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Politics aside, we guess it'll be OK for President Obama to shake hands with Santa Claus after he comes down the White House chimney.

Falls City native dies in fire at N.M. residence

A 51-year-old Falls City native and school teacher in Shiprock, N.M., was killed in a duplex fire early the morning of Dec. 10.

Scott Schwarting, the son of retired Falls City businessman Larry and Marlene Schwarting, had taught school in New Mexico for more than 20 years. He was a 1980 graduate of Falls City High School and went on to play baseball at Peru State College. He also coached Elks Midgets and Legion Juniors Baseball in Falls City.

"He was a pillar for this school," Principal Max Perez said.

After the tragedy, counselors met with teachers and students at both the middle school and the local high school, since many of the students there knew Schwarting, said a school official.

When fire crews arrived on scene early Tuesday morning (Dec. 10), they found an active residential structure fire and used fire suppression and conducted a search and rescue operation, according to a news release from the San Juan County Sheriff's Office.

Firefighters discovered that the fire extended to the attic of the duplex structure, and, during overhaul, they found Schwarting's body, according to the news release.

"He was found in the main living area of the duplex. According to our findings, it appears that the fire originated in the area," San Juan County Sheriff's Office Detective Tim Nyce said in the news release.

Further investigation by the sheriff's office and investigators from the San Juan County Fire Department revealed no signs of an accelerant and nothing to suggest foul play. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

School Supt. Don Levinski said in a press release that the district's prayers are with Schwarting's family, students and staff.

Dorr and Clark Funeral Home, of Falls City, is in charge of arrangements. A service will be held in early January.

Scott Allen Schwarting was born Aug. 9, 1962 at West Point, NE. He attended school in Boyden-Hull, IA, and Fremont before the family moved to Falls City. He

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The Christmas Spirit was alive and well at North Ridge Church, 1820 Morton St., Sunday night at the Living Nativity event out in front of the church. A large number of church members came out to celebrate a recreation of the birth of Jesus, when Mary and Joseph traveled from Nazareth to Bethlehem and Mary gave birth to Jesus in a common stable and laid him in a manger. In addition to the Living Nativity, a church choir sang Christmas carols and hot chocolate and cookies -

enough amazing cookies to feed all of Palestine - were served. Young North Ridge members who played out the Living Nativity, from left: Alex Vollan, Isaiah Florea, Christian Tollefson, Rebecca Tollefson, Adrian Schuetz, Jensen Coonce (front), Killian Lay (Mary), Rebecca Hersh (behind, angel), Emery Hersh, Jacob Coonce, James Hersh, Jackson Coonce and Nathaniel Tollefson.

Of cowboys and Christmas season miracles

By Lori Gottula

Do you hear what I hear?

Listen closely. It's the spirit of giving as it floats from heart to heart during this Christmas season.

Every one of us, no matter our station in life, has the desire and ability to give. We give of our time and skills, or if we can, we give monetary donations to causes that touch our hearts. If you have a cause that's worthy of your time and/or money this season, and you can only give there, then please give with a joyful heart, and just read this article for the inspiration that I hope it will provide. If you are looking for a cause to which you can give, I hope you'll be inspired to help out a young man who has become special to two of our own here in the Falls City area. His story is incredible.

Brad Thomas, a young man from the Broken Bow area, met locals Sissy Georges and her mom, Angel Ralph, after Brad and Sissy were featured in

separate segments of *Lance's Journal* on KOLN/KGIN television in Lincoln. Lance, a native of Falls City, featured Sissy's story in January of 2012, and Brad's later that year.

Lance and I are personal friends, so through that connection, Sissy and Brad became friends. The two talked on the phone for nearly a year, and met for the first time in July of this year.

So let me tell you why this connection is so special.

As many of you know by now, Sissy Georges is a local woman who has overcome blindness to become a barrel-racing champion. She breaks and trains horses, and is a certified equine sports massage therapist. Although Sis has no sight in her right eye, and sees only bits and pieces with her left, she was raised as if she could see, so she does her chores, takes care of her horses, and rides them daily, to keep them fit and strong. Sissy's horses are her wheels, her ticket to freedom, in her

life. They're as important to her as the air she breathes.

(I have been telling Sissy's story for nearly four years, and am in the final stages of the fourth draft of a book about her life. We hope that this is the one.)

Brad's story may be a bit less familiar to people in this area, except those who had the goof fortune of catching his segment on *Lance's Journal* over a

year ago. I'd like to tell it again here, just in case you missed it.

Brad is a real-life cowboy. He gets up seven days a week at his home in Sumner, NE, and drives 35 miles from his trailer to the Darr feedlot in Cozad, where he works as the head pen rider. There, he rides his horse for 14 hours a day. On the days when the weather

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Man's home burglarized while family holds his visitation at funeral home

The home of the late Harry Marrs and his wife, Theresa, was burglarized while she, family members and friends attended a visitation service held at a local funeral home.

Mr. Marrs, 60, who lived at 1007 E. 11th Street in Falls City, died Dec. 11. His funeral was Saturday, Dec. 14, at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home. When visitation was held the Friday evening before the funeral, someone broke into the home through a sliding glass door.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Marrs, who survives, have had health issues and were prescribed narcotic prescriptions. Those prescriptions had been recently filled and all were taken, as well as approximately \$2,500 in life savings stored in a safe.

Since the prescriptions had just been filled, insurance would not pay for replacements.

Son Dan Marrs, Burlington, KS, said the home had been thoroughly "gone through" by the burglars. Both of his parents, he said, were disabled. Replacing the prescriptions for his mother was expensive, he said, considering as well that the couple's life savings had been stolen.

Dan Marrs said the Falls City Police Department responded to the scene of the burglary Friday night and continue to work with the family in pursuing those responsible.

Anyone who saw any suspicious behavior at 1007 E. 11th that night is urged to contact the FCPD. Dan Marrs said he is offering a \$1,000 reward if information leads to an arrest and conviction.



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Being a peace officer is not an easy job. The demands vary, I suppose, from routine to crisis. It has been my experience that Falls City Police Officers get the job done. And Chief John Caverzagie has a lot to do with that. John is retiring at the end of this year. Finding a replacement for him will not be easy, because John has handled the job with a calm competence and expertise that is to be admired.

For many years, part of my job was to cover police — and sheriff’s — news. I would visit those departments every weekday. Sometimes I’d pick up an accident report and virtually nothing else. But at other times, the news was much more consequential. John, and his Assistant Chief, Duane Armbruster, always gave me the news in a smart and legally-structured way. I never had to worry about violating some sort of information requirement, not because I was so smart, but because they were (and are).

“Caver,” as he’s known, has been the head of a department that is professional. I’m not sure a higher compliment can be paid. And something else. If you were in trouble, or had some sort of problem, you knew you could count on John and his officers. They were always there and not intent on issuing a citation. Their job, as conveyed by their chief, was and is public safety. That will continue.

I hope John and wife, Claudia, have a great time in the years to come. Ride that Harley without a care in the world, you two! You deserve it. And thank you from this writer and this newspaper. We will miss you, John. Thanks for helping me along the way.

I promise this column will not become sort of book report (see *Final Rounds last week*), but when one spends most of his time at home reading, well what the heck do you expect? *Falls City* is written by Kit Wilson and is available at the Falls City Library and Arts Center, where I’ll donate my copy.

Wilson’s book draws heavily on the two “hostesses” that he knew and were working Braniff Flight 250 that encountered violent weather on Aug. 6, 1966, and then fell to the ground in a fiery crash north and a bit east of Falls City. Forty-two people, including the entire flight crew and 38 passengers perished. That date coincided with Bill Schock’s birthday. He was called from a celebration that night and reported the tragedy for days in the pages of the Journal. The photos he took from the crash scene are hard to look at. Victims were taken to Prichard Auditorium, where a makeshift morgue was set up. I had just graduated high school and was married with a daughter, Amy, who was less than a month old and a bit on the cranky side. We had our hands full and didn’t learn of the crash until the next day.

The book, which could well become a screenplay, is told from the perspective of the hostesses, two young women who were attracted to “The Golden Age of Flight,” when Braniff demanded style and dressed their hostesses accordingly. Wilson’s story is told from a unique viewpoint. Each chapter is led with descriptive phrase and I thought those introductions were outstanding. The entire book is good, very good, and would be especially interesting to those who were here at the time, or who have a curiosity about this tragedy. It would also translate to the screen in what could be an excellent story, based on fact, as related by this author. I hope it works out for him.

Several weeks ago I wrote about birds, or the lack thereof, as reported by a “birder” who lives in east Falls City. In that column, I mentioned Arley Minshall of Salem, who creates some very, very neat bird feeders and bird houses. We included a photo of some examples of his creativity and craftsmanship. A week or so later, Arley stopped by our office and presented me with a Husker-themed feeder, that I was proud to put up for the birds that visit my neighborhood. And they are visiting. I just wanted to express my thanks to Arley for his gift — a Christmas one — to me. I will treasure it for a long, long time and appreciate it forever. It was not expected, but has, and will continue to be, much enjoyed.



The importance of being vetted

Capitol View
By J.L. Schmidt
Statehouse Correspondent
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“Haste Makes Waste.” I have that reminder on a slug of 72-point lead type made on a Ludlow by the first publisher for whom I worked after leaving journalism school 44 years ago.

It showed up on my desk at the Nebraska weekly where I worked after I failed to catch a page proof that resulted in the same grocery store ad running on the back of both sections, at the expense of the second grocery store whose ad didn’t appear. It required a 100-mile round trip to the printer to run the second section again. The newspaper delivery was delayed several hours. I learned my lesson. Now I take time to make important decisions.

Perhaps I “vet” those decisions. We hear that word often these days, usually the present participle “vetting” and usually in terms of politics. It means to make a careful and critical examination of something or someone. Synonyms include: examine; scrutinize; investigate; inspect; look over; screen; assess; evaluate; appraise.

Sounds like a lot of work. It was originally a horse-racing term referring to the requirement that a horse be thoroughly checked for health and soundness by a veterinarian before being allowed to race. It is a figurative contraction of veterinarian dating back to the mid 17th century and became a colloquial abbreviation in the 1860s with the verb form meaning to treat an animal.

So what does this have to do with government and politics — aside from the fact that one often encounters the south end of a north bound horse in such environs. Vetting a candidate is the process of subjecting a person to a series of tests and evaluation before offering them employment. This includes the analysis of a candidate’s background to determine if they are well-suited and up to the task.

Vetting — or the lack thereof — has made political headlines nationally for years. The selection of running mates or party candidates has been heavily impacted by some of those decisions. It is almost a given that such activity takes place in the political arena. Almost.

One is left to wonder if that happened in the case of Patrick Shannon, the Omaha man who was named by the governor to replace Senator Scott Price who resigned and moved out of state. Shannon’s appointment announcement was negated about four hours later when Governor Dave Heineman’s office announced that Shannon had withdrawn his name from consideration due to personal, family medical reasons.

Not troubling on its face. Stuff happens. But then came press reports that this man was the same person who had been fined by the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission for cam-

paign violations during his failed 2004 bid for the Legislature. That triggered criticism from the state Democratic Party (Heineman and Shannon are both Republicans) who sent out a press release saying it was disappointed that the governor cares more about appointing political allies than law-abiding ones.

Shannon is a disabled veteran whom the governor’s office called a “fiscal conservative that recognizes the need for tax relief and tax reform.” The governor’s press release also said he is pro-life and opposes Medicaid expansion and taxpayer-funded benefits

for illegal immigrants. In case you missed it, those are exactly the governor’s views as well.

So, was Shannon vetted? When asked that question, the governor’s office declined to comment.

The governor has since said he’ll consider candidates for the seat and make a decision on the appointment soon. The Legislature convenes Jan. 8 and the appointee will serve until January 2015. The seat goes up for election to a two-year term in November 2014.

Let’s hope we’ve all learned the consequences of haste.

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THEME: 2013 in Review

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21. *Leno’s successor
23. And not
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25. What hernias do
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24. Biathlete’s equipment
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27. It’s firma
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Gary and Glenda Nelson, Paul and Mary Jane Weinert, Susan Sipple, and Rod Knaup, members of the Falls City Rotary Club, delivered student dictionaries to the third grade classes at South School and Sacred Heart on Thursday, Dec. 5. This was the sixth year the Rotarians have done so as a literacy project. Pictured here, Paul Weinert and Glenda Nelson, both retired FC Public School teachers, distribute dictionaries.



MONTGOMERY – Matt and Jill Montgomery of York announce the birth of their son, Chet Michael, born Oct. 25, 2013 at 8:41 a.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 22 inches long. He is welcomed home by big brother, Cole, 7. Grandparents are Al and Norma Montgomery, of Falls City, and Glen and Janet Ortmeier, of West Point. Great-grandparents are Helen Feek, of Sabetha, KS, and Virginia Montgomery, of North Platte.



PFISTER – Dan and Melissa Pfister welcomed a little boy, Griffin Wayne, on Sept. 19, 2013. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 22 inches long. He was welcomed home by big sister, Grace, and two brothers, Trey and Ty. Maternal grandparents are Marvin and Sue Buckminster, of Falls City. Paternal grandparents are Tim and Karen Pfister, of Falls City. Great-grandparents are Lela Buckminster, Nelle Pfister and Leo and Martha Hutfles.

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Catholic Daughters

Sixteen members of the Catholic Daughters met Dec. 10 at O'Connor Hall for a potluck supper and Christmas carols. The tables were decorated in a holiday theme.

Bernice Kopetzky, regent, presided at the business meeting. Mary Martineau gave the treasurer's report and also reported for the budget committee. Others serving on the committee were Margie Fleskowski, Carolyn Druba and Sue Scholl. The \$20 yearly dues are due Jan. 1. The dime dish will henceforth be the "two-bit dish." Bev Knobbe reported on Our Lady of Guadalupe and Juan Diego. Linda Santo reported on donations to SENCA and reminded members that monetary gifts are especially welcome to buy food for the Christmas baskets for the needy.

Hostesses were Trudy Burenheide, Shirley Gormley with volunteers Rosita Kreifels, Sherry Mackey and Joyce Buck. Absentee hostesses were Mary Katherine Kreifels, Lana Bangert, Teresa Chab and Diane Sefried.

Bev Knobbe won the dime dish. Sherry Mackey, Jane Bebermeyer and Jean Castle were winners of poinsettias. Door prizes of glass angels were won by Mary Martineau, Rita Brennan, Renie Gerweck, Loretta Severin, Linda France, Marie Pupkes and Joyce Buck. Jane Bebermeyer won the mystery box.

Laurie Froeschl and Carolyn Druba are co-chairpersons for the Jan. 14 meeting with Lynne Davis, Sue Scholl and Dorothy Kirkendall the committee.

Candlelight Communion Dec. 22 in Brownville

The Brownville Christian Church will host their annual Christmas Candlelight Communion Service at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22. This traditional service of scriptures, carols and communion is held amidst hundreds of lights, candles and poinsettias.

Music will be presented by Dr. Charles Anderson on trumpet and flugelhorn, Jody Anderson at the piano, and vocal soloist, Richard Shelton.

Pastor Bob Chitwood will share a meditation on the theme: "Christmas Was God's Idea." The service will conclude with the communion service, lighting of candles and the narration of the Christmas story. The evening offering will benefit the Filipino Christians who suffered as a result of the devastating typhoon. Following the service everyone is invited to join together in the Social Hall for hot soups, holiday treats and warm apple cider or coffee. A welcome is extended to all to join together in this meaningful Christmas celebration.

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ALL ABOARD! This was the conductor’s cry back in the days when passenger trains were all set to pull out of the Falls City Missouri Pacific or Burlington Railroad stations. In this photo provided by Jim Sefried it is the MoPac machinists and train crewmen who are all aboard this mammoth 1700 series locomotive and its tender. Sefried’s dad, also named James, was the engineer on these big ones. The machinists,

in three shifts, worked in the 26-stall roundhouse in the background servicing the locomotives. It is believed that this excellent photo was taken in the early 1940s when, as Bob Ferguson, a longtime Missouri Pacific employee noted in a recent talk before Historical Society members, over 2,000 Falls Cityans lived off MoPac paychecks. The majority of the railroad families lived south of 14th Street so their

breadwinner could walk to work—with his lunch pail in hand. There weren’t two or three cars in every family in those days, and in many instances not even one set of wheels. The Missouri Pacific became completely dieselized in 1953 and it was the end of steam engine photo ops with a story to tell such as this.

Students

The William Jewell College Society of Physics Students Chapter recently received honorable mention and was designated a Distinguished SPS Chapter for the 2012-2013 academic year. The honor indicates that Jewell’s SPS Chapter is among the top 20 percent of the 772 chapters in the country. The assessment is completed by the National Council, which examines depth and breadth of SPS activities conducted by a chapter and presented in an annual report. Areas evaluated include physics research, public science outreach, and physics tutoring programs, among several others. SPS officers include senior Bradley Dice of Liberty, Mo.; senior Conner Hazelrigg of St. Joseph, Mo.; and senior **Samantha Lampe of Falls City**. Dr. Blane Baker of Liberty serves as the chapter advisor.

Society

Order of the Eastern Star
Sixteen members of Humboldt Chapter #234 Order of the Eastern Star enjoyed a soup, salad and dessert dinner Thursday,

Dec 5. Afterward, Worthy Matron Joan Wheeler presided in the East to open the stated meeting. She read a Merry Christmas poem and members joined her in giving the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. A Christmas carol was sung. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Donna Monnette and approved. She also read correspondence from the Nebraska OES News and letters from Jo Peters, Foundation director of the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, for a holiday donation given by the chapter and an invitation to be an angel to the residents at Christmas. Ron Giesselmann, executive director of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, sent a list of children and their Christmas wishes. The Humboldt chapter sent monetary gifts to each of the 29 residents there. A challenge was sent by the Nebraska OES Youth committee to invite a youth group to one of their meetings, presenting a short talk of their organization and goals. The Most Worthy Grand Matron, Bobbi White, sent news that the General Grand Chapter Disaster Relief Fund sent assistance to OES members and chapters in the Philippines

recently. Treasurer JoAnn Koso gave her report. Installation of 2014 officers will be held at the Jan. 2 meeting. Annual reports are due at that time also. Several members were on the sick list or didn’t care to get out in the cold weather. The meeting closed with prayer by Chaplain Keith Wheeler and singing of “Silent Night.” Members adjourned to the social room where they enjoyed Christmas cookies and a gift exchange.

Shubert Legion Auxiliary
The Shubert American Legion Auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting Dec. 10 at the Shubert Library. Roll was taken with nine members present. It was reported that cookies and goodies were taken this past month to the HTRS schools for American Education Week. This is a program of the Auxiliary that is observed each year. Membership chairman, Lana Willman reported there are only three people left to pay their 2014 dues.

Linda Patchen, organizer of the Christmas Tour of Homes fundraiser, reported that it was very successful for the weather. All proceeds will be given to a facility in Omaha for the Homeless Veterans. This facility is connected to the American Legion. Margaret Rowell shared with the ladies the 125 tray favors she made for the Omaha Veterans Medical Center to be used for Christmas. They were little drums made from plastic canvas and bottle tops. Secretary Elizabeth Ketner announced she sent all the local servicemen in our area and the Legion members Christmas cards from the unit. The group decided to send poinsettias plants to some of our Legion members.

The next meeting will be at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2014. Anyone interesting in attending or joining please come or contact president Tana Brown at 402-883-2240.

Delta Kappa Gamma
The Christmas social meeting of Delta Kappa Gamma was held at the Shades of Violet tea room in Falls City. President Mary Parrish provided bags of delicious chocolate for all. Glenda Foley presented inspiration about Edgar Guest, poet laureate of Michigan. Glenda read his poem, “At Christmas,” which elaborated on the theme “at Christmas man is almost what God sent him here to be.”

Betty Gleason presented the program, “Christmas Botany,” telling how the National Christmas Tree is chosen and decorated, and other attributes of the Douglas Fir, besides its beauty. The discussion included other traditional plants associated with Christmas, such as the poinsettia, holly, mistletoe, and Christmas Cactus. The March 1, 2014, meeting will be in the home of Barb Vitt in Seneca.

Area Bridge
Vi Heim, Lorna Simon, Lorna Knobbe and Karen Hinton won the prizes when four tables of bridge were played at Falls City Area Bridge Dec. 10 at the

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Elks Club. Nancy Kelley and Della Meyer were hostesses. Lorna Simon and Dennie Dixon will be the hostesses at the next session on Jan. 14.

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DISTRICT COURT
Ronald R. Timothy III, Falls City, has been granted dissolution of his marriage to Nancy E. Timothy, Oregon, MO.

CIVIL COURT
Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Services and against Vernon Wisdom, Falls City, in the amount of \$599.00, plus prejudgment interest of \$14.18, attorney fees of \$64.90, and Court costs of \$72.50. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.041 percent.

Judgment entered in favor of Credit Acceptance Corp. and against Jacqueline Collier, of Dawson, in the amount of \$614.55, plus prejudgment interest of \$42.51, attorney fees of \$66.46 and Court costs of \$63.50. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 6.0 percent.

Judgment entered in favor of Marvin Arnold, Falls City, and against David Davis, 1716 Fulton St., in the amount of \$6,791.80, plus costs of \$63.50. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.041 percent.

COUNTY COURT
Darran M. Chandler, Falls City, possession of a controlled substance, a Class IV Felony. Case bound over to District Court; arraignment Jan. 21.

Tyler S. Wintz, Falls City, count one, no proof of insurance; count two, no valid registration; count three, careless driving. Count one dismissed with prejudice; fined \$25 on count two and \$100 on count three, plus Court

costs of \$49.
Lloyd D. Townsend, Hiawatha, theft - lost property (less than \$200). Plead guilty. Fined \$75, plus costs and fees of \$92.92.

Dennis L. Lockard, Falls City, count one, operate motor vehicle to avoid arrest, a Class IV Felony, amended to operate motor vehicle to avoid arrest, a Class I Misdemeanor; count two, engage in speed contest; count three, speeding (36-plus). Plead no contest to counts one and three, count two dismissed with prejudice. Fined \$500 on count one, and \$300 on count three, and ordered to serve 12 months probation and pay fees and costs of \$379.

Devon J. Cooper, Humboldt, criminal mischief (\$500-\$1,500). Fined \$100 and ordered to serve nine months probation and pay costs and fees of \$334. Terms of the probation order include obtaining a chemical dependency evaluation and successfully completing an outpatient drug and alcohol treatment program.

James A. Money, Table Rock, DUI (.15-plus), fourth offense, a Class III Felony. Case bound over to District Court; arraignment Jan. 21.

John D. Fail, Verdon, count one, speeding (11-15); count two, DUI, first offense; count three, possess K2 or marijuana (one ounce or less); count four, possess or use drug paraphernalia; count five, refusal to submit to pretest. Plead not guilty to all counts. Pretrial hearing set for Jan. 6.

Joshua Murphy, Falls City,

trespass in the second degree. Plead not guilty. Pretrial hearing set for Jan. 6.

Teah L. Harris, Falls City, count one, DUI, first offense; count two, driving under suspension; count three, failure to use seat belt; count four, driving left of center; count five, reckless driving, first offense. Plead not guilty to all counts. Pretrial hearing set for Jan. 6.

Paul M. Harmon, Falls City, assault in the third degree. Pretrial hearing set for Dec. 18.

Nicholas M. Schramm, Falls City, assault in the third degree. Plead guilty. Sentencing set for Jan. 8.

Paige M. Lamb, Humboldt, assault in the third degree. Trial set for Jan. 8.

Robert S. Hilliard, Lewiston, felony driving under suspension. Case dismissed.

James E. Smith, Hiawatha, KS, driving under suspension. Plead not guilty. Pretrial hearing set for Jan. 6.

Hally A. Hall, Falls City, commit child abuse intentionally (no injury), a Class IIIA Felony. Case dismissed with prejudice.

Michelle Jelinek, Table Rock, issuing a bad check (less than \$200). Fined \$75, plus costs of \$49, and ordered to pay restitution of \$120.15 to NFFS, Humboldt.

Branon S. Harris, Humboldt, count one, assault in the third degree, amended to disturbing the peace; count two, criminal mischief (less than \$200). Plead no contest to both charges. Sentencing set for Jan. 15.

Nathaniel L. Babb, Falls City, theft by unlawful taking (\$201-\$499). Defendant elected to use jail days against fines and costs.

Nathaniel L. Babb, Falls City, minor in possession. Trial set for Dec. 18.

COUNTY COURT WAIVERS
(Court costs not included)

Joe D. Stephenson, speeding (11-15), \$75.

April M. Feighner, speeding (21-35), \$200.

Ryan R. Gibson, speeding (11-15), \$75.

Heather D. Merrial, animal running at large, \$25; dogs/cats, unlicensed, \$25.

Becky J. Littrel, speeding (11-15), \$75.

Bill J. Proctor, speeding (6-10), \$25.

Philipus Suparto, speeding

(11-15), \$75.

Douglas E. Workman, overweight on axle, \$500.

Richard W. Jones, overweight on axle, \$75.

Andrew J. Mesplay, disobey traffic light, \$25.

ACCIDENTS
Sunday morning, Dec. 8, 5th and Long Branch in Humboldt. Drivers: Eugene E. Volker, Humboldt; Kayleigh M. Pedersen, Lincoln.

Pedersen vehicle slid on ice through a stop sign and into the intersection, where it was struck by southbound Volker vehicle.

Pederson, 25, wasn't wearing a seat belt and was transported by Humboldt Rescue to Pawnee County Memorial Hospital for treatment of a possible neck injury.

Alcohol was not a suspected factor in the accident and no citations were issued. Each vehicle sustained an estimated \$1,000 damage.

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Sunday morning, Dec. 8, on Hwy. 4 near Humboldt, one-half mile west of 636 Ave. Drivers: Andrew C. Adams, 25, Omaha; Duaine D. Arena, 38, Beatrice.

Adams 1999 Dodge Durango was eastbound on Hwy. 4 and lost control on snow-packed road and began to fishtail before striking westbound Arena 2008 GMC pickup "head-on on the middle of the highway," according to the accident report pre-

pared by the Richardson County Sheriff's Office.

Three of the four occupants in the Adams vehicle, including both in the front seat, were not wearing seat belts and the airbags didn't deploy. Transported by Humboldt Rescue to Pawnee County Memorial Hospital for treatment of possible but not visible injuries were: Andrew Adams, leg; Johnny C. Adams, 8, shoulder/arm; and Johnny L. Adams, 33, back.

The airbag in Arena's pickup deployed, he was wearing a seat belt and was uninjured.

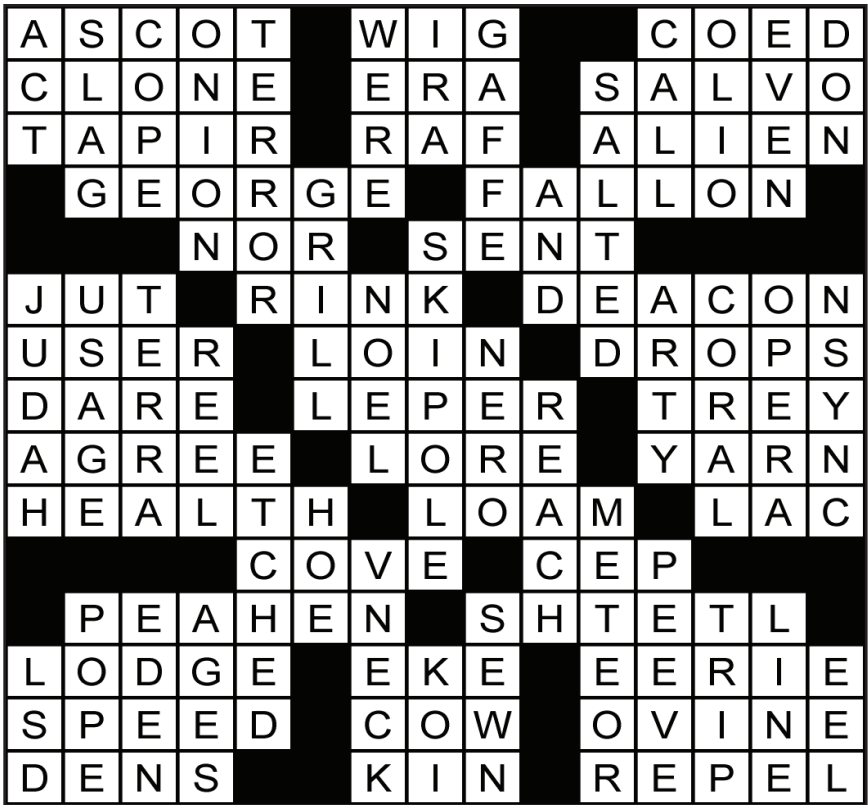
Alcohol was not a suspected factor in the accident and no citations were issued.

Both vehicles were totaled and towed to Koch's Auto Service in Dawson.

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Thursday evening, Dec. 12, 16th and Stone Sts., Falls City. Drivers: Cheryl A. Hullman, FC; Deirdre L. Hall, FC. Damage when Hullman's northbound 2013 Ford Edge collided with Hall's northbound 2002 Dodge minivan as Hall pulled vehicle away from the curb: \$1,200 to each vehicle. No citations were issued.

Candidate Filing

Charles E. Bentley, of Falls City, has filed for a four-year term for the office of Falls City Mayor.



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Does God really hear our prayers?

By Brian Voos
Northridge Church

Just take a look at the expanse of the universe. Have you ever noticed that the earth looks like a mere speck of dust in the whole cosmos? And did you know there are over seven billion people on the earth? So, if God created it all, and we are just a speck on a speck of dust, does God really care about us?

Even if you are not sure if there is a God, just imagine for a moment that God exists. Okay, now imagine you, as one of God’s creations, one tiny person on one tiny planet among googles of stars and billions of people. Could God even be knowable, let alone personal, let alone attend to our prayers?

The answer is, amazingly, YES! How do we know? Well, we have some reliable, first-hand accounts that substantiate the fact that God hears our prayers. Let’s look at two examples we have for us written in the Bible in the book of Luke.

There was man named Zechariah, who was a faithful guy born around 60 B.C. He and his wife had prayed for a baby for decades with no results. Then one day, something rare and extraordinary happened, an angel named Gabriel appeared to him and gave him a message. Zechariah was terrified at first (real angels are awesomely terrifying), but God told Gabriel to tell Zechariah one important message, “GOD HAS HEARD YOUR PRAYER!” (Luke 1:13)

The second, and most famous way that we know that God hears our prayers is the fact that God actually came to live with us. He didn’t just hover and point his finger at us in disgust. He sent. He came. God sent more than an angel, he sent is one and only son, Jesus Christ, into our world, because he hears our prayers! Because of Jesus, we know that God is real, relational, and really cares and hears our prayers.

You can read the whole story, written by a non-religious doctor who compiled first-hand accounts of what actually happened in the Gospel of Luke.

Sez ‘I’

Gift-filled shoeboxes

Falls City locals are making a difference in the lives of 510 needy children this Christmas with gift-filled shoeboxes. Through Operation Christmas Child, the world’s largest Christmas project of its kind, local volunteers prepared 510 gifts filled with toys, school supplies, hygiene items and notes of encouragement.

Although local collection of the gifts is finished, the shoeboxes’ journey to children has just begun. Volunteers will be working in the coming weeks to prepare, package and transport the 7.2 million gifts collected in Falls City and across the United States to their final destination.

Falls City residents can still get involved by building a box online. Through an online tool, participants can conveniently send shoebox gifts to kids in some of the hardest-to-reach countries.

If you are interested in speaking with a Falls City volunteer, feel free to give me a call (913-831-4466; btaylor@samaritan.org). For more information about Operation Christmas Child, visit samaritanspurse.org/newsroom.

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I can't find my hat. Do you see it?

Where is my mitten? Can you find it?

I'm ready for the big night when I'll fly around the world in a sleigh pulled by my magical reindeer. I love to come down chimneys to put toys under Christmas trees and stuff stockings with lots of goodies!

All About Santa

Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle:

- Santa's favorite treat; set some out for him on Christmas Eve
- Santa writes this to remember each child's behavior
- where Santa enters the house to deliver presents
- they build the toys and help Santa with all chores
- Santa Claus' cheerful wife; keeps Santa organized; often shown baking
- night Santa flies around the world in his sleigh to spread Christmas cheer
- jolly phrase that Santa shouts from his sleigh
- if you misbehave, expect a lump of _____ in your stocking
- Santa might leave sweet treats like _____ canes in stockings
- also known as Saint Nicholas, Kris Kringle or Father Christmas (Russia)
- where Santa lives – it's very cold, but Mrs. Claus keeps the house cozy
- Santa carries the perfect gift for every good boy and girl in his _____
- to get to every house in one night, Santa flies in a big red _____
- wild _____ are still found in Siberia, Greenland, Alaska and Canada
- where all the toys are made and the elves work their magic

North Pole

Ho Ho Ho

Mrs. Claus

chimney

z z z z z ...not a creature was stirring...not even a...z z z z z...

...and the most famous reindeer of all... _ u d o l _ _

Santa

Umm, Santa?

Christmas Eve

Santa's reindeer are not wild reindeer. They are well-tended by Santa's elves!

bag of toys

workshop

sleigh

reindeer

candy

elves

coal

list

Can you fill in the missing letters on the list to name all of Santa's reindeer?

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Forest is being a little naughty, and a mouse is stirring too! Hopefully Santa Claus won't notice them peeking!

Hint: this puzzle is a little hard, so I put name of a major city in each clue. If you need help, just ask Mom or Dad!

Who Brings the Gifts?

- Svaty Mikulas
- La Befana
- Hotei-oshio
- Papai Noel
- Jultomten
- Ded Moroz
- Santa Claus

In the U.S., Santa Claus brings the Christmas presents while children sleep. **Who brings the gifts in other countries? Do this 3-way match to find out (one is done for you):**

- Italy
- Russia
- Brazil
- Japan
- Sweden
- United States
- Czech Republic

A. Rides in a sleigh pulled by reindeer. Lives at the North Pole. Children leave milk and cookies for him. (Washington, D.C.)

B. Christmas gnome who lives under the floorboards. Rides a goat named Julbocker. (Stockholm)

C. Buddhist monk who delivers gifts. Children believe he has eyes in the back of his head, and that he's always watching. (Tokyo)

D. Grandfather Frost. Delivers toys and gifts in person. Rides in a sled pulled by three horses called a Troika. (Moscow)

E. Comes to visit on January 6th. Flies around on a broom and enters homes through the chimney. Children leave morsels out for her to eat. (Rome)

F. Wears lightweight silk clothing and lives in Greenland. He puts treats in shoes of the children. (Rio de Janeiro)

G. Visits on Dec. 6th (St. Nicholas Day). He brings an angel who carries a big book that tells who's naughty or nice. (Prague)

Letters to Santa

U.S. Canada Italy More letters!

What does Santa use to help him organize the letters he gets from children around the world?

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To Santa Claus North Pole

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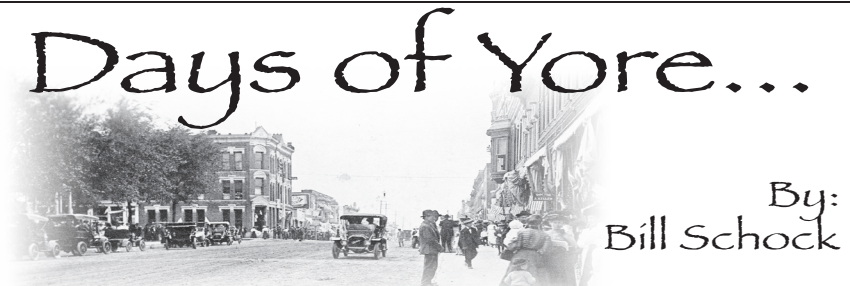
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50 Years Ago
(Dec. 16-21, 1963)

Don Kreins, St. Joseph, filling the role of Santa Claus arriving by air, fell to his death at Hiawatha when his parachute failed to open. Because of vandalism and undesirable episodes, free youth dances at Prichard Auditorium were halted unless they were sponsored by responsible civic organizations.

Army Pvt. Wayne Becker, Verdon, completed advanced training with light weapons at Ft. Polk, LA.

The stork report: daughter Dec. 15 to Mr./Mrs. Eugene Scholl, FC; son Dec. 17 to Mr./Mrs. James Shafer, Route 2; son Dec. 19 to Mr./Mrs. John Chandler, FC; son Dec. 21 to Mr./Mrs. Wilbur Lock, Rulo.

Turkeys were 31 cents a pound at both Hinky Dinky and Safeway; a sirloin steak dinner cost \$1.25 at Breezy Hill Steak House.

At the Rivoli it was “The Young and the Brave” with Rory Calhoun and William Bendix.

NU Coach Bob Devaney turned down an offer to take over at Miami University. He was rewarded with a \$2,000 raise, boosting his salary to \$21,000.

Navy 3rd class petty officer Larry Curtis, FC, was stationed at Jacksonville, FL.

With a new state law going into effect, ports of entry at Rulo, FC, and south of Dawson were closing.

Bill Lyons, Dawson, was the new president of the D-V Saddle Club. Bob Bruhn, Verdon, was vice president.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Craig sold their Triangle Electric business to Perry Wilhelm.

The home of Mr./Mrs. G. H. Moore, 2315 Schoenheit, was the overall champ of the Chamber of Commerce Noel Lights home decorations competition. The Charles Neerman home, 1923 Crook, was runner-up.

Leo Davis, who had been convicted in 1913 of murdering a FC woman, was spending his 50th Christmas in the state penitentiary.

Former Dist. Judge Virgil Falloon sold his *FC Journal* stock to Bob James.

Larry Smith scored 24 as D-V defeated Johnson 60-49. An item from United Press:

Houston, TX—Herm Bering, a Christmas tree dealer, believed every family should have a Christmas tree and he was giving one free to families who could not afford one.

25 Years Ago
New officers of the FC Volunteer Ambulance Squad introduced at the Squad’s Christmas party were: John Koso, president; Steve Hoffmann , vice president; Ruth Vinsonhaler, secretary, and Carol Hollens, treasurer. Larry Pounds was board chairman.

Rural winner of the Chamber’s Noel Lights decorating competition was the home of Mr./Mrs. Doug Kirkendall, east of town on 21st Street. In FC, it was the Lynn Shafer home, 1602 Fulton.

Francis Seid was the new Chamber of Commerce president. Carole DeBusk was vice president.

Greg Goltz, Rulo, was a new State Trooper and was stationed in Grand Island.

The Journal’s Athlete of the week was Jamie Eickhoff, D-V; FCHS Wrestlers of the Week were Dennis Mez and Tony Schawang. The Tigers were rated 3rd in Class B by the *World-Herald*.

Honored at halftime of the FCHS-Nebraska City basketball game were top scorers of years gone past: Nels Kjeldsen, Baton Rouge, LA; Ernie Strasil, Lincoln; Jerry Collier, Kansas City, KS; Bob Gibson, Omaha; Dan Convoy, KC, MO; Andy Hall and Erik McNeely, Peru State students. It was a Tiger Booster Club project and they also were feted with a dinner at Hotel Stephenson.

Barbara Lorraine Sullivan Howard, FC, earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at the University Neb. Medical Center.

15 Years Ago
At a public meeting attended by 140 persons, stockholders of the Humboldt Community Memorial Hospital, Inc. voted 66-9 to close the 20-bed hospital. Van Leech was board president and Jim Ferguson was the interim administrator. The hospital had an annual payroll of \$1,200,000.

Dessie Scholl was the B.P.O. Does Drove’s Doe of the Year. Members of Elizabeth Rebekah Lodge #103 met for a Christmas party, its final meeting. Betty Jane Tubach was the noble grand. Ceila Lichty had been a member for 70 years. The lodge was formed in 1895.

The week’s Noel Lights decorating contest winner was the home of Mr./Mrs. Tim Campbell, 418 E. 22nd Street.

The Journal’s Athletes of the Week were Erick Martinez, D-V, and Denise Witt, Sacred Heart.

The FCMS Students of the Month were Becky Parsons, Andy Strasil and Cassie Gottula.

Obituaries

Harry Marrs

Harry Marrs, 60, of Falls City, passed away Dec. 11, 2013 at Falls City. He was born April 8, 1953 at Falls City to the late Dearld “Bud” and Imogene (Kincannon) Marrs.

Harry enlisted in the U.S. Navy Feb. 7, 1972 and served aboard the USS Lawrence. He was honorably discharged on March 5, 1976.

On Aug. 4, 1978 he married Theresa Prater at Falls City.

Harry was raised in Salem and attended FC Public Schools. Following his discharge he returned to Falls City and operated a maintainer for the Richardson County Dept. of Roads. He then worked for a year at Cooper Nuclear Station at Brownville before taking employment at Wolf Creek Nuclear Station at Burlington, KS. He started in security before being promoted to the Armorer and Locksmith divisions. He moved back to Falls City in 2005.

He was a member of VFW Post #1765 and American Legion Post #102, both of Falls City.

Harry is survived by his wife, Theresa of Falls City; sons, Dan of Burlington, KS, Mark (Jennie), of Syracuse, Matt (Phyllis), of Falls City; daughter, Wendy Marrs of White Cloud, KS; brothers, Billy (Doris), of Falls City, Don (Donna), of Colon, NE; sisters, Mary (Paul) Hayes, of Falls City, Elda (Louis) Rhodd, of Eudora, KS; and 16 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Carl, James, Jon, Terry and Ricky Marrs and a granddaughter in infancy.

A funeral was held Saturday, Dec. 14, 2013, at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with Rev. Fay Ann Blaylock officiating. Interment in Rulo Cemetery. Military graveside honors by Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard.

Jay D. Keeton

Jay C. Keeton, 64, of Pawnee City, died Friday, Nov. 29, 2013, at his home. He was born May 24, 1949, to Arlie and Patricia (Hill) Keeton in Dallas, TX.

During his life, Jay lived in Richmond, VA, Japan, Humboldt and Pawnee City. He attended Humboldt PS and Air Traffic Control School in the Navy.

Jay married Linda Horner. They later divorced. She died on Sept. 13, 2004. On Dec. 22, 1991, he married Luann “Annie” Vogt.

He enlisted in the Navy in 1967 and served until 1971.

Jay was a truck driver, worked at Den’s Country Meat, was an Air Control Man in the Navy and most recently the owner of The Little Brown Jug.

He is survived by his wife, Annie. Pawnee City, children, Michael (Molly) Keeton, St. Charles, LA, Shane Keeton, Humboldt, Carrie Keeton (Bleich), Millard, and June (Thad) Lambrecht, Bern, KS; stepchildren, Robert (Dawn) Liberty, Bellevue, Richard (Amber) Liberty, Maryville, MO, Randy (Amber) Liberty, Moore, OK, and Ryan Liberty, St. Joseph, MO; sisters, Vicki (Mike) Streeter, Roca, and Debra Watson, Humboldt; 21 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

A celebration of life was Dec. 4 at Wherry Mortuary in Pawnee City. Mike and Shane Keeton officiated. Interment was at the Prospect (Mound) Cemetery, east of Humboldt. Family choice memorials are suggested.

Scott A. Schwarting

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graduated from Peru State College in 1985 with a degree in education, business administration, physical education and coaching. He lettered in baseball four years at PSC.

Scott taught and coached at Venango (NE) HS from 1985 to 1992, when he began teaching and coaching football, track and wrestling at Central Consolidated Schools in Shiprock. He was also athletic director.

He married Rozanne Brown in 1986 and they were later divorced. He married Lorry Lee in 1995 and they were later divorced.

Scott is survived by his parents; three daughters, Natasha A. Schwarting, of Hastings, Natasha R. Lee-Schwarting and Desiree Schwarting, both of Shiprock; three granddaughters; sisters, Ruth (Roger) Jensen, of S. Sioux City, NE, Kathy (Jim) Gasper, of Omaha, and Cheryl (David) Guess, of Nebraska City; brothers, L. David (Beth) Schwarting, of Carmel, IN, and Jeff (Sandy) Schwarting, of Falls City; 27 nieces and nephews.

Source: Noel Lyn Smith, (Farmington, N.M.) *Daily Times*.

Rollo V. Clark, Jr.

Rollo Vincent Clark, Jr., 95, of Maryville, MO, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2013. He was born Oct. 20, 1918 in Falls City, to Rollo V. Clark and Ila Mae (Loucks) Clark.

He attended high school in Reserve, KS, near parents’ farm. Most of his first years were spent in Humboldt. Rollo attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, where he received his law degree.

Rollo was in the Army from 1942 to ‘46. He became an officer in the Core of Military Police. Most of his Army career was spent at German POW camps, both at Ft. Leonard Wood in Missouri, and Camp Pickett in Virginia. When the war with Japan ended, he was in the Occupation Forces in the office of the Adjunct General. Later, he became a special agent in the FBI, and served for nine years in New Jersey. He was a contract administrator with Collins Radio, in Cedar Rapids, IA. He also worked for the General Dynamics Corp. and the Harris Corp.’s R.F. Communications Co. in Rochester, NY, for 40 years.

He married Alyce Cunningham in Shenandoah, IA, in 1943 at the Presbyterian Church. They celebrated their

70th wedding anniversary on Aug. 17, 2013.

Rollo is survived by his wife, Alyce; daughters, Pamela (Bob) Rees, Des Moines, IA, Deborah Clark, Maryville, MO, Sarah Clark, Kansas City, MO, Candace (Clark) Montgomery, Kansas City; three grandchildren; nephew, Robert (Vicky) Eis; niece, Jeanette Spalding; great-nephew, Baub Eis; great-niece, Tiffany Eis.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Marjorie Davies and Sarah Spalding; and his nephew, Mark Spalding.

He was a member of American Legion, VFW, Eastern Star, college fraternity Delta Tau Delta, law fraternity Phi Alpha Delta, the Nebraska Bar Association, Theatre Organ Societies in Rochester, N.Y., Omaha and Kansas City, and the Falls City Masonic Lodge No. 9.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Maryville.

The funeral service was held Saturday, Dec. 14, 2013, at the First Presbyterian Church in Maryville. Burial at Mount Hope Cemetery in Hiawatha.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Maryville organ maintenance fund or the Rochester, N.Y. Theatre Organ Society.

Price Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Leslie R. Potterf

Leslie R. Potterf, 69, of Pleasant Valley, MO, passed away on Monday, Dec. 9, 2013, at the Liberty, MO, Hospital. He was born on Sept. 28, 1944, in Horton, KS, the son of George and Dortha Wright Potterf.

Leslie went to work for Missouri Pacific Railroad in December of 1968 in Falls City and went on to work with Union Pacific RR when the two railroads merged. He eventually retired from Union Pacific.

He was a member of the FC Elks Lodge and served as secretary/treasurer for the United Transportation Union for 20 years. He was a member of NARVE and enjoyed sports and traveling.

On Jan. 26, 1964, he married Margie Meerpohl at the Everest Christian Church. She survives of the home. Additional survivors include daughters, Kristi Smith (Mike Frye), of Topeka,

KS, and Kari (Tracy) Brown, of San Antonio, TX; son, Barry (Jennifer) Potterf, of LaVista; brother, Delbert (Denise) Potterf, of Kansas City, MO; sisters, Betty Potter, Horton, Beverly (Keith) Foye, Whiting, KS, and Sandra (Russell) Herrin, of Edmonds, WA; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Dishon-Maple-Chaney Mortuary in Horton, where the family greeted friends Friday. Burial was at the Miller Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Leslie Potterf memorial fund to be designated later and may be sent in care of the mortuary.

A special message may be sent to the family at www.dishon-maple-chaney.com

Harold Dee Gebhard

Harold Dee Gebhard, 83, of Springfield, MO, passed away Friday, Dec. 6, 2013. He was born May 29, 1930 in Verdon, to Ferdinand and Mary Opal Gebhard.

He married Zerlene E. Sumner on July 31, 1950.

Harold served as a Corporal in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After serving his country, he worked for United Airlines prior to becoming a business owner. During a career that spanned five decades, Harold owned

and operated multiple hotel properties and commercial real estate interests in several states.

He is survived by his wife; sister, Norma Wintz, of Falls City; daughter, Debbie Williams, of Nixa, MO; son, Brad (Chantel) Gebhard, of Springfield; five grandchildren.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Violet and Bernice; and brother, David.

Services were Thursday, Dec. 12, at Walnut Lawn Funeral Home, Springfield, MO. Interment at Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Springfield.

Vesta M. Spears

Vesta M. Spears, 96, of Lincoln, passed away Friday, Dec. 13, 2013. She was born Jan. 12, 1917 in Crete to Dallas and Elizabeth Jones.

Vesta was an avid bowler and she also liked to embroider. Past member of the Eagles Post 147.

Survivors include: Daughters, Velma Cruse and Pamela Marshall; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; sister, Lucile Criger.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charnock; nine brothers and sisters; grandson, Chad Watts.

A funeral service will be held at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2013, at Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home, 6800 S. 14th St., Lincoln. Visitation: 5-7 pm. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the family for future designation. Condolences can be left at lincolnfh.com

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Cowboys, Christmas miracles

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is gorgeous, he takes off his cowboy hat and looks up toward the sun with gratitude. But he also rides in the wintry snow, bone-chilling cold, breath-taking wind, and scorching heat (he has every other weekend off). He rides to check the 40,000 head of cattle at the feedlot. If one of the herd is sick, hurt, or in trouble, then he and his fellow pen-riders set to work. The cattle are Brad’s livelihood. But his horses are his life.

Obviously, then, horses were

the connecting factor for Brad and Sissy. They found a common bond — someone who understands why horses are so important. But Brad and Sissy share more than just a common interest in horses. They also understand that stares of little kids in the grocery store, the appreciation for those who treat them just like everyone else, the need for independence, and the sense of freedom that they get from being in the saddle. They understand each other



Living Nativity, with a twist: Thumb wrestling. North Ridge Church members came out to celebrate a recreation of the birth of Jesus Sunday evening. And, during breaks, engage in healthy thumb-on-thumb competition. Pictured here, from left: Christian Tollefson, Rebecca Tollefson, Rebecca Hersh, who appears particularly enthralled by the action, and Emery Hersh.

because both have disabilities. And both have overcome those disabilities with jaw-dropping determination, and “I can do it myself” attitudes. Sissy is legally blind, but still became a barrel-racing champion. She works with her horses every day. Brad lost both of his arms in a farm accident when he was five. He hoists his saddle onto his horse using his chest and a stub on his left shoulder. He cinches the saddle with his teeth, climbs up with incredible leg strength, and rides all day just like the other pen riders and cowboys do. In addition, he cares for his mother, who has diabetes and has lost most of her own sight. (Another bond between Brad and Sissy.) Thirty-five years ago, Brad was a “normal” kindergartner when he fell into a grain auger. When the ambulance arrived, the paramedics gave him very little chance for survival. They lifted him onto a gurney, slid him in the

back of the ambulance, and climbed in beside him. His mother jumped in, too. As the ambulance sped to the hospital, Brad slipped away. Brad’s mom had been taking classes to be an EMT, so she shoved a paramedic out of the way, performed CPR on her own son, and brought him back to life. After he lost both arms, she vowed to raise him like a “normal” child. Brad was about horses all of his life. He refused to feel sorry for himself, and refused to let others do for him what he could do on his own. He learned to open doors with his feet, open packages with his teeth, and drive with the stub of his arm. He found a way to do everything that you and I can do, and even some things we can’t. But because of all of the ripping and tearing and bending and twisting, his body is worn out. He’s caring for his mom now, too, and that adds additional

stress. He’s only 38, but his teeth are worn down to stubs, his truck won’t start sometimes, and his back is giving out. Yet still, this man refuses to ask for help, and according to Angel and Sis, is usually the first in line to help others. He doesn’t know it, but Sis and Angel have vowed to put him on the receiving end for the first time in his life. Well, not the first time. Last summer when they visited, they hauled several round bales of hay along. The hay bales were donated by local farmers Jerry Howard, Jim Schawang, Thomas Georges, and Boone Scholl. Russell Heineman provided the trailer to haul it, and Matt Bauman helped with gas. They and many others have pledged more help, and Jerry Kennedy said he will haul a semi-load of hay. But the girls aren’t stopping there. Those of you who know Angel know that, when she is on a mission, things happen. Angel and Sis don’t think small. They dream big. I know Brad, too, and I dream big as well.

We want to find a donor who will give a four-wheel-drive truck, to which a remote starter can be affixed, and more user-friendly wheel can be installed. Angel wants to gather enough money to buy Brad some new teeth, or find a dentist who will donate his time to make that possible. We also hope to provide some hay and other necessities that will make his life easier. None of us expects all of this to come from this area, but hope that the people here in our hometown will open their hearts to a stranger, and then Brad’s home folks will open their hearts to their neighbor and friend.

Brad is not a charity case, nor would he want to be. He is a determined, hard-working young man who has overcome incredible obstacles without ever asking for a handout. In other words, he’s good people — just like the people here. Like I said at the beginning or this article, if you are struggling during this Christmas season, focus on yourself and your own. If your heart pulls you to another area, please give there. But everyone can help this mission by liking our Facebook page (Sissy Christina Georges screenplay), or Googling “Lance’s Journal Brad Thomas,” clicking on the link, and sharing it (right now the video itself is archived, but we are trying to resurrect it). If you can help this deserving young man in any other way, please contact Angel at (402) 883-2218 or me at 402-245-8145, (or message me on Facebook). If you want to send a check, make it out to Brad Thomas Fund, c/o Angel Ralph, 71830 652 Ave., Shubert, NE 68437. Most importantly, please share this story with others, especially through your social media. Let’s see if we can send a Christmas miracle to a very deserving young man. Thank you for listening closely. Do you hear what I hear? It’s the spirit of giving as it floats from heart to heart. God bless you. Merry Christmas.

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MUST BE 21

FC hammers Auburn for 21st-straight time, dating back to 2005

For decades Falls City High School hasn't competed in an athletic conference, the place, let's face it, where rivalries naturally germinate and, if nurtured precisely and consistently with just the right amount of bad blood, bloom.

It's a natural occurrence. You can't, for instance, manufacture bad blood by mixing a color challenge with the persistence of Father Time. Hence the end - for the immediate future, anyway - of the some 40-year Falls City-Hiawatha basketball series Tuesday was as scintillating as Kevin Scheitel and a handful of plastic mistletoe, watered down with 37 free throws and a 68-61 FC victory.

And since it takes two to draw bad blood, the Auburn-Falls City rivalry is currently withering on the vine, as the Tigers beat the Bulldogs Friday night for the 21st consecutive time, dating back to January 2005. The one-sidedness of the series was illustrated quickly, as FC jumped out to a 23-5 lead and sent Auburn back ho-ho-home with a 64-28 gift. The Bulldogs can in theory return it Feb. 7 in Auburn, but Don Hogue's Tigers long ago got stingy on refunds. No refunds, no rivalry.

Stingy is Falls City's modus operandi. The now 3-0 Tigers, in their first home game of 2013-14, forced 28 Auburn turnovers (seven different Tigers recorded steals, led by junior Jack Hartman, who had four) Friday and limited the Bulldogs, which improved to 3-2 Saturday with a one-point win at still-winsless Elmwood-Murdoch, to a woeful 12-of-51 shooting performance from the floor. No Bulldogs scored in double figures, but again, that's just what you'd expect from the Tigers' defense.

Last week Falls City added solid offense to its repertoire and the combination of the two was encouraging to Hogue and FC, whose Christmas list is full of Ws, nothing else.

"We came out playing really



Photo by Dave Davis

Falls City High senior Ryan Mount contests an Auburn shooter Friday night in the Tigers' 64-28 win. Mount made 6-of-7 free throws in the game and is 11-of-13 at the stripe so far this season. Falls City has now won 21 in a row over the Bulldogs, dating back to 2005.

hard and sharing the ball extremely well," Hogue said. "It was a total team effort and we shot the ball well again - I like how we're shooting."

What's not to like?

Friday, senior guard Mitchell Harling drained 4-of-6 three-point attempts en route to 18 game-high points, and the team made 7-of-15 threes to go with 13-of-16 free throws.

Tuesday, it was senior Tyler DiGiacomo striking from long range, making 4-of-7 threes and all four of

his free throws in scoring a game-high 18. Junior Jordy Stoller added 15 points on 7-of-8 shooting from the field and the Tigers collectively hit 8-of-16 from three-point land. That's 15-of-31 for the week in an area that's for years been a thorn in FC's side.

Free throws, too, were a strength all week. Tuesday's 22-of-31 shooting from the stripe (Harling and Ryan Mount each went 5-of-6; and senior Reese Hogue hit 4-of-6, to go with a team-high six boards) was followed up by 13-of-16 shooting on the home rims. Mount, who's athleticism and size often get him to the rack, made 6-of-7, bringing him to 11-of-13 on the year. Harling (15-of-16), Stoller (14-of-17) and DiGiacomo (6-for-6) have FC making 78 percent of their foul shots thus far.

They needed them Tuesday to potentially avoid upset at Hiawatha. The Tigers opened up a 38-26 half-time lead, but saw it dwindle down the stretch as the officiating grew tighter as the game progressed.

"We felt kind of handcuffed," Hogue said.

But FC nailed it down at the line. Reese Hogue, after missing a couple early in the fourth, made both ends of a pair of critical 1-and-1's and Harling made his five in the final period.

The Tigers are home again tonight (St. Joseph LeBlond), and Saturday (3-1 Class B Plattsmouth). The Blue Devils opened the year with a 23-point win over Auburn and have since beat Nebraska City and Schuyler while losing to Norris.

Tuesday scoring

FC — DiGiacomo, 18; Stoller, 15; Harling, 10; Mount, 9; Hogue, 6; Hartman, 5; Jordening, 3; Witt, 2.

Hia — Smith, 13; Bigham, 12; Winters, 10; Hasenkamp, 10; Green, 10; Reese, 3; Lock, 3.

Friday Scoring

FC — Harling, 18; Stoller, 10; Hartman, 9; Wit, 7; Mount, 6; Hogue, 5; DiGiacomo, 4; Schawang, 3; Jordening, 2.

Big Red Recruiting Report

By Sean Stevens

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

Recent Pledges

With the regular season over Nebraska's coaching staff hit the road hard recruiting with junior colleges as a primary focus. Results have been positive.

Following official visits for the Iowa game, DT **Terrell Clinkscales** (6-4/315) of Dodge City (KS) CC and CB **Byerson Cockrell** (6-2/185) of East Mississippi CC both joined NU's class.

The nation's No. 1-ranked junior college DT, Clinkscales should compete for playing time right away. He turned down 30-plus offers, including Alabama, Auburn, Ohio State and Oregon, to join Bo Pelini's program. NU's history with defensive linemen played a part in his decision.

"It was a big factor," Clinkscales told HuskerOnline.com. "I feel like they develop great d-linemen. Plus with Coach Rick (Kaczynski) and the way he coaches those guys up I know he can get me where I need to be."

Cockrell pledged shortly before his team won the JUCO national championship. He talked with HuskersIllustrated.com about the opportunity for playing time next fall.

"I really liked the game and the facilities because I wasn't expecting that, because I'm not from here," he said. "Most importantly I could have a lot of playing time... I was talking to the coaches today about the coverages, drills they do. I feel like that's something I can do."

Defensive end **Joe Keels** (6-4/280) of Highland (KS) CC remained committed to Wisconsin after visiting NU in November, but the Huskers continued to pursue him. Clinkscales also got in Keels' ear, and on Dec. 10 Keels flipped from Wisconsin to Nebraska.

This is a big win for the Huskers not only because Keels provides immediate depth on the defensive line, but also because they effectively stole him from the division rival Badgers. I expect Keels and Clinkscales to compete for playing time immediately in 2014.

NU also added another JUCO pledge in November with receiver **Robert Lockhart** (6-1/185) of Hinds (MS) CC. The Huskers pursued Lockhart out of high school, before he signed with Virginia Tech. He never made it to Blacksburg, though, instead becoming a student at Miami before transferring to Hinds.

NU beat out Ole Miss for Lockhart's commitment this time. He will have two years of eligibility and a redshirt season remaining at Nebraska.

It wasn't all JUCO guys, though. High school defensive end **Darius Slade** (6-5/237) of Montclair, NJ, has long been leaning to Michigan St., but recent in-home visits with Nebraska's staff have him thinking hard about the Huskers. He's also considering Penn State, but this seems like a two-school race. The Spartans' recent Big Ten championship plays in their favor; however Slade likes how NU uses Randy Gregory.

I thought that this one might come down to the impression NU's coaches made on Slade's parents on a Dec. 11 in-home visit, however Slade announced that morning that he would make his commitment known at a ceremony that day at his school. With Pelini and defensive coordinator John Papuchis set to visit that evening, things looked positive. In the end, it was his talks with the head coach that swayed Slade to NU.

"From the outside looking in, most people think coach Bo is not a great guy or not a great coach, but when you get a chance to meet him and talk to the players, they all have great things to say about him," Slade told HuskersIllustrated.com. "He's a great coach. He cares about his players and has their back 100 percent..."

In addition, LB **Jaevon Walton** (6-0/236) of New Orleans chose NU over Missouri and others. Walton is a bit "under-the-radar", but NU has had success with players like him recently. Players such as Ameer Abdullah, Cethan Carter and Maliek Collins were all ranked and recruited very similarly to Walton. Whether Pelini's staff has hit the jackpot again remains to be seen, but Walton looks the part and shows up well on film while playing for powerhouse Edna Karr HS in New Orleans.

Official Visitors

During the last official visit weekend (Dec. 14) before the dead period in recruiting begins, the NU coaches brought multiple prospects to Lincoln.

Running back **Brandon Powell** (5-9/167) of Deerfield Beach, FL, is someone the Huskers have been recruiting since the summer. Initially committed to Tennessee, Powell flipped to Miami in August but has continued taking visits.

"With Nebraska, they've been on me ever since I first committed to Tennessee a long time ago and since I've committed to Miami they still haven't given up on me," he told HuskerOnline.com. "They're still coming after me hard and that's why I have a lot of interest in Nebraska right now."

Word from recruiting experts is that Nebraska has jumped to the top of Powell's list.

Another player NU has long coveted is athlete **Kalen Ballage** (6-2/216) of Falcon, CO. Ballage can play a number of positions after starring at running back in high school. With his size and 4.37-second speed in the 40-yard dash, he's a top-250 prospect.

Just days before his visit, Ballage committed to Arizona St. Washington is also in play with new head coach Chris Peterson from Boise State, and NU should stay in it to the end with Ron Brown as his lead recruiter. This could come down to Signing Day.

Receiver **Erik Lauderdale** (6-2/200) of Saddleback CC in Mission Viejo, CA, was the third official visitor. He's also considering Oregon, Florida, Tennessee and Arizona State. The Ducks have a pretty solid lead for his pledge, especially with QB Marcus Mariota coming back for another season. A visit gives NU a chance, but they'll have to knock it out of the park to sway him - especially with a visit to Oregon yet to come.

Two late additions to the weekend were quarterback/athlete **Coltin Gerhart** (6-1/216) of Murrieta, CA, and JUCO DB **Kweishi Brown** (5-11/180) of Grossmont (CA) CC.

Brown has Arizona State at the top of his list and is also considering West Virginia and Washington. He was originally committed to Arkansas, but decided to reopen his recruitment mid-fall. Brown is more of a true cover cornerback than the other JUCOs the Huskers are pursuing. He will graduate in May with two years of eligibility remaining plus a redshirt year if needed.

Gerhart is committed to Arizona State as a safety, but Nebraska offered him as a quarterback. He is the brother of Minnesota Vikings running back Toby Gerhart and current Arizona State offensive lineman Garth Gerhart.

Watching highlights from his senior season, Gerhart shows good pocket presence, above-average arm strength, fairly good touch, and good speed. He's not "Taylor Martinez fast", but then only about 1-percent of athletes have that type of explosiveness. Gerhart looks to be faster than the QBs currently on NU's roster, and he runs an offense similar to what Tim Beck calls in Lincoln. Stealing him from ASU would be a solid coup. Oklahoma, BYU and Duke have also offered him.

Another factor in Gerhart's recruitment is that he literally grew up in the same neighborhood as Taylor and Drake Martinez, and his father coached Taylor Martinez in high school for two years. While that won't be a deciding factor, the relationship will allow for a predetermined level of trust during his visit.

Change in Plans

Nebraska is also heavily involved JUCO defensive back **Josh Keys** (6-2/180) of Mississippi Gulf Coast CC, who visited during the Michigan State game. As the weekend began, NU was considered the leader for Keys' pledge.

NU had been his only official visit, and the recent change in visit plans by fellow JUCO DB **Danzel McDaniel** (6-2/205) of Dodge City (KS) CC seemed to indicate that Keys would commit. Then Keys unexpectedly took an official visit to Southern Miss. for the weekend, and then even more inexplicably committed to Texas Tech!

Word among recruiting experts indicates that Keys' decision could be good news for NU. The extreme change in direction might mean that the Huskers feel confident about other targets.

Not all Roses

Defensive back **Chance Waz** (5-11/173), who we mentioned last time might flip from Colorado to Nebraska, did indeed flip after the Iowa game. He stayed committed to NU for a full two weeks, but decommitted after receiving an offer from Baylor who he mentioned as his "dream school." It's just a matter of time before he commits to the Bears.

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FCSH makes smooth transition, off to perfect 4-0 start this winter

The Falls City Sacred Heart boys' basketball team improved to 4-0 on the season with three wins over out-of-state foes last week. Saturday at Wetmore, KS the Irish defeated the Cardinals 59-46 behind 15 points and 10 rebounds from senior Matt Goltz, who finished 5-of-8 from the floor and 5-for-7 from the free-throw line. Senior Chaz Dunn added 13 points, five rebounds and five assists, while seniors Colin Niemeyer and Jarod Fiegenger chipped in nine. The Irish were 51-25 winners over visiting Hiawatha, KS Thursday night at Prichard Auditorium, as they raced out to a 26-4 halftime

lead. Dunn made 2-of-3 three-point shots and led all scorers with 15 points. He also led FCSH with five assists and four steals. Goltz added 11 points, eight boards and six blocked shots. Hiawatha connected on just 11-of-43 field goals (25.6 percent) and was out-rebounded 35-24. FCSH had their best offensive performance of the early season last Tuesday as they overmatched South Holt, MO, 77-22. The Irish opened with a 23-4 first quarter, then led 35-16 at the half before posting another 23-4 quarter in the third. FCSH finished 6-for-12 from behind the arc and 33-for-57 from

the floor overall. South Holt struggled against the Irish pressure and turned it over 37 times. Dunn, Niemeyer, Goltz and senior Eli Ramer each finished with 13 points. Junior Logan Scheitel led FCSH with six rebounds, while junior Austin Malone joined Dunn with six steals each. Malone and Dunn also dished out eight and seven assists, respectively. The 50-percent success rate from downtown was by far the best for the Irish, who have combined to go 5-for-28 from the three-point line in their other three contests, as they try and play catch-up after early practice time due to their state championship run in football. The Irish travel to Lewiston (3-0) tonight and then host Humboldt-TR-S (0-3) Friday before and eight-day holiday break.

Scoring vs. Wetmore
FCSH – Niemeyer 9, Dunn 13, Malone 10, Goltz 15, Scheitel 4, Fiegenger 8.
WHS – Boechman 8, Ke. Bloom 5, Shumaker 8, Henry 6, C. Ballenger 2, Hoelscher 17.
Scoring vs. Hiawatha
FCSH – Niemeyer 4, Dunn 15, Malone 8, Goltz 11, Scheitel, 5, Fiegenger, 2, Strasheim, 6.
HHS – Winters 4, Smith 2, Bigham 11, Hasenkamp 6, Reese 2.
Scoring vs. South Holt
FCSH – Niemeyer 13, Dunn13, Malone 7, Kean 5, Goltz, 13, Arnold 4, Scheitel 7, Strasheim 2, Ramer 13.

Titan wrestlers 6th at Sabetha

The Sabetha, KS Bluejays posted 194.5 total points to take home first place at Saturday's Tri-State Invite at Sabetha. Wamego, KS finished in second place with 162 points, while Auburn took third. HTRS/PC finished sixth with 114 points. Individually, HTRS/PC's Nicholas Zermeno (160lbs) and Anthony Jimenez (126lbs) both placed second, while Ben Railsback (170lbs) took third place. Jesse Hickey (182) and Jacob Wilhelm finished in fourth place, while Dalton Rohrs (220) took home fifth place. Zermeno pinned Bryan Palenski of Wamego and Ethan Diedic of Auburn, but dropped the title match to Dylan Campbell of Wamego. Jimenez pinned his way to the championship by defeating Spencer Vice of Atchison and Brandon Clark of Auburn. Jimenez was pinned by Dalton Carly of Wamego in the final.

Lady Tigers, 1-2, split with Auburn and Hiawatha

Falls City High overcame a horrendous night shooting to pick up their first win of the season Friday night in a 19-14 victory over Auburn. FC and Auburn combined for only nine made field goals and the Lady Tigers finished 4-for-34 from the floor. FC converted 11 of their 20 free-throw attempts compared to Auburn's 3-for-8 performance at the line. FC senior Brooke Scheitel helped lead the defensive effort with four steals to go along with seven rebounds and seven points. Senior Madison Olberding also grabbed seven boards and scored five points. Shooting was better at Hiawatha, KS last Tuesday, but the Lady Tigers came up short, 42-36. The difference in the game came from behind the arc, where Hiawatha converted 3-of-7 three-point attempts, while FC finished 0-for-7. Junior Baylee Vrtiska led FC with eight points and six assists. Scheitel and junior Sydney Armbruster each grabbed seven rebounds, while sophomore Libby Bauman chipped in seven points. FC (1-2) hosted Wymore Southern (4-0) last night and hosts Plattsmouth (2-2) Saturday afternoon.

Scoring vs. Auburn
FCHS – Scheitel 7, Olberding 5, Armbruster 5, Bauman 2.
Scoring vs. Hiawatha
FC – Scheitel 5, Olberding 5, Frederick 4, Armbruster 4, Vrtiska 8, Bauman 7.

Tigers send only a pair to Crete Invite

The Falls City Wrestling Team sent a majority of the younger wrestlers to junior varsity tournaments in Syracuse and Nebraska City this past week. These match limits combined with a little flu bug and a ACT testing left only two wrestlers to compete in the Crete Tournament Saturday. Chase Thompson and Jeremy Zimmerman represented the team well, each placing in the tournament. Jeremy went 3-1, losing an tight overtime match to Central City in the semi-finals. Zimmerman fought back through the wrestlbacks earning third place. Thompson used the tournament to improve his skills from the bottom position and showed great improvement from last week in Wamego. Thompson finished in 4th place at 182 pounds. These two Tigers put up 34 points and put the team in position to finish in 14 place. The wrestling team will finish the first half the season in Auburn Dec. 21. The Tigers will fill more weight classes and hope to compete well as a team.

TIGER JV WRESTLING

Several of the younger wrestlers competed in junior varsity tournaments in Syracuse and Nebraska City over the past week. The JV tournaments allow the younger wrestlers the opportunity to gain more experience with more matches than they will see in a varsity tournament. These younger wrestlers need this mat time to improve their skills. Coaches are hoping these wrestlers will learn from mistakes in these early tournaments and position themselves to make an impact on the varsity team as the season goes on. Brett Black and Dalton Kennel wrestled to 2nd place finishes at Syracuse.

LADY TIGER RESERVES

Falls City High's girls' reserves defeated Auburn 28-21 Friday night in FC. Bailey Gilkerson led FC with eight points and Molly Brown added four. The reserves defeated Hiawatha, KS, 34-10, last Tuesday at Hiawatha. Megan Eickhoff and Brooke Lotter led FC with eight and six points, respectively. Five others – Brown, Gilkerson, Brittney Webster, Candace Chandler and Josie Lunsford – each added four points.




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Humboldt-TR-S dropped their first three games of the early season last week, falling to Diller-Odell at home in overtime, 37-34, in the season opener. Last Tuesday, HTRS hosted Lewiston and were defeated 59-34, then Friday the Titans were defeated 68-41 at Nebraska City Lourdes. Kaleb Knudson led the Titans with 15 points in each of the first two games, but was held to four in the loss to NCL. Nolan Schafer and Eli Herr led HTRS at NCL with 16 and 10 points, respectively. Bad third quarters were the difference in the losses to NCL and Lewiston, as HTRS was outscored 14-4 by Lourdes after trailing by only six at halftime, while Lewiston posted a 22-2 effort in the third quarter to run away from the Titans. HTRS (0-3) hosts C2 No. 2 Freeman (2-2) tonight and travels to D2 No. 2 FC Sacred Heart Friday night.

Scoring vs. NC Lourdes
HTRS – Hain 4, Herr 10, K. Knudson 4, Kuhlmann 3, Schafer 16, Sherman 4.
Scoring vs. Lewiston
HTRS – Bredemeier 2, Drake 2, Hain 3, Herr 3, K. Knudson 15, Nanninga 3, Schafer 4, Sherman 2.
Scoring vs. Diller-Odell
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Highlights from recent meetings

The Journal, in a catch-up mode, publishes highlights from recent Richardson County Commissioners and City Council meetings.

Dec. 10, Commissioners: The board voted to enter into a contract with Herbst Construction, Inc. for the construction of the Humboldt Northwest Project and authorized vice chairman Jim Davidson to sign the contract, in the absence of chairman Dave Sickel. Brian Dixon, deputy EMA Director, reported that the National Weather Service will handle IPAWS emergency notifications instead of an Omaha news station. A memorandum of agreement was signed involving Richardson County, Cooper Nuclear Station – NPPD, Fort Calhoun Nuclear Station – OPPD, the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration – National Weather Service, and other surrounding counties, states and agencies in regard to the notification of emergencies that might occur at the nuclear stations. The board approved an agreement with First Concord to administer the County Section 125 Plan in regard to medical reimbursement accounts effective Jan. 1, 2014.

Dec. 3, Commissioners: Voted to provide additional options of insurance products available from Vesta Voluntary Specialists through the optional payroll deductions that are available to county employees.

Nov. 26, Commissioners: Met with Public Defender William VonSeggern to discuss the contract that expires Dec. 31, 2013. An agreement was approved with VonSeggern for Public Defender services for a term of two years, Jan. 1, 2014, through Dec. 31, 2015, at a contracted price of \$48,000 per year. Met

with Veterans Service Committee members Brian Palmer, Ken Cooce and Dick Arington, who presented two letters recommending that Ralph Huettner not be reappointed for another one-year term as the Richardson County Veterans Service Officer. Discussed the condition of some county roads after recent snow and ice events. The board suggested to Highway Supt. Scott Huppert that several roads are in need of rock. Huppert reported on the progress of the Preston Road hard-surfacing project and said the Verdon Northwest bridge project is progressing and the plans for the Stella Southeast bridge project are completed and that right-of-way acquisition was to begin.

Dec. 2, City Council: Learned from Administration Gary Jorn that auditors have completed their work and that CPA Julie Bauman will have a report for the council. Jorn also reported that the City has found it more effective and economical to equip pickup trucks with snowplows rather than using larger dump trucks to clear streets. Councilperson Judy Murphy noted the success of the open house at the new City Building and Councilperson Angie Nolte expressed congratulations on behalf of the council to the Sacred Heart Class D2 Football Champions. Heard a report from Councilman Jerry Oliver, who said he has fielded several calls regarding the speed limit on Highway 73 north of Falls City, and has been in contact about the issue with Highway Commissioner Rod Vandenberg. Oliver suggested a speed limit of 45 mph from north Falls City to the intersection of Old and New Highway 73. This matter will be reviewed by the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Village of Verdon

Regular Meeting - Dec. 4, 2013
VILLAGE HALL

Chairperson Denise Koso informed the room at large that the updated Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Denise Koso at 7:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present were: Gary Cochran, James Cockerham, Bill Guiliams, Denise Koso and Brenda Streit. GUESTS: Tammie Bents, Utilities Supt., Clerk Brenda Daniels and employee Jon McAndrew. MINUTES: Motion by Koso, second by Streit to approve, all the Trustees present voted YEA. AGENDA: Motion by Cochran, second by Guiliams to approve, all Trustees present voted YEA. TREASURER’S REPORT: Motion by Streit, second by Koso to approve, with all the Trustees present voting YEA. DECEMBER, 2013 CLAIMS: Motion by Guiliams, second by Streit to pay the claims, all the Trustees present voting YEA.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The December, 2013 shut-off notices were reviewed by the Trustees and only one shut-off notice had to be sent this month and it has been paid by the required date.

Thank you cards from the Hays family and from Brenda Daniels were read.

The Board members looked over the daily work sheets that Bents and McAndrew turn in each pay period.

Martin Marietta sent an update on their prices for gravel, etc.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Reports: General: Tree behind Post Office has been cut down and cleaned up, Water: wells are up and running again, and the Sanitary Survey had a couple of things that needed to be corrected, Bents is complying and correcting the problem. Sewer: after discharging the lagoon, the test reports came out good.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bents reported that the lawnmower is dripping oil pretty bad and Cockerham and Cochran will check it over to see what the problem might be.

Chairperson Koso signed the Street Supt.’s Certification form for 2013.

Motion by Cockerham, second by Cochran to have clerk Daniels purchase 10 rolls of 100 stamps of the forever stamps before the price increases. All the trustees voting YEA.

Since the January Meeting falls on a holiday, January 1st, it was decided to have the regular meeting one week later on January 8, 2014.

ORDINANCES:

1. Ordinance 2014-100 “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NEBRASKA BASIC CODE OF ORDINANCES” was introduced and read by Bill Guiliams. Motion by Guiliams to pass the first reading of Ordinance 2014-100 with a second made by Koso.

Roll Call Vote: Cochran: YEA Cockerham: YEA, Guiliams: YEA, Koso: YEA, and Streit: YEA. First reading passed and approved with 100% vote of the Trustees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Koso, second by Streit to enter into Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. to discuss employees training and work and special pay for holidays, with all the Trustees voting YEA. All left the Village Hall, including the Clerk, except for the Trustees. Motion by Cockerham, second by Streit to leave the Executive Session and resume the regular meeting at 8:33 p.m. All Trustees voting YEA.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Cochran informed the employees what they would receive for special pay for the holidays.

Cochran also informed Bents and McAndrew that any jobs that could be done by one person should be done that way. It wasn’t necessary for both of them to go to do something that one employee could do alone, so they should try to do jobs separately as much as possible.

Jon’s training period is over as it’s been over three months now and he is considered a regular employee equally with Bents.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The person responsible for accidentally damaging some street signs has offered to reimburse the Village for any expenses in order to replace them. A bill will be sent to them.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Cockerham, second by Guiliams to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. All the Trustees voting YEA. The next regular monthly meeting of the Village of Verdon will be a week late on Jan. 8, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, since the regular meeting date is on New Years Day.

Brenda Daniels,
Verdon Clerk/Treasurer

ESU 4

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 held its regular meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013, at ESU 4 in Auburn. The following claims were paid for the month of December: General Fund -- \$141,441.28 Payroll -- \$365,813.40 NCECBVI -- \$24,832.62 Federal Programs -- \$7,321.22

The Board of ESU 4 will meet in regular session at 5:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13, 2014, in the conference room at the office of ESU 4, 919 16th St., Auburn. The Region 4 Preschool Planning Team will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. at the ESU 4 Learning Center, 1109 “R” St., Auburn. Agendas for both meetings, kept current, are readily available for public inspection at the office of the Administrator during normal business hours.

Village of Salem

VILLAGE OF SALEM

The Salem Village Board met November 5, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building. Chairman Strauch opened the meeting. Rowley, Kean, and Wessel answered roll. Chandler was absent. Three visitors were present.

The problem of cats and other wild animals running at large was discussed. The board will look into the problem.

Fred Reimers, water operator, was not present. No water problems were reported.

Gary Rowley from the Cemetery Board was present. He resigned from the board effective immediately. The Board thanked him for his service. Chairman Strauch requested the clerk to contact the Cemetery Board secretary and invite the Cemetery Board members to the December 3, 2013 meeting of the Village Board.

Claims were presented for payment. Kean moved to pay the claims, seconded by Wessel. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Strauch moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Wessel. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be December 3, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building. Carolyn Glathar
Village Clerk

CLAIMS: Rural Water District, 1606.87; Fred Reimers, 500; Salem Water Fund, 400; Water Testing, 67; Schendel Pest Control, 73; League of Municipalities, 185; Glathar salary, 350; Postage, 33; Rural Water Association, 75; OPPD, 537.84; Fire Department expense, 22.47; FC Journal, 34.56.

Village of Stella

Village of Stella
Board of Trustees Meeting
Dec. 2, 2013, at 7 P.M.
at the Stella Fire Hall
(due to an electrical problem
at the Community Building)

Present: Allen McNeely, Adam Stanley, Heath Stanley, Henry Sullwold, Jerry Joy. Absent: None. Guests: Tracy Milke and Jackie Uhri. Chairman Joy called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and noted the posting of the revised Open Meeting Act. Roll Call was taken.

Organizational Meeting — Motion by Joy and second by H. Stanley to appoint Vicki Owings as clerk/treasurer. All voted yea. Motion by McNeely and second by H. Stanley to appoint Joy as chairperson. All voted yea, with Joy abstaining. Motion by A. Stanley and second by H. Stanley to appoint H. Sullwold as Chairman Pro Temp. All voted yea, with Sullwold abstaining. A listing of last year’s committees was passed out to the board for recommendations, additions or deletions. The committees will be finalized at January meeting.

Motion by McNeely and second by A. Stanley to approve the minutes as presented. All voted yea. Motion by McNeely and second by H. Sullwold to approve the treasurer’s report as presented. All voted yea.

Motion by McNeely and second by A. Stanley to pay the claims as presented. All voted yea.

Communications: Thank you note

and donation from Velda Milke use of the village barn for their sale due to the inclement weather. Joy reported that he would be attending a meeting in Auburn.

Committees: Streets – H. Sullwold noted that he would have to raise snow removal rates to \$35 per hour this year due to fuel prices. Lights – One by Henry Sullwold is on and off, but has been reported. Replacing the bracket for Christmas decorations on the pole at 5th and Elm, which was knocked over and had to be replaced, was discussed. Park – None. W&S – Written report by Milke. Library – Written report. Problems with the computers. They need cleaned up or replaced. Will check into this. Maintenance Man – None. Planning – None. Tree – None. Health – Bloodmobile moved to Humboldt Ag Building and will be Dec. 11. Community Building – Will have the electrical problem checked out. Main Street Improvement – None.

Mapping Water and Sewer lines – Still working on location of all shut-offs. Water Parts – Milke explained the operation of the needed parts. They are not only a safety feature, but also State required to prevent chlorination when not needed. The cost of the parts on the modem is \$1,690. Motion by H. Stanley and second by McNeely to authorize the purchase of the parts. All voted yea.

Purchase of Santa candy – Motion by A. Stanley and second by Sullwold to purchase the candy for the Santa visit. All voted yea.

The cost of processing sludge for Shubert was discussed. Due to the cost of labor, wear and tear on equipment, cost of lime and a raise in our cost, the board decided to raise the charge to \$155 per load with help on future large repairs to tank. Motion by A. Stanley and second by McNeely. All voted yea. Assistant Water Operator – Davis is now certified as a water operator. Discussion was followed by a motion by H. Stanley and second by A. Stanley to raise \$25 per month with the additional \$25 per month when certified as WWT operator. Voting yea – McNeely, A. Stanley, H. Stanley, Sullwold. Voting no – Joy.

Motion to appoint Evan B. Wickersham from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. as our Street Superintendent for the next year by H. Sullwold and second by McNeely. All voted yea.

Motion to appoint JEO Consulting Group, Inc. as 2014 Village Engineer by McNeely and second by A. Stanley. All voted yea.

Jackie Uhri presented a proposal for replacement of the flasher at the highway. Tabled to January.

Water shut-offs were signed. Motion by H. Sullwold and second by A. Stanley to adjourn at 8:05 P.M. All voted yea.

Vicki Owings, Clerk

Claims and Payroll

Jerry Joy, 94.15; USA BlueBook, 83.64; City of Falls City, 285; HOA Solutions, Inc., 18409.75; Ne Public Health Env. Labs, 15; FC Journal, 90.72; Ne Municipal Clerks Assoc., 10; OPPD, 290.21; Midwest Labs Inc., 69.38; One Call Concepts, Inc., 3.30; Vicki Owings, 525; Tracy Milke, 250; Aaron Davis, 150; American Recycling & Sanitation, 1040; Aaron Davis, 268.90; Tracy Milke, 166.05; Vicki Owings, 12.30; SNC 152.53; Paul Platter, 440; Shadow Loveless, 109.25; NPPD, 1160.13; IRS, 172.48.



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School Board #56

FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of the December 9, 2013
School Board Meeting

The Falls City Board of Education met at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, 2013, in the Superintendent's office at Middle School in Falls City, Nebraska.

1.0 BUSINESS ITEMS
1.1 ROLL CALL AND OPEN MEETINGS ACT NOTICE – School Board members present were: Tedd Gilkerson, Ed Harris, Scott Hollens, Scott Huppert, John Martin and Teresa Olberding. Absent: None. President Scott Hollens presided at the meeting.
President Hollens announced that the open meetings act notice is posted on the wall of this meeting room.
1.2 APPROVAL OF ABSENCES – There are no absences from this meeting.
1.3 VERIFICATION OF ADVANCED PUBLICATION – It was moved by Harris and seconded by Huppert 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; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, 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 Huppert and seconded by Martin to approve the agenda. The voting was as follows: Gilkerson, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, 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:
2.2 Principal's Reports
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 Annual Planning Workshop
2.4f Superintendent Evaluation Documents (closed session)
2.4g Superintendent Meetings
2.4h Board Member Meetings
2.4i Other
2.5 Board Member Comments and/or Reports
2.6 Additions
3.0 Old/New Action Items:
3.1 2014-2015 Certified Teacher Master Contract
3.2 First and Second Reading on Policy Revision Recommendations
3.3 Recognize the FCEA as the bargaining agent for 2015-2016.
3.4 Other
4.0 Executive Session: Requested by member, approved by majority, as per statute.
5.0 Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly BOE meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 13, 2014 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 to be determined.
1.5 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – It was moved by Martin and seconded by Harris to approve the minutes of the Nov. 11, 2013 School Board meeting. The voting was as follows: Gilkerson, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.
1.6 AUDIENCES: There were comments from the audience at this meeting.
1.7 APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT: It was moved by Harris and seconded by Huppert to approve the Nov. 30, 2013 treasurer's report which shows a balance in the General Fund of \$198,472.78; in the General Fund Investment Account of \$1,019,064.49; in the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking of \$202,050.14; in the Student Fee Fund of \$2,085.00; in the ICI Fund of \$77,089.80; in the Special Building Fund Investment Account of \$234,978.17; in the Special Building Fund of \$49,449.99; and in the High School Bond Fund of \$469,240.10. The voting was as follows: Gilkerson, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.
The Board received a written High School Current Cash Balance Report, a Middle School Activity Account Report, an Elementary Activity Account Report and a School Lunch Report.
1.8 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS – It was moved by Harris and seconded by Martin to approve the claims as presented. Discussion was had by the board on various claims. The voting was as follows: Gilkerson, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.
DECEMBER 2013 CLAIMS
Amazon, MS/HS library, comp. supp\$1,139.32
Ameripride, mops/rugs \$674.44
AmSan, custodial, grounds, maint. supp \$685.06
Apple, computer supp \$1,529.95
Armbruster Motor Co., car rental \$300.00
AS Central Services, distance learning supp \$233.21
Central Office, mileage/workshop

exp \$2,534.41
Central Office, postage..... \$1,091.43
Central Office, bus permits/cell phones \$104.00
Central Office, misc exp \$320.07
Central Office, payables \$89.94
Control Management, equipment repairs/maint. \$653.00
Diamond Intern'l, bus parts .. \$104.27
Elementary Activity Account - NS, teaching supp \$1,209.03
Elementary Activity Account - SS, teaching supp \$100.00
Embassy Suites, La Vista, BOE meeting exp \$1,895.95
ESU #4 - Co-op, tech membership dues \$3,800.00
ESU #6, Internet program \$280.78
ESU#4 Contracted, SPED services.....\$2,586.05
FC Auto Supply, bus parts \$433.41
FCHS Activity Account, yearbook support, Eduquest, teaching supplies \$4,725.79
FC Journal, advertising \$236.25
FC Mercantile, teach supp \$164.90
FC Sanitation, waste rem. \$770.00
School Lunch Program, adult lunches \$1,149.20
FC Utilities.....\$20,113.34
Farm/City Supply, HS teaching supp, maint., grounds, bus supp ... \$719.97
Google, e-mail..... \$61.42
Grainger, maint. supp..... \$99.00
Grammarly, software supp \$950.00
Hermitage Art Co., MS teaching supp..... \$52.31
Hullman's, bus repairs. \$38.21
Jim Hill's, bus repairs \$40.00
Jo Crawford, SPED serv \$3,633.75
JW Pepper & Son, supp. \$708.89
Lawson Products, bus supp... \$224.62
MAC Services, comp. repair. \$206.10
Mary Malcolm, SPED serv \$3,095.20
McGraw Hill, texts..... \$260.48
Mid-Town, bus parts \$138.95
Midwest Bus Sales Inc..... \$245.78
Mr. Automotive, bus parts.... \$258.09
NCECBVI, SPED serv..... \$479.50
NCS Pearson, psych supp \$146.50
NCSA, HS/MS registrations. \$250.00
NE Air Filter, annual exp ... \$1,191.70
NE State Fire Marshal, annual registration \$240.00
Nodaway Valley Bank, copier lease..... \$4,200.00
Nursery School, flowers \$65.00
Omaha World Herald, subs. \$27.44
OneSource, background checks \$25.00
PCC, food reimbursement..... \$320.21
Pest Control Serv. of SE NE, pest control service \$120.00
PGH & G Attorneys at Law, legal serv \$280.00
Phonak, hearing supp \$296.39
Pitney Bowes, postage meter lease..... \$180.00
Plibrico Co., LLC, maintenance agreement..... \$3,220.00
ProServ, copier lease/supp \$140.26
PRTS, LLC, SPED serv \$3,024.24
Quill.com, nursing supp \$121.79
Radio Shack, tech supp \$5.99
Sapp Bros., bus fuel \$16,774.77
School Nurse Supply, supp ... \$140.95
School Specialty, teach supp. \$314.38
Shopko, bus supp \$70.29
SNC, phone, Internet..... \$1,987.30
Susan Weber, SPED serv ... \$2,229.12
Towle Realty, rent \$525.00
Tri State Truck & Tractor, bus repairs/maint \$75.15
Unite Private Networks, LLC, Internet \$1,818.15
Wing's Locksmithing, maint. \$240.00
Wolfe's Printing, office supp... \$87.10
sub total \$96,252.80
Dec. Payroll - Dist. 56.... \$704,286.43

Grand Total \$800,539.23
SPECIAL BUILDING FUND
American Fence Co., NS fence/ installation \$3,982.00
Home Lumber, bus barn..... \$570.09
Jim Hills, bus barn \$51.00
TOTAL..... \$4,603.09

ICI Fund
Apple, iPad project..... \$5,790.00
Bond Fund
Fremont National Bank, principal/ interest due \$399,196.25

QCPUF
Fremont National Bank, principal/ interest due \$208,090.00

2.0 INFO. ITEMS/REPORTS

2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Report: Katie Gifford, teacher of the Lifeskills Program, was unable to be present at this meeting and will give her report at the January meeting.

2.2 Principal Reports:

2.2a Ernie Valentine for North School reported on the following: Student enrollment is 206. The Nov. 22 in-service was used by staff to practice and drill the lock down procedures. Thanks you to our local law enforcement and to Mr. Pounds from the Highway Patrol for assisting in this valuable training. Teachers and students are working to complete the mid-year assessments for both NWEA MAP and DIBELS which are to be completed before winter break. The results of these assessments will be the focus for the early out in December. The Parent-Child Center Christmas program was held tonight at the FCHS auditorium and the North School Christmas program will be held Dec. 17 at Prichard Auditorium.

2.2b J.P. Holys for South School reported on the following: Student enrollment is 187. DIBELS mid-year assessments for 3rd-5th grade students are complete. The RTI use this data to progress monitor and select intervention plans for the at risk reading students. Walkthrough Observations continue and Formal Evaluations have begun. All Probationary Teachers have received their first semester evaluation as per District policy. Year 3 Cycle Certified staff will receive Student Learning Objective training on Dec. 11. Fourth grade will complete their mid-year MAPS testing by the end of December and 3rd and 5th grades will complete their mid-year MAPS testing in January. Three 4th grade teachers and one 3rd grade teacher attended an Analytical Scoring Workshop annually hosted by ESU 4. At the November

Professional Learning Community Day (PLC) South School teachers reviewed Chapters 5 and 6 in the Art and Science of Teaching that aligns with the pilot teacher evaluation model. Joe Dunn presented on Body Connect information learned from his attendance at the NE Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Conference in Lincoln. Dunn was recently chosen as the NE Physical Education Teacher of the Year. South School participated with Office Pounds, Officer Armbruster, and Sheriff Hauser in our first active shooter training. ZNEZ

2.2c Rick Johnson for Middle School reported on the following: Students of the Month for November are Alexis Sutton, Josephine Crofford, and Zachary Petry. The winter concert for band and chorus was Dec. 2 with Mrs. Sutton and Mr. Stutheit showcasing some of the quality work being done throughout the first semester. Staff continued on the elements discussions from the "Arts and Science of Teaching" that is core to our new evaluation system. We are again going to use some homeroom Silent Structured Reading time to work on Reading Strategies. The meeting was concluded with Positive Behavior and Intervention Support items. Students in grades 6 thru 8 are participating in the pencil/paper part of the Geography Bee this week. Twenty-eight students will be participating in the oral part of the competition on Dec. 11. Mr. Munford and Mrs. Boatright are in charge of this event. The Richardson County Spelling Bee will be held at FCMS in the Band Room in February for students in grades 5 thru 8 from FCPS and FC Sacred Heart. At the November Professional Learning Community Day Problem Solving PowerPoint and rollout plan for School Improvement was discussed. Teachers spent time in groups working through a curricular problem and working through the steps. Winter MAP testing and dates were discussed. Staff continued on our elements discussions from the "Arts and Science of Teaching" which is core to our new evaluation system. The 8th grade students raised \$814 dollars at the recent Chautauqua and have voted to donate this to the Team Jack Foundation in Atkinson, NE. The money is then sent to Dana Farber Cancer Institute/Harvard Medical School to help fund translational and innovative pediatric brain cancer research. Over \$4,100 charitable dollars have been raised for local and world causes since 2008. Boys' basketball, coached by Kevin Scheitel and Jason Vitosh, is off to a great start with 30 seventh and eighth grade boys participating. The Teacher/Principal Evaluation Webinar for pilot schools was held on Dec. 4. The topic was Student Perception and Stakeholder Surveys. Student enrollment is 167.

2.2d Gale Dunkhas for High School reported on the following: Student enrollment is 256. At the November Professional Learning Community Day (PLC) the High School staff received hands on app training on eBackpack which will be the primary app used by staff and students to exchange assignments and homework electronically. This app exports grades directly into PowerSchool. Dunkhas plans to attend the State Principals Conference in Kearney on Dec. 12-13. We are currently registering students and making necessary changes to their second semester schedules. Winter sports have begun with 24 participating in girls' basketball, 33 in boys' basketball, and 17 in wrestling. Sixty-four students are scheduled to take the ACT exam on Dec. 14 at FCHS. High School Students of the Month for November are Cody Schawang, Taylor O'Brien, Carter Hunzeker, and Sydney Brewer. Congratulations to Madison Buckminster for being selected as the 2013 Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership representative from FCHS, Jordan Phroper was selected as alternate. Acknowledge Kris Simon and the One-Act students for their performances; Vince Dean for being selected as "outstanding actor" at Districts; Alisha Sutton and the chorus students and parents for the Madrigal Feast; and Kent Stutheit and the band students for participation during the soup supper. Important dates: Dec. 18, two hour early out for PLC; Dec. 19-20, Semester Tests; Dec. 20 is the end of the first semester and dismissal for Christmas vacation; Dec. 22 thru 26 is the 5-day NSAA moratorium; school resumes on Jan. 6; Jan. 7 is eBackpack training for students during study halls; Administrative Rounds begin where ESU 4 trainers and administration observe teachers teaching in their classrooms and give ideas and discuss what was seen during the observation.

2.3 Board President's Report: Hollens expressed his appreciation to Judi Carter and Kathy Martin for receipt of the Early Childhood Sixpence Grant. Martin stated that we were one of 10 districts to receive the Grant. Hollens reported that he attended the Band Soup Supper which was very good and well attended, that he was unable to attend the Madrigal Feast as it was a sellout but has heard many good comments about it, he attended the FCMS winter concert which was great, and he wished all those participating in winter sports to have a successful season.

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. This conference continues to be a primary board development opportunity. Heckenlively commended the Board members for their attendance at the conference.

LR 208: Representatives from several education organizations testified in support of LR 208 Dec. 4, in support of Sen. Kowalski's second attempt to

make it easier for all districts to fund safety and security improvements. It's believed that the need is real, and it's the funding source and budget authority that must be dealt with. It is also possible that short of amending TEEOSA to accomplish this, other approaches such as a categorical, non-competitive grant process may work. There will obviously be more to come on this resolution.

Actuarial Report for School Retirement Plan: The passage of LB 553 (2013) has had a positive and significant impact on the state retirement plan through increased state contributions along with provisions to decrease liability to the plan. According to the report, the funded ratio for the School Plan remains at around 77%. Naturally, the higher the funded ratio, the healthier the retirement plan. The funded ratio is the ratio of the actuarial value of assets to the actuarial accrued liability. They appear confident that the funded ratio could be increased to 80% or higher within a few years so long as the economy and state investments continue in a positive trend.

Upcoming legislative and organization meetings include the NASB Legislative Issues Conference, Jan. 26-27 in Lincoln, NRCSA Legislative Forum on Feb. 19 in Lincoln, and the NRCSA Spring Conference, March 20-21 in Kearney. I will take care of registrations for board members wishing to attend these functions.

2.4b Building & Grounds Update: A technician from Plibrico Co. performed maintenance on the district's boilers at each building in late November, as per the service agreement with Plibrico Co. It was determined that one of the two heat exchangers will need to be repaired later this month at the Middle School. The estimate on the repair is \$8,072, plus the cost of the heat exchanger, which is pending warranty by the manufacturer.

Cost estimates for the 2014 project list are near complete and a Project Committee meeting needs to be scheduled with the intent of prioritizing the projects to be completed in 2014.

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

The AdvanceD Continuous Improvement Steering Committee met Nov. 13. The committee reviewed a Problem-Solving video presentation that was drafted by Mr. Vitosh, which will provide a uniform method of delivery to all instructional faculty. The committee also reviewed and approved the use of the Problem-Solving Evidence Document that will be utilized to collect documentation in the implementation of the problem-solving strategies at each building.

The District 56 goal of investing in technology that supports student learning will continue to be addressed through the iPad Bootcamp, scheduled for Dec. 9, 11 and 18. The Bootcamp starts at 6 p.m. each evening in the FCHS auditorium with a short presentation and question/answer time. Participants will then move to appointed areas to hand out the iPads, create an apple ID and download apps. Monday is for Juniors and Seniors and their parents and Wednesday will be for Freshman and Sophomores and their parents. The 18th is for anyone unable to make it to either of the first two Bootcamp sessions.

Heckenlively spoke to the Board and presented them with a Bond Refunding Analysis. Heckenlively was contacted by Cody Wickham of D. A. Davidson and he stated that the market is right for refunding some of the bonds which are scheduled to be paid off in 2019. If the Board decides to refund the bonds, this would be the third and final time it could be done. Heckenlively contacted Bruce Lefler of Ameritas, who has all of the bonds and he agreed that it is a good time to look at refunding. Discussion was had by the Board and it was the consensus that Heckenlively contact D. A. Davidson regarding the refunding of bonds. Heckenlively will prepare the necessary documents and it will be placed on the agenda as an action item for the January meeting.

The Sixpence Grant for children from birth thru three years of age is a sixty page grant application created by Judi Carter and Kathy Martin. The first six months, January thru June, will be for \$75,000.00 and from July thru June will be for \$150,000.00.

2.4d Policy Planning: Board Policy 9112 – Section 504 Grievance Procedure, is being amended on first and final reading to update the contact information for the Office of Civil Rights, Kansas City, MO office.

2.4e Annual Planning Workshop: Heckenlively supplied the Board with a copy of last year's workshop agenda to review and make additions to and Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014 was set for this year's workshop. Heckenlively had contacted Burma Kroger and she would be available to facilitate the workshop if the Board so desires. Board members agreed to hold the Annual Planning Workshop on Jan. 11 and directed

the Superintendent to ask Ms. Kroger to facilitate the workshop.

2.4f Superintendent Evaluation Documents: Discussion of the Superintendent's evaluation documents shall be held in closed session later in this meeting.

2.4g Superintendent Meetings: ESU Superintendent's Advisory, Dec. 19, Auburn; NASA Region 1 Superintendent's Meeting, Jan. 8, Lincoln; GNSA, Jan. 15, Lincoln; NASB Legislative Issues Conference, Jan. 26-27, Lincoln; NRCSA Committee, Feb. 3, Kearney; NRCSA Legislative Forum, Feb. 19, Lincoln; NRCSA Spring Conference, March 20-21; NSBA Annual Conference, April 5-7, New Orleans.

2.4h Board Member Meetings: NASB Legislative Issues Conference, Jan. 26-27, Lincoln; NRCSA Committee, Feb. 3, Kearney; NRCSA Legislative Forum, Feb. 19, Lincoln; NRCSA Spring Conference, March 20-21, Kearney; NSBA Annual Conference, April 5-7, New Orleans.

2.4i Other Items: None. ZNEZ

2.5 Reports by Board members and/or Board Committees: Board member John Martin reported on his attendance at the Delegate Assembly at the NASB meeting. Discussion was also had regarding athletic games played during the week and the impact it has on the student athletes to be gone during the week. It being understood that the two schools' schedules have to be agreed on, Martin would like to encourage the athletic director and coaches to schedule the long trips out of town on weekends and the shorter trips during the week when possible. Principal Dunkhas stated that whereas Falls City is not in a conference and whereas conference games are scheduled first, Falls City gets the dates that are left open after conference scheduling. It was stated that there has been some talk again among schools about creating a new conference which Falls City would be a part of.

3.0 ACTION ITEMS

3.1 2014-2015 Certified Teacher Master Contract: Heckenlively stated that the 2014-2015 Certified Teacher Master Contract would consist of (1) base salary for 2014-2015 will be \$33,060.00, an increase of \$835.00, (2) amend Article VII, Section A. Sick Leave in the Master Agreement defining immediate family by removing "aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and great-grandchildren," (3) increase teacher contract by two additional days from 184 to 186, (4) EHA BlueCross/BlueShield plan remains a \$750 deductible plan. All other provisions of the Master Contract remain the same.

It was moved by John Martin and seconded by Teresa Olberding to approve the 2014-2015 Certified Teacher Master Contract as per the negotiated agreement. The voting was as follows: Gilkerson, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

3.2 First and Second Reading on Policy Revision Recommendations: It was moved by Ed Harris and seconded by Teresa Olberding to approve the first and second reading on Policy 9112 - Section 504 Grievance Procedure to update the contact information for the Office of Civil Rights, Kansas City, MO, office. The voting was as follows: Gilkerson, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

3.3 Recognize the FCEA as the bargaining agent for 2015-2016: It was moved by Martin and seconded by Olberding to recognize the FC Education Association as the bargaining agent for non-supervisory certificated teaching staff of FC School District #56 for the 2015-2016 contract year. The voting was as follows: Gilkerson, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

3.4 Other: None.

4.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Harris and seconded by Gilkerson to go into executive session at 8:20 p.m. for discussion of the Superintendent Evaluation Documents. The voting was as follows: Gilkerson, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

Declared to leave closed session by President Hollens at 9:30 p.m.

It was moved by Olberding and seconded by Harris to re-enter open session at 9:30 p.m. reporting that they conducted the Superintendent's evaluation. The voting was as follows: Gilkerson, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, absent; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Olberding and seconded by Harris to adjourn at 9:31 p.m. with no further business. The voting was as follows: Gilkerson, yes; Harris, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 13, 2014 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 to be determined.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE
In the County Court of
Richardson County, Nebraska
Estate of Clara G. Boggess, Deceased
Estate No. PR13-56
Notice is hereby given that on December 4, 2013, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Esther Boggess, a 10812 Mimosa Drive, Bastrop, LA 71220, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.
Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before February 10, 2014 or be forever barred.

Nancy A. DeKlotz
Clerk of the County Court
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10-17-23

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Separate sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Utilities Superintendent, City of Falls City, **2307 Barada Street**, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, until **2:30 p.m., local time, on the 18th day of December 2013**, for the furnishing of all labor, materials, use of Contractor's equipment and plant, and all else necessary to properly construct WATER TREATMENT PLANT EMERGENCY GENERATOR, FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA. The Falls City Water Treatment Plant is located approximately 1 mile south of Rulo, Nebraska on 660 Ave./ Highway 7.
At which hour, or as soon as possible thereafter, the City representative will proceed to publicly open in the presence of bidders and consider the bids received for the furnishing of said labor, materials, and equipment necessary for the proper construction of the improvements. The bids will be considered for award at the regular City Council meeting to be held **January 6th, 2014**.
The extent of the work for said project includes the construction of the items listed below and other related and preparatory work.

Supply, install and place into operation one 600 kw diesel powered engine generator complete with weather proof enclosure, transfer switches, electrical conduit and wiring to water treatment plant building, concrete pad, and other appurtenances as shown.

All work called for in the plans and specifications shall be furnished in strict accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by Kirkham Michael, Special Engineers of the City of Falls City, Nebraska and now on file in the office of the City Clerk, City of Falls City, Nebraska.
The proposals shall be made on a form furnished by Kirkham Michael, and must be accompanied by a certified check on a bank whose deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or a bid bond in the amount of **5% of bid** made payable to the City of Falls City, Nebraska, which shall be considered as liquidated damages and shall be forfeited to the City of Falls City, Nebraska, if said proposal or bid is accepted and the bidder fails to execute the contract and file the required bonds and insurance certificate as provided in the Contract Documents within ten days from award.
The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Payment Bond on the form included in the Contract Documents and each in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, said bonds to be executed by a responsible corporate surety approved by the City of Falls City, Nebraska, and shall guarantee the faithful performance of the contract and the terms and conditions therein contained and shall guarantee payment for all labor and materials used in connection with the work.
Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents may be examined at the office of the City Clerk of Falls City, Nebraska, and may be procured from the office of the Engineer, Kirkham Michael, 12700 W. Dodge Rd., Omaha, NE 68154, upon the payment of \$35.00 of which none will be refunded.
The City of Falls City, Nebraska, reserves the right to waive informalities and to reject any or all bids.
Dated this 25th day of November, 2013.
THE CITY OF FALLS CITY,
NEBRASKA
By Gary Jorn, City Clerk
Dates of Publication: Dec. 3, 10 and 17, 2013
3-10-17

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF ABANDONED OR UNCLAIMED PROPERTY BY THE FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION
The abandoned or unclaimed property described below may be claimed by the owner at the Falls City Police Department, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, prior to Jan 15, 2014 at 5:00 P.M., at which, if the property is not claimed, it shall be sold at Public Auction at a later date in Falls City, Nebraska:

Property	How Received	Item Description
Bike	Found	Huffy 24" Girls Bike
Bike	Found	Mongoose 20" Boys Bike
Bike	Found	Huffy 26" Girls Bike
Bike	Found	Razor 20" Girls Bike
Bike	Found	Huffy 10 speed Girls Bike
Bike	Found	Roadmaster 26" Boys Bike
Bike	Found	Mongoose 20" Boys Bike
Bike	Found	Next 20" Girls Bike
Bike	Found	Huffy 20" Boys Bike
Bike	Found	Huffy 24" Girls Bike
Bike	Found	Roadmaster 24" Girls Bike
Bike	Found	Huffy 26" Boys Bike
Bike	Found	Firenze 26" Boys Bike
Bike	Found	Murry 20" Mt. Bike
Bike	Found	Mongoose 20" Bike
Bike	Found	Huffy 26" Bike
Bike	Found	Pacific 20" Bike
Bike	Found	Rally 20" Boys Bike
Bike	Found	Magna 18 speed Boys Bike
Bike	Found	Magna 15 speed Girls Bike
Bike	Found	Rampage Boys Bike
Bike	Found	20" Boys Bike
Bike	Found	Next 26" Girls Bike
Prop.	Found	Plastic Rabbit
Prop.	Found	Stereo

Gary Jorn, City Clerk
17-23-30

Notice:
City Code 8-320 prohibits parking on the north and east streets from November 1 through April 1 to eliminate interfering with snow removal, except in the business district or where so posted as authorized by resolution of the Governing Body. Pushing into or placing snow on city streets is also prohibited.

Gary Jorn,
City Administrator
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BOPW
REGULAR MEETING OF THE FC BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
November 21, 2013

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street in said City on the 21st day of November, 2013, at 5:30 P.M. Present were: Board Members: Albu, Bartek, Nelson, Veigel. Absent: Murphy Alan Romine recorded the minutes of the meeting.
Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairman and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairman and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairman publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

MINUTES
A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Bartek to approve the minutes for the Nov. 7, 2013, meeting as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: AYE@ Albu, Bartek, Nelson, Veigel. ANAY @ None. Motion carried.

AGENDA
A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Bartek to approve the Agenda for the Nov. 21, 2013 meeting as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: AYE@ Albu, Bartek, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY @ None. Motion carried.

CUSTOMER #807 – WATER LEAK
A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Albu to adjust Customer #807 account by \$648.01 that will adjust sewer overcharge. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: AYE@ Albu, Bartek, Nelson, Veigel. ANAY@ None. Motion carried.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT –

GENERATOR BIDS
A motion was made by Bartek and seconded by Nelson to reject the bid from Atlas Electric in the amount of \$295,000 and rebid the Water Plant Generator Project. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: AYE@ Albu, Bartek, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY@ None. Motion carried.

MEAN CONTRACT – POWER SUPPLY
A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Nelson to authorize the Utility Superintendent to execute the agreement with MEAN for scheduling, Purchasing and Transmission Agent Arrangement from Jan. 1, 2014 to March 1, 2014. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: AYE@ Albu, Bartek, Nelson, Veigel. ANAY@ None. Motion carried.

SALEM CIRCUIT – SUBSTATION
A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Bartek to reconfigure the Salem Circuit Substation. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: AYE@ Albu, Bartek, Nelson, Veigel. "NAY@ None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT
I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairman and Board on Nov. 21, 2013; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within 10 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

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

County Board
NOVEMBER 18, 2013

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, NE, was held in said City on the 18th day of November, 2013, at 6 p.m. Council met in regular session. Mayor Hersh called the meeting to order and City Clerk Jorn recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. Absent: Dougherty. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Mayor publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

CONSENT AGENDA
A motion was made by Council person Oliver and seconded by Council person Nolte to approve the Consent Agenda with the minutes as printed: WHEREAS, certain business of the City Council (Council) of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY the City Council that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the minutes from the Nov. 4, 2013 meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the agenda for Nov. 18, 2013 is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Police Report for October 2013 is hereby approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Treasurer Report for October 2013 is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: AYE@ Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. ANAY@ None. Motion carried.

SECOND READING – ORDINANCE 2013-110, PARKING OF DETACHED TRAILER OR DUMPSTER
A motion was made by Council member Murphy and seconded by Council member Wisdom to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2013-110 as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.
REQUEST TO RENT PRICHARD AUDITORIUM – HOLIDAY PARTY – ALLOW ALCOHOL TO BE SOLD – JAN. 10, 2014

A motion was made by Council person Scholl and seconded by Council person Nolte to approve the request to rent Prichard Auditorium for a Holiday Party on Jan. 10, 2014 and to allow alcohol to be served. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: AYE@ Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. "NAY" Murphy. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION - BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – CONSTRUCT A WATER COLLECTOR WELL
A motion was made by Council person Oliver and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve the recommendation by the Board of Public Works to construct a water collector well. Utility Supt. Alan Romine spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: AYE@ Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. ANAY@ None. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO RENT PRICHARD AUDITORIUM – WEDDING RECEPTION – ALLOW ALCOHOL TO BE SOLD – JUNE 14, 2014
A motion was made by Council person Nolte and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve the request to rent Prichard Auditorium for a Wedding Reception on June 14, 2014 and to allow alcohol to be served. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: AYE@ Ferguson, Nolte, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. "NAY" Murphy. Motion carried.
RECOMMENDATION – FC VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT – KEN SIMPSON - FIRE CHIEF; JON MCQUEEN – FIRST ASSISTANT; JOHN WHITE – 2nd ASSISTANT
A discussion was held on the appointments of Ken Simpson – Fire Chief; Jon McQueen – First Assistant; John White – Second Assistant to the Falls City Volunteer Fire Department. Ken Simpson spoke. Due to the lack of a motion no action was taken.

REQUEST TO BLOCK OFF PARKING STALLS – HARLAN STREET TO THE ALLEY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF 17th STREET – DEC. 15, 2013; 11:30AM – 3:30PM – NATIVITY SCENE AT THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
A motion was made by Council member Robidoux and seconded by Council member Nolte to approve the request to block off parking stalls from Harlan Street to the alley on the North side of 17th Street on Dec. 15, 2013 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for a nativity scene at the First United Methodist Church. Gerald Hopp spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: AYE@ Ferguson, Murphy, Nolte, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. ANAY@ None. Motion carried.
REQUEST TO RENT PRICHARD AUDITORIUM – WEDDING RECEPTION – ALLOW ALCOHOL TO BE SOLD – APRIL 26, 2014

A motion was made by Council person Oliver and seconded by Council person Scholl to approve the request to rent Prichard Auditorium for a Wedding Reception on April 26, 2014 and to allow alcohol to be served. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: AYE@ Ferguson, Nolte, Oliver, Robidoux, Scholl, Wisdom. "NAY" Murphy. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT
I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council on Nov. 18, 2013; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within 10 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Gary Jorn, Clerk
Tim Hersh, Mayor

School District #70

Humboldt-TR-S Public Schools Board of Education, District #70 Regular Meeting Dec. 9, 2013
A regular meeting of the Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer Public Schools Board of Education, District #70 was held Dec. 9, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Humboldt Board Conference Room. Notices of the meeting were advertised in the *Humboldt Standard*, *The Falls City Journal* and the *Pawnee Republican*. A copy of the agenda was kept in the superintendent's office prior to the meeting.
Board President Steve Schaardt called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Board members in attendance by roll call were: Neal Kanel, Scott Ogle, Sandy Stalder, Rock Herr and Mike Bredemeier. Also in attendance were Supt. Clinton Kimbrough, Principals Lisa Othmer and Kari Cover and Board Recorder Kellie Workman. Schaardt welcomed guests to the meeting.

Motion by Ogle, seconded by Herr to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Bredemeier, seconded by Stalder to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting held on Nov. 13, 2013. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Kanel, seconded by Bredemeier to approve the bills for payment in the amount of \$524,541.26 for general and payroll funds; \$1,594.08 for building fund. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Kanel, seconded by Ogle to approve the treasurer, lunch and activity fund reports. Motion carried 6-0.

Patron comment: none.
Staff Presentation: Presentation from Cindy Stalder and middle school students on the robotics teams.

Presentation from National Association of School Boards on eMeetings.

Discussion Items: FFA discussion.
Action Items: No changes will be made to the student handbook on cell phones.

There was an update on the Humboldt Site North Addition.
Board policies 4001-4025 will be reviewed at the February meeting.
Update on School Foundation mini-grants for educational purposes.

The board decided to discuss the Board Self Assessment and Superintendent Evaluation at the January meeting.

Administrator reports: Principal Othmer's report mentioned upcoming staff development dates and team meetings; reasons for not changing the student handbook on cell phones; upcoming dates. Principal Cover's report mentioned several assemblies including SMART money simulation and Camfel productions; DARE graduation was on Dec. 6 for the 6th grade class; robotics competition. Supt. Kimbrough gave the board an update on the need for hiring a paraeducator; Fall Conference report; State Aid Interim Study; new lights are currently being installed in the Humboldt site.

Motion by Ogle, seconded by Stalder to adjourn at 8:53 PM. Motion carried 6-0.

The next regular meeting of the HTRS Board of Education will be Monday, Jan. 13, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Math Room at the Humboldt site.

Respectfully submitted,
Kellie Workman, Board Recorder

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AmSan.....	360.26
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FC Sacred Heart ‘needs to do this project’

Jaycees’ DSA awards Jan. 20

Nominations due Jan. 9

It’s that time again! The Falls City Area Jaycees are seeking nominations to honor those who have shown outstanding leadership in and around the community in 2013.

Page 12 of today’s Journal includes a large nomination ballot to be used for nominations of persons to be recognized at the Monday, Jan. 20, 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 2013, 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. 9. 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.

MAKE IT RIGHT

The Journal obituary of June Peck, Spokane, WA, who died Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2013, included errors. Mrs. Peck, formerly of Falls City, was 77 years old and is survived by her husband of 58 years, Larry.

The “Festival of Trees” article that appeared in the Dec. 10 Journal included some mistakes. The first place tree was decorated by Nelle Pfister (not Kellie) and Susie Sailors. In addition, Susan Sipple decorated an antique sleigh at the Historical Society Museum.

AN OPEN LETTER

TO: The members of Sacred Heart Parrish, plus anyone else interested in a new Multi-purpose Activities Center for Sacred Heart Schools.

FROM: Interested Citizen, Rod Vandenberg.

DATE: December 17, 2013.

Let me begin by saying that this communication is intended to be an “Open Letter,” which is my way of saying this letter is not only for our Catholic community, but for anyone in our community who may have an interest in helping with the project I will be discussing.

As is well known, I personally am not a Catholic, but I am obviously very interested in and supportive of this project and this letter is one of my ways of expressing my support. Having said this, and after several recent conversations with Fr. Roh (I still have a hard time calling him Monsignor) regarding Sacred Heart School’s need for a new “on-campus” “Multi-Purpose Activities Center,” I decided (with Msgr.’s. permission) to write this letter, with Msgr. ultimately directing “distribution” and making it available to anyone wishing to read it. Well, his “distribution” desire turned out to be publication in *The Journal*, and that’s ok.

For starters, as a Christian and a strong supporter of Christian education, I have always had a desire to be helpful to Sacred Heart Schools! And, in this regard, I make the case that we not only have Christian education nicely in place in our community, but with excellent leadership through the years, and



Architectural rendering of the proposed new FC Sacred Heart Activities Center



Gymnasium



Commons Area

December 2013	Winter 2014	April 1st	Summer 2014	Summer 2015
 <p>Kick off event</p>	 <p>Architectural and Engineering Design Phase</p>	 <p>\$2M Pledged \$1M Collected Advances us to the construction phase</p>	 <p>NEW ACTIVITIES CENTER FOR SACRED HEART SCHOOL Construction Phase Begins</p>	 <p>Grand Opening</p>
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especially the current leadership of Supt. Roh and Principal Doug Goltz and a group of wonderful teachers and supplemental staff members, I believe Sacred Heart School is one of the finest institutions of its kind in our State or, in fact, anywhere in America!

And, while this is a strong statement, if you don’t believe

me just look around at the multitudes of successful Sacred Heart graduates, both living here and away, and I believe my words become self evident!!

Now, let’s talk for a moment about facilities and how I see them. First, and on a positive note, I see good classroom facilities, which have been kept up and nicely improved through the years.

However, as I look further, I see an aging and out-dated building called Tiehen Gym (I am not sure how it is presently being used) which, by any stretch of one’s imagination, has probably reached the point where dollars to maintain and/or improve this building simply become questionable. And, if you would want to “fix it,” can it be fixed and, if so, would it be adequate for your present day needs? Then I see O’Connor Hall across the street, but was this facility really intended to be used as a school lunchroom? I would guess not and, in fact, I would hope not because using it as a lunchroom creates, in my opinion, a serious safety issued because of the frequent and regular crossing of a busy street by your staff and students. No, in my opinion, its usage as a school lunchroom is just not right. Let’s be honest, a lunchroom needs to be “on-campus” and a part of your new “multi-purpose center!”

Now, having said the above, let me close with a couple of thoughts.

First, (and I am glad a committee is in place and moving ahead as I speak) you need to do this project and you need to do it ASAP! You have the land and I know you have the “means” to get this project done. And, while there are many excellent reasons for doing this project, the big-

gest reason I see is the safety hazard of so many people walking back and forth to O’Connor Hall! That just needs to stop . . . and as quickly as possible!

But my next reason is this. Msgr. is close to may age and, unfortunately, we all know that means retirement in the not-too-distant future. And, while Msgr. has told me his retirement is not imminent, I think this project needs to be completed while he is still in charge so he can “cut the ribbon” of a wonderful new and much needed Activities Center.

Thank you for reading this letter and, as always, I will be pleased to help Sacred Heart School in any way I can!

Very Respectfully,
Rod Vandenberg

P.S. This is an afterthought, which relates to one of the many probable facets of financing this project. A couple of years ago, Msgr. headed a very successful Fund Raising Drive called “Sacred Heart Project Renew 125.” As I remember, these funds were matched and were used to enhance teachers’ salaries and benefits. My Family Foundation did make a five year pledge to “125” and we still have two payments remaining...one on 3/10/14 and one on 3/10/15. And, while I know the financing of this project may have many facets, which might even include some borrowed funds, my present thoughts personally are to extend our pledge (which means we would simply add some additional annual payments to the end of our existing pledge). Just a thought, which may also work for some others.

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(Publication of this Letter paid for by Rod Vandenberg)



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