scored 18. Against the Redmen, FC recorded 22 assists and 12 steals and led 22-6 early.

"We played well as a team - a lot of assists by a lot of players," Hogue said.

Seven players, to be exact. Senior Jordy Stoller had 11 points to go with four assists. Leafy had nine boards.



Falls City senior point guard Weston Witt drives to the rack during the Tigers' 61-45 victory at Auburn Friday night. Witt made 7-of-8 free throws and scored 14 points in the victory, which pushed the C1 10th ranked Tigers to 4-0 on the young 2014-15 season. FCHS has two stiff tests this week - at St. Joseph (MO) Leblond tonight and at Class B No. 8 Plattsmouth Saturday. The Blue Devils are also a perfect 4-0 thus far.

Big Red

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15, Young chose Nebraska over Arizona and Michigan State.

"I just feel like the academics part, the environment and my comfort level with the players helped make my decision," Young told *Nebraska 247Sports*.

Young will join Anderson, Lee and Williams as January enrollees.

New targets

Nebraska also extended offers to LBs **Adrienne Talan** (6-1/198) of Pembroke Pines, FL, and **Nick Thomas** (6-1/218) of IMG Academy in Bradenton, FL, as well as TE **Matt Snyder** (6-5/245) of San Ramon, CA, and OL **Jalin Barnett** (6-3/303), of Lawton, OK. All four prospects were Oregon State targets and officially visited Lincoln Dec. 12 weekend.

Talan also holds offers from TCU and Iowa, among others. He was con-

sidered a sure-fire commitment to Oregon State before the coaching changes. He's got "Florida speed," running an electronic 4.48-second 40, and he diagnoses plays quickly. Size may require a move to safety, but he has the speed to handle it.

Talan he seemed very impressed but left Lincoln without committing to Nebraska and plans to wait until a Jan. 31 visit to Temple before deciding.

Thomas committed to Wisconsin, but with their coaching change he has opened his recruitment back up. Miami, Oklahoma and Baylor also recruited Thomas before he pledged to the Badgers. An inside LB, Thomas reads quickly and works his way through traffic well. Riley's staff gave him a similar evaluation.

"They said they would want to use me as a Mike (linebacker). I have good athleticism, instincts, I get off blocks and I have good feet," he told *Husker Online*.

As a January enrollee, Thomas has to decide quickly. He's originally from Concordia, KS, and his parents still live there, which helps Nebraska's case. The need for immediate help at linebacker is also something he's weighing heavily.

Wisconsin is expected to name a new coach Dec. 17. Thomas said that he will evaluate both schools and decide by the end of the week.

Snyder has been committed to Oregon State since late October, choosing the Beavers over Cal, Fresno State and Utah State, among others. Riley's offenses have featured the tight end, and film shows Snyder's the ability to stretch the field as well as very good hands and the ability to catch in traffic. With Hart leaving, a TE scholarship is open. Snyder fits the bill.

Snyder and his family were impressed with the academic support system and football facilities, as well as the people they met. He has yet to speak with the new Oregon State staff, and after doing so will make a decision.

"The things we will look at will be academics concerning the football team and the school, also the program, and the third thing is the people and the area," he told *Husker Online*. "Outside of football, how is the area and that type of stuff? I got a pretty good vibe about Lincoln and everyone there seems to be super nice. They treat their players pretty well there."

Barnett has officially visited Arkansas and Oklahoma and also holds offers from Alabama, Auburn and Wisconsin, among many others. He's athletic for a 300-pounder, and is very strong in his run blocking. This is a very solid prospect, rated as No. 136 at all positions nationally and the No. 7-ranked guard.

The visit went extremely well according to his HS coach, Randy Breeze.

"Nebraska is really in the mix for Jalin now," Breeze told *BigRedReport.com*. "He is close to committing. I think that he just needs to come home and think about things."

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2014 FC Sacred Heart Lady Irish Basketball Team, front row, from left: Elizabeth Magdanz, Abby Magdanz and Kelsi Fouraker; middle row, Alexis Barnes, Maddie Huppert, Abby Fiegenger, Thea Schulenberg, Taylor Cooce and Bailey Cooce; back row, Lauren Parrish, Sara Wertenberger, Maggie Goltz, Haylee Heits, Jade Hill and Rachael Keithley.

FCSH girls fall in double-overtime

The Class D2 second-ranked FC Sacred Heart Lady Irish got 23 points from senior guard Elizabeth Magdanz and 10 points and nine boards from junior all-stater Maggie Goltz, but it wasn't enough in a 62-57 double-overtime overtime loss at D1 No. 8 Friend Friday night.

The 2-1 Irish shot an icy 21-of-57 from the floor, including 6-of-26 from three-point land, but it still took Friend six quarters of play to put them away. Magdanz, who opened the game hitting just one of her first six attempts, made four big free throws and scored eight of her team's nine points in the first overtime to send it to a second. There, though, Friend's Raeligh Menke, who came off the bench, scored eight of her team-high 14 points, going a perfect six-for-six at the stripe, to help the Bulldogs get the win. FCSH finished without starters Abby Magdanz (eight points, seven assists) and Jade Hill (seven points, nine boards, two blocks), who both fouled out in the second bonus period.

Goltz, who's been hindered by injuries in the early going of the 14-15 season, took just eight shots the entire night. The former free throw national champ didn't get to the line, where her team made nine of its 18 attempts.

The Lady Irish were coming off a 58-45 road win at South Holt, MO, Tuesday, Dec. 9. Elizabeth Magdanz, again, led FCSH with 20 points, hitting 4-of-8 from three-point land.

Like Friday, though, the team didn't shoot very well (23-of-56, 41.1 percent from the floor) and Goltz had limited looks and didn't attempt a single free

throw, finishing with seven points and four rebounds. Abby Magdanz scored 11 to go with six assists and each twin finished with six rebounds.

Freshman Lauren Parrish helped out in the paint, pulling down six rebounds to go with a block.

South Holt's Emily Cox hit 8-of-13 shots and led all scorers with 22.

The Irish teams finally suit up at home tonight, as they host Lewiston at Prichard Auditorium. They travel to HTRS Friday and host St. Joseph (MO)

Leblond Saturday.

FRIDAY SCORING

FCSH — A. Magdanz, 8; E. Magdanz, 23; Goltz, 10; Fiegenger, 3; Barnes, 6; Hill, 7.

Friend — Lawver, 11; Baugh, 11; Due, 9; Menke, 14; Reis, 9; Ryan, 8.

TUESDAY SCORING

FCSH — A. Magdanz, 11; E. Magdanz, 20; Goltz, 7; Wertenberger, 2; Barnes, 6; Hill, 8; Parrish, 4.

S. Holt — Ezzell, 2; Prussman, 10; Binder, 4; Hunziger, 4; S. Prussman, 3; Cox, 22.

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Business Address _____ City _____

Business Phone _____ Fax _____

Marital Status (Spouse's Name) _____ Age _____

Children (Name & Ages) _____

It is our suggestion that you present the following information in a letter to relay why this individual should be honored for the respective award:

- Schools attended (degrees, academic honors, etc...)
- Civic, fraternal, religious organizations and affiliations.
- Describe career of the nominee, including some background and the scope of the nominee's work or activity.
- Describe the nominee's exceptional achievements or contributions in the nominee's chosen field, organization, and/or community.
- List honors and awards received which evaluate the nominee's achievements.
- Include any other pertinent information which you feel would support your candidate and why you, the nominator, believe that your nominee should be selected.

Nominator's Name _____

Address _____ City _____

Phone No. _____ Fax _____ E-Mail _____

Signature of Nominator _____

All entries must be received no later than Thursday, January 8th, 2015.

The awards ceremony will be held at the Elks Club on Monday January, 19, 2015. Award winners will receive a plaque during the program that will commemorate their achievements.

Individuals who have excelled in one of the above mentioned fields might be nominated for recognition judged in the following areas, Personal improvement or accomplishment, Social improvement, Philanthropic contribution or voluntary service, Cultural achieve,emt. Academic leadership or accomplishment and Success in the influence of public opinion.

Nomination Deadline: Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015



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School Board #56

FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of the Dec. 8, 2014
School Board Meeting

The Falls City Board of Education met at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, in the Superintendent's office at Middle School in Falls City.

1.0 BUSINESS ITEMS
1.1 ROLL CALL AND OPEN MEETINGS
ACT NOTICE – School Board members present were: Tedd Gilkerson, Ed Harris, John Martin, Teresa Olberding, Scott Huppert and Scott Hollens. President John Martin presided at the meeting.

President Martin announced that the open meetings act notice is posted on the wall of this meeting room.

1.2 APPROVAL OF ABSENCES – None
1.3 VERIFICATION OF ADVANCED PUBLICATION – It was moved by Scott Huppert and seconded by Teresa Olberding that it is hereby determined that this meeting was preceded by publicized notice in the Falls City Journal and is hereby declared to be duly convened in open session. The voting was as follows: Gilkerson, yes; Harris, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes; Huppert, yes; Hollens, yes. Motion was declared passed and adopted and the following proceedings were had and done at said meeting in open session.

1.4 APPROVAL OF AGENDA - It was moved by Scott Hollens and seconded by Scott Huppert to approve the agenda. The voting was as follows: Gilkerson, yes; Harris, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes; Huppert yes; Hollens, yes. Motion carried. The agenda as follows:

1.0 Business Items:
1.1 Roll Call, Open Meetings Act Notice, and Pledge of Allegiance
1.2 Approval of Absences
1.3 Verification of Advanced Publication
1.4 Approval of Agenda
1.5 Approval of Previous Minutes
1.6 Audiences
1.7 Approval of Treasurer's Report
1.8 Approval of Claims
2.0 Informational Items/Reports:

2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Reports: Shelly Leyden, AdvancED School Improvement Process

2.2 Principal's Reports: Annual report on multiculturalism

2.3 Board President's Report

2.4 Superintendent's Report

2.4a Legislative & Organization Update

2.4b Building and Grounds Update

2.4c Continuous School Improvement & District Goals

2.4d Policy Planning

2.4e School Board/Administration Planning Workshop

2.4f Negotiations Planning

2.4g Superintendent Evaluation Documents (closed session)

2.4i Superintendent Meetings

2.4i Board Member Meetings

2.4j Other

2.5 Board Committee/Member Reports

2.6 Additions

3.0 Old/New Action Items:

3.1 First Reading on Policy Revisions

a) 6150 Responsibility of Principals and Assistants; b) 6175 Certified Staff Certificates; c) 6210 Classified Staff; d) 6211 Employment Terms (classified staff).

3.2 Second Reading on Policy Revisions

a) 6115 Reduction In Force; b) 6116 Certified Staff Unpaid Leave; c) 6117 Teacher Mentor Program; d) 6140 Substitute Teacher

3.3 Other

4.0 Executive Session: Requested by member, approved by majority, as per statute. ZNEZ

5.0 Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 12, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Central Office in FCMS. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings TBD.

1.5 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded by Scott Hollens to approve the minutes of the Nov. 10, 2014 regular School Board meeting. The voting was as follows: Gilkerson, yes; Harris, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes; Huppert, yes; Hollens, yes. Motion carried.

1.6 AUDIENCES: There were no comments from the audience at this meeting.

1.7 APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT: It was moved by Scott Huppert and seconded by Teresa Olberding to approve the Nov. 30, 2014 treasurer's report which shows a balance in the General Fund of \$309,931.95; in the General Fund Investment Account of \$314,327.21; in the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking of \$210,710.17; in the Student Fee Fund of \$2,003.00; in the ICI Fund of \$65,139.66; in the Special Building Fund Investment Account of \$396,163.78; in the Special Building Fund of \$44,043.29; in the High School Bond Fund of \$493,386.83; and in the Lunch Fund Account of \$29,883.23. The voting was as follows: Gilkerson, yes; Harris, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes; Huppert, yes; Hollens, yes. Motion carried.

The Board received a written High School Current Cash Balance Report, a Middle School Activity Account Report, and an Elementary Activity Account Report.

1.8 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS – It was moved by Ed Harris and seconded by Scott Huppert to approve the claims as presented. Discussion was had by the board on various claims. The voting was as follows: Gilkerson, yes; Harris, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes; Huppert, yes; Hollens, yes. Motion carried.

FC PUBLIC SCHOOLS - December 2014 CLAIMS

American Equipment, bus supp.....\$135.42

AmSan, maint. supp.....\$218.61

Apple, Inc., tech supp.....\$245.00

Armbruster Motor Co., car lease, bus supp.....\$703.00

AS Central Services, Internet prog.....\$236.79

Auto-Jet Muffler Corp., bus supp.....\$82.17

Bill's Auto Electric, bus supp.....\$89.50

Brownstar Port-A-Potties, maint. supp.....\$75.00

CCS Presentation Syst, tech supp.....\$1,126.72

C.O., mileage/workshop exp.....\$5,205.29

C.O., postage, shipping exp.....\$272.00

C.O., bus permits/cell phones.....\$104.00

C.O., misc. exp.....\$1,394.36

C.O., payables w/due date.....\$404.40

Cornhusker International Trucks, bus supp.....\$25.85

CueThink, Inc., HS software.....\$300.00

Electronic Contracting Co., supp.....\$190.19

Elementary Activity Account - NS, SPED serv.....\$125.65

Elementary Activity Account - SS, SS teaching supp.....\$46.00

Embassy Suites Hotel - LaVista,

BOE lodging.....\$1,776.00

ESU#4 - Contracted, SPED serv.....\$2,586.05

ESU#4 - CO-OP, SPED supp.....\$5.00

Farm & City Supply, maint., bus gounds, HS supp.....\$896.86

Farmer's Repair & Machine Shop, grounds supp.....\$647.43

FC Auto Supply, bus supp.....\$732.22

FC Sanitation, waste removal.....\$770.00

FC School Lunch, adult lunches.....\$1,295.00

FC Utilities, serv.....\$21,306.37

Google, Inc., E-mail usage.....\$61.42

Harding and Shultz, legal serv.....\$3,175.80

Hotsy, bus supp.....\$391.38

Jo Crawford, SPED serv.....\$2,561.00

Jones AC, maint. repairs.....\$162.50

Kriz Davis, maint. supp.....\$60.00

JW Pepper, HS teaching supp.....\$242.41

Lewis Implement, bus supp.....\$238.36

Lawson Products, bus supp.....\$757.92

Mary Malcolm, SPED serv.....\$2,706.40

Merz Farm Equipment, grounds supp.....\$14.23

MS Activity Account, MS teach supp.....\$262.49

Mr. Automotive, bus supp.....\$121.66

NASB, BOE meeting registrations.....\$445.00

NCECBV1, SPED serv.....\$16,786.52

NE Central Equipment, bus supp.....\$165.80

NE State Fire Marshal, inspections.....\$240.00

Nodaway Valley Bank, copier lease.....\$4,200.00

Paper Tiger Shredding, serv.....\$200.00

Parent Child Center, food reimburs.....\$701.99

Paul A Schmitt Music HS teach supp.....\$12.72

Pest Control Services, serv.....\$125.00

Pro-ed, SS teach supp.....\$38.50

ProServ, HS copier lease.....\$50.00

PRTS, LLC, SPED serv.....\$2,900.77

Sapp Bros. Petroleum, diesel fuel.....\$21,953.10

School Nurse Supply, nurse supp.....\$204.44

School Specialty, SS teaching supp.....\$146.63

Shopko, NS teaching supp.....\$276.33

SNC Sales/Services, NS supp.....\$3.50

Software Unlimited, CO software.....\$562.50

Susan J. Weber, SPED serv.....\$3,431.53

Tetra Medical Supply, bus supp.....\$3.00

Towle Realty, lease (2 mos).....\$1,050.00

Truck Center Co., bus repair/maint.....\$2,667.05

UNL CSMCE, SS meeting reg.....\$100.00

Vision Inn Motel, SPED lodging.....\$213.30

Water Engineering, maint. serv.....\$237.32

sub total.....\$108,465.45

Payroll - District 56 (December).....\$730,843.90

Grand Total.....\$839,309.35

BOND FUND

BOK Financial, bond payment.....\$405,985.00

First National Bank - Fremont, bond payment.....\$10,540.00

TOTAL.....\$416,525.00

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First National Bank - Fremont, bond payment.....\$204,750.00

TOTAL.....\$204,750.00

SPECIAL BUILDING FUND

Jones AC, NS bathrooms flush valves project.....\$4,076.81

Pibrico Company, maint. contract/FCMS boiler.....\$3,897.09

TOTAL.....\$7,973.90

2.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/REPORTS

2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Report: Shelly Leyden reported that FCPS will be having their AdvancED Accreditation and Continuous School Improvement 5-year external visit October 2015. The school district is preparing for the external visit by focusing on improving student achievement district wide.

2.2 Principal Reports:

2.2a Gale Dunkhas gave a technology update ; professional development, in November the high school was geared toward school improvement and the direction we are heading and also an active shooter training to help prepare staff in case of a shooting incident. ACT exam scheduled for Dec. 13, 2014. High School Students of the Month – Anthony Baker, 11th grade; Baylee Vrtiska, 12th grade; Dylan Sutton, 9th grade; and Sydney Brewer, 10th grade. Aaron Kurgeweit was selected for the 2014 Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership. Sydney Brewer was selected as alternate. Acknowledge Mrs. Kris Simon and One-Act cast and crew for their public performances and district performance. Mrs. Alisha Sutton and the chorus students for the Vocal Concert held Dec. 1. Mr. Kent Stutheit and the band students and parents for the Soup supper held Dec. 4.

2.2b J.P. Holys reported on the following for South School: Student enrollment is 174. Debels, middle year benchmark was completed. November PLC discussed current continuous improvement process and reviewed AdvancEd standards. Mr. Dunn shared information on Body Connect. Third grade RtI committee reviewed and determined interventions and services for at risk identified students in reading and math. All probationary teachers have received their first semester evaluation. High Impact Instructional Partnership took place Dec. 5 to assist teachers with their professional development plans. South School winter music program held Dec. 11, 2014 at Prichard Auditorium.

2.2c Rick Johnson reported on the following for Middle School: Student of the Month for November – sixth grade – Abby Harms, seventh grade – Faith Zimmerman, eighth grade – Bailey Furrow. FCMS received \$1,000 from SunMart. The money will go toward PBiS and other activities and programs that support student achievement. Sixth graders skype with author, Donna Gephart who wrote "How to Survive Middle School." PLC started with School Intruder Training and the second half of day was spent discussing school improvement and discussed standard five. Eighth graders collected \$600 during their 7th annual Chautauqua Night. This year's topic was 20th Century People. This project has raised over \$4,700 for charitable causes.

2.2d Shawn Emerson reported on the following for North School: Student enrollment, 220; WatchDOGS launch party was held on Nov. 24 with 150 students and father/father figures in attendance. Forty-six men signed up to serve as WatchDOGS on a Tuesday or Thursday the rest of the school year. Second Dibels screening is scheduled for Dec. 15-16. Kindergarten round-up surveys will be sent out end of December. Kindergarten round up will be held April 24. PCC Christmas Program was held Dec. 2 at the High School Auditorium. Santa will be visiting North School on Dec. 19.

2.3 Board President's Report: The State Education Conference had great keynote speakers and really good sessions. A presentation was made to Board Members Teresa Olberding and Tedd Gilkerson acknowledging their years of service on the Board of Education.

2.4 Superintendent's Report

2.4a Legislative and Organizations Report: There were many good sessions and speakers to choose from again this year at the annual NASB/NASA State Education Conference. The topics focusing on Open Meetings requirements, Legislative updates, Bullying prevention, combined with very good messages from the keynote

speakers were just a few of the opportunities to hear from the experts. NASB held the New Board Member Workshop in La Vista on Dec. 3. Board members-elect June Bowers and Richard Malcolm attended this informational workshop with Board Vice President Ed Harris, and the superintendent. Topics reviewed included 1) board governance; 2) the superintendent; 3) board policy; 4) school law; 5) open meetings act/board meetings; and 6) advocacy.

Legislature: The 2015 Legislative calendar is included. With a new governor, eighteen new senators, and possibly 12 new committee chairs, we may face more uncertainty simply due to the sharp learning curve mixed with new agendas.

Upcoming legislative and organization meetings also include the NASB Legislative Issues Conference Jan. 25-26 in Lincoln. NRCSA Legislative Forum, Feb. 18 in Lincoln. I will take care of the registrations for board members wishing to attend these functions.

2.4b Building & Grounds Update: A technician from the Pibrico Co. performed the scheduled maintenance on the school district's nine boilers, as per the annual boiler maintenance contract. Additionally, a recommendation plan for addressing the middle school boiler floor issues is expected within the week. Cost estimates for the 2015 project and facility list are near complete and the Project Committee will meet prior to the Dec. 8 board meeting to begin prioritizing projects for recommendation during 2015.

2.4c Continuous School Improvement & District Goals: Continuous School Improvement Plan Goal: All Falls City Public School students will increase their achievement in math problem solving across all content areas.

The AdvancED External Visit has been set for October 2015 (10/4/15 to 10/7/15). Recent school improvement activities have included the use of PLC's and district collaboration for collecting data on the AdvancED standards. Problem Solving templates and the district Mission/Vision/Belief are displayed in all classrooms. Parent, staff and student surveys have been completed in order to gather stakeholder data for our school improvement process.

Teacher Evaluation Model: As per statute, all probationary-level certificated teachers employed by the district shall be evaluated at least once each semester, for the first three years of employment. The district has 12 probationary-level teachers employed for the 2014-15 school year. Ten probationary-level evaluations have been completed and two are in progress to be completed by the end of semester.

2.4d Policy Planning: The following policies are up for first reading upon review:

1) 6150 Responsibility of Principals and Assistants: Recommending the board delete the final paragraph of this policy that refers to the position of Assistant Principal. Current practice and job description reflects both of the elementary principals as "Principal" with additional duties assigned as South School Principal-Special Education Director-Title I Director, and North School Principal-Assessment Director.

2) 6175 Certified Staff Certificates: No changes recommended.

3) 6210 Classified Staff: No changes recommended

4) 6211 Employment Terms (classified staff): No changes recommended

Policies to review that will be up on second and final reading are as follows: Refer to the October board packet materials for a copy of the second reading policies.

1) 6115 Reduction In Force: Edited to reflect current language in our teacher evaluation policy.

2) 6116 Certified Staff Unpaid Leave: No changes recommended.

3) 6117 Teacher Mentor Program: No changes recommended.

4) 6140 Substitute Teachers: No changes recommended.

2.4e School Board/Administration Planning Workshop: Jan. 24 and 31 are available for Burma Kroger to facilitate a planning retreat for the district. If needed, Burma Kroger could also make Feb. 14 work. The board tentatively set Jan. 24 as the workshop date.

2.4f Negotiations Planning: The next meeting scheduled between the BOE negotiations committee and the FCEA committee is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 10.

2.4g Superintendent Evaluation Documents: (request closed session)

2.4h Superintendent Meetings: NCSA Legislative Preview Conference, Dec. 11, Lincoln; STANCE, Dec. 17, Lincoln; NASB Legislative Issues Conference, Jan. 25-26, Lincoln; NASA/NASB Education Forum, Feb. 3-4, Kearney; NRCSA Legislative Forum, Feb. 18, Lincoln; NRCSA Spring Conf., March 19-20, Kearney.

2.4i Board Member Meetings: NASB Legislative Issues Conference, Jan. 25-26, Lincoln; NASA/NASB Education Forum, Feb. 3-4, Kearney; NRCSA Legislative Forum, Feb. 18, Lincoln; NRCSA Spring Conference, March 19-20, Kearney; NSBA National Conference, March 21-23, Nashville, TN.

2.4j Other Items: None

2.5 Board Committee/Member Reports: Board member Scott Hollens reported that the railroad will be prosecuting anyone who is taking pictures of students on railroad tracks. It was recommended that the year book staff should not allow pictures of student in the yearbook if taken on the railroad tracks

3.0 ACTION ITEMS:

3.1 First Reading on Policy Revision Recommendations include 1) 6150 Responsibility of Principals and Assistants; 2) 6175 Certified Staff Certificates; 3) 6210 Classified Staff; 4) 6211 Employment Terms (classified staff). It was moved by Ed Harris and seconded by Tedd Gilkerson to approve first reading on policy revision recommendations for 1) 6150 Responsibility of Principals and Assistants;

2) 6175 Certified Staff Certificates; 3) 6210 Classified Staff; 4) 6211 Employment Terms (classified staff). The voting was as follows: Gilkerson, yes; Harris, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes; Huppert, yes; Hollens, yes. Motion carried.

3.2 Second Reading on Policy Revision Recommendations include: 1) 6115 Reduction in Force; 2) 6116 Certified Staff Unpaid Leave; 3) 6117 Teacher Mentor Program; 4) 6140 Substitute Teachers. It was moved by Ed Harris and seconded by Scott Huppert to approve first reading on policy revision recommendations for 1) 6115 Reduction in Force; 2) 6116 Certified Staff Unpaid Leave; 3) 6117 Teacher Mentor Program; 4) 6140 Substitute Teachers. The voting was as follows: Gilkerson, yes; Harris, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes; Huppert, yes; Hollens, yes. Motion carried.

3.3 Other – None.

4.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Scott Huppert and seconded by Scott Hollens to go into executive session at 7:54 p.m. for Superintendent Evaluation and Negotiations discussion. The voting was as follows: Gilkerson, yes; Harris, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes; Huppert, yes; Hollens, yes. Motion carried.

Declared to leave closed session by President Martin at 9 p.m.

A motion was made by Scott Hollens and seconded by Scott Huppert to reenter open session at 9:00 p.m. to acknowledge that the superintendent evaluation document and teacher negotiation process were discussed. The voting was as follows: Gilkerson, yes; Harris, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes; Huppert, yes; Hollens, yes. Motion carried.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Scott Hollens and seconded by Ed Harris to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. with no further business. The voting was as follows: Gilkerson, yes; Harris, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes; Huppert, yes; Hollens, yes. Motion carried.

The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 12, 2015, at 7 p.m. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings to be determined.

Village of Verdon

VILLAGE OF VERDON NOVEMBER, 2014 CLAIMS	
EFTPS, EX.....	\$542.69
PETTY CASH, SE & SU.....	\$60.00
BRENDA DANIELS, MI.....	\$38.64
VERDON LIBRARY, EX.....	\$25.00
ROBERT W. ATKEN, CPA, SE.....	\$682.50
LORNA FEEK, FE.....	\$599.00
DYLAN L. HANDLEY, ATTORNEY, SE.....	\$525.00
R.C.R.W.D. # 2, SU.....	\$920.30
SENECA SANITATION, SE.....	\$1,148.00
S.N.C., SE.....	\$88.25
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, SU.....	\$34.00
MIDWEST LABS, FE.....	\$14.45
FARM & CITY SUPPLY, SU.....	\$35.11
SUNMART, EX.....	\$375.00
N.P.P.D., SE.....	\$82.23
O.P.P.D., SE.....	\$89.01
FALLS CITY JOURNAL, SE.....	\$33.75
CARD SERVICES, SU.....	\$108.28
BRENDA DANIELS, SA.....	\$460.00
JON MCANDREW, SA.....	\$463.28
JON MCANDREW, MI.....	\$30.80
USA BLUEBOOK, SU.....	\$49.15
K-T'S FIRE EXT. SERVICE, SE.....	\$17.12
BRENDA DANIELS, RE.....	\$252.96
TAMMIE BENTS, RE.....	\$219.04
NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB, FE.....	\$83.00
TRACY MILKE, SA.....	\$193.93
TRACY MILKE, MI.....	\$35.00
AARON DAVIS, SA.....	\$138.52
AARON DAVIS, MI.....	\$25.00
BRENDA DANIELS, SA.....	\$460.00
TAMMIE BENTS, SA.....	\$721.99
TAMMIE BENTS, MI.....	\$74.48
JON MCANDREW, SA.....	\$287.45
JON MCANDREW, MI.....	\$1.68
BRENDA DANIELS, RE.....	\$17.61
EX, EXPENSE; FE, FEE; MI, MILEAGE; RE, REIMBURSEMENT; SA, SALARY; SE, SERVICE; SU, SUPPLIES	

Brenda Daniels,
Verdon Clerk/Treasurer

VERDON MINUTES
CHANGE IN OFFICE MEETING -
DEC. 3, 2014 - 7:30 P.M. - VILLAGE HALL

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON PROTEMPORE JAMES COCKERHAM AT 7:30 P.M. He called attention to the Open Meetings Act posted.

THE TWO OUT-GOING TRUSTEES, DENISE KOSO AND BRENDA STREIT, WERE RE-ELECTED TO SERVE A NEW TERM SO THEY ARE THE INCOMING TRUSTEES FOR 2014-2018.

OATH OF OFFICE WAS GIVEN TO DENISE KOSO WHO THEN TOOK HER PLACE AS VILLAGE OF VERDON TRUSTEE.

BRENDA STREIT WAS ABSENT AND WILL BE GIVEN HER OATH OF OFFICE IN JANUARY 2015.

MOTION BY GARY COCHRAN, SECOND BY SHANNON WEINMANN TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING AT 7:35 P.M. ALL TRUSTEES PRESENT VOTED YEA.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

BRENDA DANIELS
VERDON CLERK

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Organization of Windsock Ag Services LLC

Pursant to NE. Rev. Stat 21-193 notice is given that Windsock Ag Services, LLC, a limited liability company, was organized on October 15, 2014 by filing a Certificate of Organization with Nebraska Secretary of State setting for the following:

1. The name of the company is Windsock Ag Services, LLC.
2. The purpose for which the Company is organized are to engage in any and all lawful businesses in which a limited liability company may conduct.
3. The period of duration of the company is perpetual.
4. The address of the initial designated office of the company is 70718 656 Ave., Falls City, NE 68355, and the company's initial agent for service of process in Nebraska is Darrin E. Schawang, 70718 656 Ave., Falls City, NE 68355.

Darrin E Schawang
70718 656 Ave
Falls City, NE 68355
2-9-16

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

COUNTY OF RICHARDSON, A Political Subdivision of the State of Nebraska,
Palntiff,
vs.
Jule Robinson, et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. C114-79

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of and pursuant to the Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of the 1st Judicial District of Nebraska within and for said County of Richardson on November 25, 2014, in an action to foreclose delinquent real estate taxes wherein the County of Richardson, a Political Subdivision of the State of Nebraska, is Plaintiff and Jule Robinson, et al. are Defendants, I will at 1:15 o'clock P.M. on the 2nd day of January, 2015 at the corridor inside the west front door of the Courthouse in the city of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder, the following-described tract of land in Richardson County, Nebraska, to-wit:

Lot Six in Block Two, Original Town, Village of Verdon, Richardson County, Nebraska.

Said sale to be held open for one hour. Purchasers will be subject to real estate taxes for 2015 and all subsequent years.

Terms of said sale are one hundred percent down on date of sale and Sheriff's Deed delivered to purchasers on confirmation of sale by the District Court, subject to the right of redemption of the United States, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2410.

Given my hand and seal this 26th day of November, 2014.

Randy Houser
Sheriff of Richardson County,
Nebraska

Douglas E. Merz
County Attorney of
Richardson County, Nebraska

9-16-23-30

STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

In the Matter of Application MT-47) for a Municipal and Rural Domestic Ground Water Transfer Permit.)

Notice is hereby given that the City of Humboldt (Applicant) has filed an application for a permit under the provisions of the Municipal and Rural Domestic Ground Water Transfers Permit Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 46-638 through 46-650. Application MT-47 requests a permit to withdraw 78,110,000 gallons (approximately 240 acre-feet) per year from the City's four existing production wells, identified in the Department's records as follows: G-027713 and G-070736, located in the NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 15, Township 3 North, Range 13 East of the 6th P.M. in Richardson County; and G-163338 and G-163343, located in the NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 12 East of the 6th P.M. in Pawnee County, Nebraska. The water will be transported for municipal and rural domestic use in the service areas of the City of Humboldt and the Richardson County Rural Water District #1. The Application may be viewed at the Department's office in Lincoln. Contact Tracy Zayac at 402-471-2363 to arrange a time to see the Application.

The criteria that the Department must consider in determining whether to grant or deny a permit under the Municipal and Rural Domestic Ground Water Transfers Permit Act are specified in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-613.01, subdivisions (1) through (7), and listed below:

- (1) The nature of the proposed use and whether it is a beneficial use of ground water;
- (2) The availability to the applicant of alternative sources of surface or ground water;
- (3) Any negative effect of the proposed withdrawal on ground water supplies needed to meet present or reasonable future demands for water in the area of the proposed withdrawal, to comply with any interstate compact or decree, or to fulfill the provisions of any other formal state contract or agreement;
- (4) Any negative effect of the proposed withdrawal on surface water supplies needed to meet present or reasonable future demands within the state, to comply with any interstate compact or decree, or to fulfill the provisions of any other formal state contract or agreement;
- (5) Any adverse environmental effect of the proposed withdrawal or transportation of ground water;
- (6) The cumulative effect of the proposed withdrawal and transfer relative to the matters listed in subdivisions (3) through (6) of this section when considered in conjunction with all other transfers subject to this section; and
- (7) Any other factors consistent with the purposes of this section that the director deems relevant to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the state and its citizens.

Any person with a legal interest in the subject matter may object to the Application and request a hearing by filing a formal written objection and request for hearing, accompanied by a \$10 filing fee, with the Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509-4676. Attention: Tracy Zayac, by January 7, 2015. Objections may be filed by the interested person or by an attorney on behalf of the interested person. The objection must include the following:

1. Your name, address, and contact information, and the same information for the attorney;
2. Identification number of the Application to which you are objecting;
3. A description of your qualifying legal or equitable interest in the subject matter; and
4. A specifically stated basis for your objection, referring to one or more of the criteria listed above.

If you also want a hearing, you must state that you want a hearing. If the objection does not contain a request for a hearing, then none will be held, and the objection will be placed in the Application file and considered by the Department when making the decision whether or not to issue the permit. Additional information on responding to a notice of application may be found at <http://dnr.nebraska.gov/opportunities-for-participation-in-the-permitting-process>.

9-16-23

NOTICE OF DIVORCE PROCEEDING CASE NUMBER: C114-177

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA TO: Chelsea Porter, whose whereabouts are unknown upon whom personal service of summons cannot be had, and is the defendant in said proceedings:

You are notified that on November 25, 2014, Plaintiff, Daniel Worton filed a Complaint against you in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, at Case No. C114-177, the object of which is to obtain a dissolution of marriage on the ground that the marriage is irretrievably broken, to obtain an equitable division of the property, and to determine custody and child support, among other things.

You are required to answer said Complaint on or before January 27, 2015, or said Complaint against you will be taken as true.

Daniel Worton
Fairbury, NE 68352

Pamela Scott
Clerk of District Court

9-16-23

Notice of Trustee's Sale

Notice is Hereby Given that the Trustee under the Deed of Trust filed on August 5, 2010, in Book 241, Page 059, in the Office of Richardson County Register of Deeds will sell the following described property at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in the lobby of the Richardson County Courthouse, Falls City, NE, Richardson County, Nebraska, on the 5th day of February, 2015.

Lots 21, 22, and 23, Block 1,
Hillcrest Addition; Falls City,
Richardson County, Nebraska

DATED: December 9, 2014

William VonSeggern, #14341,
Attorney for
Richardson County Bank & Trust Co.,
Trustee and Beneficiary

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County Board

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DEC. 2, 2014 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sickel at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2014. Roll call was answered by Standerford, Davidson and Sickel. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sickel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Davidson. Chairman Sickel 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 Nov. 25, 2014, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the minutes of the Nov. 25, 2014, Board of Equalization meeting. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

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

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Scott Huppert, Highway Superintendent, updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. Huppert reviewed with the Board the status of bridge projects. Sixteen brush complaints that were issued have been found to not be in compliance as of Nov. 25, 2014, were reported to the Board and a hearing will be set and notice will be given to those landowners of such hearing to declare if the area is a public nuisance.

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the contract with A.M. Cohron & Son, Inc. of Atlantic, Iowa, for the Stella Southeast project BRO7074(24). Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 22, Page 9)

A representative from Constructor's Inc. and Chris Lane from Speece-Lewis Engineers met with the Board to review the contract that the County has with Constructor's Inc. for the asphalt of 3 miles on the dustless highway, 656 Avenue between 706 and 709 Road which was projected to be completed by Nov. 1, 2014. More discussion will be held with the contractor regarding the contract.

Huppert reported that he met with Larry Rexroth to review a drainage problem.

SPYGLASS

Josh Gensler of Spyglass Group, LLC visited with the Board via teleconference call to further discuss the services that Spyglass Group offers to assist with tracking expenses associated with telephone services that may be wrongly charged. No action was taken at this time.

JONES AIR CONDITIONING

Gary Jones of Jones Air Conditioning reviewed with the Board a quote that he furnished to the County Board for a solution to controlling the air temperature in the Lower Level offices.

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the quote from Jones Air Conditioning in the amount of \$11,426.04 to control the air temperature in part of the Lower Level, EMA office area. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

DON POUNDS, SHERIFF-ELECT

The Board requested to meet with Don Pounds, Sheriff-elect to review with him items of business for beginning the duties as Richardson County Sheriff on Jan. 8.

QUARTERLY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Sickel called to order the quarterly meeting of the Couty Safety Committee at 1 p.m. Those present were Commissioners Standerford, Davidson and Sickel; Highway Superintendent, Scott Huppert; Steve Darveau, Jr. representing the Road Department; Tammie Beckner, Courthouse Maintenance; Roland Merwin representing the Sheriff's Department and Brian Dixon, EMA Director. The minutes of the last meeting, Sept. 16, 2014 were unanimously approved. Steve Darveau, Jr. reported that the Road Dept. are continually preparing for the winter season. He also reported that the bridge crew employees have requested different safety harnesses. Huppert reported that the harnesses they are currently using are approved by OSHA.

Tammie Beckner of Courthouse maintenance reported no problems at the Courthouse building and grounds.

Brian Dixon reported that the lower level entry rug has been placed and is helping with keeping the water off the floor that would be tracked in from the rainy weather.

Roland Merwin from the Sheriff's Department reported no problems.

Joe Miller and Steve Simon of Miller-Monroe Insurance informed the Board that the company has a video library of safety items for use by the county in any department. They also inquired as to whether the proposed safety manual had been adopted by the Board. Miller will be getting the proposed manual in a final draftform for one last review by the County. They also presented a manual for use as a reference for Effective Employment Practices.

Sickel declared the Quarterly Safety Committee adjourned at 1:25 p.m. The next meeting is planned for Feb. 3, 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following of-ficials for fees collected during the month of November, 2014:
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk,
November, 2014.....\$245.00
October, 2014.....\$257.00

Mary L. Eickhoff,
Register of Deeds.....\$5,613.00
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court.....\$305.70

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for November 2014.

Quotes for Geothermal Test Well

Quotes received for the Geothermal test well and thermal conductivity test for jail project at the armory were reviewed. No action was taken.

Other

Brian Dixon, EMA Director requested to visit with the Board further and answer any questions that they would have regarding the proposed changes in the job descriptions/titles for the EMA staff and proposed salary increases. This matter will be placed on next week's agenda for further review and/or consideration.

CLAIMS

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

GENERAL FUND

Alamar Corp., supp.....709.91
AS Central, serv.....448.00
Tammie Beckner, reimb.....21.39
Dept of Correctional Serv., serv.....11,458.08
Des Moines Stamp Mfg., supp.....14.80
Fairfield Inn & Suites, serv.....42.48
Farm & City Supply, supp.....149.99
Jones Air Conditioning, serv.....645.98
Kaytlyn Kennedy, reimb.....114.31
Kochs Auto Service, serv.....40.50
Frances Kuker, serv.....650.00
EMA Petty Cash, reimb.....967.08
Sheriff Petty Cash Fund, reimb.....953.95
Shopko, supp.....17.99
SunMart, supp.....502.25
Tichy Land Survey, fee.....607.32
Wolfe, supp.....108.97
Total General Fund.....\$17,453.00

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Midwest Service & Sales Co., supp.....347.95
Myer Tire Supply, supp.....87.59
Unifirst Corp., serv.....77.14
Total Road/Bridge Fund.....\$512.68

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

Maria Oliver, rent.....131.00
Total General Assistance Fund.....\$131.00

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Davidson to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2014 at 9 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.
David D. Sickel, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

Village of Rulo

Village of Rulo Board of Trustees, Regular Meeting Minutes Nov. 10, 2014 - 7 p.m. Rulo, Library

Kevin Barber called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Present: Glen Kelley, Kraig Coonce, Norman Thompson, Kevin Barber and Jan Price, Village Clerk/Treasurer. Absent: James Coonce
Guests: Joe Gist, Allen Donigan, Stacey Hollens, Tammie Bents, Anthony Winters, Lee Smith, Becky Parker, Billie Keller, Ralph Popejoy and Ashley Popejoy.

Minutes: Kelley made a motion to accept the minutes of October 2014; seconded by Thompson. Voting: K. Coonce, Thompson and Kelley, yea.

Claims: Price read through the claims. Thompson made a motion to approve the claims; seconded by Kelley. Voting: Kelley, K. Coonce and Thompson, yea.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made to approve the treasurer's report by K. Coonce; seconded by Kelley. Voting: Kelley, K. Coonce and Thompson, yea

OLD BUSINESS:

Street repair: It was brought up that the road grader needs batteries and the blade on the truck needs a new bit. Urban Construction pumped out the ditch, when it dries out they will finish digging it out. Water Dept.: There are several meters that need to be replaced. Fire Dept.: There are several pagers not accounted for and the board stated that the fire dept. needs to have meeting and find out who has pagers and who doesn't. Barber will check into to the cost of pagers at Midwestern Cemetery: The flag light was reported fixed but still isn't working, the board said the flag needs to be taken down until the light is fixed, Lee Smith will talk to Peru State and see if they can map out the Cemetery so they can put up a map to display at the Rulo Cemetery. Auditorium: Barber announced the basement is clean.

New Business: It was decided that the village will purchase a Santa suit. The board discussed several possibilities for Santa in Rulo this year; it was also decided to have him come on Saturday, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m. at the Rulo Library. Thompson asked about the contract with Ag Partners if it was automatically renewed, the board decided to have them come to next months meeting and discuss the old contract.

Claims: SNC, \$91.93; FC Utilities, \$1461.00; OPPD, \$1,277.76; FC Auto Supply, \$32.51; Farm and City, \$150.00; Merz Farm Equipment, \$374.86; Sapp Bros., \$300.00; Sailors and Sons, \$15.10 and 1,208.57; FC Journal, \$76.96; W.W.T.F., \$267.19; Tammie Bents, \$272.04; Stacey Hollens, \$223.97; Janice Price, \$634.53. Kraig Coonce made a motion to adjourn; Barber seconded. Voting: Kelley, K. Coonce and Thompson, Yea.

Jan Price, Village Clerk/Secretary

Village of Rulo Board of Trustees, Regular Meeting Minutes Oct. 13, 2014 7 p.m. Rulo Library

Kevin Barber called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Present: Glen Kelley, Kraig Coonce, Norman Thompson, Kevin Barber and Jan Price, Village Clerk/Treasurer. Absent: James Coonce. Guests: Joe Gist, Allen Donigan, Stacey Hollens, Tammie S. Bents, Anthony Winters.

Minutes: K. Coonce made a motion to accept the minutes of September 2014; seconded by Thompson. Voting: K. Coonce, Thompson and Kelley, yea.

Claims: Price read through the claims. K. Coonce made a motion to approve the claims; seconded by Kelley. Voting: Kelley, K. Coonce and Thompson, yea.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made to approve the treasurer's report by Barber; seconded by K. Coonce. Voting: Kelley, K. Coonce and Thompson, yea.

OLD BUSINESS:

Street repair: K. Coonce made a motion to put a stop sign up on Commercial and Rouleau St., coming from the north; Barber seconded the motion. Voting: Barber, K. Coonce, Kelley and Thompson, yea. Twenty-three tons of cold patch was purchased to fill in holes on the streets. The tube on martin street is caving in and needs to be fixed. The "no outlet" sign needs to be put up on Ash Street. It was announced that as soon as it stops raining Urban Construction will start the repairs on Ash Street.

Water Dept.: Tammi Bents submitted a copy of the new sample plan.

Fire Dept.: K. Coonce requested two additional pagers. Barber said there should be enough pagers for all active volunteers.

Cemetery: It was discussed that there needs to be a schedule for volunteers so everyone knows when the mowing will be done. A schedule was not decided at this time.

Auditorium: Barber announced he put the bleach on the basement floor, but still needs to finish cleaning it out.

New Business: Joe Gist requested an extension for six months on his building permit. Thompson approved an extension for one year; Barber seconded the motion. Voting: Thompson, K. Coonce, Barber and Kelley, yea.

Claims: SNC, \$91.93; FC Utilities, \$1,559.95; OPPD, \$1,277.76; Farm/City, \$132.72; Sapp Bros., \$206.79; FC Journal, \$76.96; W.W.T.F., \$267.19; Tammie Bents, \$272.04; Stacey Hollens, \$223.97; Janice Price, \$634.53.

Kraig Coonce made a motion to adjourn; Kevin Barber seconded. Voting: Glen Kelley, Kraig Coonce and Norman Thompson, yea.
Jan Price/Village Clerk/ Secretary

Three-State Beef Conference Jan. 13-15

Area beef producers should make plans to attend the second annual Three-State Beef Conference on Jan. 13, 14 and 15, with locations in Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska.

Topics and speakers for the conference include: "Evaluating Supplementation Strategies", Dr. Rick Rasby, Extension Beef Specialist, University of Nebraska; "Rethinking our Forage Systems", Dr. Bruce Anderson, Extension Forage Specialist, University of Nebraska; and "Financial Impacts of Fertility and Infertility in the Current Cattle Market", Dr. Patrick Gunn, Extension Cow-Calf Specialist, Iowa State University.

The first conference session is in Creston, Iowa at Southwestern Community College on Tuesday, Jan. 13, with registration at 5:30 p.m. and the program at 6. The Missouri session will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 14, in Albany at the University of Missouri Hundley-Whaley Learning Discovery Center with registration at 5:30 p.m.

On Jan. 15, there will be two different sessions held in Nebraska. The first session will be held at the Gage County UNL Extension Center in Beatrice. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m., with the program at 11. An evening session will be at the UNL Ag Research and Development Center near Mead, with registration at 5:30 p.m.

The Three-State Beef Conference (formerly the Four-State Beef Conference) is designed to provide regular updates on current cow-calf and stocker topics to beef cattle producers and others in the beef industry in Iowa,

Missouri, and Nebraska. The conference provides a forum of specialists from three of the United States' leading beef cattle land grant universities as well as other industry experts.

Registration fee is \$25 per person and it includes a meal and copy of the conference proceedings. Pre-registration is due Jan. 9 to assist with meal planning and material preparation.

If you need accommodations because of a disability, have emergency medical information to share, or need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please inform us by Dec. 31.

To register, contact Paul Hay (Beatrice), play1@unl.edu, 402-223-1384 or Lindsay Chichester (Mead), Ichichester2@unl.edu, 402-624-8030 or visit on the web at <http://extension.iastate.edu/feci/3StBeef/>

ESU 4

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 held its regular meeting on Thursday, Dec. 11, 2014, at 5:15 p.m. at the Educational Service Unit 4 in Auburn, NE. The following claims were paid for the month of December:

General Fund -- \$47,368.26
Payroll -- \$360,481.98
NCECBVI -- \$24,957.10
Federal Programs -- \$2,278.26

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 will meet in regular session on Monday, Jan. 12, 2015, at 5:15 p.m. in the conference room at the office of Educational Service Unit 4, 919 16th St., Auburn, NE. The Region 4 Preschool Planning Team will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at the ESU 4 Learning Center, 1109 'R' St., Auburn, NE. Agendas for both meetings, kept current, are readily available for public inspection at the office of the Administrator during normal business hours.



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Falls City JOURNAL HOLIDAY HOURS

CHRISTMAS WEEK, the paper will be delivered as usual on Tuesday. The Journal office will close early on Christmas Eve and will be closed Christmas Day and Friday, Dec. 26.

DEADLINE FOR THE DEC. 30 PAPER WILL BE NOON ON WED., DEC. 24.

NEW YEARS WEEK, the paper will be delivered as usual on Tuesday. The Journal office will close early New Year's Eve, Closed New Years Day and Friday, January 2.

DEADLINE FOR THE JAN. 6 PAPER WILL BE NOON ON WED., DEC. 31

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Position Title: Gaming Commissioner, Full Time (Non-Exempt) position, Benefits Included. The Gaming Commissioner regulates gaming operations in accordance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, Tribal/State Gaming Compact, as well as the Tribal Gaming Ordinance and other applicable laws. Other duties include processing paperwork, licensing gaming/casino employees and non-gaming vendors, enforcement of procedures and assurance of confidentiality of records with the Gaming Commission as required by law. This position is a two (2) year appointed position and requires a High School diploma or GED certificate and three (3) or more years of experience working for Indian gaming preferred. The appointed Gaming Commissioner will complete a Category 1 background check.

Application Procedure: Submit a standard Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri application for employment and/or resume to the Tribal Council Secretary, 305 North Main St., Reserve, KS 66434. Phone: 785-742-0053, ext. 24. Fax: 785-742-7146 and/or email gbahr@sacandfoxcasino.com.

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NOTICE

Applications will be received at the office the City Clerk, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska until 4:00 P.M., December 19, 2014, for the position of full time street laborer for the City of Falls City Street Department, Falls City, Nebraska. The job description and qualifications for the position are online at <https://networks.nebraska.gov> or at the office of the City Clerk. The City of Falls City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Gary Jorn - City Clerk

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CUSTODIAN VACANCY: The Falls City Public Schools is seeking a full time custodian, High School evening shift, effective immediately. Benefits include health insurance, vacation, holidays, retirement, sick leave and personal leave. Applications are available at the Central Office, 1415 Morton Street, Falls City, NE., 68355 or fctigers.org. Contact Eva or Anne at the Central Office with questions, 402-245-2825.

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degree in Accounting/Business or similar field of study, with previous experience in MRP systems and procurement would be desired.

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Please send resume in confidence to: **Crosswind Petfoods, Inc., Attn: HR Manager, 509 Highway 75, Sabetha, Kansas, 66534.** You may also email the information to: zanan@crosswindindustries.com

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Application will be received at the office of the City Clerk, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska until 4:00 P.M. December 26, 2014, for the position of full time animal warden/auditorium caretaker for the City of Falls City, Falls City, Nebraska. The job description and qualifications for the position are online at <https://networks.nebraska.gov> or at the office of the City Clerk. The City of Falls City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

GARY JORN – CITY CLERK

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The Village of Rulo will be appointing a new board member, anyone interested is asked to attend the January 13th meeting held at the Rulo Library at 7:00pm. You must be a resident and a registered voter in the Village of Rulo.

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The family of Gertie Runyan would like to thank all our relatives, friends and neighbors for their prayers, phone calls, cards, visits, food, flowers, memorials, texts, hugs and other acts of kindness and support during this difficult time. Thank you to Pastor John Sipf for his visits and prayers and also to many other area churches for their prayers for mom. Many thanks to the Hospice team of In-Home Health and the Falls City Healthcare Community for their caring help. We wish to thank Brian Daaek and the staff of Dorr and Clark Funeral Home for their helpfulness and guidance. Mom looked amazing! Thank you to Robin Ankrom and Gayle Weinert for the beautiful music during the celebration service featuring Gertie's favorite hymns and special song, "Always" sung by Robin. Thank you to Darcy Demmel for her tribute to Gertie with "Sharing Memories of Grandma." We greatly appreciated the delicious lunch prepared by St. Peter's WELCA and others who helped and brought food. We are truly blessed by such a wonderful caring community! Again, thank you for all the support shown to us at our time of grief. Your kindness will always be remembered. Mom would have called each person on the phone thanking them for every card she received. In her letters and cards she always ended with, "God loves you and so do we!" Bud Runyan Roxann and Mark Stitzer Don and Becky Runyan Joni and Steve Milam Gaye Runyan and families

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Falls City EDGE has a part time position available for an Administrative Assistant/Event Coordinator. Interested applicants can e-mail their resume to director@fallscityedge.com by December 31, 2014. Hours would be approximately 20-30 hours per week. Flexible schedule and potential to do some work from home.

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Native American Family Services, White Cloud, KS has an opening for a full-time Child Development Center Assistant at the Iowa Tribal Learning Center. Minimum Qualifications: Applicant shall possess a CPR and First Aid training or be willing to obtain certification. Have a genuine interest and enjoyment of small children/infants and the ability to stay calm, in all situations and to respond to children in a quiet, reassuring manner. Must possess a valid driver's license and pass an extensive background and character check. Native American preference given. To apply send resume with three personal references to Native American Family Services, 3303 Thrasher Rd; White Cloud, KS 66094, or email to nafs@iowas.org ,or fax to 785-595-3262. 45-tf



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Jaycees’ DSA nominations due Jan. 8

The Falls City Area Jaycees are seeking nominations to honor those who have shown outstanding leadership in and around the community in 2013. Page 14 of today’s *Journal* includes a large nomination ballot to be used for nominations of persons to be recognized at the Monday, Jan. 19, Jaycees’ Distinguished Service Awards Ceremony to be held at the Elks Club.

Nomination forms may also be obtained at several merchant locations around Falls City.

The Jaycees urge everyone to take some time to submit the names of those you feel are deserving of the appropriate awards. The Jaycees take great pride in recognizing those who excel in making the community a better place to live. The public’s input is essential in making the awards ceremony a success.

Following is a clarification of the specifics regarding the Distinguished Service Awards program:

—Anyone is eligible for nomination, as noted in each category (see nomination ballot).

—Nominees in each category are judged using a scoring and voting system with the winners each receiving the best overall scores and/or votes.

—Families and friends of the winners will be notified the week before the ceremony to make plans for the winners to be there.

When making your nominations, it is strongly recommended that you include a resume or letter of recommendation that fully describes your nominee’s accomplishments specifically in 2014, as well as past activities. Also, add reasons why you feel he/she is deserving of winning that particular award.

Every year the Jaycees host the DSA ceremony with the primary purpose to recognize that the community of Falls City is blessed to have many wonderful individuals who make a real difference in people’s lives.

This ceremony provides an opportunity, as a community, to reflect on these gifts and celebrate volunteerism.

DSA nominations are due by Thursday, Jan. 8. Please send them to: DSA Nominations, c/o Falls City Area Jaycees, P.O. Box 202, Falls City, NE 68355. Nominations may also be delivered in a sealed envelope to the State Farm Insurance office, 2002 Stone St., or via email to Stefanie Wenz at s_wenz@yahoo.com



Photos by Jason Schoek

TOP — The Interrogator (Aiden Ebel) leads Santa 3 (Sabastian Hernandez) away for questioning with the help of, from left, Santa 2 (Sabastian Cracraft-Leon), a Reindeer Guard (Kyle Eickhoff) and Donner (Robert Stalder). Behind the scene, standing on the stage floor, from left: Logan Barkow (as Uncle Joe), Andrew Mackey and Wayde Phroper (as Workers) and Courtney McClintock (as Mom). One the stage risers, front row, from left: Camron Keller (as Santa and partially hidden), Sara Gifford (as Julie), Hannah Berger (as Kid 4) and Vincent Strecker (as Ray); back row, Piper Sutton (as Aunt June), Lexi Brewer (as Kid 3), Ella Heineman (as Girl) and Brylee Gilkerson (as Cousin Cara). **RIGHT** — Joe Vrtiska, as Clement C. Moore, kicked off the show with *Christmas Time is Comin*.



‘Twas a crazy play

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Butrick, Jude Chapple, Jesse Coonce and Sam Dunn) who detained a, not the, “right jolly old elf.” Rather, they nabbed just one of three guys (Jaxtyn Harvey, Christian Cracraft-Leon and Sabastian Hernandez) dressed up like him.

“Would the Real Santa Stand Up?,” the interrogator (Aiden Ebel) asked. He eventually did, played by Camron Keller.

Mrs. Ankrom and her students presented a light-hearted look at Christmas in the typical American household on Christmas Eve, with clever songs, antics and an eve-

ning of entertainment before a large Prichard Auditorium crowd on hand. The program was sponsored by FCPS and Partners In Education.

The program was intended to be a parody of ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas, of course, and it was fun and entertaining, with one particular exception (and the students no doubt would agree): There would be nothing funny about getting slippers for Christmas. Even once.

Songs included: *Christmas Time Is Comin’*, *Sleepin’ On The Floor*,

Slippers Again For Christmas, *Something To Believe In*, *Touch-down In The Kitchen*, and *Will The Real Santa Claus Please Stand Up*

Other cast members included: Maelynn Elms (Mouse), Andrew Mackey and Wayde Phroper (Workers), Carly Romo (Kid 1), Vincent Strecker (Ray), Piper Sutton (Aunt June), Ira Adams (Uncle Albert), Brylee Gilkerson (Cousin Cora), Leo Moore (Cousin Cora’s Brother), Dalton Helmick (Kid 2), Lexi Brewer (Kid 3), Hannah Berger (Kid 4), Sara Gifford (Julie), Havyn Evan-Ruiz (Narrator), Courtney McClintock (Mom), Logan Barkow (Uncle Joe), Ella Heineman (Girl).

Sleepers: Cayden Dunkhas, Daly Martin, Taylor Davis, Elizabeth Boswell, Nate Craine, Aleah Hernandez, Skylar Berg, Hailey Judd, Grace Kennel, Aalexxus Haug, Alley Richard-Goodman, Cade Thompson, Silas Amanullah, Kala Waggoner, Bella Franzen, McKenna Pfohl, Grace Holys, Emma Killingsworth, Madisyn Davis and Josh Frederick.

Dancers: Makinley Scholl, Marcus Pommier, Jozie Kirkendall, Kadyne Strecker, Elizabeth Saul, Blake Rolfe, RaeAnn Thompson, Avery Vice, Kiersten Clark, McKenzie Nichols, Alexis Miller, Brookelynn Simon, Christina Gilkerson, Evan Fritz, Alexis Schroeder, Corey Murphy, Josie Riggs, Nia Crawford, Pressler Bruxellas and Taryn Coronado.

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