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“Our administrators are well aware of the situation, and are following the security measures outlined in their comprehensive building plans. As always, exterior doors remain locked with the exception of the main entrance which is secured during the school day and visitors are buzzed in. All adults wear identification badges. Cell phones and two-way radio and networking capabilities are in place in each building throughout the district. The Falls City Police Department conducts an annual security assessment of the schools and provides recommendations.

“Hearing about a tragic event may affect a child in many ways. We suggest you listen to your children. If they seem to need to talk, answer their questions simply, honestly and possibly over and over again.

“It is very important to keep a sense of normalcy with our young people. We continue with our lessons today. Please do not hesitate to contact your school if you have any questions or concerns.”

Thank you,

 Tim Heckenlivley,
 Falls City PS Superintendent

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In the span of 11 days, Dominic Vasco and the still winless HTRS Titans played five teams with a combined 22-5 record.

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Houser, Gerweck meet again

Richardson County has reached a settlement regarding the April 10, 2012, collapse of a bridge northwest of Humboldt.

The agreement with Ag Partners and Nationwide Agribusiness calls for a settlement of \$525,000. Deputy County Attorney Doug Merz presented the agreement to the Richardson County Commissioners during their Dec. 11 meeting. Dave Sickel and Jim Davidson voted to accept the settlement and enter into a “Release In Full of All Claims.” Bill Ely voted “nay.”

The bridge collapsed as a result of the crossing of an Ag Partners piece of equipment that exceeded the load limit.

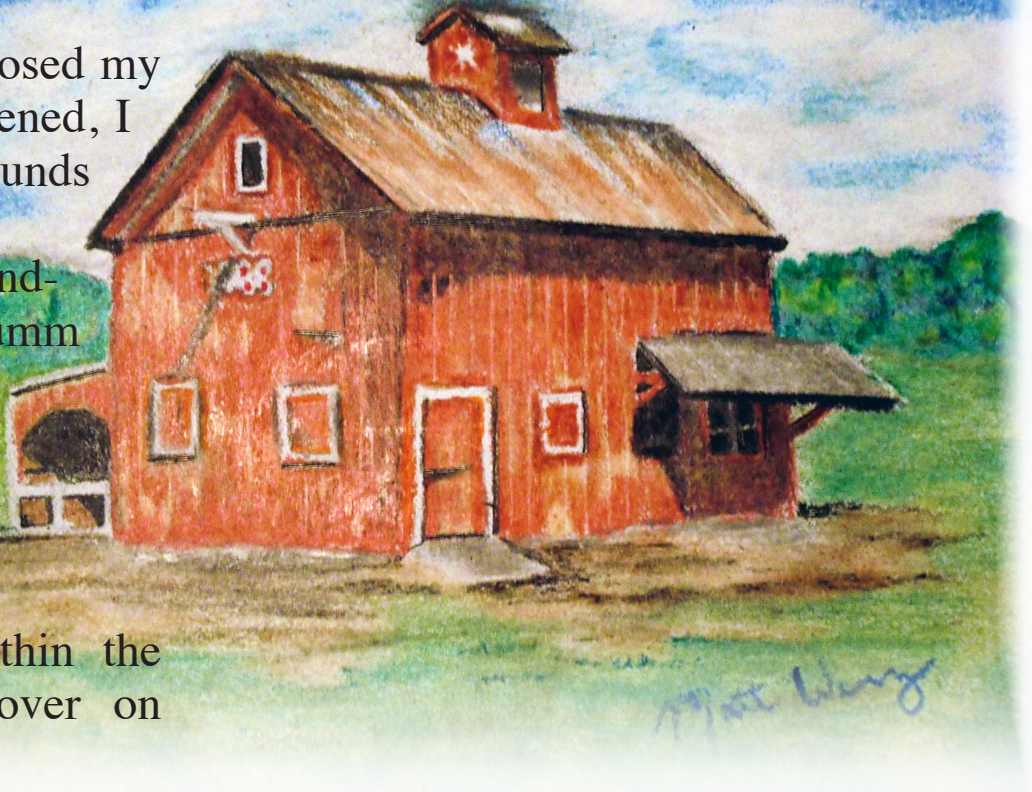
Board members requested that EMA Director Jim Gerweck and Sheriff Randy Houser meet with them to discuss county radio communications. During the previous meeting held Dec. 4, Sheriff Houser cited a “lack of responsiveness in support of emergency services, numerous failures to meet deadlines, and (an) uncooperative attitude” in dealings with Gerweck. One major area of concern for the sheriff has been radio communications, especially in the Humboldt area.

In that earlier meeting, Gerweck maintained the problem isn’t as bad as portrayed and said he had promised Sheriff Houser to “try” to make communications improvements, not that he

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THE BARN

BY LORI GOTTULA



When I closed my eyes and listened, I heard the sounds of history.

I was standing in the Humm barn at 22nd and Fulton streets. You know the one. The red barn within the city limits over on Fulton.

I asked permission from the owner, then looked around the barn so I could get a feel for this story.

Standing in the southwest corner, right inside the door, I heard the sounds of 1888; the solid slam of progress as men in overalls slung their wooden hammers at square-headed nails, and wooden pegs.

As I gazed up at the hay loft, I heard the sounds of playful laughter from the 50s and 60s, as the thirteen children of Robert and Alma Humm scampered up the ladder, to take turns on the gunnysack swing, which swung out in a circle over the loft floor, then back to the top of the hay bales again.

When I stared across the barn, I heard the sounds of the whispering wind of early morning, and the unmistakable squirt-plink, squirt-plink as Robert Humm’s calloused hands pulled on the dairy cow’s teat, squirting enough milk into the pail to fill several glass bottles.

When I looked out the window, I heard the engine of his black four-door car, as the father of thirteen drove off to place the bottles of ice-cold milk on the porch steps of his ten regular customers.

I’ll bet those sights and sounds are the reasons why the Falls City Chamber of Commerce board selected the Humm barn as the landmark that now graces the 2012 Christmas ornament. The family barn is becoming a thing of the past, but the Humm barn is still standing. And its past is every bit as colorful as its present.

The Humm barn has been an iconic landmark in Falls City since it was built

in 1888 at the corner of 21st and Fulton streets. Robert Humm bought the barn in 1943, and reshingled the wooden roof with tin. In 1956, the Humms had the barn moved one block north, to 22nd and Fulton. According to Mary, the barn was pushed on metal rollers, by hand. At its new location, it continued to serve as a working barn, serving as shelter for the family’s dairy cows, or for boarding horses. It also served as a playground for the Humm kids, and the other children in the neighborhood.

“I remember watching my dad milk cows in the barn,” Mary (Humm) Wenz said recently, “but I also remember playing in there. We used to swing through the loft on a gunnysack filled with hay. And we played hide-and-seek in the hay loft, too.”

Ron Dodds, a childhood neighbor who has worked for decades as the backshop foreman at the Falls City Journal, remembers playing in there, too.

“We used to shoot our bows and arrows at the gunnysack,” he said. “We played in that barn for hours.”

The sights and sounds of the barn were natural attractions for kids. But they attracted photographers and artists throughout the years, too. The late Tom Casey, who suffered from cystic fibrosis (the disease that claimed him), once drew the barn as the centerpiece of a pastoral scene that graced the cover of a Christmas card produced by the Nebraska chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The barn was also fea-

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Christmas Spirit



The 81 employees at the WASP plant in Falls City have the Christmas spirit, and they’re putting it to good use. Recently, they conducted a very successful toy drive to help area kids who might have been forgotten at Christmas. The employees, including Margaret Fisher, shown here, donated a bunch of toys and enough cash to purchase 21 gift cards at \$15 each. Earlier, the WASP workforce read that the food pantry was getting pretty bare, so they decided to help, pulling together and collecting 464 pounds of food.



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Off the Cuff

by Scott Schock

Families began burying their children Monday in the community of Newtown, Connecticut. Funerals (many of them private) for 20 6- and 7-year-old first graders will continue through the week. Funeral homes in the area have had to rush order enough small coffins to meet the need. Services and burials will also be held for the six school personnel who died at the Sandy Hook School in one of the worst and most unimaginable acts of gun violence ever witnessed in the United States — or anywhere else for that matter. We even have a term for them now. They’re called “school shootings.”

The gunman, 20-year-old Adam Lanza, described by townspeople as painfully shy and withdrawn, “disturbed” and “odd,” obviously suffered with some sort of mental disorder. He began his deadly rampage sometime last Friday morning, when he used one of his mother’s guns to shoot and kill her while she was in bed. He then drove her car to the school, forced his way inside and started shooting. The rampage didn’t stop until he heard the police sirens and turned one of the guns he carried on himself.

Investigators are trying to find the “why” answers for this heartbreaking tragedy. They say they’ve found some evidence but are rightly withholding it until their work is done. But there will never be answers that can possibly make sense of this. What on earth causes a young man to slaughter 20 innocent first graders, shoot his mom multiple times in the head and blow away teachers and staff who tried to protect those kids?

The rage within Adam Lanza was incalculable. All 20 children and the adults were, according to the chief medical examiner, struck multiple times with bullets fired from a .223 Bushmaster — a semiautomatic rifle. Lanza could have used, but apparently didn’t, one or both of the semiautomatic pistols he had taken from his mom’s collection. The Bushmaster and the amount of ammo Lanza had with him presumably accomplished what he had in mind. Reports indicate that Lanza possessed enough firepower to virtually wipe out every child and staff member in the school.

Clergy from the various denominations are desperately trying to help victims’ families. What an enormous responsibility that must be. On Sunday, President Obama went to Newtown, where he met with victims’ families for at least two hours, then spoke at an evening vigil. His words were described in a *New York Times* report as “a blend of grief and resolve.” The president quoted Scripture, read the names of the victims and said that laws cannot purge evil from the world or “prevent every senseless act of violence in our society.” But the nation must do a better job of protecting its children and citizenry, he said. This was the fourth time this president had to personally address a mass murder. He’s been in office four years. The slaughter is escalating. Obama vowed to do everything in his power to prevent “more tragedies like this.”

The presumption is that he’s talking about some sort of gun control, at least aimed at semiautomatic and assault weapons. And better screening of those who try to purchase guns. And a more responsive mental health system. And a better educated public that can alert authorities when someone they know or are related to shows signs of future violence. And improved school and public safety standards. All of that would help. But some mentally ill people will become violent. Guns are so prevalent and available in our society — If you want one, you can get it, and all the deadly ammunition you require.

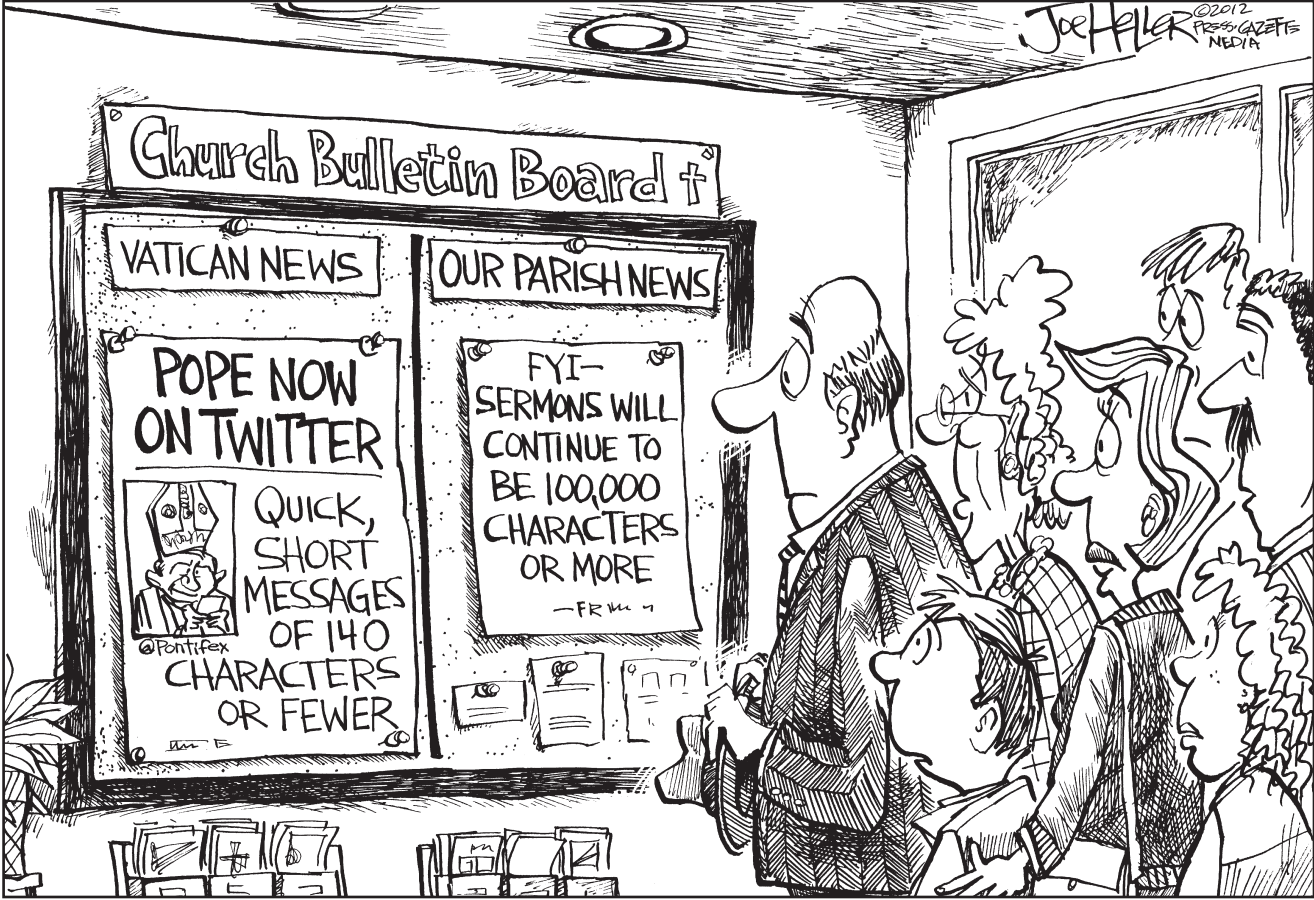
On average, 34 people are murdered by firearms in this country every day. It’s like an armed nation is at war with itself. If that average continues, 48,000 American will be murdered with guns in the president’s second term, according to the Mayors Against Illegal Guns. The vast, vast majority of those killings go virtually unnoticed, except by the families and friends of the victims.

Is the answer regulation or should we all take up arms? I read a *Times* column by Charles M. Blow, who quoted Larry Pratt, executive director of Gun Owners of America. After Friday’s horror, Pratt said in part: “Gun control supporters have the blood of little children on their hands. Federal and state laws combined to ensure that no teacher, no administrator, no adult had a gun at the Newtown school where the children were murdered. This tragedy underscores the urgency of getting rid of gun bans in school zones.”

Now there’s a responsible solution to this expanding national dilemma. Let’s have our kindergarten and first grade teachers — heck, all teachers — strap on holsters and loaded handguns before they enter the classroom each day. Their continuing education requirements could include time on the firing range every month or so.

No one here is arguing about Second Amendment rights. But could the Founding Fathers have envisioned a Bushmaster semiautomatic with an expanded clip used by a mentally ill young man to slaughter first graders?

It will be revealing to hear what the National Rifle Association has to say about this, as well as the Senators and Congressmen who fear the NRA. They’ve been silent since Friday morning.



Vilsack: Challenging rural America’s relevance

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

I grew up in rural America. If you are reading this, chances are pretty good that you did too. So what does it mean when the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture says that rural America is “becoming less and less relevant?”

Ag Secretary Tom Vilsack, the former Democratic governor of Iowa, said it last week at a Farm Journal sponsored forum.

What is Rural America? It’s home to about a sixth of the nation’s population. Just who they are and what that means depends on who is doing the statistical measuring and for what reason. The Associated Press says that rural voters accounted for just 14 percent of the turnout in last month’s election, with 61 percent of them supporting Republican Mitt Romney and 17 percent Barack Obama. According to the AP, two-thirds of those rural voters said that government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals.

Vilsack lays the blame for Congress’ inability to pass a farm bill on the squabbling going on among groups in rural America. His department says that 50 percent of rural counties have lost population in the past four years and poverty rates are higher there than in metropolitan areas. As the population shifts to cities and suburbs, the gap grows between people who care about a booming ag economy and those who just want food to eat.

The Secretary says rural Americans need to be proactive instead of reactive. He suggests replacing complaints about EPA regulations on farm dust and labor rules on young people and dangerous jobs – neither of which materialized – with a positive focus on expanding global markets and better communication between the folks who grow it and those who consume it.

Chuck Hassebrook, director of the Center for Rural Affairs in Lyons, NE, (pop. 851), says some of the problem in rural America can be traced to the decline of the family farm. In a recent news release, Hassebrook said that increasing farm size and absentee ownership have caused “social conditions in the local community to deteriorate.”

The large farms “have a few wealthy elites, a majority of poor laborers, and virtually no middle class. The absence of a middle class has a serious negative ef-

fect on social and commercial service, public education and local government,” he said.

Hassebrook said that rural America can’t turn back the clock and recapture the family farm communities of a generation ago, but communities can use that same pride of ownership and sense of responsibility to create new owner-operated rural business in areas from ecotourism to gourmet foods such as jams and jellies and salsa and dried meats. He calls these “new

21st century opportunities for rural Americans to own the fruits of their labor.”

Vilsack said “It’s time for us to have an adult conversation with folks in rural America.” “It’s time for a different thought process here, in my view.”

Mr. Secretary, might I suggest that you sit down and talk with Mr. Hassebrook. No squabbles. No political fights (you’re both Democrats after all). Just have that adult conversation. Soon.

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 - Bad-mouth
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 - *GOP’s 2012 choice
 - *Deceased singing legend
 - Pock mark disease
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 - Chicken order
 - Vegetative prickle
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 - Laughing on the inside, in a chatroom
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Christmas schedule at St. Thomas Episcopal

Fr. Larry Parrish announced two special dates during the Christmas season for St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 16th and Harlan Streets.

This coming Sunday (Dec. 23), during the regular 9 a.m. worship, the church is eagerly awaiting a visit from none other than the Bishop of Myra, otherwise known as St. Nicholas.

The Christmas Eve Eucharist will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve).

In addition, church members will meet for lessons and caroling at 9 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 30.

Winter Road Safety

By Governor Dave Heineman



Dear Fellow Nebraskans:

In many of my previous year end highway safety messages to Nebraskans I have been able to applaud a decrease in the number of traffic deaths. I am not able to do that for 2012. So far 200 people have lost their lives this year on our state’s roadways compared to the 181 deaths recorded in 2011.

The fact is that some of those fatal crashes could have been prevented. Many of those that were fatally injured in these

crashes would likely have survived had they just buckled their seat belts.

Nebraska’s Strategic Highway Safety Plan is to prevent fatal and injury crashes by working “Toward Zero Deaths.” No number of traffic deaths should be acceptable. To reach this goal, local and state traffic safety officials, working with other public and private partners, annually examine crash data to determine crash factors. Working together, they employ the most effective strategies to target the causes of those crashes. The focus is directed toward the roadways, the vehicle, and the roadway users (drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists) with efforts in education, enforcement, engineering, and emergency response.

To be successful we will continue to need the cooperation and assistance of all drivers, passengers, and other roadway users. In the previous decade, Nebraskans have demonstrated that we can reach this goal with continued declining traffic fatality numbers.

In 2012, nearly eight out of ten of fatally injured passenger vehicle occupants were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash. It is very likely that more than half of those fatally injured victims would have survived, including many that could have walked away from the crash had they just been buckled up.

Four out of every ten traffic fatalities in 2012 was a result of someone driving under the influence of alcohol. Other significant factors in fatal and injury crashes involve failure to yield the right of way to another vehicle, speeding, and disregarding traffic signals.

We need your help. I am asking everyone to please start 2013 by making the following resolutions: to wear a seat belt each and every time you drive or ride in a vehicle and to make sure that everyone in the vehicle is buckled up; to never drive or ride with someone who has been drinking; to obey all traffic laws; and to eliminate all driver distractions while behind the wheel. By doing all these things we can make our roads safer and healthier for everyone in 2013.

Highway safety is a partnership. It is vital that drivers and passengers commit to staying safe, sober, focused and buckle every time they are in a vehicle. I encourage every Nebraskan to do whatever it takes to help ensure the safety of their families and fellow travelers. We want you to arrive safely to your destinations this holiday season and all year long.

Sez ‘I’

Wonderful people

To Our Hometown,

We would like to Thank all of the wonderful people of Falls City. As a family who has deep roots in Falls City, we have been asked many times why we still live in “Good Old Falls City.” We’ve always said family and friends are our biggest reason.

As a family, we have just experienced one of the most horrific things a family has to bare, the loss of our son, J.D. Lunsford. You can only imagine the feelings were are experiencing. What we underestimated was the outpouring of Love and Support that everyone in our hometown gave us. The food and the memorials were overwhelming.

On December 2 there was a Benefit and an Auction given by our family and friends at Wild Bill’s Bar & Grill in Rulo. All of the merchants of Falls City and individuals who gave to this very special event will forever hold a very special place in our hearts and feelings of deep gratitude. All of this loving support is greatly appreciated.

Along with all the love and support, we would also like to thank everyone for all the prayers and kind loving deeds, such as the candlelight vigil that was held at our home. As a family, we no longer question why we live in “Good Old Falls City.”

Thank You to Our Hometown, John, Brenda and Jill Lunsford

Thanks to community

The Falls City Area Ministerial Association wishes to thank everyone in the community that helped make our annual Thanksgiving Basket ministry possible this past November.


While some food was donated, the majority of the food was purchased with cash donations. \$2,850 was generously donated this year by 45 individuals, churches, and businesses, including Thrivent for Lutherans. In addition, Cedar Hollow Foods donated premium hams for the boxes of food, which comprised the “baskets.”

Thirty-eight Thanksgiving Baskets were delivered this year, with the amount of food for each household tailored to the number in that household. The food was received and stockpiled at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, where volunteers boxed up the food for each family on Saturday, Nov. 17. On Sunday, Nov. 18, following the Community Thanksgiving Service, volunteers delivered the boxes.



We commend the churches, citizens, and businesses of the Falls City area for their generous provision of food, money, and time given to purchase, stock, pack, and deliver food to fellow citizens who needed a little extra help this time of year. We are also grateful to Sun Mart for making it possible for us to purchase food below retail cost for our food boxes. Thanks to all of you, and we thank God *for* all of you!

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LWML

St. Paul's Lutheran LWML met at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the Richardson County Historical Museum. Norma Roland led the group in prayer.

Thirteen members and 14 guests enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner made by Ann Meizer and served by her wonderful helpers. Bingo was played, then the ladies read some Christmas readings and all sang Christmas songs, a cappella. Everyone received a painted wooden snowman as a gift. LWML's love offering will go towards the Hurricane Sandy Relief Effort.

China Painters

Seven members of the Humboldt China Painters met on Nov. 28 for their annual Christmas meeting at the home of Carol Wilhelm. Carol's home was beautifully decorated for the holiday season.

Each member brought a painted cup for their cup exchange. After the covered dish luncheon, the afternoon was spent visiting and enjoying the friendships of each other. The next meeting will be in March with Christine Joy as hostess.

Catholic Daughters

Court Cordova #96, Catholic Daughters of Americas, met Dec. 11 at O'Connor Hall for a potluck supper. Hostesses were Mary Katherine Kreifels and Lana Bangert with Trudy Burendeide and Shirley Gormley assisting. Absentee hostesses were Teresa Chab and Diane Sefried.

Kathy Martin presented a program on Maggie Furlong and her porcelain angels. Winning angels were Lynne Davis, Joyce Buck and Sharon Sells.

Regent Bernice Kopetzky conducted the meeting. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given. Mary Martineau reported on legislative bills pending. Ann Hill, financial secretary reported there now are 78 members. Bev Knobbe reported on St. Anthony of Padua, patron of the poor and finder of lost things. Linda France thanked the 22 members present for the foods donated for the SENCA food pantry that were brought to the meeting.

Deb sold chances on the quilt raffle being held by the state organization. Bernice announced another mini retreat coming up in January. CDA will provide cookies and coffee. At that meeting everyone is to bring their ugliest vase for an exchange.

Mary Katherine Kreifels won the dime dish. Door prizes of Christmas mugs and candy were won by Joyce Buck, Lynne Davis, Karen Flynn, Mildred Kotich, Mary Martineau and Renie Gerwer. Loretta Severin won the mystery box.

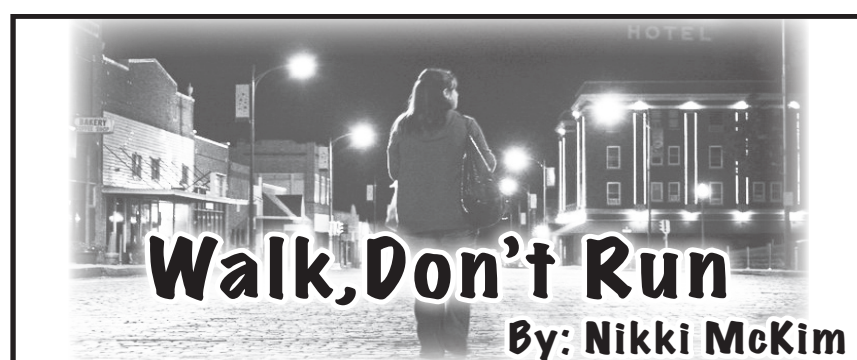
Jan. 8 hostesses will be Lynne Davis and Sue Scholl with Laurie Froeschl, Carolyn Druba, Kathleen Williams and Dorothy Kirkendall assisting.

Area Bridge

Kristy Gerweck and Nancy Wittwer hosted the Dec. 11 session of Falls City Area Bridge at the Elks Club with five tables at play.

Winning the prizes were Sheila Kirkendall, Sandy Boatman, Violet Heim and Renie Gerweck. Wilhelmina Simon was welcomed as a new member.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 12:30 p.m. with Renie Gerweck and Myrt Arnold as hostesses.



With a week to go until Christmas, things start to get a bit hectic. One thing we always find time for is driving around to look at Christmas lights. Brian and I love it more than Alex because we are truly just little kids in adult bodies, but one thing remains the same every year.... by Christmas Eve we are left with limited funds. By December 24th we have spent way too much money on gifts, wrapping paper, stocking stuffers, and cookies. After ten years of this we have become pretty good at keeping our eyes open for cheaper ways to celebrate Christmas with our little guy.

Here are a few of the good deals I have found recently to enhance your Christmas spirit without breaking the bank.

If you are really only wanting to spend about \$5 to \$10, Falls City has quite a few homes that are decorated to please. Grab the kids, pack some cookies, make some hot cocoa to go and just drive around town and enjoy the amazing lights. You would be surprised at how many homes in Falls City are showstoppers! My personal favorite is on 20th and Chase.

If you are looking for something more in the \$20 range a trip to St. Joe's Krug Park is a must. Throw \$15 worth of gas in the car, pack some cookies, turn on the Christmas music and head south! Krug Park is a gorgeous park that goes all out for Christmas. It may end up taking you a while to get through Santa's Village to Candy Cane Lane but the lights and possible Santa sighting makes your trip worthwhile. Prepare yourself for bumper-to-bumper traffic as well as the possibility it may take at least an hour or two to get to the end. Use the time to share Christmas stories or just sing along to your favorite Christmas music. Going through the park is technically free, but they ask for a small donation near the end to help pay for the lights. I think it is totally worth it. \$5 per car can go a very long way to help out! Along with your donation you will receive a Cherry Mash for everyone in your group.

For a few things in the \$30 to \$40 dollar range, Omaha is the place to be! The Holiday Lights Festival: ConAgra Foods Ice Rink opened last Friday at 10th & Harney Sts. and I honestly can't think of a better way to spend a night before, or even after Christmas with the family. We have not done this yet, but it will be on the agenda if we find time! The rink times are: Sun-Thurs/1-10pm; Fri & Sat/1pm-Midnight; 1-5pm Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve (Closed Christmas & New Year's Day). The best part of this entire thing? Admission is only \$5 and that includes skate rental! Even better? All the proceeds support the Omaha Food Bank. For more information you can visit their website at www.holidaylightsfestival.org/

If you are looking to spend a few dollars more, you can finish your day in Omaha by heading over to 1340 Mike Fahey St. to visit Film Streams at Ruth Sokolof Theater where from now through Wednesday, December 26th they will be showing “It’s A Wonderful Life” nightly at 6:35 p.m. You can buy tickets there or online at www.filmstreams.org the cost of admission is only \$5.00 per person!

Now, what if we finally get the snow I have so been desperately been praying for? A night at home can be memorable and fun. You can visit www.pinterest.com for recipes on how to make hundreds of Christmas candies & cookies. You can also find hundreds of fun activities to enjoy with the kids as well. Alex and I have really enjoyed making our own Christmas ornaments using things you probably already have in your cupboard, Christmas themed photo props using construction paper and glitter, and hand print wreaths using only paper and washable paint. One more way to entertain the kids this year is by making them a personalized Santa video for FREE! This is something we have Santa do for Alex and every year it is just as exciting as the last. Visit www.portablenorthpole.com to personalize your message from Santa. You can email the video to yourself and share it with your child, or email it to your grandchildren. I don't think you can ever be too old to get a video from Santa Clause!

As you prepare for Santa to visit your home, Alex had a message he wanted me to share with all of you. “This year when you are putting out treats for Santa, leave him some coffee. It will help him stay awake all night so he can visit everyone’s house and not be tired!”


Finally, I couldn't write a column without thinking about what happened last Friday in Connecticut. There are quite literally no words for this nightmare. I just ask that this year as you sit around your dinner tables, say a prayer for those families who lost their loved ones. Hug your children tight and tell them you love them every day. Life is unexpected and short, gifts are great but knowing you are loved unconditionally is worth every single possession in the world.

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Fischer-Preyer wedding Dec. 22

Joni Marie Fischer and Robert Clayton Preyer II, of Topeka, KS, are pleased to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding. Joni is the daughter of John and Nancy Fischer, of Robinson, KS. Robert is the son of the late Robert and Jacqueline Preyer, of Topeka. Joni is the granddaughter of Marlene McKim and Mildred Fischer, both of Falls City. The couple will wed Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012, at Eternal Hope Church of the Nazarene, Hiawatha, KS. Robert and Joni reside in Topeka, where he is a Corrections Specialist at the Shawnee County Dept. of Corrections, and she is a stay-at-home mom to their five children: Tre, Jaiden, Erik, Malakai and Kaedyn.

Society

ELCA

Six members of ELCA met at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church me Dec. 4. The meeting opened with two Christmas favorites, “Oh, Christmas Tree” and “Deck the Halls” with Roxann Stitzer at the piano. Lesson leader Roxann Stitzer opened the lesson with Chapter #15, “A Heart that Creates Order from Chaos,” from the book, “A Woman After God’s Own Heart,” by Elizabeth George. The lesson closed with the Missionary Benediction and the Lord’s Prayer.

President Roxann Stitzer opened the business meeting. Minutes from the November meeting were read and Lois Cameron called roll. Becky Runyan gave the treasurer’s report. Gertie Runyan reported on the flower fund. A thank you was read from one of the charities. The altar committee for December is Joni Milam. The next meeting will be Jan. 8 with Verna Mae White as lesson leader of Chapter #16 and Lois Cameron as hostess. Refreshments were served by Verna Mae White at the close of the meeting



The students of the month for November at Falls City Middle School, from left: Jessi Schuetz, eighth grade, Jocelyn Foster, seventh grade and Cade Schawang, sixth grade.

FCMS Students of the Month of November

The students of the month for November at Falls City Middle School were: Jessi Schuetz, eighth grade, Jocelyn Foster, seventh grade, and Cade Schawang, sixth grade. Each pupil received a T-shirt printed with the Student of the Month logo. The shirts are compliments of Stripes and Signs. The Elks Club will sponsor a complimentary meal during Youth Week for all this year’s student of the month recipients and their parents.

To receive student of the month, students must first be nominated by one of their teachers. The criteria for nomination this year once again focuses on the 212 degree message. The teachers are continuously looking for the students that give the extra degree.

On the day of voting for student of the month, the teachers meet before school and vote by private balloting. Those who don’t win are given honorable mention and are eligible in future months.

Cade is the son of Dan and Kristi Schawang. He is described as an excellent student, hardworking and friendly to everyone. Cade appreciates the teachers and other students at FCMS, as well as, changing classes for different subjects and having the option of hot lunch or salad bar. His favorite subjects are math and science. Cade participates in band, chorus, Clown Troupe, and Student Advisory. He is an ABBIT and honor roll student.

Cade stays active outside of school with baseball, basketball, flag football, soccer and youth group. His favorite movie is “Facing the Giants,” and while he enjoys eating a lot of hamburger pizza, his favorite place to eat is Sonic!

Jocelyn’s mother is Rachel Foster, her stepfather is Michael Fritz and her father is Kevin Foster. Her teachers describe Jocelyn as an example of what SOTM should be. She is a respectful, kind, and a very hard working student. Her favorite class is science. Jocelyn is active in chorus and cheerleading. Jocelyn appreciates the kindness of her classmates at FCMS. She has received recognition for ABBIT.

Jocelyn is a member of the Girl Scouts. Her favorite movie is “New Moon.” She loves to eat chicken and her favorite place to eat is also at Sonic!

Jessi is the son of Kelli and Art Dean. She is described as a hard-working student that does well in class. His favorite class is math. He is active in football, basketball, track, chorus, and band. Jessi enjoys the teachers, his fellow students, and the positive atmosphere at FCMS. He continues to be recognized on the honor roll and ABBIT lists.

Jessi has also received art contest awards. Outside of school, he participates in basketball and FC Rec baseball. Jessi’s favorite movie is “The Patriot.” He’ll eat almost

any kind of pizza and his favorite place to eat is at A & G Restaurant!

The students who received honorable mention for November include: Chaydyn Butler, Sophia Gilsdorf, Hannah Pfohl, Ty-

ler Harms, Gretchen Fritz, Rylie Sailors, Hannah Kirkendall, Rudy Vrtiska, Shane Cochran, Keegan Hunzeker, Noah Milam, Austin Cochran, Collin Cook, Hailey Campbell, Bryan Sickel, Jordyn Bomar, and Barbara Wilhide.

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Public Record

County Court

Aaron M. Collier, Falls City, count one, operate motor vehicle to avoid arrest; count two, drive under suspension/before reinstated; count three, speeding (11-15 County/State); fined total of \$575, plus costs of \$48; probation ordered for period of 12 months.

James R. Rhodd, White Cloud, Kan., count one, DUI-.15+; counts two and three dismissed; fined \$500, costs and fees totaling \$466.21, to serve four days in Richardson County Jail with credit given for one day served, driver's license revoked for one year, defendant allowed to pay for interlock device; probation ordered for period of eight months.

Jeremy M. Patnode, Salem, count one, drive under suspension/before reinstated; count two, no valid registration; fined total of \$125; probation ordered for period of 12 months.

Jesse G. Hohimer, FC, unlawful/fictitious display of plates; plead guilty, found guilty; fined \$20, plus costs of \$48.

Barry L. Handley, Shubert, weeds and grasses over 12 inches; plead no contest; fined \$30, plus fees of \$3.50.

Everett A. Loper, FC, two counts, animal running at large; plead no contest; fined total of \$75, plus costs of \$48.

Laverna R. Crowley, Salem, count one, no proof of insurance; count two, no valid registration; count three, speeding (11-15 County/State); count four, unlawful/fictitious display of plates; count five, no license on person; count six, no operator's license; plead not guilty to all counts; pretrial hearing scheduled for Jan. 7.

Kristy Bassett, FC, count one, no proof of insurance; count two, no valid registration; count three, unlawful/fictitious display of plates; plead no contest to all counts; fined total of \$150, plus costs of \$49.

Donald Gentry, FC, count one, no proof of insurance; count two, dismissed without prejudice; count three, no operator's license; plead guilty to counts one and three, found guilty on those counts; fined total of \$175, plus costs of \$49.

William L. Holbrooks, count one, domestic assault; count two, attempt of a class 3A or class 4 felony; count three, attempt of a class 3A or class 4 felony; counts four and five dismissed; probation ordered for period of six months; show cause hearing scheduled for April 1.

Kevin L. Craig, FC, driving under suspension/before reinstated; plead no contest; to serve seven days in Richardson County Jail with credit given for seven days served, license revoked for one year and to pay costs and fees totaling \$57.50

District Court
Wendy L. McGinty was granted dissolution of marriage to Lisle R. McGinty, Burchard.

Civil Court
Judgment in favor of Credit Management Services entered against Steven and Brenda Scholl in the amount of \$61.90, prejudgment interest of \$13.99, fees of \$11.19, costs of \$56.90, with post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.137 percent.

Judgment entered in favor of Merchants Credit Adjusters and against Bryan and Angel E. Nelson, FC, in the amount of \$618.48, prejudgment interest of \$119.28, fees of \$66.84, costs of \$72.50, with post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.137 percent.

Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Services and against Alaina Kelly, FC, in the amount of \$1,312.69, prejudgment interest of \$50.20, fees of \$136.27, costs of \$50.95, with post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.137 percent.

County Court Waivers (Court costs not included)
Bailey M. Pease, no license on person, fined \$25.
Rodney Paden, speeding (16-20), fined \$125.

Travis D. Henry, CMV-Marking, fined \$50; UCR-no registration/payment, fined \$100.

Jason L. Arington, no operator's license, fined \$75.

Armando R. Zuniga, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.

Ronald P. Buchner, no license on person, fined \$25; unlawful/fictitious display of plates, fined \$50.

William O. Keown, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.

Robert L. Beckett, disobey traffic control device, fined \$25.

Andrea L. Scates, disobey traffic control device, fined \$25.

Edward L. Findlay, unlawful/fictitious display of plates, fined \$50.

Alan M. Gladney, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.

Norman L. Moyer, speeding (21-35), fined \$200.

EQIP sign-up until Friday

With harvest wrapping up across the state the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service reminds farmers and ranchers that now is the time to sign up for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program. Those interested in EQIP are encouraged to sign up before Dec. 21, 2012.

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program available to private landowners and operators. Through EQIP, farmers and ranchers may receive financial and technical help with conservation practices on agricultural land.

According to Craig Derickson, NRCS State Conservationist, there are several options available to producers under both programs.

EQIP has become the most widely applied conservation program in Nebraska with more than 7.7 million acres under contract. The goal of EQIP is to provide a financial incentive to encourage landowners to protect their natural resources, resulting in cleaner air, water and more wildlife habitat.

"EQIP provides a good option for working lands. These contracts protect natural resources on lands still in production and generating income. That's a win-win situation for all Nebraskans," Derickson said.

Individuals interested in entering into an EQIP agreement may file an application at any time, but the ranking of applications on hand to receive funding will begin Dec. 21, 2012. Producers are encouraged to sign up soon since all funding for EQIP in Nebraska could potentially be obligated by March 1, 2013.

The first step is to visit your local NRCS field office and complete an application.

For more than 75 years, the NRCS has helped agricultural producers with conservation plans. NRCS Conservationists will work with landowners on their farm or ranch to develop a conservation plan based on resource goals. Conservation planning assistance is free and does not require participation in financial programs.

For more information about EQIP and the other available conservation programs visit your local NRCS field office or www.ne.nrcs.usda.gov



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Tips to deal with loneliness during holidays

Lincoln—The holidays aren’t joyous for everyone. Unfortunately, for some, holidays can be a lonely time, especially for those who are unable to travel to be with their family, who don’t have a family, or who may have recently lost a close family member or friend.

“There are ways to celebrate the holidays to help avoid feelings of loneliness,” said Scot L. Adams, director of the Division of Behavioral Health at the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. “It’s OK to be by yourself.”

Tips for the holidays:
Help others. A strong remedy for loneliness is taking the focus off yourself to help others. Do you have an elderly neighbor who is alone and needs shopping done? Is there a soup kitchen in your community? What about the Red Cross, the homeless or battered women’s shelters? Volunteering can help you have a sense of meaning and purpose. Recognizing that there are others in more challenging situations than your own can help put your life into perspective.

Stay in touch: If you can’t be with family and friends because you’re not able to travel, reach out to them on e-mail, Facebook or Twitter. Set up a Skype call on Christmas Day with family or friends. Maybe you have a friend who has no one to spend the holidays with. Talk about getting together and celebrating.

Reach out. If you feel isolated, seek out community, religious or other social events. They can offer support and companionship. Or visit a nursing home. You will find people there who may have no one to spend the holidays with. Spending time caring about another lonely person will go a long way toward eliminating your own loneliness.

Celebrate your solitude: This is your time to do what you want to do. Make a favorite treat. Read, play Christmas carols, and watch your favorite movies. Watch Charlie Brown’s Christmas, It’s a Wonderful Life, A Christmas Carol, Home Alone, Scrooged or any movie that you love.

Don’t drink. Alone and drunk is not a good combination. Chances are that you’ll become emotional or depressed. Have some hot cider or egg nog instead.

“The holidays don’t have to be lonely,” Adams said. “Plan ahead to do things that will help make them a time of peace and good will.”

Behavioral health resources can be found at the Network of Care on the DHHS website at www.dhhs.ne.gov/networkof-care. The Nebraska Family Helpline is another resource that is answered 24/7 at 1-888-866-8660.

Support for people with behavioral health conditions is available to help get through the holidays. Call the DHHS Office of Consumer Affairs weekdays 8 to 5 to get information on peer support at 1-800-836-7660.

Christmas is almost here and we...

...hope to hear jingling on the rooftop!

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Christmas is Coming!

Christmas is coming! Every day there is something to do to get ready for the holidays. I just finished making Christmas cards with photos on them for my family and friends. Right now I am hanging this wreath I made on the barn door.

Symbols of the holidays are all around us – candles show light and warmth and bells joyously peal.

Holiday Symbols!

Read the clues below to fill in the crossword with symbols of Christmas!

1. gift bringer

2. heavenly messengers

3. large burning chunk of wood

4. town where Christ was born

5. ring in Christmas with these

6. kind of tree decorated at Christmas

7. carried the Kings

8. people kiss under this

9. three of them brought gifts

10. tree decorations

11. lighted to show warmth and joy

12. ring of greens

13. marked the place in the sky

14. birthday of Jesus Christ

15. songs of the season

16. written holiday greetings

17. plant that brightens holidays

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mistletoe
angels
yule log
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Can you fill in the names of the instruments that are missing from the lines of these Christmas songs?

1. I played my _____ for Him
pa rum pum pum pum -
I played my best for Him
pa rum pum pum pum -

2. With little tin _____
and little toy _____,
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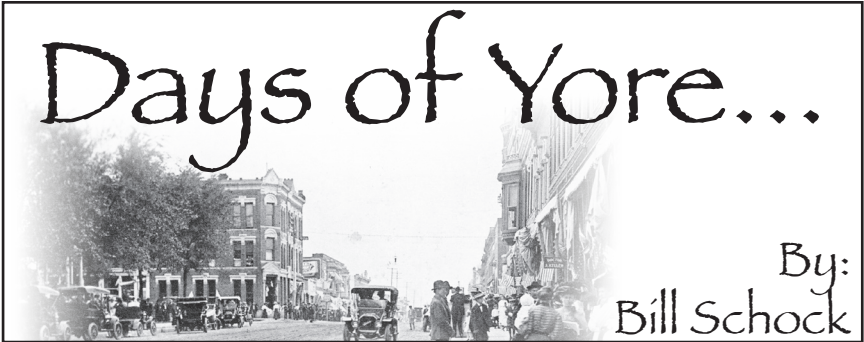
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The U.S. Dept. of Ag reported Nebraska's corn crop averaged 61 bushels an acre. County Agent Tom Aitken said the county's average was 73 bushels.

Buildings named as FC fall-out shelters and their capacities in event of a nuclear attack were: Stephenson Hotel, 355 persons; Courthouse, 245; Water & Light Plant, 85; Prichard Auditorium 90; Post Office, 75. All had Geiger counters to measure the radiation released in an attack.

"Oklahoma," starring Gordon McRae and Shirley Jones, was playing at the Rivoli.

In its Christmas greeting ad, FC Meat Co. listed 67 employees; the Journal listed 18 in the office and composing-press room, 19 rural correspondents and 18 paper carriers.

Congressman Phil Weaver named Charles R. "Chick" James as his principal appointment to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point.

The Emmitt Fisher home at 1702 Schoenheit won the Chamber's weekly Noel Lights contest.

The Post Office was doing a land office Christmas business. In the photos were Bob Casey, Fred Meinzer and Mrs. Meinzer, rural carriers, and Lloyd Bindle and Jim Rider, city carriers. Joe Hines was postmaster.

Over 200 students attended Sacred Heart's Christmas formal. In the Nativity presentation, Clarence and Francie Simon portrayed Joseph and Mary. Brian Swenson soloed in "O Holy Night."

Ben Maze scored 22 as FCHS downed Auburn 61-48.

Although LeRoy Koehler hit for 28, Bratton Union lost to Neb. City Lourdes 68-46.

An item from United Press:

London—The London Daily Telegraph headlined a story: "Five More Shoplifting Days 'til Christmas."

25 Years Ago

There was a standing room only crowd at the Legion Club as the \$17,000 mortgage was paid off in less than two years. Mark Harkendoff was the Legion commander and Larry Whalen the VFW commander. The building had been a grocery store until Ken and Ron Coonce bought it, refurbished it and sold it to the American Legion post.

New Humboldt Chamber of Commerce board members were Carolyn Blecha, Curt Maschman, Dave Hayes and Gary Lewis.

Hullman's Ford basketball team whacked a DV team 141-118 in a defensive battle. Max Milam and Kevin Scheitel had 22 apiece for Hullman's.

FCHS basketball cheerleaders were: Julie Cummings, Ginger Hall, Bev Marrs, Kim Chandler, Sharon Adams and Jean Becker; Humboldt's cheerleaders included: Jessie James, Sherry Alder, Kendi Fraser, Amy Brannen, Brenda Hogue, Heather Straw, Kari Hunzeker and Crystal Larson.

The Clefsmen, formed in 1965 as the FC Men's Glee Club, was still going strong 22 years later with Steve Holland as director. Gene Hulbert was the organizer. How about 47 years later?

The Journal's Wrestler of the Week was Dennis Mez, FCHS.

University of Nebraska graduates included: Pamela Renee Mullins, Christopher Max Rathman, Robyn Lee Reesman and Lance Henry Schwartz, all FC; Shari Jo Phillips, Humboldt, and Bruce Eugene Stanley, Stella.

15 Years Ago

The week's Chamber of Commerce Noel Lights winner was the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Burns, 1606 Fulton.

Brandy Bletcher scored 19 points as the FCHS girls' basketball team went to 5-0 with a 69-40 win over Johnson Brock.

The Rev. Howard Casteel was the new pastor at First Church of the Nazarene.

Rebecca Gilkerson, FC, graduated from Missouri Western State College in St. Joe with a bachelor of science in Nursing.

Graduating from the University of Nebraska were: Michael E. Witt, Katherine Marie Kiekhaefer, David J. Lee, Angela Sue Seeba and Dena Lee Stevenson, all FC; Gregory Allen Glathar, Humboldt.

A son was born Dec. 9 to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ramsey, Dawson.

Nathan Parsons, FC, received a \$500 University of Nebraska Foundation scholarship.

The Journal's Athletes of the Week were Janelle Findlay and Brent Shubert, both of Southeast Consolidated.

Esther A. Paul

Esther Agnes (Shepherd) Paul, 95, Beatrice, died Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2012, at Beatrice Good Samaritan Center. She was born Nov. 12, 1917 at Oxford, NE, to Charles E. and Mary Agnes (Davis) Shepherd.

Esther married Clinton G. Paul, May 11, 1940 in Falls City. She enjoyed making pies, babysitting, camping with her husband and friends, helping other people, working on the farm and being with her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and going to church. Esther worked at the Busy Bee Café in Beatrice, Ma & Pa's Café in Shubert, and Peterson's manufacturing in DeWitt.

Survivors include her daughters, Dorothy Smith and husband, Alfred, and Ruth O'Donnell both of Beatrice; son, Clinton F. Paul and wife Jane of Fairbury; 16 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild on the way.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clinton; her parents, Charles and Agnes (Davis) Shepherd; two brothers; two sisters; one grandson; son-in-law; and a great granddaughter.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 17, 2012, at First Christian Church, Beatrice, with Pastor David Bigley officiating. A family prayer service was also held Monday in the church. Visitation was at Harman-Wright Mortuary, Beatrice, on Sunday. Burial will be in the Evergreen Home Cemetery, Beatrice. Memorial established to the family's choice with the mortuary in charge.

A register book is available online at www.harmanwrightmortuary.com for messages of condolence.

Society

Women's Circle

A Christmas thought or poem was the way 10 members of the Stella Community Church Women's Circle answered roll call at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 11.

Mary Glathar read "More Important Things" and then offered prayer to open the meeting.

President Carolyn Brede-meier conducted the business meeting. Those present sang the carol, "Away in a Manger." Reports were given. The tentative date for Family Night is Sunday, Jan. 20. The 4 p.m. program will be three bell ringers and their accompanist from Bellevue, to be followed by a soup supper at 5:30. It may be scheduled for later if they cannot come on that day.

The program after the business meeting was presented by Ella Johnson. The carol, "Twelve Days of Christmas," was played and the coded meaning of each day's gift was explained. Jan McMullen read John Henry Faulk's "Christmas Story" about an impoverished Texas family's most wonderful Christmas. Then 16 cookie plates and bags of fruit were made to be taken to area homes and members who are in nursing homes.

Christmas Eve service at Shubert

Christmas Eve service at the Shubert Christian Church will be at 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24. Everyone is welcome.

Helen L. Gibson

Helen L. Gibson, 89, of Falls City, passed away Dec. 10, 2012 at Falls City. She was born March 31, 1923 at Howe, to the late William and Elizabeth (Kennel) Wright.

On Sept. 28, 1939 she married Lester T. Gibson at Hia-watha, KS. He passed away Nov. 13, 1983.

Helen was raised in Richardson County. When married, the couple established their home in Falls City; they lived in California for a short time and had also lived in Texas. She made pies and sold them to local cafes and also worked at the meat locker; she cooked and baked for several cafes and restaurants. She became the Dietician at the Falls City Hospital in the mid 1980's and retired after 23 years. She was a member of the First Christian Church, Falls City, and also the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary #1765 of Falls

City.

Helen is survived by a daughter, Sheryl Root and her husband David of Kansas City, MO; son, Tom Gibson of New Orleans, LA; sister, Wauneta Hutton of Laurie, MO; 11 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son, Ronnie, and eight brothers and sisters.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2012 at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with Pastor Fay Ann Blaylock officiating. Inurnment will be in Steele Cemetery.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to service time at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

The family prefers memorials in lieu of flowers to Women's Fellowship of Christian Church or Hospice.

Melvin Herr

Melvin Herr, 92, of Humboldt, Nebraska passed away on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012, at the Colonial Acres Nursing Home in Humboldt.

Arrangements are pending. Online condolences may be sent to www.wherrymortuary.com

Charles Stalder

Charles Stalder, 95, of Humboldt, Nebraska passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2012, at the Colonial Acres Nursing Home in Humboldt.

Arrangements are pending. Online condolences may be sent to www.wherrymortuary.com

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Sally Merz cuts the ribbon during the Dec. 6 Grand Re-Opening open house at The Mane Attraction, 108 East 16th St. in Falls City. The popular salon offered many, many specials in conjunction with the event and now features expanded services for its customers. In addition to Sally, Cara Nigus, Jennifer Howard and Natalie Fouraker, a Licensed Massage Therapist, are available for appointments. To schedule an appointment, call 402-245-4558. Photo by Eric Barr.

tion. The project should start in mid- to late May, 2013.

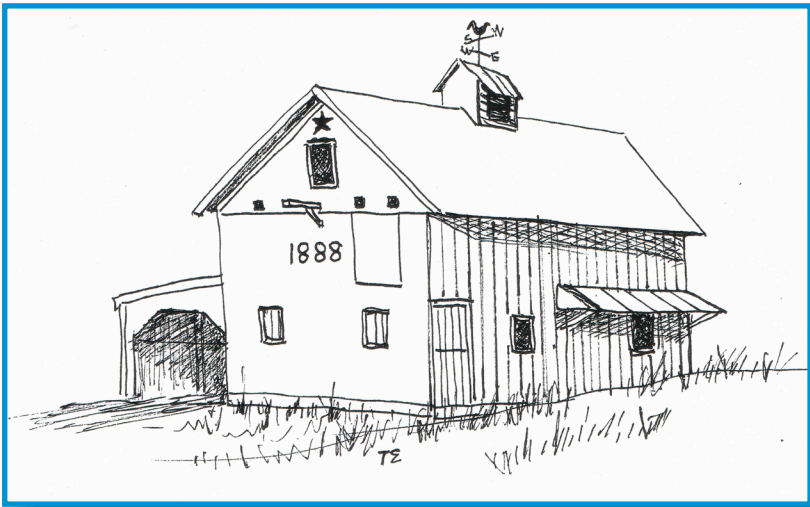
Steel bids awarded: Husker Steel, Columbus, items one and two for \$43,638, and Oden Enterprises, items three through eight, for \$9,625.10.

Tire bids awarded: Harmon's OK Tire, Falls City, four trailer tires, \$732; Cross Dillon Tire, Lincoln, six grader tires, \$5,970; Koch's Auto Service, Dawson, 10 all position tires, \$2,790.

Huppert said 11 county machines will be placed on the programming offered by NE Machinery Co. for equipment maintenance. He said new fuel pumps were to be installed.

In other developments, the Commissioners:

- Received for consideration an agreement with EDGE for continued funding for fiscal year 2012-13. The agreement will be reviewed with legal counsel and considered at a later meeting.
- Received a letter from the FC Chamber of Commerce regarding intentions to recommend to the City Council two-hour parking zones in the downtown area.
- Met with Extension Educator Lindsay Chichester, who presented the name of Robert White as recommended by the Extension Board as a new member effective Jan. 1, 2013. Vicky Yoesel has served six years on the board and her latest term has expired.
- Received a check from NPPD for \$60,174.05, the annual matching funding for the Richardson County Emergency Management Agency.
- Approved a subdivision for Joan M. Bruhn and Billy Ray Bruhn and adopted the corresponding resolution.



Humm Barn...1888 Christmas ornament design

THE BARN

BY LORI GOTTULA

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tured on the cover of a 2002 calendar created by the Nebraska Humanities Council and the Nebraska Soybean Board. The calendar was titled, "Beautiful Barns of Nebraska," and featured the winners of a student art contest sponsored by the organizations. The cover was special to Mary because it was created by her son, Matt Wenz, who won the senior division of the contest. (Matt's drawing, which accompanies this story, was also featured in the February 25, 2002 edition of the Daily Nebraskan, the student newspaper at UNL.) Matt, who is now a financial consultant with the wealth management group at Wells Fargo in Minneapolis, Minnesota, was a high school senior at the time.

"As a young, hopeful artist back in the day (a teenager thinking anything was possible), I thought it was such a big deal when the picture ended up on the cover of that calendar," Matt said. "It is a barn in the middle of town, so that is pretty unusual. Over the years it has been deteriorating, too, and it's sad to see a part of Falls City die like that. So for me, it represents the blend of lost memories, childhood hopefulness, small-town simplicity, and history that will soon be gone due to the passing of time."

Matt's sentiments were echoed by local artist, Tootie Ebel, who was commissioned to create the drawing for the Chamber's Christmas ornament this year.

"For me, the barn has just always been there, so it became a part of the landscape, something that I ignored when I drove by. But when I went over to look at it so I could draw it for the ornament, I realized that it's part of our history. It's a pleasant scene that makes people feel like they're out in the country. It gives residents, and people just passing by, a warm feeling. I was proud to draw it for this year's Christmas ornament." (To purchase one of the ornaments, stop by the Chamber office, or contact Eric Barr at (402) 245-4228.)

The Humm siblings sold the barn in May of this year, so their relationships with it will soon fade into memories, just as the barn itself has faded into the landscape. However, the Humm family, and the rest of us as well, can all look at the 2012 Christmas ornament, and hear the sounds of history — the pounding of hammers, the laughter of children, the squirt-plink of milk as it meets the metal bucket, and the engine of the delivery car as it pulls out of the driveway. Look at the picture, and listen closely. Can you hear it?

County Board

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could guarantee the results. In a six-page letter to the Commissioners, Sheriff Houser called for Gerweck's dismissal as EMA Director. Members of the board urged the two officials to cooperate with one another.

During the Dec. 11 meeting, Sheriff Houser presented a quote from Midwest Radio Communications for relocating the radio repeater, a new antenna system, other necessary items and APCO coordination. The quoted cost: \$7,400.

The Commissioners opted to change the antenna location at Humboldt to determine if that results in radio reception improvement. If further action is needed, the board will consider it.

Sheriff Houser also requested the use of EMA equipment when requested for incidents of an emergency nature and/or when inclement weather makes investigations difficult. Gerweck responded that if the equipment is needed, that he be contacted and Emergency Management would deliver the equipment to the scene of the incident/emergency. The Sheriff said he was not satisfied with Gerweck's response and that the Sheriff's Dept. was capable of getting the equipment and hauling it to an emergency scene when needed.

For now, the plan is for the Sheriff to contact the EMA Director when equipment is needed.

While meeting with Highway Supt. Scott Huppert, the board acted on tire and steel bids, as well as the Preston North and

South hard surfacing project. A motion was made by Davidson to approve the NE Local Public Agency Contract and Bond with Dobson Brothers Construction Co., Lincoln, for the Preston project. The board acted unanimously in accord with the mo-

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We will resume normal printing on Tuesday, January 8th
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Photo by Jason Schock



HTRS senior Megan Purshe (45) and sophomore Ashton Nanninga battle FC Sacred Heart freshman Maggie Goltz for a rebound during the Lady Irish's 56-17 win at Humboldt Friday night.

Lady Irish winners of 4-straight

Thanks largely to exceptional perimeter shooting - particularly behind the three-point arc, the FC Sacred Heart Lady Irish are riding a four-game winning streak leading into tonight's home game with Mound City.

FCSH opened the season with a pair of losses, but a big win over Freeman spurred three comfortable victories last week: 56-43 Dec. 10 at Oregon, MO, over South Holt; 67-14 Tuesday at home over Lewiston; and 56-17 Friday at Humboldt-TR-S. FCSH was a blistering 16-of-41 (39 percent) from three-point land in the victories.

Sophomore guard Abby Magdanz followed up a game-clinching, 18-point performance against Freeman with another career night at Oregon, hitting four threes and 10 total field goals in a 26-point outburst against South Holt. FCSH, now 4-2, was actually outscored in the second half at Missouri, but Magdanz put on a show in the opening 16 minutes, outscoring the entire South Holt team on her own. She hit all four of those threes and scored 21 of her team's 33 points before half, helping FCSH build a 15-point lead.

Magdanz has already hit 12 threes this season and leads her

team with 15.3 ppg. She's also tops in assists (25) and steals (17).

Her shots didn't fall in the second half, nor did they have to. For the game, FCSH committed a (then) season-low nine turnovers and pulled down 19 offensive rebounds. The team owned a 40-32 rebounding edge, thanks in large part to freshman Maggie Goltz, who grabbed 10 boards (seven on the offensive end) and blocked three shots for the Irish. Sophomore Elizabeth Magdanz, too, hit a couple big threes in the game and finished with seven boards (four offensive) and dished out four assists. Junior Ashli Jordan and Abby Magdanz each finished with six rebounds and five assists.

The games against 0-6 Lewiston and 1-5 HTRS that followed last week were not competitive. Against a Lady Tigers team that has yet to score 30 points in a single game, FCSH turned it over just five times and was about as efficient as possible (23 assists, 29 made baskets). Elizabeth Magdanz was 3-for-3 from behind the arc and scored 13 to go with five assists; Jordan missed one shot and led all scorers with 16 points; Abby Magdanz had eight assists and 11 points; and sophomore Kelsi Fouraker contrib-

uted a career-best 11 points and six rebounds.

The game in Humboldt was equally one-sided, even though FCSH drew a lot of fouls yet rarely converted (4-of-15 at the line). Elizabeth Magdanz had 16 points to pace the Irish, followed by Jordan (15 points, seven rebounds, four assists) and Abby Magdanz, who hit a trio of threes and scored 13. Goltz didn't get in double figures, but was dangerously close to bagging the highly coveted triple-double: Eight points, eight boards, seven blocks.

HTRS senior Liz Railsback led her team with seven points and nine rebounds. Junior Mollee Sharpe grabbed a team-high 11 boards.

The Lady Irish may be in for a fight tonight against Mound City, a 20-game winner last year which this season is off to an 8-0 start (including a 20-point win over South Holt). And FCSH will undoubtedly have its hands full Friday at Elmwood-Murdock. The 4-2 Class C2 Knights have won three in a row and to date have faced just one school (Class C1 Louisville) currently carrying a losing record. Like the Irish, E-M's girls' basketball program has built a solid tradition - since 2000, they've made four state tournaments, most recently in 2010.

A year ago at Prichard Auditorium, the Magdanz twins combined for 26 points in a nine-point Irish win over a then-once-beaten E-M.

Scoring at South Holt
FCSH — Jordan, 8; A. Magdanz, 26; Schock, 4; E. Magdanz, 7; Fouraker, 4; Goltz, 7.

So. Holt — Prussman, 11; Hunzinger, 6; Cox, 18; Markt, 2; Costello, 6.

Scoring vs. Lewiston
FCSH — Bieker, 7; Jordan, 16; A. Magdanz, 11; Schock, 2; Ward, 2; E. Magdanz, 13; Fouraker, 11; Goltz, 5.

Lewiston — Sisco, 3; Wehrbein, 7; Mums, 4.

Scoring vs. HTRS
FCSH — Jordan, 15; A. Magdanz, 13; E. Magdanz, 16; Fouraker, 3; Goltz, 8; Fiegner, 1.

HTRS — Nanninga, 2; Railsback, 7; Sharpe, 3; Watkins, 2; Fink, 2; Purshe, 1.



A little disclaimer before for you peruse this column: I do not think Bo Pelini should be fired.

My four very big reasons why: 1. He recruits quality young men with good character who stay out of trouble and excel in the classroom; 2. One dives into very murky waters if we fire another coach after a 10-win season. Selling the Nebraska head coaching job to a big name coach after doing that again would be extremely difficult; 3. For the most part (I say that because I feel like he has mishandled the way "Blackshirts" are handed out), Pelini has embraced the culture and tradition of Nebraska football, contrasting his predecessor, Bill Callahan, who seemed to dismiss it all together; and finally, 4. The learning curve for a Division-I football coach is high and Pelini is still cutting his teeth. As the old adage goes, "Patience is a virtue."

That being said, I delved into Bo Pelini's coaching record here at Nebraska and found the numbers a little unsettling.

I looked at Pelini's record against ranked teams (either at the time we played them or if they finished ranked) and if my calculations are correct, I have Bo at 10-14. Again, that's against teams ranked either when we played them or, giving him some credit, if they ended the year ranked.

10-14 ain't cutting it.

Also, Bo has lost five times to unranked opponents - Dec. 1, Big 10 Championship vs. Wisconsin (gave up 70); Nov. 5, 2011 vs. Northwestern (gave up almost 30 at home; the Wildcats finished 6-7 with wins over Boston College, Eastern Illinois, Indiana, our beloved Big Red, Rice and Minnesota); Oct. 16, 2010 vs. Texas (the Longhorns finished 5-7, their worst season since going 4-7 in 1997, which was the year before Mack Brown was hired); Dec. 30, 2010, Holiday Bowl vs. Washington (scored seven points against them after scoring 56 on them two months earlier); Oct. 10, 2009 vs. Iowa St. (enough said there).

I also took out Bo's victories against non-BCS schools - 15 (all came in the non-conference schedule). Those are "gimme" victories and in my opinion skew the, "Bo's won 48 games in five years argument." So that means Pelini is 34-19 against "real" football teams. That breaks down to basically 7-4 seasons in his first five years.

Sure, folks may argue that Bo isn't responsible for scheduling and they still have to beat those teams because the improbable upset can happen - Louisiana-Monroe winning at Arkansas this season and the granddaddy of them all, Appalachian State winning at Michigan in 2007 are the two glaring examples.

Valid points, but I'll go out on a limb and say the safer bet is that how ever long Pelini is here, he will not lose a game in the non-conference to a non-BCS school. The last time we did was in Callahan's first season in 2004 against Southern Miss. Prior to that? A 1963 loss in Lincoln to Air Force.

Those cupcakes are added to the schedule every year, but the wins are merely lipstick on the pig.

Fill up Memorial Stadium, get to 4-0 or 3-1 and then start the gauntlet of conference play.

My point being that if Pelini did finish 7-4 each year he may have been let go already, but by adding those 15 wins and increasing his yearly average win total from seven to nine, defending him becomes easier. The eagerness to point to those 48 wins and lump us in with Alabama, Boise State, Oregon and LSU occurs. For those of you wondering why those schools are listed, they are the other teams to win at least 48 games in the last five seasons. Those teams haven't given up 70 in the last, well... ever.

Just look at the last five losses to ranked teams. In those games, the "Blackshirts" gave up 63, 36, 48, 45 and 30. And those all came in years four and five of Pelini. Moreover, I think the anti-Bo sentiment would be dramatically less if we had simply lost some of those games close.

Why is that in these losses, save for maybe UCLA, we seem to fold and the rout ensues?

Fundamentals, the things good football teams across the board do week in and week out, aren't there with any consistency.

We are careless with the football. Dumb penalties continually occur. Muffed punts anyone?

Sure we came back from double-digit deficits four times this season, but in the biggest game of the year those wins seemed like distant history as we again shot ourselves in the foot, got behind the 8-ball early and turned Brett Bielema's swan song into another House of Pain concert. And House of Pain sucks. Pardon my French there, but they do and so did that game.

Pelini has made three conference championship games in five seasons and should be commended for that because if you want the pretty girl to dance with you, you at least have to be at the dance, right?

And, the law of averages says if you continue to reach that game, you'll eventually win it. But does that game look any easier in the future with what Urban Meyer is doing in Columbus?

Curiosity really was my only motivation for this "in depth research." I wanted to take a closer look at those 48 wins and to do this one has to take the good with the bad, regardless of the findings.

Again, I don't believe a move needs to be made, but is Husker football really where we thought it would be after five years of Pelini? These numbers scare me into thinking no.

Although you can be sure I'll be watching the Big Red through scarlet-colored lenses New Year's Day and beyond. GBR!

This Friday's *Journal* will include an article about the area athletes selected to the *Omaha World Herald* and *Lincoln Journal Star* All-State teams, as well as a look at the three young men from Falls City who earned their way into the "1000 Yard Club" this fall in football and how their seasons stack up historically.

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Hogue one win shy of McIntyre

By Jim Langan

For just the second time ever under Falls City High Head Coach Don Hogue, the Tigers are off to a 7-0 start and a win tonight would mark the best start ever by a Hogue team.

More importantly though, a win tonight would give Hogue 160 career victories and tie him with Jack McIntyre for second all-time in career coaching victories for the FCHS boys basketball program. Jug Brown is the career leader with 193 victories.

Falls City defeated Auburn 62-45 last night in the first round of the Southeast Nebraska Holiday Tournament, which is being held for the fourth year in a row in Peru.

It was the second win in 10 days against the Bulldogs and extends the Tigers winning streak against their rival to 17 games.

Falls City will play Johnson-Brock at 8 tonight in the championship game. J-B improved to 4-3 Monday night with a victory over Nebraska City Lourdes. All games are being played in the Al Wheeler Activities Center on the campus of Peru State College.

FC's two most impressive wins of the young season both came on the road last week.

Last Tuesday the Tigers traveled to St. Joseph, MO, and escaped with a hard-fought 40-37 victory over Bishop LeBlond, then followed that up with 56-43 victory at Plattsmouth.

The Tigers fell behind early against the Blue Devils, then roared back from a 21-15 halftime deficit by scoring on 23 of 32 second-half possessions.

"It was a big win for us," Hogue said of Saturday's win. "We played really well, especially in the second half, against a good team."

Plattsmouth's Travis Sabatka's hot shooting helped the Blue Devils build the early lead. The sophomore guard's third 3-pointer of the game came less than two minutes into the second quarter, extended the Blue Devil lead to 16-10 and led to a FC timeout.

Hogue and the Tigers weren't surprised by Sabatka's hot start, though.

"We had them scouted well and knew Sabatka was a good shooter," Hogue said. "We made a couple changes defensively and did a great job the rest of the game."

That they did.

The combination of Jack Hartman and Tyler DiGiacomo combined to hold Sabatka scorelss for the final 22 minutes of the game.

Mitchell Harling played big from

his point guard postion for the Tigers. Harling finished with a game-high 18 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Cord Huettner (13) and Wade Witt (10) also scored in double figures for FC. Junior Reese Hogue pulled down a game-high 10 rebounds and four different Tigers – Huettner, Hartman, Wade Witt and Jordy Stoller– all recorded a pair of steals.

FC's 41 second-half points was the most in a half this season and the Tigers finished 18-of-30 from the free-throw line, by far their best performance.

Most impressive though, might have been the performance on the glass for the Tigers, who controlled the glass and out rebounded the Blue Devils 30-22. FC gave up just four offensive rebounds to a Plattsmouth team with three starters standing 6-3, 6-4 and 6-6.

Saturday's win might have been a little more satisfying for Hogue due to the fact that Plattsmouth has been a thorn in his side over the years. Saturday was just his third victory in 14 games against Plattsmouth. The two other two – a 44-36 win at Plattsmouth in 2006 and the 48-44 victory at Prichard Auditorium in 1999 marked Hogue's first career victory at Falls City.

In the win at LeBlond, FC led 19-4 midway through the second quarter, but the Eagles outscored the Tigers in each of the final three quarters to climb back in it and with 3:22 left in the fourth LeBlond's Jacob Madden delivered a game-tying 3-pointer. Madden finished with a game-high 15 points.

Wade Witt provided the eventual game-winning basket with less than 90 seconds left. The 6-foot-2 southpaw used his signature left-handed drive to the hoop and finished the layup to give the Tigers a 39-37 lead. Witt added a free throw with five seconds left and Madden's buzzer-beating 3-point attempt to tie the game was off the mark.

Huettner led the Tigers with 15 points and eight rebounds. Witt finished with nine points, three boards and a pair of assists. Stoller swiped four steals, but finished with just four points on 1-of-7 shooting.

Stoller wasn't alone in the shooting struggles. The Tigers finished 16-of-43 from the floor and Hartman (3-of-4 FG) was the only Tiger who shot over 50 percent.

Hogue admitted the win wasn't pretty, but added, "It isn't a beauty pageant either."

Plattsmouth too much for Lady Tigers

Despite a career game from Falls City High senior Claire Poppe, a trio of Blue Devils proved to be too much for the Lady Tigers.

Plattsmouth had three players in double figures, including Shayla Scanlan, who scored 13 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, as they handed Falls City a 57-41 loss Saturday afternoon in Plattsmouth. Sydney Tinchier added 13 points and April Graham scored 12 for the Blue Devils, who shot 53 percent from the floor and forced 19 Falls City turnovers.

Poppe helped keep the Lady Tigers in it by scoring the final 10 points of the third quarter, which cut the Blue Devil lead from 20 to 11 heading into the final period. Poppe was 6-of-13 from the floor, including 3-of-5 from the three-point line, and finished with a game and career-high 20 points. She also handed out five assists.

Senior Tressa Chandler added eight points and led Falls City with six rebounds, while sophomore Baylee Vrtiska knocked down three shots to finish with six points.

Falls City again struggled to get shots to fall and shot just 32 percent from the floor Saturday. Through the first six games, Falls City is shooting just over 33 percent.

"We're just not shooting the ball very well right now," Falls City Head Coach Max Milam said. "And when the shots aren't falling, everything is tougher."

The Lady Tigers traveled to Wymore Southern last Tuesday and fell to a tough Raiders team, 45-33. Falls City trailed by only three points, 22-19, at halftime, but failed to keep pace in the second half.

"They are a good team with a lot of experience," Milam said. "They have three or girls who have played for three years now."

Two of those players Milam is referring to are senior Kelsey Buss, who led all scorers with 15 points, and the other is Shelby Creek, who was also in double-figures with 12 points.

Turnovers again doomed Falls City as Southern forced 19 and committed only six. That's been the trend in the three losses for Falls City, who are averaging 20 turnovers per game in the three losses compared to just 11 in the victories.

Falls City has a great opportunity to capture some momentum before the holiday break, as they competed last night and will again tonight at Peru State College in the Southeast Nebraska Holiday Basketball Tournament.

The Lady Tigers defeated Auburn 30-22 last night in the first round of the Southest Nebraska Holiday Tournament being held at Peru State College. Falls City will face Nebraska City Lourdes at 6 tonight in the championship game. Lourdes (5-2) escaped with a 35-34 win over Johnson-Brock in their first round game.

Scoring at Plattsmouth
FCHS – Scheitel, 2; Olberding, 5; Poppe, 20; Vrtiska, 6; Chandler, 8.
PHS – B. Graham, 7; Tinchier, 13; Mitteis, 7; A. Graham, 12; Scanlan, 13; Eggert, 2; Simoens, 3.
Scoring at Wymore Southern
FCHS – Olberding, 5; Poppe, 9; Armbruster, 5; Vrtiska, 10; Chandler, 4.
WS – K. Buss, 15; S. Creek, 12; Shepardon, 5; J. Creek, 3; A. Buss, 2; Dorn, 8.

Lady Tiger Reserves BB
Falls City's Lady Tiger Reserve team lost to Pawnee City, 32-21, last Thursday. Pacing the Tigers were Libby Bauman, Jerrica Beckner and Candace Chandler who scored four points each.

Tiger boys' JV fall to Blue Devils

Falls City High's junior varsity team suffered their first loss of the season Saturday night at Plattsmouth as the Tigers (5-1) fell to the Blue Devils 76-57. Brenden Heckenlively led the Tigers with 19 points on 7-of-11 shooting, including a perfect 3-for-3 from beyond the arc. Two other Tigers were in double figures with Weston Witt's 11 points and Zach Jordening's 10. FCHS defeated Bishop LeBlond 54-41 last Tuesday in St. Joe, Mo. Brandon Gibson led the Tigers in the victory over LeBlond with a game-high 12 points and had team-highs in rebounds (8) and steals (5). Two weeks ago the Tigers picked up a pair of victories, as they defeated Auburn 49-26 on Dec. 7 and cruised past visiting Hiawatha in a 46-22 win on Dec. 4. Tyler DiGiacomo led FCHS against the Bulldogs with 14 points. In the victory over Hiawatha, Jordening led FCHS with 10 points.

Tiger Reserves BB

The Falls City Tigers boys reserve basketball team has started its season 2-2 with wins over Hiawatha 46-26 and Auburn 47-18 and losses to St. Joe LeBlond 60-35 and Pawnee City 32-19. In the win over the Redhawks, freshmen Trenton

Pentecost and Jeremy Robinson had 12 points and 10 points, respectively, while sophomore Lane Lovenburg pulled down 10 boards. Sophomore Tucker Merz had a double-double in the victory over the Bulldogs with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Pentecost scored 11 points along with his five steals and freshman Brady Rose added 10 points. In the loss to the Eagles, Robinson had team-highs of nine points and five rebounds. In the loss to Pawnee City, Pentecost led FCHS with seven points, while Merz chipped in six.

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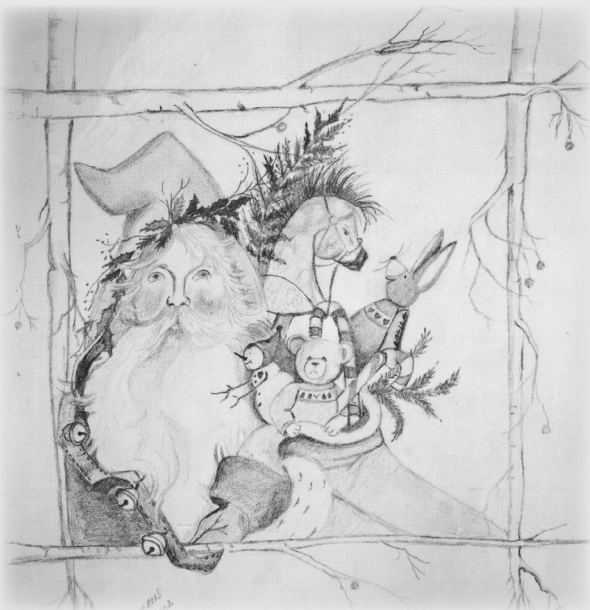
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Humboldt-TR-S senior Dominic Vasco (left) scores two points in front Irish defender Lane Scheitel. Vasco finished with eight points in the Titans 63-44 home loss to FC Sacred Heart Friday night in Humboldt.

Big week for Dunn and Irish, winners of 3-straight

By Jim Langan

Falls City Sacred Heart bounced back quickly and looked good doing so after suffering their first loss of the season – a two-point heartbreaker at home to Freeman – a little more than a week ago. The Irish, who host Mound City tonight, improved to 6-1 on the year after reeling off three wins in five days following that 49-47 home loss to the Falcons.

The performance of the week in this area came last Tuesday at Prichard Auditorium in the Irish’s only home game of the current three-game streak.

Trailing Lewiston 29-23 to start the third quarter, the Irish found themselves in a tough spot and needed something to quiet the boisterous contingency of Tiger fans that made the hour trek to Falls City.

That something was provided by Chaz Dunn, who came out of the locker room after the break and, well, let’s just say he was feeling it.

Dunn scored 18 of the Irish’s 20 points in the third quarter, which included a pair of threes and a 4-for-4 effort at the free-throw line en route to a performance few will forget. Dunn finished the game with 20 points, so its fair to say that for those eight minutes he caught lightning in a bottle.

By the end of third, the six-point deficit had turned into a six-point lead and propelled Sacred Heart to an easy 63-43 victory over a one-loss Lewiston team.

To borrow a line donated to me last week by one of the Irish’s most ardent supporters, Mr. John Huber, the Lewiston players and fans weren’t dumbstruck; they were “Dunnstruck.”

Sacred Heart finished the game with 39 free-throw attempts and knocked down 9-of-13 in the fourth quarter to keep Lewiston at bay.

The Irish also did a great job in the second half pestering Lewiston’s Cutter Singleton, who scored 13 first-half points, including 11 in the second quarter, but failed to score a field goal and scored just three free throws the second half.

Senior Clay Finck finished with 11 points and three steals for the Irish, while junior Matt Goltz added nine points and nine rebounds.

The three-game win streak started last Monday when the Irish traveled to Oregon, MO, to face the South Holt Knights.

Sacred Heart quickly had the hosts playing the role of whipping boys as the Irish took out their

frustration from the loss to Freeman on the over-matched Knights.

The Irish built a 47-8 halftime lead, en route to a 90-21 victory. The 69-point margin of victory is the most for an Irish team since (and I had to read this score twice) an 89-7 victory over Southeast Consolidated on Jan. 25, 2008 and just the fourth time since 2006 a Sacred Heart team has reached 90 points.

All 12 Irish players scored in the contest and as a team Sacred Heart shot 57 percent from the floor (37-of-66). Also, each Irish player pulled down at least one rebound (Irish owned a 39-19 edge on the glass) and 11 players recorded a steal.

Dunn’s big week began in Oregon where he hit 8-of-10 from the floor for 19 points, while also nabbing seven steals and dishing out six dimes. Finck, had a great start to the week as well with 12 points to go along with five assists and six steals. Goltz added nine points and nine boards and Jarod Fiegenger had a season-high 11 points.

Friday the Irish traveled to Humboldt and after a relatively slow start in which they led 18-13 after the first quarter, Sacred Heart outscored the Titans 31-15 in the second and third quarters and pulled away to a 65-44 victory.

Sacred Heart’s guards caused problems for the inexperienced Titan backcourt all night and ultimately forced HTRS in to 23 turnovers. Sacred Heart’s backcourt of Finck, Dunn, Lane Barnhill and Colin Niemeyer combined to score 41 points and they each swiped three steals.

Dunn led all scorers with 16 points on 7-of-13 shooting and also pulled down five rebounds; Goltz added 12 points, three blocks and led the Irish with six assists. As a team, Sacred Heart passed the ball effectively finishing the game with 21 assists compared to just 12 turnovers.

Give the Titans credit though. Joel Svoboda is the lone senior in the backcourt for HTRS and he’s playing alongside a sophomore – Schuyler Kuhlmann – and three freshmen – Kaleb Knudson, Nolan Schafer and Eli Herr. Svoboda, Kuhlmann and Herr scored 11 of the 13 first quarter points to keep the Titans in it early, but were held scoreless the rest of the game. Schafer finished the game with 10 points, so all told the young guys for HTRS hung in there, but are experiencing the common growing pains associated with the jump to

varsity competition.

Seniors Kevin Beethe and Dominic Vasco, the two most consistent players for HTRS through the beginning part of the season, scored 10 and eight, respectively.

Scoring at HTRS

FCSH – Niemeyer, 7; Dunn, 16; Finck, 10; Goltz, 12; Barnhill, 8; Lo. Scheitel, 2; Fiegenger, 2; Cromer, 8.

HTRS – Kuhlmann, 3; Schafer, 10; Svoboda, 5; Herr, 3; Drake, 2; Beethe, 10; Vasco, 8; Stuckemeyer, 3.

Scoring vs. Lewiston

FCSH – Niemeyer, 7; Dunn, 20; Finck, 11; Goltz, 9; Barnhill, 7; Lo. Scheitel, 2; Fiegenger, 3; Cromer, 2; Strasheim, 2.

Lewiston – Singleton, 16; Albers, 1; Al. Novzovsky, 2; Barr, 6; Speckman, 9; Kwiatkowski, 5; McHenry, 4.

Scoring at South Holt

FCSH – Niemeyer, 7; Dunn, 19; Froeschl, 4; Finck, 12; Goltz, 9; Barnhill, 6; Lo. Scheitel, 5; La. Scheitel, 1; Witt, 5; Fiegenger, 11; Cromer, 8; Strasheim, 2.

Thompson captures title at Auburn

Falls City High’s wrestling team had its best showing of the season at Saturday’s Auburn Invitational. Eight Tigers competed and combined for 88 points, which earned them a third-place finish in the team portion of the invitational. Fairbury just edged the Tigers for second place with 90 points and Bellevue West’s 191 points easily captured the team title.

Chase Thompson had the best individual performance for the Tigers. The 185-pound junior went 3-0 on the day and finished in first place.

195-pound senior Dylan Ackerman (0-1) and 120-pound freshman Morgen Valentine (1-1) both finished second.

Jesse Butrick, a 126-pound senior,

competed in the most matches Saturday for the Tigers. He finished 4-1 on the day and earned third place.

160-pound senior Wade Maddox went 3-1 and finished third, and sophomore heavyweight Jeremy Zimmerman won twice, lost once and finished third.

Sophomore Justin Ernst (132) and freshman Black Black (132) did not place. Black did win one match.

The Tiger wrestlers are off until 2013 when they return to action at the Ashland-Greenwood tournament on Sat., Jan. 4

Full coverage of the individual matches from the Auburn Invitational will appear in Friday’s *Journal*.

Titans’ Railsback 4th at Dorchester

The Humboldt-TR-S/Pawnee City wrestling team competed at the Dorchester D-Club Tournament Saturday where they finished ninth in the team standings. East Butler took home the team championship with 191 points, followed by South Central Unified District #5 in second place with 168 and Sutton was third with 145.

160-pound sophomore Ben Railsback finished 2-2 at the tournament and earned HTRS/PC’s best individual performance with a 4th-place finish. Railsback pinned Hector Rodriguez (1:04) of Red Cloud/Blue Hill, lost to East Butler’s Austin Tejral, 20-4, then defeated Dorchester’s Chris Nelson, 14-4, before losing in the third-place match, 17-4, to Brandon Ward of South Central.

Other HTRS/PC results: **Jake Moore (285)** vs. Robby Kelly (Sutton), L: pin :42; vs. Ken Yates,(Tri-County)W: pin :21; Casey Beck (South Central) W: pin :24; Eliseo Ruiz (Dorchester) L: pin 1:24.

Dalton Rohrs (195) vs. Cody Lundbolm (Meridian) L: pin :31; Kane Majors (Sutton) L: pin 3:38. **Jesse Hickey (182)** vs. Trenton Dunn (Meridian) L: pin 3:08; Kurt Lewis (Adams Central) W: pin 2:56; Jake Birt (McCool Junction) L: pin :40. **Nate Wiers (170)** vs. Brandon Jackson (Meridian) L: pin 1:08; Alessandro Castello (Meridian) W: 10-5; Brock Svoboda (South Central) W: pin 1:18; Brandon Jackson (Meridian) L: 18-2. **Adam Walker (145)** vs. Jake Spilker (Tri-County) W: pin 3:18; Corey Taylor (Meridian) L: pin :23; Augustine Clark (St. Cecilia) L: pin 1:28. **Jacob Phelps (138)** vs. Tanner Hoins (Adams Central) W: 7-5; David Smaus (East Butler) L: pin 1:27; Wyatt Thayer (South Central) L: 13-11. **Austin Tackett (132)** vs. Ross Lewis (Tri-County) W: pin 3:27; Brayden Schultis (Tri-County) W: pin 3:33; Cole Schelkopf (Sutton) L: 11-4; Dalton James (RCBH) L: 7-1. Braden Shiley (106) vs. Devon Spatz (East Butler) L: pin :19; Grant Schermeyer (South Central) L: pin 1:22; Andrew Schilke (Adams Central) L: pin 1:20; Ignacio Rivera (Sutton) L: pin :33.

At this time of year, we’re reminded of what truly matters. Merry Christmas!



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(TOP) Local Cub Scouts rest at the end of a fun day at Squaw Creek. Pictured, from left: Brandon Buchner, Joshua Brown, Evan Fritz, Wayde Phroper, Tyler Catlin, Ace Harkendorff, Del Casteel, Sloan Lenard, Gabriel Canonico and Elijah Canonico. Kemper Foster and Dalton Helmick were not present for the photo. (RIGHT) Phoenix scolds the guest speaker at Eagle Days at Squaw Creek.

Cubs enjoy Eagle Days

Falls City’s reorganized and revitalized Cub Scout Pack 391 enjoyed an exciting adventure at Eagle Days at the Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, Dec. 1.

At the indoor eagle show, the Cub Scouts got to see a majestic Golden Eagle and a feisty American kestrel up close. The “Star of the Show,” however, was a female Bald Eagle named Phoenix, pictured scolding the guest speaker for telling everyone her age and weight!

Later, the Cubs, with their parents in tow, took a bus tour of the refuge. Besides seeing several eagles in the wild, they also saw thousands of ducks and about 20 trumpeter swans, plus a deer running through the marsh.



If you would like to learn more about Cub Scouting in Falls City, please call the new Cub Master, Bill Harkendorff, at (402) 245-3568 or email at coolcornet@hotmail.com

Irish 5-1 after loss to HTRS in Knights final

The Humboldt-TR-S junior high boys’ basketball team got 11 points from Logan Bredemeier and nine from Chase Hain to capture a 34-28 victory over FC Sacred Heart in the championship of the Knights of Columbus Tournament Dec. 8 at Prichard Auditorium.

Previously, the Titans took a 30-11 win over Pawnee City to advance to the title game, as Bredemeier had 10, Hain, 6, and Wyatt Ramsey, 6.

The now 5-1 Irish beat Johnson-Brock 33-22 to advance, as Keith Salimo scored 13 and Bryant Jorn added nine for FCSH. In the championship game loss to HTRS (the Irish’s first defeat this winter), Jorn and Salimo had eight and seven points, respectively, and Emerson Keithley also finished with seven.

Dec. 10

At Mound City, the FCSH junior high “A” Team took a 49-22 win, as Jorn led the way with 16 points. The Irish “B” Team also won, 14-9, in just two quarters of play. Brady Keller and Michael Keithley had four points apiece for FCSH.

Dec. 6

The young Irish earned a hard-fought 37-33 victory over visiting Johnson-Brock at Tiehen Gym. Jorn (10), Salimo (9) and Noah Keller (8) paced the home team.

Sean Arnold scored seven points, and William Morehead, five, in a 36-9 Irish “B” Team win over Johnson-Brock.

Dec. 1

The Irish captured first place in the Diller-Odell Tournament, defeating Lewiston (41-18) and Neb. City Lourdes (43-28). Jorn led with 25 points on the day - 10 vs. Lewiston, 15 against Lourdes. Salimo and Cameron Barker each scored six for the Irish.

The 5-1 (as of Monday) FCSH junior high boys are coached by Mike Simon, who’s assisted by Steve Simon.

Lady Irish JV remains unbeaten

The FCSH girls’ JV improved to 4-0 with a 20-8 victory at Humboldt-TR-S Friday night and a 43-2 home victory over Lewiston last Tuesday. Kelsi Fouraker and Nicole Fiegenger led the Lady Irish against Lewiston with 10 points each.

Haley Ward led FCSH with eight points in the win over HTRS and Kathryn Bieker chipped in six. In the season’s first two games, the Lady Irish JV defeated Freeman 17-15, and Wetmore (Kan.) 21-15. Fouraker led FCSH in each of those wins with nine points against Freeman and 12 points against Wetmore. All four games included just two quarters of play.

The FCSH boys’ JV picked up two wins last week to improve to 4-1 on the season. The Irish won 21-14 (two quarters played) at Humboldt-TR-S Friday night and defeated Lewiston 40-32 last Tuesday in FC.

Logan Scheitel helped lead the Irish over HTRS with nine points. Scheitel also led the Irish with 16 points in the win over Lewiston. Bailey Witt, Eli Ramer and Ben Mullins each added six points against Lewiston.

The Irish JV defeated Freeman, 42-34, on Dec. 7 and held off Wetmore (Kan.) 32-28 back on Dec. 4. Scheitel led all scorers in the Freeman game with 17 points, while Witt and Sean Strasheim both chipped in eight. Strasheim was tops in the win against Wetmore with 14 points.



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NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE
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Notice is hereby given that on December 10, 2012, 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 Kathy S. Rieschick, whose address is 70656 649 Avenue, Falls City, Nebraska, 68355, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before February 18, 2013, or be forever barred.

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Village of Stella

Village of Stella
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
Dec. 3, 2012, 7 p.m.
Stella Community Building

Present: Henry Sullwold, Aaron Davis and Jerry Joy. Absent: Andy McMullen and Dan Sullwold. Guests: Elizabeth Ketner and Lisa Beethe. Chairman Joy called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7 p.m. and noted the posting of the Open Meeting Act. Motion by H. Sullwold and second by Davis to approve the minutes as presented. All voted yea. Motion by Davis and second by H. Sullwold to approve the treasurer’s report as presented. All voted yea. At this time, Joy thanked Davis for his years of service and input on the board. Motion by Davis and second by H. Sullwold to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. All voted yea.

Present: Henry Sullwold, Jerry Joy, Allen McNeely, Heath Stanley and Adam Stanley. Absent: None. Guests: Elizabeth Ketner and Lisa Beethe. The Organizational meeting of the newly elected board was called to order at 7:12 p.m. and Joy noted the posting of the Open Meeting Act. Call for motion for Chairman: Motion by McNeely and second by H. Stanley to appoint Joy as Chairman of the Board. All present voted yea. Chairman Pro Tempore: Motion by H. Stanley and second by McNeely to appoint H. Sullwold as Chairman Pro Tempore: All voted yea. Motion by H. Sullwold and second by A. Stanley to pay the claims as presented. All voted yea.

Communications: Thanks to McMullen for getting x-mas lights ready to be put up. Letter of approval from State Auditor for audit waiver. Certification of Street Superintendent to be signed by Chairman and Clerk. Election certification from County Clerk (Adam Stanley, Heath Stanley, Allen McNeely).

Committees: Streets-OK; Lights-OK; Park-OK; W & S-Written report, Working on estimates for water communication and lime tank repair at WWT; Library-Written report; Maintenance Man-None; Planning-None; Tree-None; Health-None; Community Building-None.

SENDD-Lisa Beethe was present for signing of document for CDBG and questions. Adam Stanley had questions about the qualifying process and whether the Village was going to be financially responsible at any point. Resolution authorizing Board Chair to execute NDED/Village Contract for 12-HO-6041. Motion by McNeely and second by H. Stanley to adopt the Resolution. All present voted yea.

Resolution authorizing Board Chair to execute SENDD/Village General Admin. Contract for 12-HO-6041 Owner Occupied Rehab Grant. Motion by McNeely and second by A. Stanley to adopt the Resolution. All present voted yea.

ADA Rights and Grievance Procedures. Motion by H. Sullwold and second by McNeely to adopt the policy. All present voted yea.

Civil Rights/Fair Housing Policy. Motion by H. Stanley and second by McNeely to adopt the policy. All present voted yea.

Revised Guidelines for the Housing Rehabilitation Program. Motion by McNeely and second by A. Stanley to adopt the guidelines. All present voted yea.

Revised Housing Program Income ReUse Plan. Motion by H. Sullwold and second by A. Stanley to adopt the revised plan. All present voted yea.

Joy reported that after consulting the lawyer, 501 3C status is not necessary for the Village.

Ordinance #2012-11 titled “An ordinance authorizing the sale of Stella Original Town, Block 10, Lot 1, Village of Stella, Richardson County, Nebraska; To prescribe the time when this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect, and to comply with R.R.S. 17-1503, Laws of the State of Nebraska” was fully read. On a motion by McNeely and second by H. Stanley, the statutory rule requiring ordinances be read on three different days was dispensed with. All voted yea. Motion by H. Sullwold and second by Joy to pass and adopt Ordinance 2012-11. All voted yea. A complete copy of the Ordinance was posted three places in the Village.

Ordinance #2012-10 titled “An Ordinance authorizing the sale of Stella Original Town, Block 13, Lots 17 & 18, Village of Stella, Richardson County, Nebraska; to prescribe the time when this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect, and to comply with R.R.S. 17-1503, Laws of the State of Nebraska,” was fully read. On a motion by A. Stanley and a second by H. Stanley, the statutory rule requiring ordinances be read on three different days was dispensed with. All voted yea. Motion by A. Stanley and second by H. Sullwold to pass and adopt Ordinance #2012-10. All voted yea. A complete copy of the Ordinance was posted in three places in the Village.

Water control system was discussed. Joy is working on an estimate of cost.; 1&6 Street Plan-Discussion of work done and projected; Water Rates- Joy pointed out that raising rates may need to be looked at in the future to keep up with repairs; Water shut-offs were signed.

Questions from the audience-Elizabeth Ketner asked how long the clerk could go unaudited. Joy replied that the Village sends audit waiver to State Auditor each year and that he also reviews books each month. Elizabeth Ketner stated that the stop signs at the park had not been put up yet, to which H. Sullwold replied that they were as he had put them up himself. Elizabeth Ketner asked about progress with Dennis Lynn Lockard clean up. Joy noted that most had been moved onto his property.

Motion by H. Sullwold and second by McNeely to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. All voted yea.

Vicki Owings, Clerk

Claims and Payroll

Douglas Wheeler, 275; Ne Municipal Clerk’s Association, \$10; Ne Public Health Environmental Labs, 31; Jeff Huettner, 820; USA Blue-Book, 70.35; OPPD, 281.91; Midwest Labs, Inc., 58.77; Great Plains One Call, 2.85; Falls City Journal, 81.18; SNC-Sentco.Net, LLC, 60; American Recycling & Sanitation, 1040; Vicki Owings, 525; Vicki Owings, 56.89; George Ketner, 425; George Ketner, 197; Elizabeth Ketner, 107.92; Elizabeth Ketner, 28.75; Shadow Loveless, 54.63; NPPD, 1258.20; JEO Consulting, 600; SNC, 150.56; Internal Revenue Service, 165.19; Danny Sullwold, 250.

County Board

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 4, 2012
CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sickel at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012. Roll call was answered by Ely, Davidson and Sickel. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sickel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Ely. Chairman Sickel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the minutes of the Nov. 26, 2012, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Ely. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

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

SCOTT HUPPERT, HIGHWAY SUPT.
Scott Huppert, Highway Superintendent, updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance.

SHERIFF HOUSER; EMA DIRECTOR JIM GERWECK AND COUNTY ATTORNEY BOB MEYER
The Board requested to meet with Sheriff Houser, Jim Gerweck, EMA

Director and Bob Meyer, County Attorney to discuss issues regarding internal affairs.

The Board requested to meet with Sheriff Houser and Mr. Gerweck at next week’s meeting at 1:30 p.m. to review a written plan to resolve current radio communications.

OPEN SEALED BIDS FOR TIRES
At 11:30 a.m. Chairman Sickel presented the proof of publication for the opening of sealed bids for the purchase of tires for the road department vehicles. Bids were received from the following: Cross Dillon Tire, Lincoln; Koch’s Auto Service, Dawson; and Harmon’s OK Tire, Falls City.

Motion was made by Ely to accept all the bids that were received only for the purpose of further review. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

OPEN SEALED BIDS FOR STEEL MATERIALS
At 11:45 a.m. Chairman Sickel presented the proof of publication for the opening of sealed bids for the purchase of steel materials. Bids were received from the following: Midwest Service and Sales Co., Schuyler, Oden Enterprises, Wahoand Husker Steel, Columbus.

Motion was made by Ely to accept all the bids that were received only for the purpose of further review. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS/ CORRESPONDENCE
Fee Reports
The Board approved reports for the following officials for fees collected during the month of November, 2012:

Mary L. Eickhoff,	
County Clerk.....	\$305.00
Mary L. Eickhoff,	
Register of Deeds.....	\$9,919.50
Pam Scott,	
Clerk of Dist Court.....	\$328.00

Monthly Operating Statement
The Board reviewed the November, 2012 monthly operating statement.

Waiver of Interest on Tax Sale
A request was received from County Treasurer, Austin Duerfeldt that the Board waive interest on Tax Sale #182009. Motion was made by Ely to waive the interest on Tax Sale #182009 as requested. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Resolution 2012-2013-23
Subdivision
Motion was made by Sickel to approve a subdivision for Phyllis J Reeves and Christopher Reeves located in S5, T3, R14 and to adopt Resolution 2012-2013-23. Motion seconded by Ely. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 20, Page 19)

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

(The claims listed below are available for public inspection at (The office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.)

GENERAL FUND

A&G Steakhouse, serv	30.90
Ameritas, retire	2,649.15
Lindsay Chichester, reimb	48.00
City of Falls City, serv	385.00
Clerk of Dist Court, costs.....	917.69
Culligan Water, serv	111.04
FC Journal, adv	811.74
FC Sanitation, serv	126.00
FC Utility Dept., serv	3,065.41
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts,	
Ziskey, fee	7,752.50
Frances Kuker, serv	525.00
Linsali, contract.....	1,575.00
Robert Meyer, reimb	137.64
Microfilm Imaging Systems,	
fee	110.00
MIPS, serv.....	1,048.95
Pitney Bowes, serv	64.59
Postmaster, postage	1,000.00
Larry Pounds, serv	428.00
Quill Corp., supp.....	102.56
County Clerk Petty Cash,	
reimb	25.68
County Medical Reimb Acct.,	
match funds	14,375.00
Richardson County Vendor,	
FICA.....	3,009.07
David Sickel, reimb	118.77
SE NE Communications, serv	326.20
Tyler’s Lawn & Snow Removal,	
serv	40.00
UN of NE Coop Extension,	
supp	132.74
Wolfe, supp	224.66
Payroll Expense	7,395.38
Total General Fund	\$46,536.67

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

Orscheln’s, sup	153.91
Darnell Glass, serv	215.83
FC Sanitation, serv	55.00
Martin-Marietta, rock	40,263.40
Northern Safety Co., supp	127.73
Oden Enterprises, steel.....	24,276.00
OPPD, serv	19.20
Operation & Expense Acct.,	
reimb	18.47
Overhead Door Co of Omaha,	
supp	2,908.00
Rhomar Industries, serv	579.24
RCB&T Co., equip pymnt	16,509.11
Richardson County Clerk &	
Road Builders Machinery &	
Supply, supp	75.00
Unifirst Corp., serv	74.04
Village of Verdon, serv	20.57
Windstream, serv	61.42
Payroll Expense	32,260.80
Total Road/Bridge Fund	\$117,629.72

ROAD/BRIDGE CONSTR HWY ALLOC FUND
M.E. Collins Contracting Co.,

Your right to know is in danger

By Harry Bradley, Publisher, and Mary-Justine Lanyon, Editor, Mountain News, Lake Arrowhead, CA

Imagine a world without newspapers, where there’s no coverage of local government, no human interest stories to enliven and give texture to communities, no stories about local sports teams and none of the daily entertainment features subscribers have come to love.

Sound unlikely? Not really, thanks to an unprecedented, discriminatory action by the federal Postal Regulatory Commission to give a grossly unfair rate advantage to a giant direct-mail firm.

Valassis Communications Inc. received this incredible largesse from the federal government. Under a sweetheart deal given in the hopes of generating more revenue for a cash-strapped U.S. Postal Service, Valassis will get postal rate reductions of from 22 to 36 percent for mailers advertising national retailers of durable and semi-durable goods.

What this means is that these retailers, whose eye is understandably on the bottom line in this shaky economy, may pull advertising inserts from newspapers in favor of Valassis’ direct mail and take ad revenues along with them.

The Postal Service has long faced hemorrhaging of its revenues. The situation has worsened in recent years as people email instead of writing letters and increasingly pay their bills online.

Now, as its financial tipping point looms, the government’s mail monopoly is sharing its pain with the newspaper industry and its customers, rather than doing what it should have done years ago - cut expenses and reform its pension system.

Advertising is the life blood of newspapers. Single-copy sales account for only a small portion of a newspaper’s income. Regardless of how readers feel about ads, without them newspapers could not be financially viable.

But should this revenue be lured away, publishers nationwide would have no choice but to cut their staffs, throwing thousands out of work and worsening already grim unemployment statistics. Inevitably, this would diminish the breadth of news coverage and weaken the beneficial influence a free press has historically had in keeping the American people informed and safeguarding their freedoms.

Thomas Jefferson expressed aptly and succinctly the need to protect newspapers when he said, “The only security of all is in a free press.”

Because of what it portends for newspapers and those who depend on them, what the Postal Service is doing is wrong. Because it is a government-run monopoly, the USPS belongs to the American people and should serve them impartially. It should treat all its customers fairly, and not give one customer a huge advantage over another.

The Postal Service’s job is to deliver mail, not make game-changing decisions about which businesses thrive and which don’t. And when the businesses harmed by the Postal Regulatory Commission’s alarming decision are those defending the American public’s crucial right to know, the damage is doubled.

Several congressional leaders, recognizing the harm this decision could mean for newspapers in their districts, want to overturn the Valassis deal. For the sake of a free and viable press, we hope they succeed. But to muster the necessary backing in Congress, they’ll need public support. We urge our readers to write their representatives in Washington to protest the Postal Service’s unjustified and unprecedented intervention in the marketplace and to urge its repeal.

Please write to:

Sen. Mike Johanns
1 Russell Courtyard,
Washington, D.C., 20510
or phone him at 202-224-4224

Sen. Ben Nelson,
720 Hart Senate Office Building,
or phone him at 202-224-6551

Similar communications may be directed to:

Rep. Jeff Fortenberry
1517 Longworth House Office Bldg.,
Washington, D.C. 20515,
or phone him at 202-225-4806

Rep. Lee Terry,
1524 Longworth House Office Bldg.,
or phone him at 202-225-4155

Rep. Adrian Smith
503 Cannon House Office Bldg.,
or phone him at 202-225-6435

Businesses, including newspapers, should succeed or fail on their own merits, not because the deck is stacked against them. To help preserve their right to know, we urge our readers to help make the playing field level again.

bridge const.....	154,554.30	seconded by Ely. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ely-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk’s Office.
Total Road/Bridge Hwy		
Bond Fund.....	\$154,554.30	
HIGHWAY ALLOCATION BOND		
REPAY FUND		
BOK Financial Corp., int		
pymnt	33,748.75	
Total Hwy Bond		
Repay Fund	\$33,748.75	
ADJOURNMENT		
Motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the meeting at 12:07 p.m. Motion		


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

Dear Richardson County Property Owners,

Thank you for paying your property taxes. We at the Richardson County Treasury Office appreciate your timely response. Under Nebraska Revised State Statute 77-1704 (LB 851, 2012), the Treasurer’s Office is no longer required to distribute property tax receipts. This statute will allow are office to reduce office expenses and save tax dollars. If you would like a receipt you can still pick one up at the office, or by mailing us a prepaid envelope.

We thank you for your cooperation.

Kind Regards,
Austin Duerfeldt
Richardson County Treasurer



School District #56

FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of the December 10, 2012
School Board Meeting

The Falls City Board of Education met at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, 2012, at the Superintendent’s Office at Middle School in Falls City, NE.

1.0 BUSINESS ITEMS

1.1 ROLL CALL AND OPEN MEETINGS ACT NOTICE – School Board members present were: Kathy Bartek, Ed Harris, Scott Hollens, Scott Huppert, John Martin and Teresa Olberding. Absent: None. President Scott Huppert presided at the meeting.

President Huppert 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 to be approved.

1.3 VERIFICATION OF ADVANCED PUBLICATION – It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded by Kathy Bartek that it is hereby determined that this meeting was preceded by publicized notice in the FC Journal and is hereby declared to be duly convened in open session. The voting was as follows: Bartek, 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 Kathy Bartek and seconded by Teresa Olberding to approve the agenda as presented. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried. The agenda is as follows:

1.0 Business Items:

1.1 Roll Call and Open Meetings Act Notice

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: ESU 4

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 School Improvement & District Goals

2.5d Student Achievement

2.4e Policy Planning

2.4f Annual Planning Workshop

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 First reading on policy adoption

3.2 Teacher resignation

3.3 Teacher contract

3.4 Recognize FCEA Bargaining Agent for 2014-2015 contract year

3.5 Other

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

5.0 Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 14, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Central Office in FC Middle School. 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 Scott Hollens and seconded by John Martin to approve the minutes of the Nov. 12, 2012 School Board meeting. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

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

1.7 APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT: It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded by Ed Harris to approve the Nov. 30, 2012 treasurer’s report which shows a balance in the General Fund of \$808,834.44; in the General Fund Investment Account of \$500,129.11; in the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking of \$200,230.04; in the Student Fee Fund of \$1,980.00; in the ICI Fund of \$77,914.87; in the Special Building Fund Investment Account of \$355,487.06; in the Special Building Fund of \$13,277.29; and in the High School Bond Fund of \$460,633.22. The voting was as follows: Bartek, 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 Scott Hollens and seconded by Teresa Olberding to approve the claims as presented. Discussion was had by the board on various claims. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

DECEMBER 2012 CLAIMS

ACT, John Baylor supp\$840.00

AmeriPride Services, mops & rags.....\$600.35

AmSan, maint. supp.....\$61.79

Apple, Inc., tech supp\$744.00

Aramark, EduQuest Grant\$100.00

Armbruster Motors, bus parts, car

lease & van.....\$10,857.52

Bigger Faster Stronger, MS athletics\$236.00

Bio Corp., IV/S Science.....\$44.54

Channing Bete Co., HS guidance\$109.23

Check-in-Motel, psych exp...\$300.00

Control Management, maint. repair\$1,766.24

Control Depot, maint. supp.....\$37.21

Central Office, mileage/workshop exp\$1,617.54

Central Office, postage/shipping exp\$1,098.85

Central Office, bus permits/cell phones\$104.00

Central Office, misc. exp\$831.12

Central Office, payables w/due date\$1,936.13

Demco\$58.12

Diamond Intern’l, bus parts ..\$179.57

Egan Supply, maint. supp.....\$87.97

Elementary Activity Account - NS, teaching supp\$212.53

Elementary Activity Account - SS, teaching supp/postage\$178.95

Embassy Suites, NASB convention exp.....\$1,704.00

Engaging Technologies, tech supplies\$654.00

ESU#4 Contracted, SPED..\$2,212.80

ESU #4 CO-OP, registrations..\$75.00

ESU #6, Internet prog.\$322.90

Farm and City Supply, HS industrial tech\$268.72

Farmers Repair & Machine Shop, HS welding supp\$217.85

FC Auto Supply, bus supp.....\$604.17

FC High School, teaching, travel, P/T supp\$844.18

FC Journal, advertising\$218.70

FC Mercantile, grounds supp ..\$27.87

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

FC School Lunch, HS misc. supp/ lunch supp\$2,282.40

FC Truck & Trailer, bus tire repairs.....\$1,520.64

FC Utilities, utilities\$17,114.38

Follet Library Res., HS&MS library supp\$678.98

Google, tech supp.....\$28.42

Harding & Schultz, legal fees. \$85.50

Hobart Sales & Serv., maint. repairs.....\$459.59

Home Lumber, maint.\$171.86

Interstate All Battery Center, maint. supp\$108.00

Jo Crawford, SPED serv\$3,641.32

Jones AC, maint. repairs\$935.75

JW Pepper and Son, Inc., HS vocal music supp\$296.13

Kriz-Davis Co., maint.\$308.46

Law/son Products, bus supp..\$323.97

Mary Malcolm, SPED serv \$2,832.75

Merz Farm Equip., ground supp\$25.62

Mid-Town Service Center, bus tires/ parts\$12.00

Midwest Supply, maint.\$958.68

Mr. Automotive, bus tires.....\$174.20

fAS Activity Account, MS teaching/ FACS supp\$368.44

National School Forms, bus supp\$81.70

NCECBVT, SPED serv\$500.00

NE Central Equip., bus repairs.....\$1,132.39

NE Council of School Admin., HS NAESP/NSASSP Conf.\$125.00

NE Council of School Attorneys, subs.\$80.00

NE State Fire Marshal, bus barn storage tanks - fees\$240.00

NCS Pearson, psychologist supp\$166.00

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

NVAA - District 1, HS vo-ag dues\$125.00

Omaha Truck Center, bus tire repairs.....\$1,500.27

Paper Tiger Shredding, document shredding\$120.00

PCC, lunch supp.....\$343.84

Pearson Education, Inc., SPED psych supp\$342.11

Pro Serv, copier supp\$30.64

PRTS, LLC, SPED serv\$2,802.50

Quill Corp., MS equip. & nurse supp\$304.57

Ram Exterminators, pest control\$150.00

School Nurse Supply, nurse supp\$315.70

SNC Sales & Service, computer repairs.....\$300.00

Staples, office supp\$30.00

Towle Realty, building lease. \$525.00

TPRS Publishing, HS Spanish supp\$111.00

True Value Hardware, band/ maintenance\$79.19

Unite Private Networks, LLC, distance learning\$1,700.00

Water Engineering, Inc., maint. agreement.....\$237.32

Wolfe’s Printing, NS/nurse/bus supp\$182.19

sub total\$77,973.36

Payroll - District 56, DEC 2012 WAGES\$686,497.73

Grand Total\$764,471.09

Q-CAP FUND

Fremont National Bank, principal & interest payment\$171,283.75

BOND FUND

Fremont National Bank, principal & interest payment\$435,258.75

2.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/REPORTS

2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Report: Ms. Mitzi Hobak, Director of Professional Development, and Ms. Ellen Stokebrand, Direction of Special Education, faculty of ESU 4, were present at the meeting and gave an overview of the various services provided by ESU 4 for various school districts.

2.2 Principal Reports:

2.2a Ernie Valentine for North School reported on the following: Projected enrollment is 207 students; attendance at State Principal Conference in Kearney on Dec. 6-7; Parent Child Center’s annual Christmas Program is Dec. 17 at the High School at 6 p.m.; North and South School have started the Winter MAP Assessment; North School teachers will use the information from the Winter Assessment to

track student growth and performance and the data will be used at the December in-service to address individual learning plans in math and reading.

2.2b J.P. Holys for South School reported on the following: Projected enrollment is 178 students; DIBELS Mid-Year Benchmark week is complete, all 3rd-5th grade students are assessed; our RtI Teams have begun using data to monitor and select intervention plans for our 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; 4th grade will complete their mid-year MAPS testing by the end of December; 3rd and 5th grades will complete their mid-year MAPS testing in January; South School students are involved in i-SAFE classes once a month through March with Renee Kopf providing the instruction; FCPS will be contracting with Susan Weber for Teacher of the Vision Impaired services and she will begin serving two Falls City vision-impaired students; Ms. Weber has many years of experience and comes highly recommended through NCECBVI and will provide Braille instruction and support; South School Christmas Program, “Jingle Bell Jukebox,” is Dec. 13 at Prichard Auditorium.

2.2c Rick Johnson for Middle School reported on the following: Students of the Month are Cade Schawang, Jocelyn Foster and Jessi Schuetz; the Memorandum of Understanding was signed outlining the meeting requirements and the list of local commitments that are involved to be a Design/ Pilot School were signed; Mr. Kurpge and Principal Johnson participated in the webinars on Nov. 29 and Dec. 4; the Winter Concert presented by the music department was good; during the mock election presentation the guidelines of the Citizens, Not Spectators Voter Education Program were included and the school received \$300 to spend on civic educational materials; the National Geography Bee students were listed and the final test will be given next week; the staff met on Nov. 28 to review computer utilization for both classroom activities and support in independent studies, will convert to using Google calendar for scheduling labs, continue to require IXL time in independent studies for part of the period, do some guided practice for reading, utilize exploratory time to review learned concepts in math to help prepare for testing this Spring; enrollment is 172 students; the School Calendar is on the website.

2.2d Gale Dunkhas for High School reported on the following: Enrollment is 261 students; the last in-service was used by staff to review NeSA reflections that were created by staff to address areas of weakness on the NeSA exams; we are currently registering students and making any changes necessary to their second semester schedules; attendance at State Principals Conference in Kearney on Dec. 6-7; 20 students visited SCC campus in Lincoln and Milford on Nov. 29; 76 students were scheduled to take the ACT test on Dec. 8 at High School; November students of the month are: Jennifer Wendtlandt, Mitchell Harling, Preston Deckinger and Bailey Bindle; Baylee Vrtiska is recognized for being selected as the 2012 Hugh O-Brien Youth Leadership representative; recognition to Kris Simon and students who participated in the One-Act play for their Superior rating in the B-1 District competition; Courtney Chapple, David von Behren, Tabitha Nickell, and Brooke Scheitel were named as outstanding performers; Band soup supper is Dec. 14; semester tests are Dec. 19-20; 2-hour early dismissal on Dec. 21; school resumes on Jan. 3; MAPS testing on Jan. 7 for 9th, 10th and 11th grades; Beckie Cromer of EDGE invited students to take part in the receive comprehensive planning meeting; the School Calendar is on the website.

2.3 Board President Huppert’s Report: President Huppert congratulated Board Member Kathy Bartek for being awarded the Ann Mactier Leadership for Learning Award. President Huppert stated that Mrs. Bartek has worked hard and earned this award.

2.4 Superintendent Report:

2.4a Legislative and Organizations Report: Superintendent Heckenlively complimented Board Member Kathy Bartek, a 24-year veteran to the District 56 School Board, who was awarded the Ann Mactier Leadership for Learning Award at the NASB/ NASA Conference. There were many good sessions and speakers this year to choose from at the conference and it was well attended by the FCPS Board. This conference continues to be a primary board development opportunity. Mrs. Bartek thanked her fellow Board members, the staff and administration, and the community for all the support she has received, it is greatly appreciated.

The NASB Legislative Issues Conference will be held on Jan. 13-14, 2013 at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln. A wide array of state and federal political issues impacting education from various angles will be discussed. The Jan. 13 Preconference Dinner will welcome Francisco Negron from the National School Boards Association, who will discuss developments from Congress on the “fiscal cliff” and other education issues. This is a major activity that will involve senators and what they see as the issues impacting education in the coming 2013 legislative session. This will also be a key information/communication opportunity to visit with our new District #1 Senator, Dan Watermeier.

The NASA/NASB Labor Relations Conference, which is traditionally

held during the first week in February, is being moved due to the changes in the collective bargaining calendar. This Conference will now be held in September to coincide with the beginning of the schools’ new bargaining cycle. However, NASB will join NCSA in offering an “Education Forum” workshop Feb. 4-5. More information on this conference will be coming.

The 2013 Nebraska School Board Member Week has been declared by Governor Heineman for Jan. 20-26, 2013.

2.4b Building and Grounds Update: The project committee is recommending the proposed 2013 project list to the Board. Supt. Heckenlively discussed the proposed list with the Board. If possible, the committee is recommending approval of the 2013 project list at the Jan. 14, 2013 Board meeting and recommends completing all prioritized projects designated by the committee. An electronic copy of the project worksheet has been provided as information. The main priority projects include tuck/caulk/seal the stadium, replacement of three existing exterior doors, playground fencing, ceiling tile replacements in the elementary, building security upgrades, and a synthetic turf management program.

2.4c School Improvement & District Goals: The district-level School Improvement Committee met on Nov. 26. Co-Chair Judi Carter briefed the committee on the Continuous Improvement Process, AdvancED Standards, and expectations for the future of the improvement process. The meeting minutes were provided to the Board for their review.

2.4d Student Achievement: In order to provide a summary of the State of the Schools Report as it relates to the FCPS, NeSA district-wide assessment information indicates:

- FCPS ranks in the top five C-1 high schools in Reading

- We now have three years of reading data and FCPS is one of only eight C-1 schools to demonstrate improvement and growth in scores every year.

- FCPS elementary and high school students exceeded the state average in performance IMPROVEMENT for both reading and math when comparing 2012 to 2011.

- Seventy-eight percent of FCPS students are meeting or exceeding the state reading standards, compared to 67% in 2010.

- The state writing scores for grades 4, 8 and 11, which were initially released last May, indicate an average of 74.74% of FCPS students met or exceeded the state writing assessment, as compared to a state average of 72%.

- Nearly 77% of FCPS students met or exceeded the state science standards, compared to a state average of 67%. Science standards as well as the state’s science test have been revised, increasing the rigor of the standards and the tests with the goal of ensuring Nebraska students are career and college ready by the time they graduate from high school.

Reading, writing, mathematics and science are essential skills in the workplace and at college. The board of education, administration, faculty, and staff work extremely hard to ensure our students graduate with strong skills that will help them become innovative, resourceful, resilient, and responsible citizens.

2.4e Policy Planning: Board Policy #7143, Physical Restraint and Seclusion, is required by Nebraska Department of Education Rule 10. This policy is derived from one of two templates provided by the Nebraska Department of Education. The administrative team and policy committee have reviewed and edited this policy which is up for first reading. The Board was provided a copy of the policy for their review.

2.4f Annual Planning Workshop: A tentative date for the annual planning workshop to be considered by the Board is Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013. Burma Kroeger would be available to facilitate the workshop once again if the Board so desires.

2.4g Superintendent Meetings: NCSA Legislative Preview Conference, Lincoln, Dec. 12; ESU4 Superintendent’s Advisory, Auburn, Dec. 13; NASB Legislative Issues Conference, Lincoln, Jan. 13-14; GNSA Meeting, Lincoln, Jan. 16; NASA/NASB Education Forum, Kearney, Feb. 4-5; NRCSA Legislative Forum, Lincoln, Feb. 20; NRCSA Spring Conference, Kearney, March 21-22; NSBA National Conference, San Diego, April 13-15; NASB School Law Seminar; Kearney, June 7;

2.4h Board Member Meetings: NASB Legislative Issues Conference, Lincoln, Jan. 13-14; GNSA Meeting, Lincoln, Jan. 16; NASA/NASB Education Forum, Kearney, Feb. 4-5; NRCSA Legislative Forum, Lincoln, Feb. 20; NRCSA Spring Conference, Kearney, March 21-22; NSBA National Conference, San Diego, April 13-15; NASB School Law Seminar; Kearney, June 7;

2.4i Other Items: None.

2.5 Reports by Board members and/or Board Committees: Board member John Martin stated that the recent conference he attended in Omaha was a good conference with lots of variety of topics. Board member Kathy Bartek stated that she attended the One-Act presentation and she felt it was an excellent performance that captured the audience’s attention. Mrs. Bartek also attended the School Improvement meeting and thought it went very well. Board member Teresa Olberding stated that she too thought the One-Act performance was very good.

3.0 ACTION ITEMS:

3.1 First reading on policy: 1) #7143 Physical Restraint and Seclusion: It was moved by John Martin and

seconded by Kathy Bartek to approve the first reading on Policy #7143 Physical Restraint and Seclusion. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

3.2 Teacher resignation: It was moved by Kathy Bartek and seconded by Scott Hollens to accept with regrets the resignation of Diana Kottich. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried. It was stated that Mrs. Kottich plans to be in the classroom a few days per week to assist as she has done in the past.

3.3 Teacher contract: It was moved by Kathy Bartek and seconded by Teresa Olberding to approve the teaching contract of Kim Nolte. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried. It was stated that Mrs. Nolte has been the long term substitute teacher for Diana Kottich and has done a wonderful job in that position.

3.4 Recognize FCEA Bargaining Agent for 2014-2015 Contract Year: It was moved by John Martin and seconded by Teresa Olberding to recognize the FC Ed Association as the Bargaining Agent for the 2014-2015 contract year. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried

3.5 Other: None.

4.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded by Ed Harris to go into executive session at 8:38 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent’s evaluation. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

Declared to leave closed session by President Huppert at 10:12 p.m.

It was moved by John Martin and seconded by Scott Hollens to re-enter open session at 10:12 p.m. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

President Huppert reported that during the executive session the Board reviewed and discussed the Superintendent’s evaluation with Superintendent Heckenlively.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by John Martin and seconded by Scott Hollens to adjourn at 10:12 p.m. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 14, 2013 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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NOTICE OF FORMAL HEARING FOR COMPLETE SETTLEMENT TO DETERMINE HEIRS

IN THE COUNTY COURT of RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA Estate of Tanya Craig, Deceased, Estate No. PR12-35

Notice is hereby given that the Personal Representative has filed a final account and report of administration; a formal closing petition for complete settlement, determining the decedent died intestate and the heirs of decedent; and setting and approving Personal Representative's fees and attorney's fees; which have been set for hearing in the Richardson County Court on January 7, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

Nancy A. DeKlotz Clerk of County Court

Michael R. Dunn, #16825 Richard L. Halbert, #11659 Christopher C. Halbert, #22609 Halbert, Dunn & Halbert, L.L.C. 111 East 17th Street P.O. Box 447 Falls City, NE 68355-0447 Phone: (402) 245-4486 4-11-18

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Grantee: Village of Stella, Nebraska Stella Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Project Address: PO Box 105, Stella, NE 68442-0105 Contact: Vicki Owings, Village Clerk, (402) 883-2428

To All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons:

On or about December 27, 2012, the above-named entity will submit a request to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) for the release of Community Development Block Grant program funds for the purpose of financing the following: Project Name: Stella Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Project. Project Purpose: Village-wide Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program. Project Location: Village-wide within the village limits of Stella, Richardson County, NE. Estimated Project Cost: \$128,496.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR), that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the above address and is available for review and may be examined or copied, upon request during regular business hours.

Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the above contact person. All written comments received by December 26, 2012 will be considered by the Village of Stella prior to submission of a request for release of funds.

Release of Funds

The Village of Stella also certifies to DED that Jerry Joy, serving in the capacity of Board Chair of the Village of Stella, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal court in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of this certification is that upon its approval, the Village may use CDBG funds and DED will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities.

Objections to Release of Funds

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development will accept objections to its approval of the release of funds and the Village of Stella certification for a period of 15 days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Village of Stella; (b) the Village of Stella has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; or c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DED; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58, Section 58.76). Such written comments should be addressed to: Nebraska Department of Economic Development Community and Rural Development Division P.O. Box 94666 Lincoln, NE 68509-4666

Jerry Joy, Stella Village Board Chair Environmental Certifying Officer 18

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that S & K Maze Farms, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, is organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its registered office at 1504 East 4th Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355. The general nature of its business is to engage in and to do all lawful acts concerning any and all lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska, including the operation of the general business of farming. The limited liability company was formed on November 20, 2012, and shall continue perpetually. Its affairs shall be conducted by the Members pursuant to an Operating Agreement duly adopted by the Company.

MEMBERS:

Scott D. Maze Karen M. Maze Neal E. Parsons, #13228 Attorney at Law 217 East 18th Street Falls City, Nebraska 68355 4-11-18

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION OF Community Medical Center Foundation

Notice is hereby given of the creation of Community Medical Center Foundaion, a public benefit corporation (the "Corporation") organized under the Nebraska Nonprofit Corporation Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §21-1901. et. seq., with Articles of Incorporation filed with the Nebraska Secretary of State on November 20, 2012. The name and address of the registered agent and the office of the Corporation is: Community Medical Center, Inc., 3307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355. The name and address of the incorporators are Ryan C. Larsen, 3307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355 and Scott L. Sawyer, 3307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355. The Corporation has one member, Community Medical Center, Inc. ZNEZ

Carl P. Bowman Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP 1299 Farnam Street Omaha, NE 68102 (402) 930-1730 4-11-18

LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

CASE NO. UIC 12-12: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF KINDERHOOK DAWSON PRODUCTION COMPANY, INC., FOR APPROVAL TO CONVERT THE MCGINNIS NO. 3, LOCATED SE NE SW SECTION 10, T. 1 N., R. 14 E., DAWSON FIELD, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO A SALT WATER DISPOSAL WELL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 4 OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE NEBRASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 5, 2012, the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission received the above-entitled application requesting authorization of said salt water disposal well, pursuant to Chapter 4 of the Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

In the event no PERSON, or the COMMISSION itself, files a written objection to said application within ten (10) days of the date of this notice, the application shall be granted. If any PERSON, or the COMMISSION itself, files written objection within ten (10) days of this notice, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, pursuant to said application, will hear the entitled matter on:

DATE: January 22, 2013 TIME: 10:00 a.m. PLACE: Office of the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, 922 Illinois Street, Sidney, Nebraska

Written objections must contain the name, address, and telephone number of the person objecting and the reasons for such objection and may be filed by delivering personally, or mailing to, the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, 922 Illinois Street, P.O. Box 399 Sidney, Nebraska 69162.

The application in the above-entitled matter may be inspected at the office of the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, 922 Illinois Street, Sidney, Nebraska.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA NEBRASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

By: Stan Belieu, Deputy Director DATED at Sidney, Nebraska, December 11, 2012

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Estate of Donald E. Dreier, Deceased Estate No. PR12-61

Notice is hereby given that on November 30, 2012, 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 Joan E. Dreier, whose address is PO Box 342, Humboldt, NE 68376 was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Nancy A. DeKlotz County Court Clerk Magistrate 1700 Stone Street, Rm 205 Falls City, NE 68355

Kelly J. Werts, #20509 FANKHAUSER, NELSEN, WERTS & ZISKEY, PC 713 4th Street PO Box 126 Humboldt, NE 68376 (402) 862-2321 Fax (402) 862-3290 11-18-28

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Case Number CI12-222 IN RE NAME CHANGE OF Rachel Faye Foster

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of December, 2012, a petition was filed in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is for the change of the petitioner's name from Rachel Faye Foster to Rachel Faye Fritz.

A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable Daniel Bryan, in Courtroom No. 301, 1700 Stone, Falls City, NE, on the 15 day of January, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as will be convenient for the Court and that unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the petitioner's name will be changed from that of Rachel Faye Foster to Rachel Faye Fritz.

Rachel Foster, petitioner 2109 Fulton Falls City, NE 68355 402-245-0076 18-28-4-8

Village of Verdon

REGULAR MEETING - DEC. 5, 2012 - 7:50 P.M.- VILLAGE HALL

Chairperson Denise Koso informed the room at large that the Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Denise Koso at 7:50 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present were: Gary Cochran, James Cockerham and Denise Koso. Absent: Jacob Bents and William Guilliams.

GUESTS: Utilities Supt., Tammie Bents, clerk Brenda Daniels and Donna Cockerham.

MINUTES: Motion by Koso, second by Cochran to approve, all the Trustees present voted YEA.

AGENDA: Motion by Cochran, second by Cockerham to approve, all Trustees present voted YEA.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Koso second by Cochran to approve, with all the Trustees present voting YEA.

DECEMBER, 2012 CLAIMS: Motion by Cochran, second by Koso to pay the claims, all the Trustees present voting YEA.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. The December, 2012 shut-off notices were reviewed by the Trustees. There had been two shut-offs but were reconnected after the reconnection fee and water bill had been paid in full.

2. Motion was made by Koso, second by Cockerham to waive the rental fee for the Post Office meeting to be held on Feb. 5, 2013 at 1 p.m. at the Verdon Community Bldg. All trustees present voted YEA.

3. Discussed the possible irrigation system that might be put in by the wells, but as it would be only using ground water and not pulling from the aquifer it should be okay.

4. Thank you note from Brenda Streit was read.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. An update was given on the clean up at a resident's property. Chairperson would like to thank all those who helped. Leota Specht, Brenda Streit, Bill Guilliams, Tammie Bents & Denise Koso. She would like to especially commend Dane and Donovan Specht who worked hard and did a great job.

2. No update could be given on repairs to well house 80-1 as we are still waiting for the business that was contacted to do the work on it.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Cockerham, second by Cochran to allow Robert L. Fullerton to remove the old broken sidewalk in front of his property. All present voting YEA.

2. Motion by Koso, second by Cochran to have Bennett's H/C/R, Inc. put in a new receptacle as needed in the Verdon shop room. All voting YEA.

3. Chairperson Koso read a resignation letter from Jacob Bents. Due to his work being always on the same night as the monthly meetings, he felt it best to resign from his position as trustee. This is to be effective 12/1/2012. Motion by Koso, second by Cochran to accept the resignation and all present voting YEA. A vacancy notice for the Trustee position will be posted as required by ordinance.

4. A employee safety meeting will

be held at the Village Hall with Gary Cochran as the employer representative. This will be on Friday, 1 p.m., Dec. 14, 2012. ZNEZ

5. Tammie informed the Board that she would be taking a week's vacation from 1-4-2013 through 1-13-2013.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Cockerham, second by Koso to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. with all trustees present voting YEA.

Next regular Verdon Board Meeting will be Jan. 2, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Verdon Village Hall.

CHANGE IN OFFICE MTG - DEC. 5, 2012- 7:30 P.M. - VILLAGE HALL

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson protempore Denise Koso at 7:30 p.m.

She called attention to the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall.

ROLL CALL: Present were Gary Cochran, Denise Koso and Brenda Streit. Absent: Jacob Bents and William Guilliams

GUESTS: Donna Cockerham, Tammie Bents, Clerk Brenda Daniels.

Out-going Board member Brenda Streit said it had been a pleasure to work with the Board members for the past few months and that she had learned a lot.

Motion by Koso, second by Cochran to adjourn this meeting at 7:31 p.m. All Trustees present voted YEA. Meeting adjourned.

Clerk Daniels then gave the Oaths of Office to incoming Trustees Gary Cochran and James Cockerham. They then took their place on the Village Board.

William Guilliams was unable to attend the meeting and take his Oath of Office as he was ill with a stomach virus.

REORGANIZATION MEETING - DEC 5, 2012 - 7:35 P.M. - VILLAGE HALL

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson protempore Denise Koso at 7:35 p.m.

She called attention to the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall.

Roll Call: Present were Gary Cochran, James Cockerham and Denise Koso. Absent: Jacob Bents and William Guilliams.

Guests: Donna Cockerham, Tammie Bents and clerk Brenda Daniels.

Nominations were opened for election of Chairperson and Gary Cochran nominated Denise Koso with a second made by James Cockerham. Motion to have nominations cease made by the same two trustees. After vote was taken, Denise Koso is the new Chairperson for 2013. She then appointed the following for offices. Clerk/Treasurer: Brenda Daniels, Village Attorney: Neal Parsons and for Street Supt. Julie Vollmer.

The following Trustees were appointed to head these different departments. General & Sewer: Denise Koso, Streets: James Cockerham, Water: William Guilliams, Cemetery & Parks: Gary Cochran. Motion was made by Trustee G. Cochran with second by D. Koso to appoint William Guilliams as Chairperson protempore for 2013. All present voting Yea.

Motion by Koso, second by Cockerham to adjourn the reorganization meeting and proceed with the regular monthly meeting. All present voting YEA. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Brenda Daniels Verdon Clerk/Treasurer

CLAIMS

STRIPES & SIGNS, SU	\$35.00
TAMMIE BENTS, RE.....	\$177.87
EFTPS, EX.....	\$601.05
PETTY CASH, SE & SU	\$148.79
BRENDA DANIELS, MI	\$38.30
VERDON LIBRARY, EX	\$50.00
FC JOURNAL, SE.....	\$39.69
FARM & CITY SUPP, SU	\$50.46
FECK, JACK, FE	\$599.00
FLOWER CART, EX.....	\$27.95
GREAT PLAINS ONE CALL SERVICE, SE.....	\$2.02
HARMON'S OK TIRE STORE, SU	\$28.00
MIDWEST LABS, FE.....	\$178.50
MUNICIPAL CHEMICAL SUPPLY, L.L.C., SU	\$175.00
NE MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOC., FE	\$10.00
R.C.R.W.D. # 2, SU	\$1,072.46
SENECA SANITATION SERVICE, INC, SE.....	\$1,236.00
S.N.C., SE.....	\$89.85
US POSTAL SERV, SU	\$32.00
MIDWAY DIRECT ENT., SE	\$275.00
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N.P.P.D., SE.....	\$1,105.63
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BRENDA DANIELS, SA	\$446.86
TAMMIE BENTS, MI	\$43.29
BRET TOWNSEND, SE & SU	\$78.87
BRENDA DANIELS, EX	\$150.00
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TAMMIE BENTS, RE	\$244.40
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BRENDA DANIELS, SA	\$446.86
BRET TOWNSEND, SE & MI	\$36.44
TAMMIE BENTS, MI	\$47.18
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ESU No. 4

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 held its regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 10, 2012, at 5:15 p.m. at

the Educational Service Unit 4 in Auburn, NE. The following claims were paid for the month of December:

General Fund -- \$60,243.23 Bond Principal & Interest -- \$761,830.00 Payroll -- \$354,262.11 NCECBVI -- \$26,759.93 Federal Programs -- \$11,104.81

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 will meet in regular session on Monday, Jan. 14, 2013, at 5:15 p.m. in the conference room at the office of Educational Service Unit 4, 919 16th Street, Auburn, NE. The Region 4 Preschool Planning Team will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. at the ESU 4 Learning Center, 1109 'R' Street, Auburn, NE. Agendas for both meetings, kept current, are readily available for public inspection at the office of the Administrator during normal business hours.

Village of Shubert

Regular Monthly Meeting Dec. 3, 2012 - Shubert Library

The Village Board of Shubert held the monthly board meeting on Dec. 3, 2012 in the Shubert Library. Chairman Haynes opened the regular meeting at 7 p.m. with the following Board Members present: Peggy Oliver, Heath Davis; Todd Hendrickson was absent. Clerk was present to record the meeting. Visitors were present. Haynes announced the Posting of the Open Meetings Law. Chairman asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, hearing none he preceded with the regular monthly meeting. There was a motion and second (Oliver/Haynes), to approve the Nov. 5, 2012 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote was all "Ayes," Motion carried. There was a motion and second (Oliver/Haynes) to approve the balance and claims sheet. Roll call vote was all "Ayes," Motion carried.

Chairman asked for any follow up on old business. Hearing none, the village board prepared to retire board members Kym Haynes and Todd Hendrickson. Chairman Haynes had new members Zeb Shafer, Gina Steele and Nathan Handley read the oath of office. Having new members accept the oath, Kym Haynes retired and turned the meeting over to the new village board. First order of business was to reorganize. Nominations for Chairman were voiced. Oliver closed nominations. Oliver made a motion to nominate Shafer for Chairman, Steele seconded. Roll call vote was Handley "Aye" and Davis abstained. Motion carried. Nominations for Chairman Pro Tempore were voiced. Oliver made a motion to nominate Davis as Chairman Pro Tempore, Steele seconded. Roll call vote was Shafer "Aye" and Handley "Aye"; Davis abstained. Motion carried.

After reviewing other appointments, there was a Motion and Second (Shafer/Oliver). Roll call votes all "Aye" to keep them the same. Appointments are as follows:

Water & Wastewater Operator (George Ketner); Clerk & Treasurer (Jennifer Buchner); Streets (Heath Davis); Buildings & Park (Peggy Oliver); Wood & Brush Pile; Fire Chief (Scott Shubert); Attorney (Mike Dunn); Street Superintendent (JEO Consulting Group); Budget Advisor (Peggy Kuser); Bonded Plumber & Electrician (Davis PHE); Richardson County Sheriff for law enforcement as needed.

Chairman Shafer moved on to new business. Water & Sewer: The Delinquent Utility Report was reviewed. Village board reviewed George's water report. George reviewed Sargent Drilling Report; Well #3 is doing well. Well #3 road could use some work. Sewer Building still needs some work before cold weather. General: None. Wood and Brush pile: Needs to be piled up and burned some time this winter. County was to place no dumping signs at bridge but has not yet. Buildings & Park: Community Building is having electrical issues. We will need to have an electrician look at it. Park: Iron footings need to be pulled. Sand needs to be spread out. Handley said he will go look and see what needs to be done. Oliver is still looking for information on Grants for new play equipment. Library: Library board will be hosting Santa and Sleigh rides on Dec. 15 from 10:30-11:30. Streets: Street light on 3rd & Oak is cycling. Christmas lights got put up. Discussion about snow removal, will discuss again after getting more information. Fire: None.

With no further business: Motion and Second (Shafer/Steele) to adjourn meeting at 8:06 p.m. Roll call votes all "Ayes," Motion carried.

Next Village Board meeting will be Jan. 7, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Shubert Library.

Jennifer Buchner, Village Clerk VILLAGE OF SHUBERT DECEMBER CLAIMS

George Ketner, NOV Salary, \$425; George Ketner, NOV Expenses, \$182.41; State of NE Public Health Environmental Lab Pending; SE Communications, well house, Pending; FC Sanitation, trash pickup 90, \$1,081; NPPD, Pending; W/S/G transfer to USDA Loan, \$906; Great Plains One Call Service, \$10; NE Rural Water Association, \$100; Jennifer Buchner, NOV Payroll, \$600; RCB&T, 941 tax deposit to IRS, \$136.32; FC Journal, Publications, Pending; Dearborn National, firemen's ins. premium, \$68.80; Vice Propane, Library Tank Rent, Pending; Doug Wheeler, Rootx Treatment, \$275; Paul Platter, Sludge Haul, \$85; JEO Street Superintendent, \$600; Cornhusker Press, Tobacco License, \$4.

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CARDS OF THANKS

We would like to thank all our friends who helped us celebrate our 50th anniversary. We so much appreciate all of you. Thanks also to the Brewer family for the use of their shed. We especially want to thank our kids and grandkids, Chris & Barb, Brenda & Wendall, Cherie & Curtis, Sheena, Levi, Dayton, Daniel, Catherine, Morgan & Malcolm for planning and having the party for us. It was very special. Judy & Denny Melage

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, memorials and prayers after Mom's death. Special thanks to the staff at F.C. Care Center, EMTs, Sandy Catlin and Staff at CMC and Dorr & Clark. You all did a super job. The Family of Wally (Karlene) Baker 50

To each and everyone who sent a card, wrote a note, letter, sent a gift, made a phone call or came by to visit, I want to say a very special "THANK YOU". Every act of kindness was very deeply appreciated and made a very special day one of happiness and joy. Once again "THANK YOU" and may God richly bless each and everyone of you. Sincerely, Nedra Stevicks 50P

We would like to thank the SE NE. Thrivent Lutheran Financial Chapter & those who generously donated to us in the "12 Championing Charities" benefit. Humane Society of Rich. Co. Inc. 50

HOME FOR SALE

House for sale by owner. 923 Wilson. Corner property, 4 lots. Call, 307-332-2723 or 307-349-4877. 50-53P

HUMANE SOCIETY

Save a Pet From the Richardson County Humane Society
**Adopt Me Please!**
Older male neutered terrier mix was found in the Stanton Lake area.
To claim or adopt call the Falls City PD 402-245-4422.
Santa Paws Tree is up @ Yesterday's Closet, stop by and check it out.
Sponsored by the Humane Society,
245-2779.

CORNHUSKER SELECT Angus Sale, Sunday, January 6, 1 pm, Fairbury Livestock Inc., Fairbury, NE. Selling 50 Lots! Catalog online at www.angushall.com or contact Angus Hall of Fame, 816-532-0811, angushall@earthlink.net.

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One honest lady for friendship, age not important. Call, 402-414-0206. 49-50-e-52P

House to share with non-smoking, **CAT LOVING** female. Call, 402-245-0960. 49-50P

WANTED: Recycling aluminum cans, M-W-Sat., 9:30-2:30. Old N. Hwy 73 south of swimming pool, Falls City, NE. 31-tf

FOR SALE

Big Red Christmas Ornaments at etc.an annex south of Yesterday's Closet. 50

Broyhill oak dining room table with 6 chairs; 2 leaves and a pad; call 402-245-3872. 49-50P

Just in time for Christmas
Tiger and Irish gear with new designs. New styles in stock too. Stripes & Signs 49-50

Don't miss shopping at etc for your Christmas gifts. 1604 Stone St. 50

GREAT STOCKING STUFFERS- Pocket Farkel, Fatman's Beef Jerky, J.D. Wallets or Money Clips, gloves, Maglites & many other great ideas! Farm & City Supply, Ace Hardware. 50

Christmas gift items for all budgets, etc, 1604 Stone. 50

Simplicity Riding Lawn Mower, 36" cut, 12 hp, 402-245-3816. Leave message if no answer. 49-50P

Need Christmas gifts? Post magazines with John Falter Covers. \$2.00 each, call 2748. 49-50P

WILLOW TREE ANGELS 10% OFF - Don't forget to sign up for the give away - See store for details! Farm & City Supply, Ace Hardware. 50

Falls City Honey for sale. Great for Christmas baskets, \$6 a lb. 402-245-7217. 49-52P

Great Gifts for men, at etc, south of Yesterday's Closet. 50

20% OFF IN-STOCK CHRISTMAS ITEMS! - Farm & City Supply, Ace Hardware. 50

Beef, Cornfed Angus sold in quarters & halves. Mark Bippes, 402-245-3769. Jacks Processing 402-245-3506. 50-57

Hometown Furniture in Hiawatha is closed for remodeling. Re-Opening Soon! 42-tf

Cornfed Beef 1/4 or 1/2. Leonard Rieger, 402-245-5439. 48-50P



Jingle Bell Jukebox

Photo by Jason Schock



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MON., DEC. 31 & TUES., JAN. 1

**Happy Holidays to all of our customers
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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22ND: UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER
PARTY 8PM, JB ACOUSTIC 9PM-CLOSE. FUN PRIZE FOR THE
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**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY MONDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
JOIN US FOR THE "CHASING DAYLIGHT" REUNION.**

SUNDAY CHICKEN BUFFET EVERY SUNDAY 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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Some 600 fill auditorium for South Christmas program

Falls City South Elementary School students, once again under the direction of Robin Ankrom, kicked out the Christmas jams with the delivery of "Jingle Bell Jukebox" last Thursday in front of an approximate crowd of 600 at Prichard Auditorium.

The 12-song set, sponsored by Partners In Education, started with "Jingle Bell Jukebox." Other timeworn traditional favorites included "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," "Jingle Bells Rock" and "White Christmas."

The lead, "Ruby," was played by Helen Walker. Other cast members included Tarcis Coronado, Dillon Ebel, Summer Richey, Lily Sailors, Hunter Boorn, Josey Hollens, Peter Gifford, Brenton McQueen, Ethan Nycum, Zoe Ebel, Drake Butler, Tyler Uhri, Cameron Schramm, Jolee Schulenberg, Chase Nolte, Sarah Acton, Wade Wason and Taylor Peden.

The cast and crew, with a special assist from Jocelyn O'Grady, also performed "Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow..."

Chester Ankrom, who played "Max," Eryn Snethen and Emma Killingsworth presented "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch." Jessa Beckner was the green furry one you wouldn't touch with a 39-and-one-half foot pole.

Courtney Rumbaugh led the way on "Santa's on his Way Medley," Alyssa Mez starred in "All I Want Is...Nuttin!," while Skylar Baker stole the show in "White Christmas."

Dancers included Piper Scarberry, Nia Crawford, Eliza Kuker, Pacer Chapple, Perry Adams, Jace Heckenlively, Hailey Dorste, Emily Gilkerson, Grace Holys, Brylee Gilkerson, Skylar Feltner, Gwen Olberding, Piper Sutton, Dalton Helmick, Dylan Vice, Carson Bredemeier, Emma Clark, Paige Stamper, Lexie Buckminster, Abby Harms, Hanna Denhart, Kaden Romo, Braydon Frederick, Justin Reiss, Cole Kirkendall, Jared Hawley, Brianna Pfohl and Jocie Shopteese.

The Christmas production was Mrs. Ankrom's 33rd since starting at North and South Schools in 1980. She came to Falls City after graduating from William Jewel College in Liberty, Mo., (and Papillion-LaVista High School).

Each year, Ankrom directs one program apiece

for North and South Schools. In the spring, the North School kids will take the Prichard Auditorium stage.

Accept resignation of longtime teacher

The Falls City Board of Education accepted the resignation of longtime elementary teacher Diana Kottich when it met Dec. 10 at the Central Office in FCMS.

Mrs. Kottich, a Kindergarten teacher, has been with FCPS since 1979.

North School Principal Ernie Valentine said Kottich will still help in the classroom three days a week the 2nd semester.

The board approved a contract with Kim Nolte to replace Kottich. Nolte has been teaching in the district as a long-term substitute for the past two semesters.



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