

From David Bowie and Gene Wilder, to Muhammad Ali, Prince and Carrie Fisher — in 2016, at least, seems being a “nobody” was a good thing.

## SCC approves land purchase for Learning Center

The Southeast Community College Board of Governors last week approved the purchase of some eight acres of land north of the Falls City Aquatic Center for the future site of its Regional Learning Center.

SCC bought the land from Armbruster Motor Co. for a reported \$75,000. The college plans to build a 10,000 square foot facility.

“Falls City EDGE worked diligently with SCC for more than a year to get to this exciting announcement and after much due diligence in evaluating multiple sites and buildings we have found a great site suitable to meet the training needs of our region,” EDGE Director Beckie Cromer noted, in a statement released last Wednesday.

The SCC Board of Governors approved the purchase agreement on a 7.91 acre tract located west of Highway 73. Cromer and Falls City Mayor Jerry Oliver both attended the meeting and thanked the SCC Board for their commitment to the region and offered a continued partnership moving to the next phase of the planning process.

“In the coming months, EDGE will work with SCC and their architects at Clarke Enersen on a design build that meets the needs of our workforce,” Cromer said. “We anticipate working together to create the partnerships necessary to make

this plan a reality by identifying funding partners, scheduling completion dates for engineering, architectural design, util-

said.

EDGE Tri State Labor Committee Chairman Charlie Radatz, who spurred a letter-writing campaign in 2015 and lobbied SCC to consider Falls City for their Outreach Program, celebrated the college’s recent acquisition.

“We will no longer need to travel 70, 90, and 120 miles to SCC campuses to learn the skills required for today’s job opportunities,” he said. “This Learning Center will be a great addition to Southeast Community College and helps to fulfill its mission to meet the workforce training needs of those seeking employment and of the employers seeking workers with the skills required by the various industries within the region.”

In her statement, Cromer gave special thanks “to the team members who have worked so hard on this project including the SCC Site Team, led by Bob Morgan, and the EDGE Tri State Labor Committee (Radatz, Ryan Larsen, Tim Heckenlively, Valerie Buckminster, Ruben Koopman, Katie Youngquist, Oliver and Doris Erickson).

“We also offer our sincere gratitude for the support of SCC President Dr. Paul Illich, and our Board of Governor’s representatives, Kathy Boellstorff and Donald Reiman. This was a team effort and all involved gave generously of their time and energy; we are all excited to move into the next phase of the planning process,” she said.



SCC has voted to purchased nearly eight acres of land north of the Aquatic Center for the future site of its FC Regional Learning Center.

ity installation, site preparation, construction, staffing and the beginning of operations in the new facility.

“The Learning Center will serve the training needs of this region for generations to come by providing coursework in the areas of manufacturing, healthcare and education,” Cromer

Bond set at \$600,000

## Utah man jailed on 10 felonies

A 44-year-old Utah man facing 10 felony counts of first degree sexual assault of a child remains behind bars on \$600,000 bond at the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center.

Isaac D. Kemp, a married father of two preadolescent children, was extradited to Nebraska about six weeks after Judge Curtis Maschman issued a warrant for his arrest. He appeared in Judge Maschman’s courtroom last week and will enter pleas in District Court Jan. 9. Each of the 10 Class 1 felony charges is punishable by a minimum of 20 years, and a maximum of life, imprisonment.

Kemp, also known as Paul Smith, is accused of enticing an underage Falls City girl online, beginning in October 2013, by claiming to be a 16-year-old boy named “Josh.” He allegedly exchanged explicit photographs with the girl, then 13, and later traveled from his Draper, UT, home to Falls City on 10 different occasions and had sexual contact with her in three local hotels. Initially, according to court documents filed by Nebraska State Patrolman Eugene True, Kemp told the girl she would meet “his uncle,” who was supposedly working in the Falls City area. Authorities claim Kemp traveled to Falls City and committed the crimes in May and July 2014, twice in October of that year, January and February 2015, twice in April of that year and twice again in February 2016. The girl told investigators she initially refused sexual contact, but later complied after being promised marriage.

Authorities in North Carolina first alerted Nebraska officials of Kemp’s Internet activity. He is suspected of having an online relationship with another underage girl in that state, though charges have not been filed.

Kemp was a full-time employee with CenturyLink telecommunications for 19 years and has been married for 16 years. An extensive background search showed no previous criminal history.



## DSA nominations due Jan. 5

It’s that time again! The Falls City Area Jaycees are seeking nominations to honor those who have shown outstanding leadership in and around the community in 2016.

On Page 3 of today’s *Falls City Journal*, a large nomination ballot is included to be used for nomination of persons to be recognized at the Monday, Jan. 16 Jaycees’ Distinguished Service Awards Ceremony held at the Elks Club.

Nomination forms may be emailed to Stefanie Wenz at [swenz84@gmail.com](mailto:swenz84@gmail.com) and are available online at [sites.google.com/site/fcjayceesdsa/](http://sites.google.com/site/fcjayceesdsa/).

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

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

Anyone is eligible for nomination, as noted in each category (see nomination ballot); nominees in each category are judged using a scoring and voting system with the winners receiving the best overall scores and/or votes; families and friends of the winners will be notified the week before the banquet to help arrange winners’ attendance.

When making your nominations, it is strongly recommended that you include a resume or letter of recommendation that fully describes your nominee’s accomplishments specifically in 2016, as well as past activities. Also, add reasons why you feel he/she is deserving of winning that particular award.

Every year the Jaycees host the annual DSA Ceremony with the primary purpose to recognize that the community of Falls City is blessed to have many wonderful individuals who make a real difference in people’s lives. This ceremony is our chance, as a community, to reflect on these gifts and celebrate volunteerism.

Mail DSA nominations, due by Thursday, Jan. 5, to: DSA Nominations, c/o Falls City Area Jaycees, P.O. Box 202, Falls City, NE 68355.

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## CHRISTMAS GRAY

You might have been dreaming of a white Christmas, but Mother Nature certainly didn’t respond accordingly. Instead, she delivered some thick fog, followed by balmy temps and high winds. Sunday’s high of 63 in Falls City was the warmest Christmas Day on record, according to the National Weather Service, dating back to 1871.

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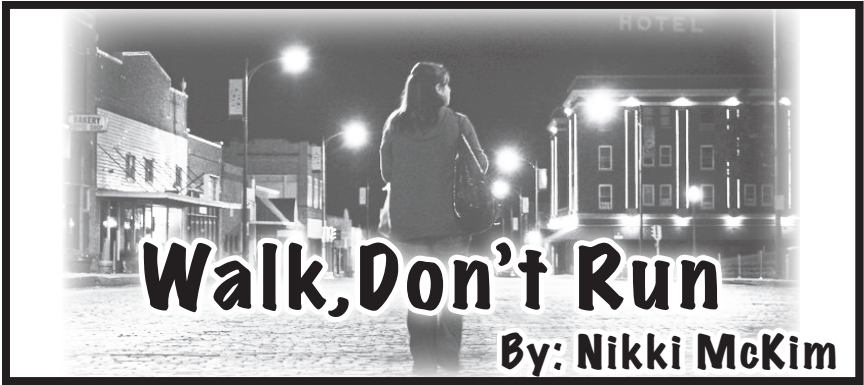
2012 FORD FUSION SEL

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Each year-if I have time, I try to make a list of my year by the numbers. It's a good way to look back at the year I'm leaving behind and look forward to any changes I want to make for the upcoming year. This year has been one of the most difficult I have faced. There was a lot of heartache and a lot of uncertainty. It was bittersweet losing my puppy/best friend Beans, then turning around and traveling to the TCM festival soon after. I lived through something I had dreaded for so long, only to live out a dream that I have look forward to for so long. Life is funny and strange that way. You take the good with the bad and pray for the best.

I learned a lot about myself and how much I can take before I break. I can withstand a surprisingly large amount pressure. I wouldn't have guessed that. I learned that I am hardest on myself and drive myself crazy-some days literally. I am the queen of creating something out of nothing and it only hurts me. Moving forward I know what I need to change and fix so I live a better and healthier life.

Luckily we made it though this year and have been looking forward to the great things that **2017** has in store for us. Here's my year by the numbers.

My not so little boy turned **11** this year. I was reminded that he will be driving in **5** short years and with that knowledge comes the reality that in **5** short, short years-I'll never sleep ever again. Ever.

My sister, cousin and I stayed awake some **28** hours to celebrate Thanksgiving, then turn around and shop until we literally dropped on Black Friday.

Brian and I traveled to Lincoln with my stepbrother Josh and his girlfriend Jenn to see Sacred Heart beat Twin Loup by **16** points in **30** some degree weather.

The Brian McKim family only made it to **3** Royals games this year. Luckily Brian and I were able to say good-bye to number **17**, Wade Davis before he left for the Cubs.

Not long before Robert Redford turned **80** years old, we named our new puppy with the perfect face after the man with the perfect face.

Alex started the **5th** grade in a new school, as a Tiger.

It was a blistering **100** degrees on the night Alex lived out his life long **10** year dream of being asked to yell 'Play Ball' at a Kansas City Royals game-on the year our Royals were reigning World Series Champions.

I had to dish out **\$300** to purchase a new phone after I dropped and shattered my cell phone at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

I walked around Falls City for **6** days with a very visible and sore black eye that my **7**-year-old niece Rylee 'accidently' gave me. I kid, but she's ornery, that girl.

Brian and I chowed down on roughly **12** churros at a local Spanish restaurant in Colorado Springs.

For the first and only time in **2016**, I let go and relaxed as I spent **5** heavenly hours in the water at Osage beach with my **3** nieces and Alex.

On July **4**, we drove **350** round trip to adopt the newest member of our family Robert 'Hubbell' Redford Bojangles McKim.

Before his **75** birthday, we saw Paul Simon live, **2** times, thus validating what I have said for years, the man is the greatest songwriter of all time with the voice of an angel from heaven above.

On a cool night in Hollywood I stood in line for **2** hours and was **504th** in line to see Angela Lansbury and Alec Baldwin introduce 'The Manchurian Candidate.'

My friend Angie and I stayed awake for over **29** hours and drank no less than **7** cups of coffee before boarding a plane out of L.A. at **6** a.m. to fly home.

I snagged **1** water bottle from stage that belonged to Alec Baldwin-and I'm not embarrassed about that at all, or that it sits on my desk at home. (Cloning is a reality, that's all I'm saying.)

I inhaled **3** double-doubles animal style with fries (on **3** separate visits) to In-N-Out.

I stupidly paid **\$20** for the vodka tonic I had at the Hollywood Roosevelt.

Between the end of April and the beginning of May I watched **14** classic films in **3** days.

I was elated to see my photo was chosen for the cover of the **2016** Nebraska Press Annual Directory and Rate Book.

Beans, my best friend was **13** years old when he passed away on the last day of January.

Brian and I excitedly saw Frank Sinatra Jr. live, **5** weeks before he passed away.

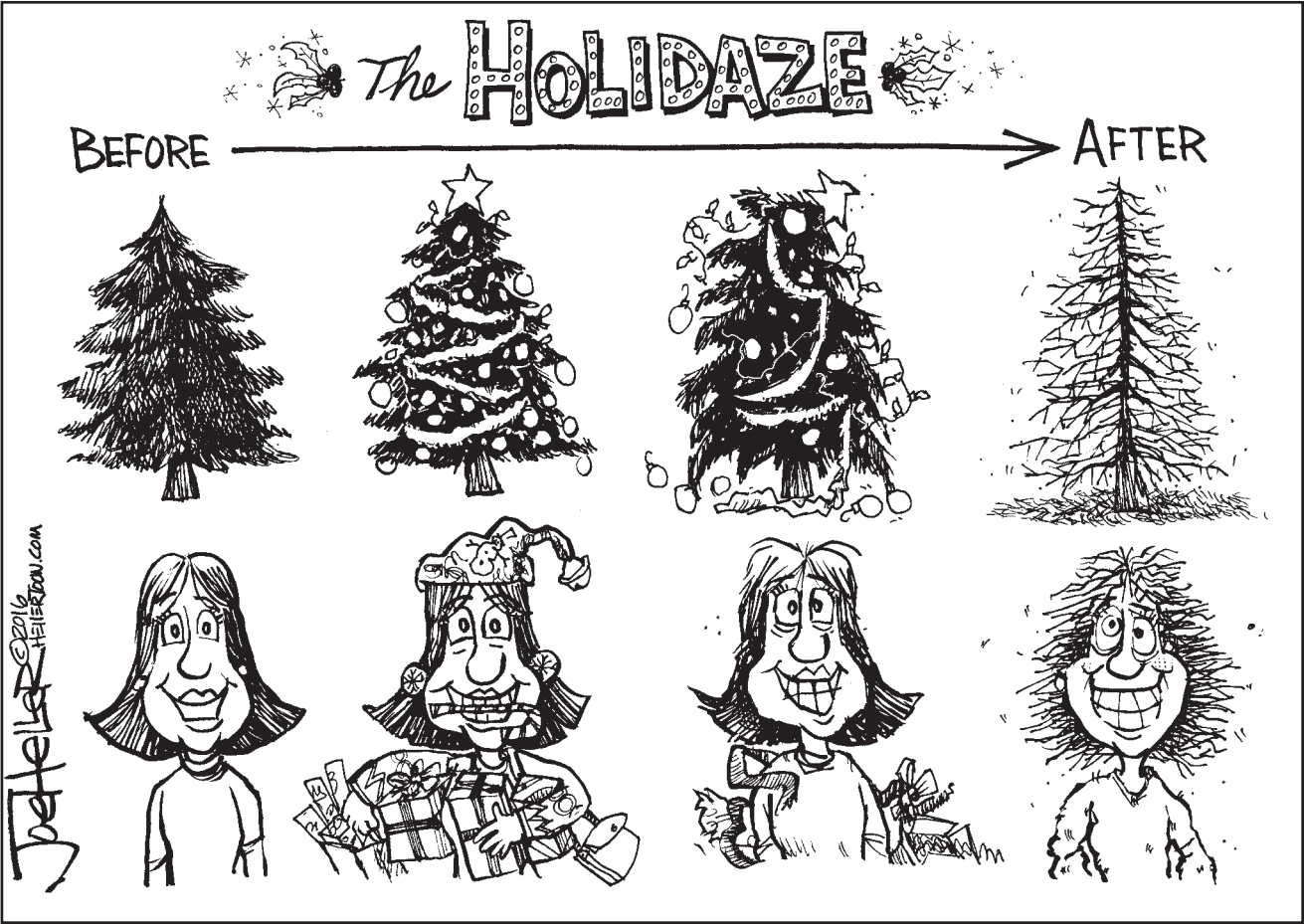
I cried at least **1,000** tears when my flight out of KC to LAX was cancelled due to bad weather. It took me **4** hours to drive home in blinding rain, wind, hail and lightning.

At my last count, **7** separate housewives have liked my tweets about them.

I received **1** beautiful necklace from my co-worker of nearly **4** years for Christmas that ended **2016** on a high note.

Again, this year we published **53** issues of the Journal, roughly **121,900** issues stuffed and mailed out with **2** of the best co-workers.

Happy New Year and I hope that you all have a happy and healthy **2017**.



## Economic uncertainty looms as lawmakers return

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

As another year comes to an end and lawmakers prepare to stare down a large budget deficit in a week or so, the question lingers, how's the economy?

Depends on who you ask.

The well-respected and oft-quoted Ernie Goss at Creighton University in Omaha says the state's Rural Mainstreet Index advanced to 51.4 in December, up from the 37.9 in November. That's the third highest number of the 10 states studied. Anything over 50 is good, he said.

The equally respected and oft-quoted Eric Thompson, director of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Bureau of Business Research, says the state's economic condition in November was "worsening."

What does it mean? Goss says weak farm commodity prices continue to slam rural economies. In the past year, livestock prices are down by 19 percent and grain prices have slumped 11.5 percent. But, he remains optimistic about future growth. Thompson, whose study predicts economic growth six months into the future, says the economy will grow, but modestly.

Why, exactly does this matter? The state's Economic Forecasting Advisory Board, as well as members of the Legislature's Appropriations and Revenue Committees have cautioned that prudence will be necessary. Governor Pete Ricketts has mandated belt-tightening in the departments under his control.

On top of all this comes news that the state unemployment rate in November was the highest it has been in a couple years. So, we now have a glimpse of what lies ahead for the 105th Legislature when they convene.

Ricketts has a good grasp on his responsibilities. In a recent weekly column he wrote that setting budget priorities is a key responsibility as your Governor. The upcoming legislative session will require tough choices to address a revenue gap, which has grown in recent months.

It is important to note that the budget isn't solely his responsibility. He and his staff will present a budget proposal even as the Legislature's Appropriations Committee meets to craft their own. The end result is typically a blend of the two documents and sometimes hammered out in floor debates. Those debates are less frequent if the governor has more senators (votes) on his side.

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

Sounds good, right? It would work well if it was all done in a vacuum. But the governor recognizes that the State Capitol – in his words -- is full of various groups and special interests opposed to budget cuts. Already, senators and their staff are being lobbied to raise taxes instead of cutting government spending, he said. That may be an exaggeration on his part. Lobbyists are hired to advocate for a piece of the pie.

If anything, the think tanks and

the lobbyists are tempering their outlook because they recognize the economic woes. I grew up with parents who got married a couple days before the banks closed in 1929. They lived through the

Great Depression, yet I never heard them say "we can't afford that." Most often it was a question, "how could we afford that?"

Let's hope the governor and the Legislature take that pro-active attitude. It should be a rule of thumb that if you seek new, expanded or continued funding, you should have an idea where the money is going to

come from.

Ricketts said he'd recommend the Legislature make immediate reductions to close the state's budget gap in the current year while reining in the growth of government without a tax increase. He emphasizes that the budget must be balanced, the revenue gap must be addressed without tax increases and government spending must be reduced.

That's a tall order folks. Let me know how that works out.

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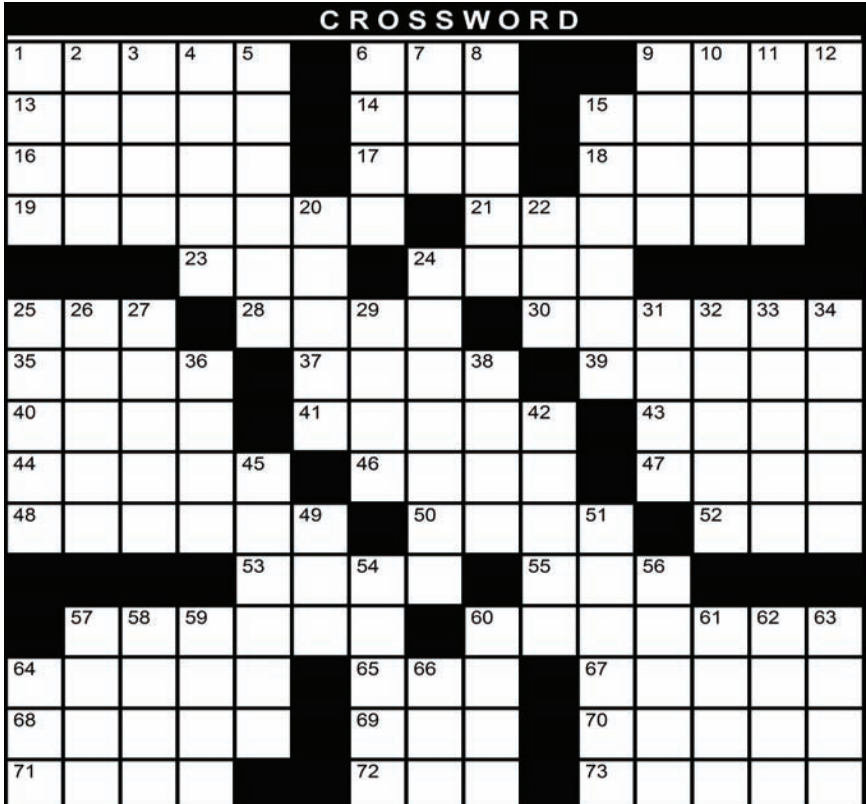
## STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: FINISH THE LYRICS

### ACROSS

- 1 Face fringe
- 6 Go low, as in jeans
- 9 "Oh, my!"
- 13 Underway
- 14 Tire measurement
- 15 Wear away
- 16 Luciano Pavarotti, e.g.
- 17 Roman goddess of plenty
18. Previously an Oiler
19. \*"...I'm ready, yes, I'm ready for you. I'm standing on my own \_\_\_\_\_"
21. \*"...On a dark desert highway, cool wind in \_\_\_\_\_"
23. It's all the rage
24. Person, place or thing
25. PC brain
28. Bingo-like game
30. Moses' older sister
35. Be in pain
37. Sail support
39. \*"...Come on, shake your body, baby, do the \_\_\_\_\_"
40. "Heat of the Moment" band
41. Single-cell protozoan
43. \*Then along comes \_\_\_\_\_"
44. Great white, e.g.
46. "Goodness gracious!"
47. Commoner
48. \*"...Raindrops are falling on \_\_\_\_\_"
50. Saharan-like
52. "Cause I'm a woman! W-O-M-A-N..." singer
53. Like Roman Empire
55. ENT's first concern
57. \*"...My daddy's sleeping & mama ain't \_ \_"
60. \*"...So put another dime in the \_\_\_\_\_"
64. \*"...I'll tell you all about it when I see you \_\_\_\_\_"
65. "\_\_\_\_ to Joy"
67. Abomination
68. Formal dishes
69. \*"...So bye, bye Miss American \_\_\_\_\_"
70. \*"...Oh, I was only twenty four hours from \_\_\_\_\_"
71. Front-line combat vehicle
72. Credit card acr.
73. Wheel shafts

### DOWN

1. Quilter's stuffing
2. Not many
3. Something that's unacceptable
4. Disappear, like into the sunset
5. Unbroken series of events
6. See him run!
7. Cleopatra's cause of death
8. Whatchamacallit
9. "Summertime" or "Porgy and Bess," e.g.
10. "Laughing on the inside" in text
11. Month of Purim
12. D.C. bigwig
15. Thai or Mexican food, e.g.
20. a.k.a. dropsy
22. Delish!
24. Small bouquet
25. Geological rift
26. Aggressive
27. "Umbile" Heep
29. \*"...I've got a blank space, baby, and I'll write your \_\_\_\_\_"
31. Boisterous play
32. Collectively
33. Come to terms
34. \*"...Here's my number, so call me \_\_\_\_\_"
36. Container weight
38. Kind of ski lift
42. "Farewell" in Paris
45. V.I.P. in Hawaii
49. Draper of "Mad Men"
51. Actress Fanning
54. Parkinson's drug
56. Updike's "Rabbit \_\_\_\_\_"
57. Turkish honorific
58. \*"...All you get is pain. When I wanted sunshine I got \_\_\_\_\_"
59. Sound on Old MacDonald's farm
60. Audience's rejection
61. Hillary's hubby
62. British river
63. December 25th, for short
64. Pre-college challenge
66. Party bowlful





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Falls City Native, David von Behren will be performing with Plymouth Brass on New Year's Eve

## Last Blast-with the Plymouth Brass

Haven't decided yet what you're doing New Year's Eve? Don't worry. Abendmusik has plans for you. Bring your friends and family to experience the delightful stylings and heartwarming spirit of the Plymouth Brass, led by guest conductor and saxophonist David Sharp. From 1989 through 1998, David was on the faculty at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln School of Music where he taught courses in the jazz studies department including Jazz History and directed various UNL Jazz Ensembles.

David now is the Professor of In-

strumental Music and Jazz at Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa, IA and is a free-lance saxophonist and woodwind specialist, traveling extensively throughout the Midwest and much of the United States.

The Plymouth Brass will be accompanied by celebrated young organ virtuoso David von Behren, recently named one of The Diapason's "20 Under 30", a group of young organists, organ builders, harpsichordists, and church musicians who show superior accomplishments, leadership, creativity, and innovative thinking.

David is the first organist to receive Cleveland Institute of Music's (CIM) prestigious Darius Milhaud Award, given each year to a student "who displays qualities of unusual talent and creativity, sensitivity, expressiveness, strong love for and dedication to the musical arts, outstanding musical accomplishment, and evidence of academic excellence." A native of Falls City, Nebraska, David comes home to Nebraska to join the trumpets, trombones, tubas, horns and drums for Lincoln's last blast of 2016!

Tickets for Adults - \$20; Seniors - \$15; and Students - \$10. Special Dessert and Champagne Intermission is only \$10. To purchase concert or intermission tickets visit [www.abendmusik.org](http://www.abendmusik.org) or call the Abendmusik office at (402) 476-9933.

## Dealing with the unexpected

By: Pastor Brian Voos, NorthRidge Nebraska

If you are dealing with something unexpected right now, you are not alone. So, how do you handle the unexpected? With the Christmas season upon us, I encourage you to read the first two chapters of the book of Luke in the Bible. Luke gives the most detail about two unlikely couples who had to deal with some unexpected events.

Zechariah and Elizabeth hoped and prayed for years for a child despite being a faithful "god-fearing" couple. Read what happens to them! Zechariah responds in disbelief to God's plan for his life. Mary and Joseph's expectations were turned completely upside down with the announcement of a child conceived outside of marriage and a baby born outside in a barn. Yet, Mary remained steady and faithful even though she had some very honest questions for God.

So, how should you deal with the unexpected? This Christmas, be open to what God may have planned for you. Our first response often reveals what is first in our hearts. Respond to the unexpected with a willing heart. Expect God to work in your life and give you true hope even when things seem hopeless. Because of the baby Jesus born in and unexpected way, you can have true hope no matter what you are going through.

## TSCI donates hats and mittens to the community

The Tecumseh State Correctional Institution's (TSCI) Wellness Committee recently held a Hat and Mitten drive in the facility. During this drive, TSCI staff donated 32 hats, 40 pairs of gloves, one scarf, and one head/ear warmer.

These items were donated to Southeast Nebraska Community Action (SENCA) and Blue Valley Community Action (BVCA) programs for distribution to families in need during the holiday season. Both organizations are within the TSCI employment area and staff took this as an opportunity to give back to the communities that support the work we do to keep people safe.

## New regulation decreases cost of outpatient medication copay for most Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is amending its regulation on copayments for Veterans' outpatient medications for non-service connected conditions. VA currently charges non-exempt Veterans either \$8 or \$9 for each 30-day or less supply of outpatient medication, and under current regulations, a calculation based on the medication of the Medical Consumer Price Index (CPI-P) would be used to determine the copayment amount in future years.

"Switching to a tiered system continues to keep outpatient medication costs low for Veterans," said VA Under Secretary for Health Dr. David J. Shulkin. "Reducing their out-of-pocket costs encourages greater adherence to prescribed outpatient medications and reduces the risk of fragmented care that results when multiple pharmacies are used; another way that VA is providing better service to Veterans."

This new regulation eliminates the formula used to calculate future rate increases and establishes three classes of outpatient medications identified as Tier 1, Preferred Generics; Tier 2, Non-Preferred Generics including over-the-counter medications; and Tier 3, Brand Name. Copayment amounts for each tier would be fixed and vary depending upon the class of outpatient medication in the tier.

These copayment amounts will be effective February 27, 2017:

\$5 for a 30-day or less supply - Tier 1 outpatient medication

\$8 for a 30-day or less supply - Tier 2 outpatient medication

\$11 for a 30-day or less supply - Tier 3 outpatient medication

These changes apply to Veterans without a service-connected condition, or Veterans with a disability rated less than 50 percent who are receiving outpatient treatment for a non-service connected condition, and whose annual income exceeds the limit set by law. Medication copayments do not apply to former Prisoners of War, catastrophically disabled Veterans, or those covered by other exceptions as set by law.

Copayments stop each calendar year for Veterans in Priority Groups 2-8 once a \$700 cap is reached.

## New Year's Eve safety tips

New Year's Eve is one of the most festive nights of the year. Many people spend the final moments of the year celebrating with family and friends. As joyous as such celebrations tend to be, it's important that New Year's revelers keep certain safety precautions in mind when celebrating the end of one year and the dawn of the next.

Arrange for transportation in advance. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, an average of 304 people die in drunk-driving crashes in the days surrounding Christmas and New Year's Eve each year. Before heading out on New Year's Eve, celebrants should ensure their safety by arranging for transportation to and from the festivities. Choose a designated driver to drive throughout the night, or agree to utilize a taxi or shuttle service if everyone plans to consume alcohol. Men and women who volunteer to be designated drivers should be especially alert on the roadways, preparing to drive in potentially inclement weather and being on the lookout for fellow motorists who might be driving erratically. If possible, take public transportation to and from the festivities so no one is tempted to drive after consuming alcohol.

Pick a meetup spot in case anyone gets separated from the group. New Year's Eve celebrations in public places such as bars, clubs or town squares tend to become crowded as midnight draws near. It's easy for groups of friends or family to be separated, so choose a meetup spot where everyone can gather after the ball drops. Choose a spot that's well lit and easily accessible to all, and

confirm the location of the meetup spot via a group text message before heading out for the night.

Stay sober. Many people feel pressured to overindulge with alcohol on New Year's Eve, but men and women should be responsible with regard to their alcohol consumption. Overconsumption of alcohol makes it difficult for men and women to stay alert, and that loss of alertness can be difficult to manage on nights as hectic as New Year's Eve. While it's acceptable for men and women of legal drinking age to raise a glass of champagne at midnight, it's best to limit alcohol consumption throughout the festivities so the party is memorable for all the right reasons.

Be a responsible host. When hosting a New Year's Eve party, hosts must prioritize the safety of their guests. Make sure guests don't drink too much, which can leave hosts open to criminal or civil action should guests leave their home and cause an accident. Serve plenty of food and nonalcoholic beverages so guests who are drinking have something in their systems other than alcohol. Schedule things to do throughout the night so guests have more to do than drink alcohol. In addition, make room for potential overnight guests should someone be incapable of driving home at the end of the night. Keep contact information for local taxis or shuttle services readily available so guests know they don't have to drive themselves home.

New Year's Eve is a festive night, but one where safety needs to be as big a priority as having a good time.

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## SOCIETY

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The Parish Circle of the United Methodist Church met at the home of Deb Harris on Dec. 19.

Rhonda Yoesel lead devotions about Christ being the 'light of the world' (John 8:12). Members sang 'Silent Night' and shared their favorite Christmas traditions. Thirteen members and three guests (Ed Harris, Michelle and Daniel Easdale) were present.

The 2017 meeting calendars were dispersed. New Bible study was chosen *The Girl's still got it*, by Liz Higgs-based on the Book of Ruth. Members voted on offering disbursements to 12 charities and organizations. Members will continue to donate items to UMCOR throughout the year.

The next meeting will take place on Jan. 16, 2017, hosted by Deb Stevens with Rhonda 'Yoesel as Lesson Leader.

## Tips to refresh yourself in 2017

(StatePoint) Want to update and improve yourself for the New Year? A few top-to-bottom tweaks can help you look and feel your best

Update Staples: Staples and basics don't need to change with the seasons, however it's important to update these elements when they're worn out, no longer fit, or are simply outdated. Evaluate your shoes, bags, jackets with these criteria in mind and replace any items as needed.

If there are items that you love that are in disrepair but you can't imagine parting with, take this opportunity to re-sole and shine those shoes and replace that lost button. You'll improve these items' usefulness and breathe new life into them. You'll also look more put together once these items are refurbished.

Look Back: Refreshing your look doesn't necessarily mean going ultra-modern. Sometimes a vintage look can make a bigger statement. Accessorize with a timepiece that is elegant, classic and will never go out of style. It will serve as a nice complement to any outfit, whether you're headed to work or going to a party. To combine style with pre-

## F&M Bank announces December Hometown Spirit award winners

F&M Bank is excited to announce their December "You've Got the Hometown Spirit" award goes to the Falls City Area Chamber & Main Street Christmas Decorations Committee and the Falls City Utility Department Line Crew! On Dec.19, they presented members of the Christmas Decorations Committee and the City Line Crew with their "You've Got the Hometown Spirit" award certificates and a \$50 donation to the Falls City Area Chamber & Main Street for future Christmas decoration purchases.

As you travel down Harlan Street or walking downtown you have probably noticed the new Christmas decorations. These stunning decorations have caught the eye of many community members and visiting guests! F&M Bank wants to recognize those individuals responsible for selecting and hanging the beautiful Christmas lights and decorations that we see around our

community. The Christmas Decorations Committee members include: John Martin, Gary Jorn, Kenny Simpson, Pam Scott, Rachel Witt, Eleanor Last, Jon McQueen, Dobby Haws, and Angie Phroper. The Falls City Line Crew include: Rob Oliver, Wayne Allen, Brandt Kopf, Billy Kopf, Eric Kreifels, and Nick Schawang.

Thanks to all the donors for their generous donations that helped purchase the gorgeous decorations. And an even bigger thank you to the Christmas Decorations Committee and Line Crew that selected and put up the decorations for the community to enjoy. F&M Bank is proud to recognize all the Christmas Decorations Committee members and the City Line Crew for all their hard work!

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cision, consider the A168WG-9VT from the Casio Vintage Collection, which has a sleek gold colored band and a digital display.

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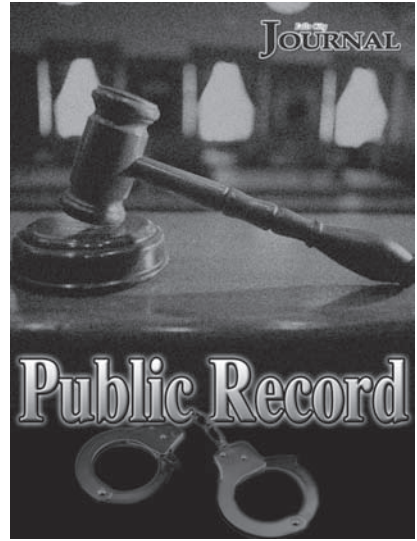
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**COUNTY COURT**

-Donald V. Larson, 34, of Sabetha, KS; theft by unlawful taking (less than \$500); case continued to Jan. 9, 2017 for entry of plea.

-Mary L. Hayes, 70, of Falls City; negligent driving; pled not guilty; trial set for Jan. 18, 2017.

-Samuel L. Phillips, 25, of Dawson; count one, assault in the third degree; count two, criminal mischief (less than \$500); pled not guilty to both counts; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 9, 2017.

-Darrell Anno, 55, of Rulo; assault in the third degree, amended to disturbing the peace; pled guilty to amended charge; sentencing set for Jan. 9; ordered to pay damages of \$932.08 to Terry Way.

-Candace A. Chandler, 18, of Salem; count one, attempted possession of a controlled substance, amended to attempt of a Class IV Felony; count two, driving under suspension; count three, possession of drug paraphernalia; counts two and three dismissed with prejudice (**Editor's Note** - dismissal *with prejudice* bars the government from prosecuting the accused later on the same charge); placed on probation for one year, fined \$400, plus Court costs of \$60, and probation fees of \$360, ordered to successfully complete inpatient treatment for chemical dependency and obtain a high school diploma or GED, and serve 30 days in Richardson County Jail beginning March 1, unless waived by the Court.

-Kevin A. Bokelman, 50, of White Cloud, KS; weeds/grasses over 12 inches; pled no contest; fined \$35, plus Court costs of

\$58.50.

-Waylon B. Knapp, 21, of Forest City, MO; count one, DUI - first offense; count two, improper/defective vehicle lighting; pled not guilty to both counts; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 9, 2017.

-Gary L. Prater, 61, of Falls City; count one, DUI (.15-plus), first offense, amended to DUI, first offense; count two, no proof of insurance; pled no contest to amended count one; count two dismissed with prejudice; sentencing scheduled for Jan. 11, 2017.

-Richard A. Strecker, 64, of Verdon; DUI, first offense; pled not guilty; pretrial hearing scheduled for Jan. 9, 2017.

-Joshua M. Darden, 37, of Falls City; count one, maintaining a nuisance; count two, unregistered, wrecked or junked vehicle; pled no contest to both counts; sentencing scheduled for Jan. 18, 2017.

-Joshua M. Darden, 37, of Falls City; count one, maintaining a nuisance; count two, unregistered, wrecked or junked vehicle; pled not guilty; trial set for Jan. 18, 2017.

-Brenda J. Alexander, 46, of Falls City; assault in the third degree; pled no contest; fined \$125, plus Court costs of \$50.

-Devin W. Handley, 20, of Falls City; driving under suspension; pled no contest; sentencing set for Jan. 11, 2017.

-Paul M. Harmon, 22, of Dawson; count one, misdemeanor false reporting; count two, domestic assault in the third degree; count two dismissed with prejudice; placed on probation for one year, ordered to obtain an evaluation for chemical dependency, pay probation fees of \$390 and Court costs of \$60, and sentenced to serve five days in Richardson County Jail (with credit for five days previously served).

-Michael E. Kirkendall, 52, of Falls City; operating a vehicle during time of revocation; pled not guilty; trial set for Jan. 11, 2017.

-Lindsey R. Duerfeldt, 19, of Lincoln; willful reckless driving, first offense, amended to reckless driving, first offense; case continued to Feb. 6, 2017 for entry of plea.

-Dalton L. Herwig, 20, of White Cloud, KS; count one, obstructing a peace officer; count two, assault in the third degree (mutual combat);

count three, disturbing the peace; count four, first offense MIP; pled guilty to count one; pled no contest to counts two and four; count three dismissed with prejudice; placed on probation for one year, ordered to enter inpatient treatment for chemical dependency by Jan. 5, 2017, and pay Court costs of \$49.

-Dalton L. Herwig, 20, of White Cloud, KS; count one, misdemeanor false reporting; count two, MIP (under 19 years of age), first offense; pled no contest to both counts; ordered to serve four days in Richardson County Jail (with credit for four days previously served), and pay Court costs of \$40.

-Jessica L. Hayes, 30, of Falls City; count one, possession of a controlled substance, a Class IV Felony; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 4, 2017.

-Mark W. Gaede, 31, of Falls City; possess or use drug paraphernalia; failure to appear in Court - warrant issued.

-Colby L. Elms, 29, of White Cloud, KS; driving under suspension; fined \$100, plus Court costs of \$50, and driver's license revoked for one year.

-Colby L. Elms, 29, of White Cloud, KS; count one, first offense reckless driving; count two, failure to use child passenger seat restraint; fined \$175, plus Court costs of \$50.

-Robert D. Fisher, 53, of Falls City, assault by mutual consent; pled not guilty; pretrial hearing scheduled for Jan. 11, 2017.

**COUNTY COURT WAIVERS (Court Costs Not Included)**  
*Tickets written by RC Sheriff's Deputy Clinton Stonebarger*

-Matthew D. Cooper, speeding (16-20), \$125.

-Sarah C. Hove, speeding (21-35), \$200.

-Lucas M. Ely, speeding (6-10), \$25; failure to use seat belt, \$25; failure to signal turn, \$25.

-Clinton A. Kidd, speeding (11-15), \$75.

-Ann E. Brase, speeding (6-10), \$25.

-Angela J. Sewell, speeding (16-20), \$125.

-Toby A. Martinez, speeding (11-15), \$75.

*Tickets written by RC Sheriff's Deputy Jonathan Kirkendall*

-Miguel A. Sandoval, speeding (11-15), \$75.

-Emmet J. Kirkendall, speeding (11-15), \$75.

*Tickets written by RC Sheriff's Deputy Andrew Woods*

-Harrison D. Muegge, speeding (16-20), \$125.

*Tickets written by RC Sheriff's Deputy Lyle McMann*

-Dustin A. Garrison, speeding (11-15), \$75.

-Kelly R. Winkler, speeding (11-15), \$75.

-Gabriel Avila, speeding (11-15), \$75.

*Tickets written by State Patrolman Kaleb Bruggeman*

-Jesse F. Menchaca, speeding (11-15), \$75.

-Elizabeth K. Fraser, speeding (16-20), \$125.

-Trenton Roger Buhler, speeding (21-35), \$200.

*Tickets written by State Patrolman C.A. Zost*

-Jesus A. Jimenez-Esquivel, speeding (11-15), \$75; no operator's license, \$75.

-Benjamin Ryan Heithoff, speed-

## Escapee remains at large

One inmate who reportedly escaped from the minimum security Work Ethic Camp in McCook last week was captured in South Dakota over the weekend, while another remains at large.

Andrew Russell, 20, will be returned to Nebraska, according to a release issued Christmas day by work camp spokeswoman Dawn Renee Smith.



Canaday

A second inmate, Charles R. Canaday Jr., 35, as of Tuesday had not been located. He is described as a 5-foot-10, 140-pound white male with brown hair and green eyes. He was sentenced from Greeley, Howard, Sheridan, and Valley counties to serve a total of six years on three counts of burglary, one count of

theft and one count of criminal mischief. Those with information regarding Canaday's whereabouts are urged to contact local authorities. He is not considered a danger to the public.

Inmates housed at the Work Ethic Camp are permitted to work in the community with intermittent supervision. Russell and Canaday's absence was discovered during a head count last Wednesday night, Dec. 21, and confirmed via security camera footage that allegedly showed the two men leaving the facility earlier that evening.

Warden Pam Morello said a breakdown in internal communication led to a delay in alerting the public of the men's escape.

"We have policies and procedures that we follow in our protocol, and in this case, clearly there was a breakdown in that notification and communication," she said.

The goal of the camp, which opened in 2001, is to provide inmates with work skills and good habits needed to transition back into society. The facility also offers programming designed to help change their thinking and ultimately make better choices.

The last time a prisoner escaped from the facility was in 2015.



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## Big Red RECRUITING REPORT

By Sean Stevens

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

The recruiting drought is officially over for Nebraska, as they added Muskegon, MI, **linebacker Andrew Ward** (6-1/205) on Christmas Day. Ward chose the Huskers over Indiana and Iowa State along with offers from Arizona, Penn State and Virginia Tech. Prior to Ward's decision, the Huskers hadn't had a commitment since Sept. 17 when Plano, TX, **defensive tackle Deiontae Watts** (6-3/305) gave his pledge.

Ward officially visited Lincoln in September and has trips scheduled to Indiana (Jan. 13) and Iowa State (Jan. 27). Those other trips are unlikely to happen after his commitment, however. Watching Ward's senior highlight film you see an inside linebacker prospect who understands how to work through "the wash" but also has the speed and agility to stay with tight ends in the passing game. He's more than willing to take on a lead blocker, whether it be a guard or fullback, to stuff runs in the hole. He plays with the type of violence that coaches love to see from a guy in the middle of their defense.

Ward is also used to winning, as his high school team played in the state title game two of the past three years. That type of experience can be important to setting the expectation in a program with a lot of young players.

Not only had Nebraska not added any new commitments since September, but they had also had two players renege on their pledges and missed on a few others they were thought to have a better-than-average chance to land.

First to decommit was **DE Robert Porcher** (6-3/250) from Orlando, FL, who had been pledged to NU since late June. Procher said that he wanted his family to be able to attend all of his games, and that he plans to look for a school closer to home. He has since scheduled a trip to Virginia Tech and is planning on visiting Georgia Tech as well. The loss of Porcher hurts not only because he is a highly coveted prospect, but also because he's in a position where the Huskers need difference-makers. Generating a pass rush has been a struggle for the Big Red recently, and a player of Porcher's caliber had an opportunity to make a contribution as a true freshman. Now NU looks to "steal" a prospect, such as Georgia commit **Robert Beal** (6-3/217) of Suwanee, GA, or Michigan State pledge **Lashawn Paulino** (6-3/230) of Fort Lauderdale, FL.

**TE Reese Leitao** (6-4/236), of Tulsa, OK, then opened his recruitment back up after taking official visits to TCU and Texas. Oklahoma has also picked up their recruitment of Leitao with an offer, and he has scheduled a visit to LSU for Jan. 13 as well. NU is not totally out of the picture with Leitao, who was expected to compete for rotation time next fall at tight end with NU graduating seniors Cethan Carter, Sam Cotton and Trey Foster. The key here will be whether Leitao uses one of his two remaining official visits either Jan. 20 or Jan. 27 in Lincoln.

As for prospects the Huskers missed out on, California **DB Thomas Graham** (5-10/173) committed to Oregon and Texas JUCO safety **Corrion Ballard** (6-3/200) chose Utah. NU also pulled themselves out of the running for Florida **DB Quran Hafiz** (6-0/170) after the prospect was connected to the investigation of sexual assault by Minnesota football players while he was officially visiting the school in early September. Hafiz subsequently committed to Indiana.

Nebraska will have five early enrollees starting classes in Lincoln Jan. 9, including Delaware **LB Avery Roberts** (6-1/213), Missouri **WR Javeon McQuitty** (6-2/190), Florida/Nebraska **OL Broc Bando** (6-4/279) and California teammates **QB Tristan Gebbia** (6-3/180) and **WR Keyshawn Johnson, Jr.** (6-1/195). Those players will all go through spring practice, with Roberts, McQuitty and Johnson the most likely to contribute as true freshmen next fall.

A number of Husker targets will be playing in All-American games Jan. 7, with some making commitment announcements.

Playing in the Under Armour game will be the aforementioned **Robert Beal**, Louisiana **DT Tyler Shelvin** (6-3/360), and California **TE Josh Faló** (6-4/216). All three are long shots for NU, but are at positions of great need and the Husker staff has been pursuing them doggedly.

Beal pledged to Georgia last summer, but took an official visit to NC State in December. He hosted NU DL coach John Parella in-home as well, and took an unofficial visit to Lincoln previously. Pulling him away from the home-state Bulldogs will be difficult.

Shelvin is also committed to his home-state school, LSU. He has scheduled an official visit for Jan. 13 to Lincoln, though. Parella has also done a great job here, but the lure to LSU for Louisiana prospects is very strong. If he makes the official visit, I'd rate NU's chances at around 20 percent to land Shelvin.

Faló is probably the longest of these long shots. After the decommitment of Leitao, Faló has become an even more important target. Most analysts still expect him to stay in the Pac XII, however.

The Army game is more promising for Nebraska, as Washington **OT Foster Sarrell** (6-6/311), California wideouts **Joseph Lewis** (6-2/197) and **Jamire Calvin** (5-10/165), California athlete **Greg Johnson** (5-11/183), Texas **OT Chuck Filiaga** (6-6/335), and California **DB Deonmmodore Lenoir** (5-11/180) have all have either visited or plan to visit Lincoln before Signing Day. They all have NU in their final top groups of schools.

It's been speculated by analysts that Lewis, Calvin and Johnson are all "silent commits" to the Huskers. Adding Lewis and Calvin to a WR group that already includes McQuitty and Johnson, Jr. would give NU four prospects rated 4-stars or higher in this class. That would put them among the top 5 WR classes nationally.

Johnson is a versatile player who could play WR, RB or DB in college. He has visits scheduled to Arizona State (Jan. 13) and USC (Jan. 20), but the addition of DBs coach Donte Williams to NU's staff has played a big part in increasing Johnson's interest in Nebraska.

Filiaga (6-6/335) recently trimmed his list to three schools: Oklahoma, NU and Michigan — eliminating Oregon, Texas and USC. He visited Lincoln Dec. 9 and rated it a "perfect 10." The NU academic staff, coaching staff and players all stood out to him along with the facilities. He sees an opportunity for early playing time as well.

Sarrell is the highest-ranked prospect on NU's board, at any position. 247 Sports ranks him as the overall top prospect in the country and Rivals lists him No. 3. He doesn't do many interviews, but Husker OL coach Mike Cavanaugh has a three-year relationship and has kept the Huskers in it. Washington and Stanford are thought to be the leaders, with USC and Notre Dame also in play.

Finally there's Lenoir, who decommitted from Oregon after the Ducks fired Mark Helfrich. Donte Williams has also been a key here, as he has a long-standing relationship with Lenoir. He will visit Lincoln officially Jan. 20, after a trip to North Carolina and before Ole Miss. A trip to USC is being scheduled as well.

Others still in play for NU include Texas **DT Damion Daniels** (6-2/310), Oklahoma **DB Kamren Curl** (6-2/180), Texas **WR Gavin Holmes** (5-11/180), Hawaii **LB Isaac Slade-Matautia** (6-1/225) and California **DB Elijah Blades** (6-3/170).

Daniels has Colorado and NU at the top and will also visit Ole Miss and LSU before deciding. Curl will visit Oklahoma and Arkansas in January, and the home-state Sooners seem like the leader. His announcement isn't expected until Signing Day. Holmes visited Lincoln Dec. 9 after decommitting from Iowa. He will also trip to Arizona State and possibly UCLA. He loved his visit, but the family wants to compare other schools after how things shook out with Iowa. Slade-Matautia also visited Dec. 9 and plans to see Colorado in January although he hasn't finalized that trip yet. Former Husker OL Dominic Raiola maintains a presence at his high school, and has been in Slade Matautia's ear about the Big Red. Blades is a Florida commit, but will visit Lincoln Jan. 20 along with Lenoir. Again, the Donte Williams hire had an impact on Blades' choice.

When it's all said and done, NU should sign 22-24 new Huskers on Feb. 1.

## Happy holidays, indeed, as Tigers win three straight

The Falls City High boys' basketball team needed some glad tidings after opening the year with a pair of losses, and they made it happen, capturing a trio of big road wins to enter the holiday with a 3-2 record.

The Tigers got off the schneid in St. Joseph, MO, with a 63-50 win over Leblond Dec. 13, and a week later hammered Nebraska City, 65-13. Then Thursday, FC went to Milford and pulled out an impressive 41-36 win, as junior Brandt Chapple went bananas, scoring 23 points and grabbing seven rebounds.

Milford is a top-quality win; the Eagles were 3-1 to start the year and came within four points of beating still-unbeaten Centennial on the road.

But they had no answer for Chapple, who completely went off in the third quarter, scoring 12 during an 18-6 FC run that turned a four-point deficit into a commanding eight-point lead (34-26). Chapple hit a pair of threes in the period and was 3-of-5 from downtown in the game. No other player - from either team - hit double figures in the game.

It was much more balanced - yet lopsided - at Nebraska City. Senior Kyle Leafy scored 13 to lead three Tigers in double figures. Rudy Vrtiska and Zayne Heckenlively each scored 12 and Koner Hogue (nine) and Collin Cook (eight) just missed double figures.

Falls City put on a shooting clinic, making 4-of-5 threes, 17-of-31 two-pointers and 74 percent of its free throws (17-of-23). Leafy was 6-for-7 from the stripe, and both Cook and Jessi Dean were a perfect 4-for-4.

The Tigers owned a 13-3 lead after one period, allowing a single field goal, and really poured it on after intermission, outscoring the Pioneers 39-14. NC managed 2-of-13 shooting in the third period.

At St. Joe, Leafy (21 points), Chapple (17) and Vrtiska (13) spurred FC, which had another blistering night shooting the ball. The Tigers were 4-for-5 from three-point land, 23-of-34 overall

Journal file photo



Falls City High School senior running back Zayne Heckenlively ended his high school career with two all-time Tiger football records: Career rushing, with 3,033 yards, to go along with the single season rushing record of 1,503 yards he established last year as a junior. He was twice a member of the 1,000-yard club and in 2015 was named a Class C1 All-State First Team defensive back. This year he earned all-state honorable mention.

from the floor, and 13-of-19 from the line in taking their first win of the season.

### Scoring vs. Milford

FC — Heckenlively, 6; Vrtiska, 1; Leafy, 6; Chapple, 23; Hogue, 2; Sickel, 3.

M — Gerlach, 7; Burkey, 2; Policky, 9; Kelley, 6; Bitterman, 6; Pauley, 5; Mensik, 2.

### Scoring vs. NC

FC — Cook, 8; Heckenlively, 12; Vrtiska, 12; Leafy, 13; Dean, 4; Chapple, 5; Hogue, 9.

NC — Lechner, 3; B. Levy, 4; Becker, 9; Nemec, 6; Southard, 2; Benton, 3; Williams, 2; Riege, 2.

### Scoring vs. St. Joe Leblond

FC — Leafy, 21; Chapple, 17; Vrtiska, 13; Cook, 4; Hogue, 4; Heckenlively, 2; Dean, 2.

SJL — Modlin, 12; Maguire, 9; Bentrup, 9; Davis, 7; Gall, 6; Lombardino, 5; Raczowski, 2.

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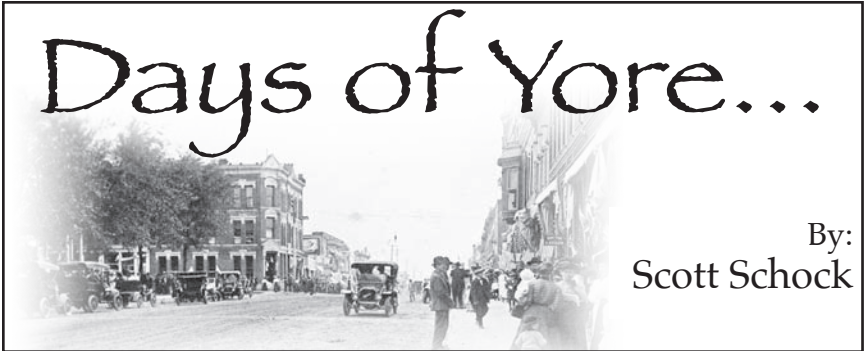
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50 Years Ago  
(Dec. 29, 1966-Jan. 4, 1967)

Three men were arrested after an “altercation” at the R and C Bar in Rulo. In a fight, a large plate glass window was broken and cigarette machine damaged.

Headline: “Weather to Be on More Endurable Side.”  
Dick Blecha, 16, of Humboldt suffered only flesh wounds in a hunting accident west of Humboldt. The headline stated it was “a close call.”

Lanthan Camblin, who was serving in the U.S. Air Force in Thailand, wrote a Card of Thanks to “each and every one of you who took the time out from a busy holiday schedule to write to me and other service men.”

The Braniff jetliner crash and Salem Bank robbery were the top stories of 1966. The Journal reported more deaths than births for the year (243 deaths, 181 births).

Dolly Jones was crowned Firemen’s Queen at the New Year’s Eve firemen’s dance at the auditorium.

Jack Ruby, who shot Lee Harvey Oswald, the assassin of President John F. Kennedy, died from cancer. (UPI)

Nebraska “Mauled by Bryant’s ‘No. 1’ Team.” The Huskers were thumped by Alabama, 34-7, in the Sugar Bowl. (UPI)

Tober’s Vogue announced a “Great Dress Sale” with “Tremendous Selections” and “Tremendous Savings.”

Headline: “Children in India Facing Starvation.”  
Members of Local 5638, United Steelworkers of America, were to vote on a new contract with Frontier Homes in Falls City.

Mayor Dick Baker appointed two committees as required for the federally-insured low-cost housing program in FC.

The 1967 Nebraska Newspaper Directory listed 235 newspapers in the state, the same number as the 1966 edition. Of the total, there were 20 dailies, seven semi-weeklies, two tri-weeklies and 206 weeklies.

Kenneth Zoeller was re-elected president of the Falls City Area Fellowship of Churches.

Don Koso was advertising for someone to make wooden horseshoe carrying boxes.

Safeway ran a two-page ad promising reduced prices throughout the store. Among them: a large head of lettuce for 10 cents.

In Leicester, England, 9 year-old Kim Wainwright lay in bed mowing down Martians with the space gun he received for Christmas. Then came the real invasion. Four carloads of police officers burst into the house. There was Kim, still firing his toy gun, which “shot” a beam of light, neighbors had mistaken for a burglar’s flashlight. (UPI)

Washington (UPI) — A House investigating subcommittee leveled a barrage of charges against Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, including a finding that he and a pretty secretary took a number of taxpayer-financed trips under assumed names.

25 Years Ago

Polly Fisher, in her Polly’s Pointers column, cautioned that “It’s best to cook eggs for eggnog.”

The Shubert Library and Museum Board honored Robert Weber with a coffee at the library. He had served as a volunteer librarian for five years before retiring from the position.

TV Guide had some fun with Henry Kissinger for his feeble attempt as a guest weatherman on “CBS This Morning.” The magazine also jeered David Letterman for sulking when he was not chose to replace Johnny Carson on NBC’s “Tonight Show.” (AP story)

For the second year in a row, local hoops legend Marty Froeschl won the longest shot competition at the SH Irish Booster Club event at Prichard Auditorium.

The *Journal’s* Community Service Award was presented to the Falls City Area Jaycees.

With 1991 on the way out, the Journal chronicled the good and not so good for the year. On the positive side, the end of the Persian Gulf War (for a while anyway); on the negative side, the devastating Halloween ice storm in the county.

One Stop Cafe advertised a New Year’s Eve breakfast, serving from midnight to 3 a.m.

The Miami Hurricanes were tied with Washington for No. 1 in the AP poll. The Canes had blanked NU’s Huskers 22-0 in the Orange Bowl.

The creation of quality jobs through manufacturing and service industries was the top goal of Tracy Brantner, who had recently been hired to fill the newly-created position of Falls City Economic Developer.

Capt. Lorrie Hayward of Humboldt was the first female pilot in the Nebraska Air National Guard. (Story from The Prairie Soldier)

Rural firemen responded to 26 calls in 1966. Chief Kenneth Arnold said structural damage was significant, listed at \$104,700.

15 Years Ago

The top local story for 2001 was the announcement of the pending closure of the Mickelberry ham-producing plant; worldwide, the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Not all of the news was bad for the year. The renovation of FCHS was completed, as well as the Parent-Child addition at North School. The Richardson County Military History Museum in the Courthouse was dedicated. Ag production was very high, but prices were very low. No traffic fatalities took place in the county.

Headline: “Time for Girl Scout cookies.”  
The local Jaycees presented more than \$3,000 in donations to various civic organizations.

The Journal was about to mark its 135th birthday.

FCHS students used their woodworking and art talents to create toys for the SENCA Head Start program.

The Sacred Heart boys and girls teams won championships at the Nemaha Valley Holiday Basketball Tourney. The HTRS Lady Cardinals won the title at the Table Rock Holiday Classic.

Cody Merz, a sophomore at UNL, was preparing for a trip and stay in Germany. She hoped someday to teach German.

# OBITUARIES

## Delbert Bowers

Mr. Delbert Duane Bowers, 87, of Harker Heights, TX passed away peacefully with his family and friends at his side Monday, Dec. 26, 2016 in a Harker Heights Hospital.

Mr. Bowers was born on Nov. 20, 1929 in Barada, the eldest child of Delbert L. and Daisy Kirkendall Bowers.

He grew up and was educated in Nebraska and was a graduate of the University of Nebraska in Omaha.

He entered the U.S. Army, where he served for 27 years, until his retirement in 1974 at the rank of CW4. After retirement, he had a second career as a funeral director. He and his business partner, William “Bill” Crawford, began Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home in Killeen in 1972 and Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home in Copperas Cove in 1988.

Through the years, Mr. Bowers touched many people’s lives in both communities. They sold the business in 1989 to Service Corporation International and he remained active as a consultant until the time of his passing. He always felt it was an honor to be able to serve the people in a time of their life when they needed it most.

Besides being a successful business leader, Mr. Bowers was also very dedicated to many civic organizations. He was a Life Member of VFW Post 3892 in Harker Heights, a Life Member of DAV Post 147 in Killeen, a Life Member of American Legion Post 223 in Killeen, a Member of the Elks Lodge of Falls City since 1950, the Killeen Evening Lions Club, the Killeen, Harker Heights and the Copperas Cove Chambers of Commerce.

Mr. Bowers was a long time active member of Skyline Baptist Church in Killeen. He enjoyed spending time with his family, working out at his place in Triple 7, playing golf and working at the funeral home.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory: His wife of 66 years, Jean Bowers, of Harker Heights; a son, Brent Bowers, of Nashville, TN; daughter, Debra (Dr. Lee) Hand, of El Paso, TX; brother, Delmar (Shirley) Bowers, of Mt. Home, AR; sister, Delores Stanfield, of Falls City; grandchildren, Shelly Bowers, Ryan Harper, Whitney Harper, and Nathan Bowers; and eight great grandchildren.

Mr. Bowers was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 30, at Skyline Baptist Church in Killeen. Interments services will follow with full military honors in the Killeen City Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be the U.S. Army. Honorary pallbearers will be the Deacons of Skyline Baptist Church in Killeen and the staff from Crawford-Bowers Funeral Homes in Killeen, Copperas Cove and Temple.

For those who desire, memorial contributions may be made to Skyline Baptist Church, 906 Trimmer Rd., Killeen, TX 76541; or to Friends of Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery (for the wreaths), 100 W. CTE, Suite 302, Harker Heights, TX 76548 or online at [www.wreath-forvets.org](http://www.wreath-forvets.org)

### ‘Sex Trafficking in Nebraska’

The harsh reality is that every day in Nebraska, there’s sex for sale. Research shows that hundreds of the people “for sale” each month are likely sex trafficking victims.

NET’s newest documentary reveals an ugly industry whose victims are mostly female and often children. It’s a crime that no longer happens on dimly lit street corners. “Sold for Sex: Trafficking in Nebraska” premieres at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, on NET.

“People aren’t walking on the streets, and men aren’t driving around the city block in circles looking for someone to buy,” Omaha FBI agent and longtime trafficking investigator Anna Brewer said. “Rather, they can just sit in the privacy of their own home with a laptop computer or cellphone, and find a human being for sale.”

## David Duey

David Wesley Duey, 89, of Silverdale, WA, passed away on Dec. 2, 2016 in Silverdale. He was born Jan. 22, 1927 in Chester, NE, to Clarence and Edna Duey.

On Nov. 4, 1950 he married Charlotte (Char) Jones. To this union, three children were born. Dave loved his family and everyone has fond memories of his fun loving personality and playing cards with him.

Dave was a WWII Army veteran, educator, coach and salesman. Most of his professional career was as a distributor for Kirby vacuums. He hired many, helping them get a solid start in life and develop leadership skills. He was a part of the Lions Club for many years and a past president.

Dave loved sports, whether it was high school ball, the UW Huskies, or anything on television. He enjoyed pool and won many medals in the Bremerton Senior Games.

Survivors include his children, Dan (Michelle) Duey, of Anchorage, AK, Luci (Dave) Kegley, of Olympia, WA, and son-in-law,

Doug Maier, of Silverdale; six grandsons; three great grandsons; and one great granddaughter.

Dave was preceded in death by his daughter, Robin, and eight of his 11 siblings.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2016 at the Silverdale United Methodist Church, where he was an active member for over 50 years.

Memorial donations can be given to the Silverdale United Methodist Church or the Alzheimer’s Association ([alz.org/donate](http://alz.org/donate)).

## Bob O. Boone

Bob O. Boone, 87, of Falls City, passed away Saturday, Dec. 24, 2016 in Falls City.

He was born March 3, 1929 at Moline, KS, to the late Frank and Lillian (Huffman) Boone.

He married Betty A. Stubbs on Dec. 31, 1954 at Platte City, MO. She passed away on July 2, 2015.

Bob was raised in the Garnett, KS, area and graduated from the Rantoul High School in 1948. Following high school he enlisted into the U.S. Army and was stationed in Alaska and Austria. Following four years of service, he met his wife in Camden Point, MO, and they established their home in rural Paola, KS, where Bob worked in the oil fields. In 1974 the family moved to Kansas City, where he worked for Kansas City Southern Railroad until retiring

in 1985. Once retired, they moved to Arizona for five years until moving to Falls City in 1990. Bob enjoyed fishing and being outside helping neighbors with their yard work.

He is survived by his daughter, Bobbi (Michael) Pickard, of Falls City; brother, Duane Boone, of Tucson, AZ; sisters, Dora Mae Traul and Linda (Skip) Cadwallader, all of Richmond, KS; grandson, Michael (Melanie) Selleck, of Mound City, MO; and granddaughters, Kaite and Morgann Selleck.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; wife; brother, Dean; and sister, Betty Jo Yackle.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, 2016 at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home, Falls City, with Pastor Daniel Farley officiating. Inurnment at Steele Cemetery, with military graveside honors presented by the Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard. There will be no visitation.

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## Peggy Liberty

Peggy Liberty, 79, of Nebraska City, passed away Sunday, Dec. 25, 2016 at Auburn. She was born Dec. 2, 1937 at Rulo to the late Olin and Ruth (Pifer) McWain.

Peggy was raised at Rulo and attended school there. She married Raymond Liberty on March 23, 1957 at Hiawatha, KS. He passed away on Feb. 9, 1990.

When married, the couple lived in Kansas City, Brownville, Peru and Nemaha. Following the death of her husband, she moved to Tecumseh, where she worked for the Campbell Soup Co. She retired in 1997 after 25 years of employment. Peggy moved to Edwardsville, KS, in 1998 and then to Nebraska City in 2014 to be with her daughter. She moved into the Good Samari-

tan Home in Auburn in 2016.

She is survived by daughters, Peggy Yott and special friend, Rick Pugh, of Tecumseh, and Norma (Duane) Horner, of Nebraska City; brother, Kenneth McWain, of Kansas City; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Peggy was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sister, Betty Tracy; brothers, Neil and Vernon McWain; and a son, Rodney, in infancy.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2016 at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home, with Butch Liberty officiating. Interment at Rulo Cemetery. The family received friends Tuesday at the funeral home.

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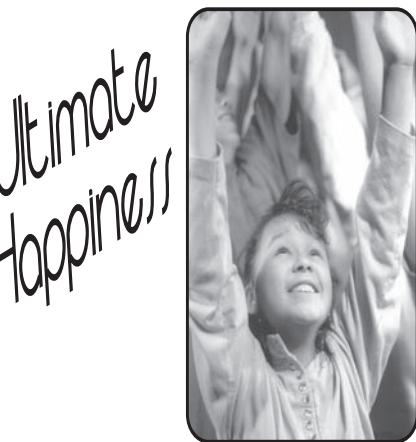
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Monday: Prayer and Share Monday, 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday: Children's, Youth and Adult Bible study, 7 p.m.  
We welcome you to all of our services.  
Dick Lionberger, Intern pastor

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New Year’s celebrations across the globe

Much of the world rings in the new year in grand fashion. Celebrations may include fireworks, concerts and, of course, champagne. But while there might be common elements to New Year’s celebrations regardless of geography, the parties can vary greatly depending on where celebrants happen to be. The following are some of the more raucous places in the world to ring in the new year.

**New York, NY**  
Times Square is in the heart of midtown Manhattan and is a sight to behold any time of year. But the New Year’s celebration in Times Square is a truly unique event that many people insist they must experience at least once in their lifetimes. Each year, roughly one million revelers gather at the intersection of Broadway and Seventh Avenue, so anyone planning to attend the celebration should aim to get there long before midnight if they want to see the famed ball drop.

**Paris, France**  
Fireworks dominate the Parisians’ celebration of the dawn of a new year. The world renowned Champs-Élysées is lined with revelers who can’t wait to catch a glimpse of the fireworks that explode from the Eiffel Tower at the stroke of midnight.

**Sydney, Australia**  
Fireworks fanatics who can’t make it to the City of Light might want to book a trip down under to Sydney. Each year, revelers in Sydney gather to witness awe-inspiring fireworks displays that explode from the Sydney Harbour Bridge and some surrounding buildings. The Sydney waterfront adds to the celebratory ambiance.

**London, England**  
New Year’s waterfront celebrations are not exclusive to Sydney, as London also hosts celebratory fireworks displays along the River Thames. When the fireworks are finished exploding from the tower around Big Ben, one of the world’s most recognizable tourist attractions, the magic then continues at another of London’s famous landmarks, the London Eye. Fireworks explode from the famed ferris wheel as Londoners ring in the new year in style.

**Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**  
New Year’s revelers who want something slightly different might want to try Rio, where residents take to the beaches to celebrate the dawn of a new year. Flowers are thrown into the waves at the stroke of midnight before the city erupts into parties loaded with dancing and music.

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It's a great time for new beginnings!

Kids: color stuff in!

# Newspaper Fun!

A happy, healthy New Year to you and your family.

I love celebrating on New Year's Eve and Day! I decorate, bake and make little snacks for my family's party. I write a short list of my resolutions – promises and ideas for little changes that I can work on – and then welcome in the New Year at midnight.

What do you like best about the New Year? Read my clues to fill in my puzzle:

- falling, shining globe
- its hands tell us the time
- what we do when we gather at parties
- the new year can give us a clean slate
- last month of the old year
- the world's most famous New Year's party is held here
- the Rose Bowl is always played on New Year's Day
- when you see this infant, it means new beginnings
- explosions in the sky
- a march through the center of town
- 5, 4, 3, 2, 1
- old man, stands for the past year, history
- the exact moment when the old year becomes new
- a promise to yourself to change
- first month of the new year
- tool to keep track of dates in the new year
- these 'ring in' the new year
- group of people playing instruments
- Auld Lang Syne is a very popular one
- great time had by friends, family with music and food

I'm full of energy and raring to go!

Whew! I'm tired and ready to go.

new beginnings

celebrate

Times Square

countdown

fireworks

party

Grandfather Time

December

midnight

parade

January

calendar

football game

dropping ball

## A Party All Over the World!

New Year's Day is celebrated all over the world. In most places, people join in the fun by having parties, feasting, visiting, and greeting each other with good wishes. Read the "party" words. Then, find and circle them in the puzzles.

board games

noise makers

finger foods

movies

friends

stay awake

dancing

streamers

hats

a toast

drinks

shakers

family

music

horns

Things we use to decorate or set up.

balloons

lights

centerpiece

banner

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sparkles

party poppers

star cutouts

tablecloth

plates

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forks

knives

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NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE COUNTY OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Estate of Dorothy M. Fisher, Deceased Case. No. PR16-55

Notice is hereby given that on December 14, 2016, in the County Court Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Deceased and that Patricia S. Bauman, whose address is 71105 644 Avenue, Verdon, Nebraska 68457, Kathryn A. Mumm, whose address is 65849 705 Road, Rulo, Nebraska 68431, and Gary L. Fisher, Sr., whose address is 202 W. Goldberry Street, Rulo, Nebraska 68431, have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before February 21, 2017, or forever be barred.

Nancy A. DeKlotz  
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20-28-4

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION SAYLOR FARM AND LAND HOLDINGS OF NEBRASKA, LLC

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

1. The name of the company is Saylor Farm and Land Holdings of Nebraska, LLC.

2. The period of duration of the company is perpetual.

3. The address of the initial designated office of the company in Nebraska is:

111 E. 17th Street, Falls City, Nebraska, 68355, and the company's initial agent for service of process in Nebraska is Christopher C. Halbert, 111 E. 17th Street, Falls City, Nebraska, 68355.

4. The general nature of its business is to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

Its Attorney:  
Christopher C. Halbert, #22609  
Halbert, Dunn & Halbert, L.L.C.  
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Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447  
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13-20-28

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

In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska.

In the Matter of the Estate of Edwin J. Nutzman, Deceased. Case No. PR16-53

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Formal Probate of Will of said deceased, Determination of Heirs and Appointment of Rick Nutzman as Personal Representative has been filed and is set for hearing in the Richardson County Court, Second Floor, Courthouse, Falls City, Nebraska, on January 4, 2017 at 10:00 o'clock A.M.

Curtis L. Maschman  
Clerk of the County Court

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13-20-28

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION OF DC GOFF FARMS, INC.

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Incorporators:  
Daniel C. Goff  
Cassandra A. Goff  
70501 645 Blvd.  
Salem, Nebraska 68433

Michael R. Dunn, #16825  
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20-28-4

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, Gary Jorm, City Clerk, at the City Building, 2307 Barada Street, until 2:00 P.M. on Jan. 10, 2016, at which time and place all bids will be opened and read in the presence of the bidders for the purchase of the following items:

Bronze Scrap Metal Water Meter Parts

The items may be viewed December 28, 2016 through January 10, 2017, from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. To make arrangements, please contact the City Repair Shop, 1007 South Crook Street, Falls City, Nebraska, at (402) 245-3854.

\*All Meters must be removed from City Repair Shop, 1007 South Crook Street, Falls City, Nebraska, within two weeks of awarded bid.

The City reserves the right to accept any bid which it deems most advantageous to the City, and to reject any or all bids submitted and to hold as many bids as it desires for consideration for a period of thirty (30) days after bids are open.

Gary Jorm, City Clerk  
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NOTICE OF FILING OF CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION OF VK LEECH TRUCKING, LLC

Notice is hereby given that a Certificate of Organization of VK LEECH TRUCKING, LLC has been filed as follows.

1. The name of the limited liability company is: VK LEECH TRUCKING, LLC.

2. The address of the initial designated office is: 71971 633 Avenue, Humboldt, Nebraska 68376.

3. The general nature of the business to be transacted is: Any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

4. The time of commencement of the limited liability company is December 14, 2016, and the duration of existence of said company is perpetual.

5. The affairs of the limited liability company are to be conducted by the following members: Van W. Leech.

VK LEECH TRUCKING, LLC  
By: Van W. Leech, Organizing Member

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28-4-10

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-111

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 9.04 OF THE CITY OF FALLS CITY ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF FENCES WITHIN THE ZONING JURISDICTION OF THE CITY AND TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. That Article 9, Section 9.04 of the Falls City Zoning Ordinance be amended to read as follows:

Section 9.04 Fences  
9.04.01 No fence shall be constructed within the zoning jurisdiction of the City of Falls City unless constructed in conformance with the following requirements:

1. Unless otherwise provided by this title or other sections of the Falls City Municipal Code, no fence shall be built on any lot or tract outside the surveyed lot lines, or adjacent to any municipal property, excluding public streets.
2. Unless otherwise provided by this title or other sections of the Falls City Municipal Code, any fence built on residential property within required front or street side yards shall contain openings constituting no less than 50 percent of the surface area of the fence.
3. No solid fence permitted or required by this title or other sections of the Falls City Municipal Code shall be built within a triangle formed by the adjacent side lines of two intersecting streets and a line connecting points 40 feet on each leg from their point of intersection; or otherwise in any manner create a traffic hazard or obstruction to visibility.
4. The finished surfaces of any fence shall face toward adjacent properties and street frontage.
5. Fences constructed within residential districts or on land used for residential purposes are subject to the following provisions.
  - a. The maximum height of a fence within a required front yard or street side yard setback shall be 42 inches not exceeding 50 percent closed construction, or 48 inches not exceeding 25 percent closed construction.
  - b. The maximum height for any fence outside of a required front yard shall be six feet.
  - c. On corner lots, a fence built parallel to the street side yard line but set back in conformance with the required street yard setback may have a maximum height of six feet.
  - d. Fences built on residential property outside of required front or street side yards may exceed of 50 percent closed construction.
  - e. Fences shall be constructed of wood, chain-link, PVC/ resin, stone or masonry materials only. Wood fences shall utilize standard building lumber only

9.04.02 No Fence shall be constructed within any zoning district of the city of Falls City which is in excess of six feet in height without first obtaining a conditional use permit to allow such fence and a building permit for the same.

1. Where it is demonstrated that for security purposes the perimeter fencing around a plant or building located in an area zoned as an Industrial District must be higher than six feet in height may be approved by through a Conditional Use Permit.
2. Fences constructed along and parallel to lot lines separating a residential lot from property located in a Commercial or Industrial District shall not exceed eight feet in height.
3. Fences constructed along and parallel to rear and side lot lines adjoining arterial streets, as designated by the Nebraska Department of Roads, shall not exceed eight feet in height.

9.04.03 No fence or vegetation shall be situated or constructed in such a way as to obstruct the vehicular traffic or otherwise create a traffic safety hazard.

9.04.04 The use of barbed wire in the construction of any fence is prohibited except:

1. Perimeter security fencing of buildings constructed in an Industrial District. The plans and specifications for any such fencing must be approved by the City before commencement of construction.
2. Farm fencing constructed for agricultural purposes on parcels of land 10 acres or more in size, located in the TA-1 District.

9.04.05 All fences shall be maintained in good repair.

9.04.06 Electric Fences. No electric fence, except for underground animal control fencing, shall be constructed or maintained within the City of Falls City or within its extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction except in TA-1 District as hereinafter provided. An owner or lessee of such property may, upon application to the City and approval by the Zoning Administrator, maintain electrified fencing provided same shall not be energized to the extent that it is capable of causing bodily harm to persons, be they children or adults, or to animals. Before the Zoning Administrator shall approve any electrified fencing, it shall be determine that non-electrified fencing will not adequately protect the owner's property and the owner's application for approval of electrified fencing shall set forth in detail the reasons why non-electrified fencing will not adequately protect his property.

Section 2. That all ordinances passed and approved prior to the passage, approval and publication or posting of this ordinance and in conflict with its provisions, are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication or posting as required by law.

Passed and approved this 19th day of December, 2016.

Jerry Oliver, MAYOR  
Gary Jorm, CITY CLERK  
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District #56

FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Minutes of the November 14, 2016 School Board Meeting

The Falls City Board of Education met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2016, in the Superintendent's office at Middle School in Falls City, Nebraska.

North School Principal and Assessment Director, Shawn Emerson, accompanied by South School Principal JP Holys, Middle School Principal Rick Johnson, and High School Principal Gale Dunkhas, presented achievement certificates to 17 students, grades 4-9, and 12, which achieved a perfect score on the Nebraska State Assessment during the spring of 2016. Not only were the students congratulated for high achievement by getting a perfect score on the state test, their parents were also recognized for their part in supporting their children and the school district. A special recognition was also made to the FCPS teachers for their hard work and dedication in providing a top-notch educational experience for our students.

1.0 BUSINESS ITEMS  
1.1 ROLL CALL AND OPEN MEETINGS ACT NOTICE – School Board members present were: June Bowers, Scott Huppert, John Martin, Richard Malcolm, Ed Harris and Scott Hollens. 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 – None  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.  
1.3 VERIFICATION OF ADVANCED PUBLICATION – It was moved by June Bowers and seconded by Ed Harris that it is hereby determined that these public hearings were preceded by publicized notice in the Falls City Journal and are hereby declared to be duly convened in open session. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Malcolm, yes. Motion was declared passed and adopted and the following proceedings were had and done at said hearings in open session.

1.4 APPROVAL OF AGENDA – It was moved by Richard Malcolm and seconded by June Bowers to approve the agenda. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Malcolm, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes. Motion carried. The agenda is as follows:

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

2.0 Informational Items/Reports:  
2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Reports: (1) Recognition of students achieving perfect scores on the 2016 NeSA State Assessment; (2) District Audit and Financial Report for 2015-2016, Julie Bauman, CPA, PC.

- 2.2 Principal's Reports: Annual report on multiculturalism
- 2.3 Board President's Report
- 2.4 Superintendent's Report
- 2.4a Legislative & Organization Update
- 2.4b Building and Grounds Update
- 2.4c Continuous School Improvement & District Goals
- 2.4d Negotiations Planning
- 2.4e Policy Planning
- 2.4f School Board/Administration Planning Workshop
- 2.4g Superintendent Meetings
- 2.4h Board Member Meetings
- 2.4i Other
- 2.5 Board Committee/Member Reports

- 3.0 Old/New Action Items:
  - 3.1 First Reading on Policy Revisions
  - 3.2 Second Reading on Policy Revisions
  - 3.3 Accept the 2015-2016 Annual Audit
  - 3.4 Other

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

5.0 Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings to be determined.

1.5 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – It was moved by Scott Hollens and seconded by Richard Malcolm to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting, with clerical corrections, held on October 11, 2016. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Malcolm, yes; Harris, abstain; Hollens, yes. Motion carried.

- 1.6 AUDIENCES: None
- 1.7 APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT: It was moved by John Martin and seconded by June Bowers to approve the October 31, 2016 treasurer's report which shows a balance in the General Fund of \$2,135,613.84; in the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund of \$215,693.19; in the Student Fee Fund of \$2,000.00; in the ICI Fund of \$149,239.28; in the Special Building Fund Investment Account of \$376,814.92; in the Special Building Fund of \$43,204.44; and in the High School Bond Fund of \$513,664.90. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Malcolm, 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 Account Report.

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

2.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/REPORTS  
2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Report: The District 56 Audit and Financial Report for 2015-2016 was presented by Julie Bauman, CPA, PC. Julie Bauman complimented the district's accounting process and record keeping, noting there were no material weaknesses, compliance issues, or deficiencies identified during the audit process. Julie Bauman thanked the management and staff that helped the audit go very smoothly.

2.2 Principal Reports:  
2.2a SHAWN EMERSON FOR NORTH SCHOOL: Parent Teacher Conference and the Scholastic Book Fair was well attended. During the PLC in October, teachers discussed new Reading Street curriculum. The students marched in the Veteran's Day parade. Mr. Emerson also presented the board with North School's Annual Multicultural Report.

2.2b J.P. HOLYS FOR SOUTH SCHOOL: Parent Teacher Conference was well attended. During the PLC in October, teachers discussed new Reading Street curriculum. The DARE Graduation is set for November 17, 2016. Mr. Holys attended the Tri-State Law Conference. Mr. Holys also presented the board with South School's Annual Multicultural Report.

2.2c RICK JOHNSON FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL: Reported on the 2016 Chautauqua. Falls City Middle School received a \$1,000 grant funded by the Richardson Foundation. Mr. Johnson also presented the board with Middle School's Annual Multicultural Report.

2.2d GALE DUNKHAS FOR HIGH SCHOOL: The annual Veteran's Day Program was held at high school gymnasium and was well attended. ACT testing will be December 10. Students to compete in the UNL Math Day. FFA Students attended the National Convention in Louisville, KY. The Education Quest representative will be available to help parents file their FAESA forms on November 22. Students went to UNO on a college visit. Mr. Dunkhas also presented the board with High School's Annual Multicultural Report.

2.3 BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Huppert reported on the Veteran's Day Pro

gram and the County Government Day event.

2.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:  
2.4a LEGISLATIVE AND ORGANIZATIONS REPORT: The NASA/NASB State Education Conference is November 16-18 at the La Vista Conference Center. Registration has been made for board members to attend.

John Martin will be the voting delegate for District 56 at the delegate assembly held November 18 at 8:00 A.M.

School Groups Approve EHA Health Insurance Rates: Health insurance rates will rise by 7.99% next year, following action by the Educators Health Alliance (EHA), a consortium of three statewide public school education groups that manages the plan. The increase applies to all EHA Medical and Dental plan options. Rate increases in the previous three years were 4.9%, 1.91% and 2.30%. By comparison, the State of Nebraska employee health insurance plan has had Medical rate increase of approximately 8%, 11% and 10% in 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The 2017-18 plan has no increase in medical deductibles and other copays. Additionally, the Dental benefits have been updated. The new benefits provide greater emphasis on more coverage of preventative care and, in order to keep the plan's cost neutral, add limited copayments for other services.

2.4b BUILDING & GROUNDS UPDATE: The Project Committee met on October 21 to complete the facility walk-through to review completed capital improvement projects and to continue planning for the short and long range project list. The project list will be refined and prioritized by the committee in the near future for recommendation of approval by the Board. Primary consideration is being given to new gymnasium bleachers in the high school main gymnasium, expanded concrete in the high school parking lot, and a replacement of the Snapper turf cruiser. On a larger scale, the high school welding and industrial technology shop and classroom areas remain to be a priority in future facility planning efforts.

The alumni class of 1966 will be making a contribution of \$10,200 to go towards an outdoor commons/sitting area at Falls City High School. The design plan is currently in the early stages.

2.4c CONTINUOUS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT & DISTRICT GOALS: The Marzano Instructional Framework aligns with district school improvement as this model provides a common language for all staff and creates consistency for dialogue and evaluation. With the assistance of iObservation, the instructional framework inspires an appropriate evaluation and common language with the administrator and teachers. Educational Service Unit professional developers are in the district to provide continuous, individualized, measureable learning for all teachers. During these meetings, teachers discuss Marzano's thirteen elements of rigor. Teachers have a deeper understanding of the Marzano Instructional Framework and focus on the implementation of research-based practices and strategies to improve learning experiences for students. Each teacher has identified an element of rigor to focus on for the school year. During building level professional development, teachers have had the opportunity to discuss Marzano's thirteen elements of rigor. The building collaboration allows teachers to discuss the elements of rigor and share classroom examples of complex learning and focus on the shift of their instructional methods. Teachers are empowering students to successfully own their learning at the highest levels of complexity.

2.4d NEGOTIATIONS PLANNING: The negotiation committees representing the Board and the FCEA are currently reviewing comparable school array data and will be scheduling the first negotiations meeting in the coming weeks.

2.4e POLICY PLANNING: I have attached two first reading policies for your review.

1) 5340 Leasing/Rental/Use of School Facilities: Review of the terms and rate charges for facility usage.

2) 6118 Principal Evaluation Policy; this policy is for review only and complies with Nebraska State Statute and current district-level practice.

The three policies on second and final reading were included in your October board packet, with the exception of the Audit policy 5110, which I'm recommending a final reading on, due to the nature of its simplicity.

1) 2320 Negotiations; the negotiations policy for certificated employees is simply a review of the procedures and timeline set by state statute. No changes are recommended.

2) 4275 Sex Offenders; this policy is for review only and complies with the Nebraska Sex Offender Registration Act.

3) 5110 Audit; No changes recommended.

2.4f School Board/Administration Planning Workshop: The corresponding date for the annual board/administration planning retreat would be Saturday, January 7th. The board will need to provide a direction on the agenda as well as determine if a facilitator will assist with the planning workshop. The only activity conflict with this date is varsity girls and boys basketball at Lourdes Central in Nebraska City at 3:30 P.M. Will continue discussion at December board meeting.

2.4g Superintendent Meetings: NRCSA Scholarship & Recognition Committee, November 16, Omaha; NASA/NASB State Education Conference, November 16-18, La Vista; NCSA Legislative Preview Conference, November 30, Lincoln.

2.4h Board Member Meetings: NASA/NASB State Education Conference, November 16-18, La Vista.

2.4i Other: Mara Dungan has been hired as the new Food Service Director. She was previously a Special Education para-educator at North School. Charity Zimmerman has replaced Mrs. Dungan at North School.

3.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 3.1 First reading on policy revision recommendations: 1) 5340 Leasing/Rental/Use of School Facilities; 2) 6118 Principal Evaluation Policy. A motion was made by Scott Hollens and seconded by June Bowers to approve first reading on policy 5340, policy and 6118. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Martin, yes; Malcolm, yes; Huppert, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes. Motion carried
- 3.2 Second reading on policy revision recommendations: 1) 2320 Negotiations; 2) 4275 Sex Offenders and 3) 5110 Audit. A motion was made by Scott Hollens and seconded by June Bowers to approve second reading on policy 2320, policy 4275 and policy 5110. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Martin, yes; Malcolm, yes; Huppert, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes. Motion carried
- 3.3 Accept the 2015-2016 Annual School District Audit Report: A motion was made by John Martin and seconded by Ed Harris to accept the 2015-2016 Annual School District Audit. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Martin, yes; Malcolm, yes; Huppert, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes. Motion carried
- 3.4 Other: None.

4.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by June Bowers and seconded by Richard Malcolm to move into executive session at 8:30 P.M. to discuss 2017-2018 negotiations and the Superintendent Evaluation. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Martin, yes; Malcolm, yes; Huppert, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Ed Harris and seconded by Richard Malcolm to exit executive session at 9:35 P.M.

The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Martin, yes; Malcolm, yes; Huppert, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Ed Harris and seconded by June Bowers to re-open open session at 9:35 P.M. reporting the following planning for collective bargaining year 2017-2018 update, and Superintendent Evaluation. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Martin, yes; Malcolm, yes; Huppert, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes. Motion carried.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT  
It was moved by Richard Malcolm and seconded by John Martin to adjourn at 9:36 P.M. p.m. with no further business. The voting was as follows: Bowers, yes; Harris, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Malcolm, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes. Motion carried.

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FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOVEMBER 2016 CLAIMS

AAA Fire Extinguisher, Inspection.....	\$460.00
AGCO Finance, LLC, Bus.....	\$141.25
Armbruster Motor, Lease.....	\$300.00
Apple Inc., supplies.....	\$29.00
Asset Genie, Inc., repair.....	\$119.00
Berwick Coop, diesel.....	\$12,622.61
Bigger, Faster Stronger Inc.phys.edu....	\$113.30
Black Art Materials, HS art.....	\$256.75
Brown Star Port-A-Potties, grounds.....	\$75.00
Capital Business Systems, Inc., exp.,	\$2,464.07
CCS Presentation Systems, software.....	\$49.05
Central Office, expenses.....	\$2,383.71
Central Office, phones/permits.....	\$451.28
Central Office, postage.....	\$656.00
Central Office, expenses.....	\$2,620.45
Central Office, payables.....	\$1,426.13
Cintas, mop/rags.....	\$355.84
Concrete Industries, Inc., maint.....	\$224.88
Control Depot, maint.....	\$170.75
Das State Actcng - Central, internet....	\$238.96
E.S.U. 3, registration.....	\$25.00
E.S.U. #4 Contracted, SPED.....	\$1,666.00
E.S.U. #4 Co-op, registrations.....	\$130.00
E.S.U. #6, Powerschool.....	\$67.26
Elem Activity - North, postage.....	\$229.50
Elem Activity - South, supplies.....	\$97.22
Falls City Activity Fund, postage.....	\$4,523.92
Falls City Auto Supply, parts.....	\$390.22
Falls City Mercantile, supplies.....	\$57.08
Falls City Sanitation, waste.....	\$770.00
Falls City School Lunch, lunches.....	\$1,612.80
Falls City Utilities, line test.....	\$19,480.20
Family Medicine, physicals.....	\$200.00
Farm and City Supply, grounds.....	\$488.93
Farmers Repair & Machine Shop, maint.....	\$65.00
First Wireless Inc., radios.....	\$1,209.00
Five Points Bank of Hastings, lease.....	\$1,260.50
General Parts, LLC, maint.....	\$81.52
Gov Connection, supplies.....	\$2,046.88
Heartland Roof Conslts, Inc., maint.....	\$3,900.00
Helena Chemical Co., grounds.....	\$758.15
Hermitage Art Company, art.....	\$47.98
Hobart Sales & Service, maint.....	\$182.84
Holiday Inn - Kearney, travel.....	\$91.00
Home Lumber, maint.....	\$54.36
Hullman's Ford, new vans.....	\$61,012.00
Jim Hill's, SPED.....	\$194.50
Jones Air Cond., Inc, maint.....	\$2,364.51
Julie Bauman, CPA, audit.....	\$6,716.52
Lightspeed Technologies, library.....	\$56.00
Mary Malcolm, SPED.....	\$2,974.50
Meyer Home Center, maint.....	\$67.27
Middle School Activity Fund, supplies..	\$16.58
Mr. Automotive, maint.....	\$26.52
NASB, registrations.....	\$1,285.00
NCECBVI, SPED.....	\$14,704.00
NCS Pearson, supplies.....	\$88.09
NE/Central Equipment, Inc., Bus.....	\$730.90
NE Safety Center, training.....	\$300.00
Omaha Wholesale Hardware, maint.....	\$125.04
PCC, food reimb.....	\$918.73
Pest Control Services, pest control.....	\$130.00
Petty Cash - South, postage.....	\$22.89
PGH & G, legal fees.....	\$300.00
Pro-ed, title supplies.....	\$42.90
PRTS, SPED.....	\$3,490.92
Quill Corporation, office supplies.....	\$201.07
Safety-Kleen, bus.....	\$411.54
Schmitt Music, band.....	\$2,175.61
School Nurse Supply, nurse supp.....	\$264.12
School Specialty, SPED.....	\$67.81
School Specialty/Classroom Direct, SPED...	\$238.94
Special Thinking, SPED.....	\$84.22
Spartan Stores, LLC, custodial.....	\$39.23
Stripes	



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### POSITION OPENING

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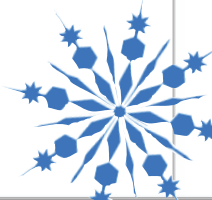


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•Events •Club Meetings •School & Chamber Activities						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 	3 FC City Council 6PM Blood Pressure Clinic at Sr. Center 12-1PM SH School Resumes FCHS B&G BB vs. Marysville-4:30	4 FC Lions Noon Weight Watchers at FCFC 5PM FC Schools Resume	5 Rotary Noon FCHS B&G BB vs. Johnson Brock-4:30	6 SH B&G BB vs. Diller-Odell - 4:30 SH Booster Club Soup Supper	7 
8 	9 BPO Does 7PM FC Vol. Fire Dept. 7PM	10 FCHS B&G BB vs. Auburn - 4:30 Am. Legion-7PM FC Chamber BofD Directors-Noon	11 FC Lions Noon Weight Watchers at FC FC 5PM	12 FCHS B&G BB vs. Maryville-4:30 Rotary Noon FC Jaycees 6:30 at CMC	13 SH No School for Teacher's In-service	14 
15 	16 FC City Council 6PM	17 FCHS Girls BB vs LeBlond-5:30 Humane Society at Sun Mart 7:30PM Am. Legion Aux. 6:30PM	18 FC Lions Noon Weight Watchers at FC FC 5PM	19 Rotary Noon	20	21 
22 	23 BPO Does 7PM	24 SH B&G BB vs. Southern 4:45 Boys BB Parents Night	25 Bloodmobile at Prichard 12-6 FC Lions Noon Weight Watchers at FCFC 5PM	26 Take Shape for Life at FCFC 6:40PM Bloodmobile at Prichard 12-6 Rotary Noon	27 FC Schools 2 Hour Early Dismissal	28 
29 Catholic Schools Week at Sacred Heart	30 SH Chamber Coffee - 9AM	31 VFW 7PM				

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