

# Falls City JOURNAL

A notice yours truly received in the mail was headed: 'The Future Depends on You.' Man the lifeboats, pardners!

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## DSA nominations recognize leadership

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 2011.

Page 18 of today's Journal includes a large nomination ballot to be used for nominations of persons to be recognized at the Monday, Jan. 16, Jaycees' Distinguished Service Awards Banquet to be held at the Elks Club.

Nomination forms may also be picked up at State Farm Insurance Office, 2002 Stone St.

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

The public's input is essential in making the awards ceremony a success.

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

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

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

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

When making your nominations, it is strongly recommended that you include a resume or letter of recommendation that fully describes your nominee's accomplishments specifically in 2011, as well as past activities. Also, add reasons why you feel he or she is deserving of winning that particular award.

Every year the Jaycees host the annual DSA Banquet 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 banquet is our chance, as a community, to reflect on these gifts and celebrate volunteerism.

DSA nominations are due by Thursday, Jan. 5. Please send them to:

DSA Nominations  
c/o Falls City Area Jaycees  
P.O. Box 202  
Falls City, NE 68355

Nominations may also be delivered in a sealed envelope to the State Farm Insurance Office, 2002 Stone St.

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## FC High names new football coach

Former Humboldt-TR-S Head Football Coach Darin Fritz Monday was named the new head coach at Falls City High School by FCHS Principal Gale Dunkhas.

Fritz takes over for Don Hogue, who resigned at the end of the 2011 season. Fritz served on Hogue's coaching staff before taking the Titans job last season.

Whether Hogue remains on as an assistant coach on Fritz' staff is yet to be determined.

Coach Fritz, a native of Verdon and son of Louis and Judy Fritz, attended Peru State College, where he majored in Industrial Technology.

He taught and coached at Rock Port, Mo., before serving as an assistant football coach at Falls City for four years.

"I am excited to have Darin back in our program and working with our athletes," Dunkhas said.

Coach Fritz lives in Falls City with his wife and three children.



## Sweet Story

*(Back in 1961--50 years ago--everyone in the area either knew Pete Bacakos or knew of him. He was one neat guy. A Journal reporter interviewed Pete for a Christmas story and for this Christmas season we've decided to turn back the clock and re-run that sweet story for lots of old-timers and hopefully a few more Journal readers.)*

One of Santa's "vice presidents" working like the dickens these days in preparation for the Christmas season is a Falls Cityan who has been filling that role for just about as long as old St. Nick can remember.

And like the much-revered gent named Claus, he looks forward to the job at hand with an eagerness that belies his years.

He is P. G. "Pete" Bacakos, who has been molding Christmas candies in Falls City since 1906.

The other afternoon in the back room at the Chat 'N Nibble, the 81-year-old expert gave this reporter a lesson in professional enjoyment. He was personally "dipping" the luscious victoria candies for Christmas consumption and in the four hours he was on the job he swirled 1,800 victorias through their double vanilla and chocolate coverings.

Before the Yuletide season is wrapped up and forgotten for another year, Mr. Bacakos will have dipped around 15,000 of his famous chocolate creams.

Seated on the backless stool, as shown in the picture, Pete has his own assembly line. The molded creams, which have been mixed

*(Please turn to Page 5)*



Photo by Jim Langdon

Proud new parents Nathan and Shannon Shields announce the arrival of twin boys, Bentley James (in mom's arms) and Cohen William (held by dad), born Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011 at Community Medical Center in Falls City. Bentley was born at 8:27 a.m. and weighed 8 pounds, six ounces and was 20 inches long. Cohen was born one minute later and weighed 6 pounds, seven-and-one-half ounces and was 19 inches in length. Paternal grandparents are Robbie Shields and Louann Shields and Mike Jahn, all of Falls City. Paternal great-grandparents are Marilyn Shields, Falls City, and the late Robert Shields and the late Loralue Inglis. Maternal grandparents are Mark and Jenny Bauman, Falls City, and Jan Price, Rulo. Maternal great-grandparents are Dennis and Linda Bauman, Falls City, and John and Dorothy Price, Rulo. Cohen and Bentley are the first set of twins to be born at the new Community Medical Center.







Sez ‘I’

‘We want equality for all county employees’

Equality???

Citizens of Richardson County are you aware that the County Board sets the salaries of all elected Officials? In accordance with the Nebraska Constitution and Section 23-1114 of the Nebraska Revised State Statutes, the salaries of all elected officers of the county shall be fixed by the County Board prior to January 15th of the year in which a general election will be held for respective offices.

We feel that the public must know that in 2010 County Board members adopted resolution 2009-2010-28, which reads:

Whereas, it is the duty of the County Board to set salaries for elected officials pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 23-1114, and Whereas, the Board of Commissioners have reviewed and considered all the different sources in determining these salaries for the upcoming term. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the annual salary for the COUNTY CLERK, COUNTY CLERK of DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY TREASURER and COUNTY

ASSESSOR, be established at \$42,471.68 for the calendar year 2011. That for each year thereafter, an annual increase during the term of office (2012, 2013, 2014) shall be based on the Consumer Price Index as established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, released on January 15 of each year and that the annual increase shall not be a negative number less than zero. Furthermore, the salary for Deputies within these offices shall be set at 75% of the officials’ base salary.

And, the annual salary for the County Sheriff be established at \$48,842.83 for the calendar year of 2011 and the same CPI language above. Furthermore, the salary for the Chief Deputy Sheriff shall be set at 80% of the Sheriff’s salary.

And, the annual salary for the County Attorney shall be established at \$50,966.21 for the calendar year 2011, and the same CPI language above. Furthermore, the salary of the Deputy County Attorney shall be set at 80% of the County Attorney.

And, the annual salary of the County Surveyor shall be established at \$9,519.61 for the calendar year of 2011, and same CPI language above.

And, the annual salary for the Commissioners shall be set at \$18,465.73 for the calendar year of 2011, and the same CPI language above.

And, if the County Board designates any elected county official who is qualified to serve as the budget-making authority, he or she shall receive \$2,000.00, paid after adoption of the budget by the county board, for the calendar year 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

And if the county board designates an elected county official to serve as the contact person for Richardson County with the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Association (NIRMA and NIRMAII), he or she shall receive \$1,000.00, to be paid monthly, for the calendar year 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

And, that in addition to the above salary, each official shall receive and be a member of the same health, medical and life insurance group plan as offered to all county employees. All officials shall participate in the retirement plan as mandated by State law.

This information was in the Falls City Journal dated Thursday, January 7th, 2010. What they failed to tell you: that all county officials and all the deputies took a nice 6% raise for the calendar year 2011. And the rest of the courthouse employees, not county the Sheriff’s Department, received less than 2% for 2011.

As for the Consumer Price Index, which as of August 2011 was at +3.8%: How do you budget raises when you have no idea what the percentages will be? You can’t. CPI will vary up and down so what will the magic number be? Plus, no negative number less than zero!

We (road department union) have asked those questions. We said we would take CPI — that would be fair and equal. The County Board would not accept that at all. Good enough for them, but not for us and other county employees?

The County Board offer for the wage increase to the road union is 2%, a 32-cent an hour increase, \$665.60 per year. \$665.60 x 17=\$11,315.20. Compare their 6% raise for elected officials Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor and Clerk of District Court — all received \$2,404 x 4=\$9,616. Their deputies received \$1,803 x 6=\$10,818. Get the picture? Add the rest of elected officials and deputies and the total for their 6% raise is around \$36,682.00. Oh, by the way, which elected official gets the \$2,000.00 and \$1,000.00 for the budget help and NIRMA contact?

We feel a 4% raise is not out of line, 4%=.66 an hour increase, \$1,372.80 per year x 17=\$23,337.60. We have been on the short end for several years. We want equality for all county employees.

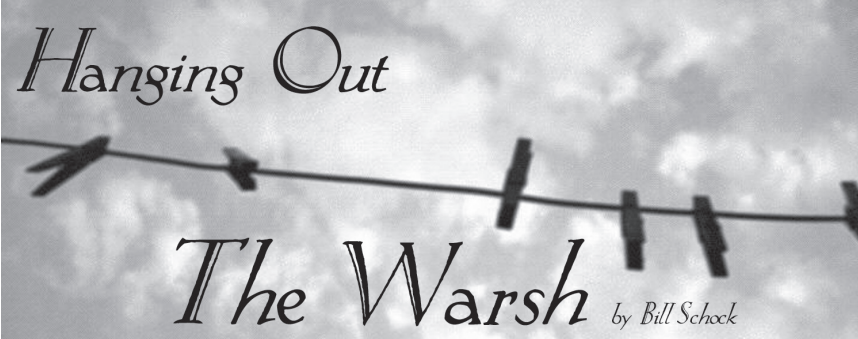
Citizens of this county, it is time to consider these facts. Ask questions to your board. You elected them! 2012 is an election year. Maybe it’s time for more change. Maybe someone will challenge the incumbents. Also, Pawnee County elected Officials received only 3%. So how do you justify 6% in these hard economic times?

*This article was drafted by Richardson County Road Department Union members. Road Department Union Representatives, Randy Gilsdorf, Jim Olberding and Matt Cromer.*

There will be angels, shepherds, wise men and animals, plus a choir. And, of course, the Holy family.

The Nativity will begin at 6 p.m. and conclude at 7 both evenings. Those visiting the scene are invited into the church afterwards for a short service, followed by hot chocolate in the social hall.

For more info, contact Pastor Jim Runnels at 402-883-2110.



Several of us guys from Falls City who were privates and privates first class and were playing soldier for Uncle Sam at Camp Robinson, Ark., were sitting in a Little Rock theater watching the Sgt. York (Word War I hero) movie when the screen went blank, the house lights came on and a guy stepped out on the stage to sorta scream that Pearl Harbor has been bombed by the Japanese and all servicemen were ordered to report back to camp immediately.

The question of the minute was: “Where in the world (more likely the hell) is Pearl Harbor?” Not a one of us knew, and neither did anyone we asked on the street outside the theater.

It was mid-afternoon on Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941. Wednesday will be the 70th anniversary of that afternoon. DON’T FORGET IT!!, President Franklin D. Roosevelt strongly stressed over the radio a day later when he and Congress declared war on the Japanese. FDR branded it the Day of Infamy.

It was no more “playing soldier” for us guys--it was the real thing. We were in World War II! And henceforth we were to be known to one and all as GI’s (government issue). We proudly accepted the monicker.

I’ve told the story of what I was doing on Pearl Harbor Day--and afterward--in the Journal so many times that Paul Weinert could, without a doubt, recite it word for word if he were so inclined. But here I go again.

There were over 100 of us Richardson Countyans in Company B, 134th Infantry, which had been a unit of the Nebraska National Guard, training (for the one year that turned out to be five) at Camp Robinson. Seven days later we were aboard a crummy, and I mean crummy, 35th Division troop train heading for California to battle the Japanese if they invaded the West Coast. Charlie Schlicker and I are still here in Falls City to show you they didn’t. A year and a half later Company B was fighting in the historic battle for St. Lo, France, losing some great guys and helping the Allies win World War II in Europe while I was counting days in a German POW camp.

It would be a sensible guess that even with all of the horrible combat they went through that none of those Richardson County Company B men who survived WWII ever forgot Pearl Harbor Day. And maybe the same goes for most everyone in our midst in a post-senior status.

Remember it tomorrow!! It truly was the Day of Infamy! And it still is -- 2,383 American dead in one horrible morning!

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**Bridal Registry**

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We congratulate this couple on their upcoming wedding.

**Kaytlyn Cooksey & Chad Kennedy**

January 28, 2012

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Come in and let us help you with your gift ideas for this couple.

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**Diabetic Education Seminar**

at Community Medical Center, Falls City

Plan to attend a Diabetic Seminar & Shoe Clinic, by Dr. Steven D. Meinhold, Wednesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m.

In the Outpatient Waiting Area at CMC

With additional Shoe Clinic

Thursday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

In the Outpatient Waiting Area



Dr. Meinhold, is on staff at the Specialty Clinic at Community Medical Center in Falls City, as well as Advanced Surgical Center, Immanuel Medical Center and Omaha Surgical Center.

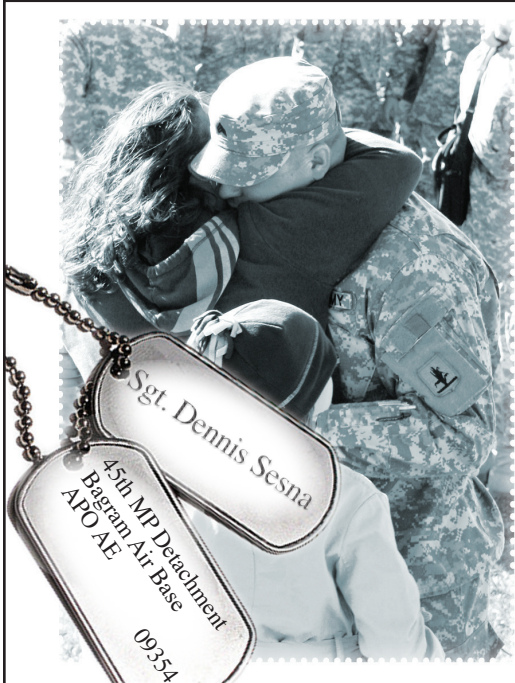
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**OPERATION MAILCALL**

With the holiday season not all that far away, the Journal will carry the names and addresses of men and women in the Armed Forces in Iraq and Afghanistan and around the world so friends may send cards, letters and gifts in plenty of time to reach them.

Send the names and addresses through the mail or e-mail or bring them to the Journal office and they will appear in the paper as they are received. Please, no phone calls.

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Ryan Georges



Brian Georges

Ryan Georges, 25, and Brian Georges, 23, both of Lincoln, and sons of Joey Georges, Shubert, and the late Sharon Georges, returned home last month from a year-long tour in Iraq. Ninety members of C Company, 2nd Battalion, 135th Aviation, with the Army National Guard, returned to Lincoln Nov. 19. Both the Georges are graduates of Southeast Consolidated School.

Society

Shubert Alumni Assoc.

The Shubert Alumni Association held a meeting Wednesday, Nov. 30, at the Shubert Library. Joann Vice, president, called the meeting to order. The treasurer’s report was given. Plans for the upcoming Alumni dinner were discussed. The dinner will be held Sunday, Aug. 12, 2012, at Prichard Auditorium in Falls City.

Other items of interest were discussed. Lonnie Wing gave an update on the progress of the Museum and the work that has been done. Plans are for the Museum to open on Saturday, Aug. 11, 2012, along with the Shubert Library from 1 to 4 p.m. for Alumni members to see the work that is being done on the

Museum.

Jean Campbell gave a report on the deceased members since the last reunion and will have a list of the names of the members to read at the Alumni dinner. The classes of 1961 and 1962 will be honored as the 50th and 49th years.

Officers for the upcoming year are: Joann Shafer, president; Lonnie Wing, vice president; Jean Campbell, historian, and Alyce Sickel, secretary/treasurer.

Drove #56 FC Does

Drove #56 of the Falls City Does met Monday evening, Nov. 28, at the Elks Lodge. President Phyllis Kreutzer presided over the meeting.

Committee reports were given. Courtesy chairman for December is Zita Ebel. For Ways

Community Carol Sing

The annual Community Carol Sing is set for 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, in the auditorium at Falls City High School. The event is sponsored by the Falls City Area Fellowship of Churches. Doug Kirkendall is again coordinating and directing the holiday program. Among those scheduled to perform at the Falls City Brass Ensemble, The Cleftsmen, the Falls City High School Show Choir, Kevin Gutshall, Kevin Rieger and Molly Chapple. Those in the audience will be encouraged to sing along with some of the season’s most traditional carols. A free will offering will be accepted to help support youth camper-ships. The public is invited to celebrate through music the birth of Christ and the joys of Christmas. Those with questions may contact Kirkendall at 402-245-3108.

and Means, Mary Wiltse said the concessions had gone well at the recent Christmas Festival. Also for Ways and Means, Glenda Bippes reported the recent soup supper/auction was a success. The Drove Project, a Nebraska Go Big Red Basket, was won by Linda (Mrs. Gary) Jones.

Nominations for 2012 officers were accepted by: Mary Wiltse, president; first counselor, Mabel Morton; senior counselor, Beverly Bernhardt; junior counselor, Sharyn Gibbs; secretary, Linda Frost; treasurer, Sheila Kirkendall; conductor, Ruth Arms; chaplain, Cathy Gutshall; outer guard, Donna Harmon, and three-year trustee, Phyllis Kreutzer.

Members voted to donate to the local Ministerial Association. The Drove voted for Doe of the Year. She will be revealed at the Christmas party, which will be held Monday, Dec. 12. The social hour is 5:30 to 6:30 with the dinner served at 6:30. The event will be held at the Richardson County Historical Museum. Members should contact Sharon Walker, Mary Wiltse or Ruth Arms for reservations.

The Drove will participate in the Elks Memorial Service on Sunday, Dec. 4.

The Coin March was held and “Happy Birthday” was sung to Marlene McKim and Sheila Kirkendall.

Hostesses for the next regular meeting on Jan. 9 are chairperson Marlene, assisted by Erica Olberding, Nancy McKim and Karey Weaver. Installation of officers will be held and officers should wear their white.

141 delivered Thanksgiving by FCAMA

Thanksgiving Baskets from the Falls City Area Ministerial Association were delivered to 55 households and 141 people on the afternoon of Sunday, Nov. 20.

Donations from churches, firms, businesses and individuals for this ministry amounted to \$1,689.

Cedar Hollow Foods donated high-quality hams for the baskets. The FCAMA wishes to thank all of those who donated food and funds for the Thanksgiving Baskets, with special thanks to Randy Gottula at Sun Mart, who worked with us to provide food valued at over \$400 more than what we paid to purchase it.

We also thank the employees at Sun Mart who saved boxes in which to pack the food, organized the food and loaded it for transport to our packing site. We thank St. Thomas Episcopal Church for the use of their facilities to store the food and pack the boxes which comprised the Thanksgiving Baskets, and we especially thank all of you who showed up to pack and/or deliver them.

One hundred forty-one people in Falls City, Rulo, Salem and Shubert had a much better Thanksgiving because of the generous contribution of time and resources of all of these people.

Business



Dr. James Slominski, DDS, and the staff at Park-side Dental Clinic in Falls City are happy to announce that **Abby (Lemerond) Merz** has joined the practice as a Certified Dental Hygienist. Abby is a graduate of the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry and FC Sacred Heart High School.

Mound City ‘Christmas Tour of Homes’ Sun., Dec. 11

The State Theater in Mound City, MO, announces the 2011 Christmas Tour of Homes. The tour will be held on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 1 to 6 p.m., and it will showcase four Mound City homes and one church.

Each of the four homes and their themes include:

The Robert and Kris Gibson home with the theme, “’Twas the Night Before Christmas.”

The Jamie and Alyssa Barnes home with the theme, “A Country Christmas.”

The Gary and DeeAnn Heck home with the theme, “’Tis the Reason for the Season.”

The Justin and Hillary Courtney home with the theme, “Walking Through a Winter Wonderland.”

The First Christian Church, “Celebrating 160 Years.”

The tour is a fund raiser for the State Theater Arts Council. Tickets are available at Mound City banks. Prices are \$10 in advance or \$12 the day of the tour.

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Sweet Story

Area Acquaintance

Countdown to Christmas

(Continued from Page 1)

and prepared by his sons, George and Dan, are on his left, and the two batches of mouth-watering dip are being kept in warming tins in front of him. He dips one covering at a time. Each piece of candy is handled individually. He makes several passes with it through the dip he has in front of him and then moves it on to the competed production line, adding a little flourish at the end to give the candy a professional swirl on top.

The dip has to be at an exact temperature. If it's too warm, it acquires a grayish, slightly undesirable cast, and if it's too cold it solidifies and won't work satisfactorily. So George keeps the dip in an efficient state and also keeps his dad well supplied with work.

Doesn't he get a "stove-up" back from sitting on a stool for four hours?

"Not when you are as used to it as I am," Pete declares, and adds that his only discomfort is the fact that he has to forego his favorite cigar while on the dipping job. The veteran candy maker is a stickler for cleanliness, and the identifying cigar just doesn't fit into the picture.

Old-timers and semi-oldtimers can remember vividly the wondrous sight of the Bacakos Candy Kitchen (where the north side

of The Vogue now is located--in 2011 it is the location of the Great China Buffet) at Christmas time back in the '20s. Colorful red and white candy canes of Pete's artistry were hanging from wires extending the length of the Candy Kitchen. It was a pretty dull kid who didn't duck in a least once a day to take a wishful look at the biggest cane in the string.

"Those were the the 'candy years'," Pete recalls fondly, and adds that it was not unusual then to sell 1,000 gallons of ice cream a month.

Mr. Bacakos held forth at the Candy Kitchen for 28 years--until 1932--moved briefly to a spot south of the Rivoli Theater and then up to his present location (next door south of the now Schulenberg Bakery), where he has been for 27 years.

The Bacakoses don't make the canes anymore, but George has assumed the candy maker role and with his dad in a supervisory status, produces brittles, sauerkraut candy, divinity, chocolate caramels, peanut clusters and a few other types with popular appeal.

Recently, Mr. Bacakos got a call from a Kansas Cityan who wanted to buy 700 pounds of chocolates. The Chat 'N Nibble is not equipped to handle such a volume and Pete had to turn him down. That would have meant quite a few more hours on the backless stool than even the veteran candy maker could put in.

"I just want to keep busy," Pete explained with a grin.

And dipping 1,800 victorias in an afternoon apparently is just what the doctor ordered.

Greetings!

Thanksgiving has passed and the countdown to Christmas has begun. The weather has changed to accommodate all of you who enjoy "the cold". It hasn't been too bad as of yet but I'm afraid that might change this weekend. It looks as if the forecast is rain on Saturday turning to snow later in the evening. Yep, that's right, snow. Here is something that will probably surprise you. I actually get excited about the first snow. I talk about how much I hate the cold (still do) but I have to admit there is something pretty special about snow. It's like being a kid all over again. I'm sure you all know what I'm talking about. The weather forecasters start talking about it and then there is this excitement that builds up inside. So, if it snows this weekend I will probably react in a "Oh, isn't it pretty" kind of way. Yes, the first snow is special, even for me, the one who dislikes winter.

This Friday marks the gathering of our local Area Acquaintance group to meet once again at A & G in downtown Falls City. Since the August beginning of Area Acquaintance we've had a tremendous response to this idea, thanks to Cathy Falter Davis, in remembrance of her mother, Harriet Falter. We are meeting the new folks in town and making friends with our neighbors.

As with most of us we are all decorating for Christmas. If you need to get a handle on gift giving, well, the best place to find those unique decorations is at none other than "Memory Lane". Kim is amazing!!! She has such a knack with decoration and trees, she's there to help.. Last month on Veterans Day the group enjoyed a freshly baked loaf of bread from the bakery. And, of course "Milam's Greenhouse" provides fresh perfected poinsettias to our friends at all three local florists. Pick one up! A few tips to make your poinsettias last longer and retain their color: Once it is brought home, place it in a brightly lit location away from cold drafts or hot registers. Color can be prolonged if the plant is kept at 60 to 72 degrees with high humidity and don't over water. Shop locally for the most down home gifts.

The first day of winter is just

a short 23 days away. Winter and Christmas will be here before we know it. I'm personally not quite ready for either.

Please join us next Friday, December 9th at 12:30 p.m. for another fun filled lunch date with Area Acquaintance group. Finally:

It's time to step up. Spend Christmas giving to those who won't give you anything physical in return. That's the true spirit of Christmas.

Merry Christmas to all and to all good cheer...until you hear from me next year..

Sincerely,  
~ Savvy Sue

From the Richardson  
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A female min pin/terrier mix approx. 12-14 weeks old, p/u in the area of St Charles Ave. and Eastview on Monday the 28th She's at the City Pound call the PD 245-4422 to claim or adopt.

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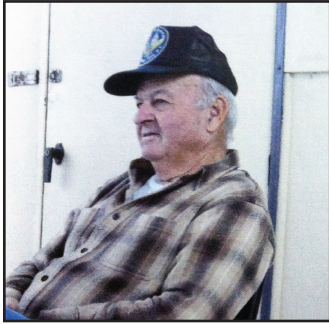
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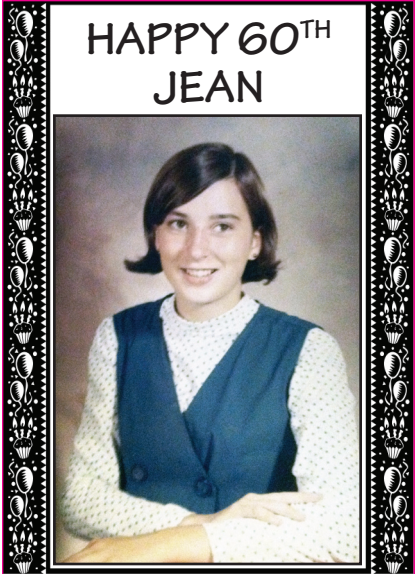
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Saturday, December 31st  
New Year's Eve Party  
Chasing Daylight Band  
9-Close • Must be 21 or older to attend



JERRY GERWECK

Jerry Gerweck was born February 4, 1932, to Antone and Dora Schulenberg Gerweck, two and a half miles west of Rulo. Where he was raised with nine brothers and sisters and spent his entire youth. Living on a grain and livestock farm kept him busy as a young boy helping his dad. He attended school at the Red Brick School House, one half mile east from where he lived. For spending money, he trapped coon, opossum, and skunk. In the morning before school he would skin out his furs getting the attention of his teacher with a successful catch of skunks. He later would attend Falls City High School, graduating in 1949. After graduating, he worked for his dad on the farm until being drafted into the U.S Army on September 25, 1952. After completing basic training in Fort Leonard Wood., MO, and combat training in Fort Riley, KS, he would be assigned to the 279th Infantry. He went overseas to the Korean War, where he would fight for the next year and a half. He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant, receiving the Korean Service Medal, two Bronze Service Stars, National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, U.N. Service Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, and was also selected soldier of the month. He was honorably discharged on July 20, 1954. After returning home in 1955, he met his life-long mate, Dorothy Dalsing, of Hiawatha, KS. Jerry and Dot were married July 17, 1956. They would have three children, Randy, Cindy, and Tony. He was employed by his brother, Vernon, in the construction business, operating a bulldozer. In 1961, he started his own bulldozing business, which he operated and employed several people from the area. He sold the business in the late sixties to pursue farming fulltime, raising grain and livestock. He bought and operated several farms in the Rulo area — buying the "Home place" in 1966, where he spent most of his adult life and raised his family. He served on the school board at The Red Brick School and coached little league baseball in Rulo. When not working the farm, Jerry and Dot enjoyed many activities together. They traveled extensively in the U.S., Mexico, and Canada, taking several trips a year. They both raced go-carts and quarter midgets in much of the 4 state area in the early years. Being outdoor enthusiasts, it was common to see them on the water fishing, coming out of a field with a limit of pheasant, or crawling out of a ditch leading a pack of coonhounds. He had a passion for coon hunting since his youth. He raised, trained, and sold hounds. He raised several "Night Champion" dogs, competing in many night hunts. He retired in 1990 at the age of 58. He continued to live in the Rulo/Falls City area in the summer, traveling to Bullhead City, AZ, for the winter for the next 21 years. He died unexpectedly in Bullhead City on December 3, 2010, due to heart failure. He left behind his wife, Dot, 3 children, 5 grandchildren, a brother, and 2 sisters. Just think of him as resting from the worries and the tears. In a place of warmth and comfort where there are no days or years. Left a Year Ago.  
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•A wide range of other gift items.



Public Record

**County Court**  
Jeffrey L. Niedfeldt, Falls City, DUI-.15+, pleaded guilty, found guilty, continued to Dec. 4 sentencing.  
Jake A. Fritts, FC, count one, attempt of a class 3A or class 4 felony; count two, obstruct a peace officer; count three, possess K2 or marijuana one once or less; continued to Dec. 5. for entry of plea.  
Jeffrey A. Morley, FC, count one, fail to stop and render aid; count two, criminal mischief - \$1,500 or more; continued to Dec. 19 for preliminary hearing.  
James A. Roberts, FC, issue bad check - \$100-\$500; pleaded guilty, found guilty, fined \$150, probation ordered for 12 months, to pay restitution of \$1,225.49, plus costs of \$49.  
Cullen McGraw, White Cloud, KS, DUI-1st, fined \$450, served seven days in Richardson County Jail, driver's license revoked for six months, interlock allowed, plus costs of \$168.80.  
**District Court**  
State vs. Richard A. Kirken-dall, FC, count one, DUI-4th; count two, driving under revocation; pleaded not guilty; jury trial set for Feb. 8, bond continued.  
State vs. Robert A. Hendricks, FC, possession of a controlled substance; pleaded not guilty;

jury trial set for Feb. 8, bond continued.  
State vs. Sally R. Brown, Topeka, KS, manufacture, distribute, deliver or possess with intent to manufacture, distribute, deliver a controlled substance, aid or abet; pleaded not guilty; jury trial set for Feb. 8.  
State vs. Michael A. Patnode, FC, count one, sexual assault of a child in the 3rd degree; two counts of sexual assault of a child in the 1st degree; pleaded not guilty to all counts; jury trial set for Feb. 3, bond continued.  
State vs. Chelsea N. Porter, FC, cunt one, child abuse; count two, false reporting; pleaded not guilty to both counts; jury trial set for Feb. 8, bond continued.  
Dennis L. Seerley, FC, count one, distribute or deliver a controlled substance; counts two and three, possess money used or intended to be used with a controlled substance; count four, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance; pleaded not guilty to all counts; jury trial set for Feb. 8, bond continued.  
Trevor S. Pingel, Salem, distribute or deliver controlled substance, aid or abet; pleaded not guilty; jury trial set for Feb. 8, bond continued.  
**County Court Waivers (Court costs not included)**  
Meryl M. Higgins, speeding (21-35), fined, \$200.  
James C. Fischer, speeding (21-35), fined \$200.

Michael J. Crelin, speeding (21-35), fined \$200.  
Carol J. Malcolm, speeding (6-10), fined \$25.  
Jason A. Durfee, speeding (6-10), fined \$25.  
Dylan R. Hunzeker, speeding (16-20), fined \$125.  
Andy R. Schlabach, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.  
Darron M. Rhodd, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.  
David J. Rofkahr, speeding (16-20), fined \$125.  
Kevin M. Meyer, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.  
Marisa M. Ross, speeding (16-20), fined \$125.  
Timothy C. Bradley, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.  
Michael S. Kever, speeding (16-20), fined \$125.  
Phillip Hernandez, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.  
Matthew D. Bletscher, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.  
Austin M. Melies, speeding (21-25), fined \$200.  
Julie A. Johnson, no operator's license, fined \$75.  
Gregory C. Gilmer, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.  
Sherril L. Foster, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.  
John D. Schneiderwind, speeding (16-20), fined \$125.  
William L. Little, speeding (16-20), fined \$125.  
Jeffrey Dierberger, speeding (6-10), fined \$25.  
Jasmyne A. Strauss, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.  
Jeremiah T. O'Connor, speeding (16-20), fined \$125.  
Brandon J. Johnson, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.  
Marvin L. Pritchard, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.

**Accident**  
**Investigated by FCPD**  
Friday afternoon, Nov. 25, 16th and Crook Streets. Drivers: Brandon L. Frenzel, FC, driver of Ford pickup; William S. Farmer, driver of GMC pickup owned by Teresa Chandler. Frenzel was westbound on 16th St., entered the intersection and was hit on the passenger side by Farmer. Estimated damage: \$1,000 to Frenzel vehicle; \$1,500 to Farmer vehicle. According to the report both were cited.

Auto theft sends FC man, 26, to Work Ethic Camp in McCook

Joshua E. Nissen of Falls City was sentenced in District Court last Tuesday for his involvement in the felony theft of vehicle from Sun Mart parking lot on April 25 of this year.  
Nissen, 26, was convicted of aiding or abetting attempted theft by unlawful disposition and sentenced to three years of intensive supervised probation with the Work Ethic Camp located near McCook.  
Nissen and Amber L. Frenzel stole the 1998 Dodge Caravan, owned by Dennis and Sherry Gibbs, at approximately 4:30 p.m. on the day mentioned above. Mr. Gibbs, an employee at Harmon's OK Tire, parked the van in the grocery store parking lot and was notified by a fellow employee that two people had driven off in the van. Officers from the Falls City Police Department responded to the call and took statements from witnesses. While officers were getting statements a dispatcher with the Richardson County Sheriff's Office heard that deputies in Otoe County had stopped a van with the same description as Gibbs's. The vehicle was quick-

ly identified as Mr. Gibbs's.  
Nissen is also responsible for costs and fees totaling nearly \$1,900.  
Two other men were also sentenced last Tuesday in District Court on separate incidences.  
Damon C. Gates, 27, of Falls City was convicted of third degree assault on an officer, attempted terroristic threats and resisting arrest. All three are misdemeanors. Gates was sentenced to thirty days in the Richardson County Jail for each charge with each sentence to run consecutive of one another. Gates was given credit for six days served.  
Christopher Lehmer, 31, of Mound City, MO, was convicted of felony second-degree forgery and was sentenced to three years probation. Lehmer was also ordered to pay restitution to the following business: Pamida - \$1,082.30, Brown's Shoe Fit - \$399.75, Farm & City Supply - \$278.85, Bottle Shop - \$335.55, Mutt & Jeff's - \$72.25, Bridge Café - \$282.79 and Orscheln Farm & Home Supply - \$620.69. Lemher is also responsible for nearly \$2,000 in costs and fees.



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Farming after the flood

“Farming after the Flood — Farmer Perspectives and Agency Resources” will be the focus of a Wednesday, Dec. 14, multi-state webinar for those affected by the 2011 Missouri River flood.

The webinar will be from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at more than 20 sites in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and South Dakota. The Richardson County Extension Office will host a viewing site at the Richardson County Courthouse (lower level). At the Falls City viewing site, Shawna Mitchell from the Richardson County USDA-FSA Office will be available to answer producer questions. For more info, contact Extension Educator Lindsay Chichester, 402-245-4324, lchichester2@unl.edu.

The webinar will feature two producers in the process of repairing their farmland and representatives from key USDA agencies and the U.S. Corps of Engineers who are working with producers whose farmland sustained flood damage.

“Many farmers and landowners may be facing several inches of sediment and sand, scour holes and ponds, and wondering what resources are available to help them proactively address these problems and prepare for the 2012 crop season,” said Craig Derickson, Nebraska State Conservationist with the USDA Natural Resources and Conservation Service.

Presentations will include a farmer panel and information from speakers on government resources and programs, point to consider when planning for the 2012 cropping season and how to remain in compliance with Farm Bill programs while bringing flooded acres back to productivity. The sessions will be followed by a question and answer period.

For farmers with crop insurance and risk management questions, two representatives from the USDA RMA will discuss current programs.

“Planning will be particularly important this year,” said Rebecca Davis, director of the USDA Risk management Agency regional office in Topeka, KS. Crop insurance topics to be discussed will include prevented planting requirements, 2012 premium rates, breached levees and exclusion options for high risk lands. Davis advised that growers in flooded areas contact their crop insurance agent in advance of the March 15 Sales Closing Date so they can develop a plan best suited to their situation.








The webinar also will include:

- A farmer panel with Scott Olson of Tekamah and Lyle McIntosh of Missouri Valley, IA, on how they are repairing fields physically and biologically.
- An overview of flood recovery programs, including levee repair, land clearing and soil restoration assistance available from NRCS, FSA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- Long-term land retirement programs available from NRCS, FSA and the Corps of Engineers.
- Flooding impacts on crop insurance.
- How to remain in compliance with Farm Bill programs.
- Additional resources.

“This information should help producer make the best choices for their land,” said John Wilson, UNL Extension Educator working of flood recovery.

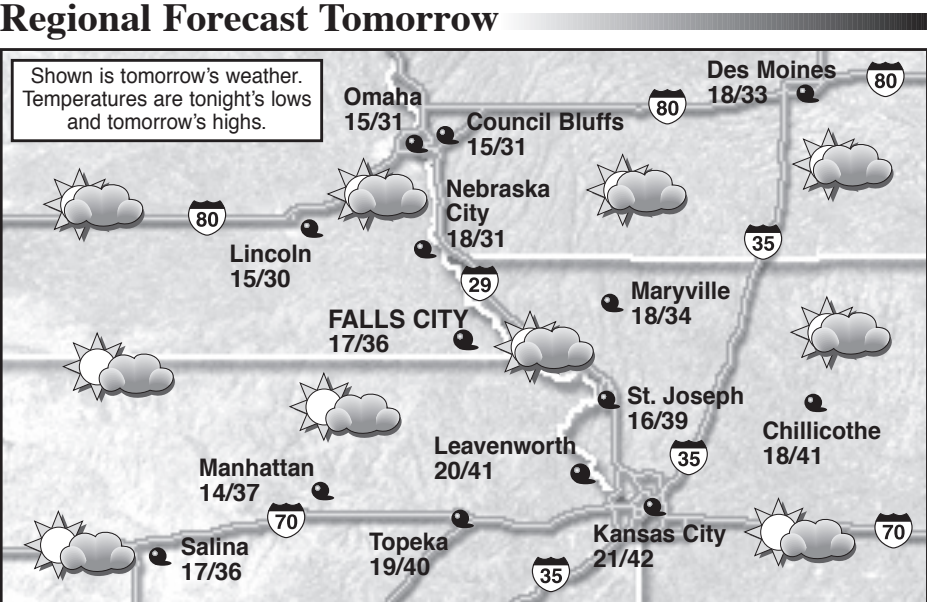
Falls City Journal Weather Report

Seven-day Forecast for Falls City

TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
 Partly cloudy <b>Low: 17°</b>	 Mostly cloudy <b>36° 12°</b>	 Mostly sunny and cold <b>33° 19°</b>	 Sunny and breezy <b>41° 24°</b>	 Mostly sunny <b>41° 24°</b>	 Mostly cloudy <b>39° 27°</b>	 Cloudy, a shower; milder <b>49° 29°</b>

Almanac Data	
Falls City for the week ending Sunday	
Temperature	
High for the week	54°
Low for the week	12°
Normal high	43°
Normal low	24°
Average temperature	32.3°
Precipitation	
Total for the week	1.83"
Total for the month	1.83"
Normal for the month	0.17"
Snowfall (estimated)	
Snowfall for the week	Trace

RealFeel Temperature®	
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Thursday	29°
Friday	27°
Saturday	31°
Sunday	34°
Monday	30°
Tuesday	40°
Wednesday	40°
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River Stages Yesterday					
Big Nemaha River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr. change	Missouri River	Flood stage
Falls City	23'	6.87'	+1.61'	Rulo	17'

Sun and Moon		
Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Thursday	7:31 a.m.	4:57 p.m.
Friday	7:32 a.m.	4:57 p.m.
Saturday	7:33 a.m.	4:57 p.m.
Sunday	7:34 a.m.	4:57 p.m.
Monday	7:35 a.m.	4:57 p.m.
Tuesday	7:35 a.m.	4:57 p.m.
Wednesday	7:36 a.m.	4:57 p.m.
Day	Moonrise	Moonset
Thursday	3:36 p.m.	5:44 a.m.
Friday	4:21 p.m.	6:41 a.m.
Saturday	5:12 p.m.	7:34 a.m.
Sunday	6:08 p.m.	8:23 a.m.
Monday	7:09 p.m.	9:07 a.m.
Tuesday	8:13 p.m.	9:47 a.m.
Wednesday	9:18 p.m.	10:22 a.m.

**Weather History**

A jetliner exploded near Elkton, Md., killing all on board on Dec. 8, 1963. Lightning may have caused the explosion of residual fuel under one of the wing tanks.

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“Return to me...”

In the eighth chapter of Nehemiah we read of the Israelites who, at that time, had drifted away from God. They did not know God’s word and the actual written Law itself had been misplaced, lost... nowhere to be found! When the Law was eventually recovered, God’s word was carefully read and Israel realized that they were not doing the things in service to God that they should have been practicing. At once, they began to observe the things they were commanded to do and they immediately ceased doing the things which the Law condemned.

The urgency and the need for people to return to God and His word is a message found throughout the Bible. Malachi records, ““You have gone away from My ordinances and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord of hosts” (Malachi 3:7). What about us, is that same call, “Return to me...” a valid plea for us today?

We live in a world of denominationalism, division, confusion and error. Is it possible to return to the unity and simplicity of Christianity that we read about in the Bible?

If so, then how do we accomplish it? Today, if we will follow faithfully God's Word; speak as it speaks (1 Peter 4:11), and use it as our pattern (2 Timothy 1:13, Hebrews 8:5), we can return to the original church that we read of in the New Testament. We can do this by teaching everything taught by Christ and His apostles, and refusing to teach anything which they did not teach.

If each of us will resolve “to practice” and “not to practice” within the bounds of the teaching of Christ and His apostles we will be members only of the original church which was established by Christ. This plea, if accepted and followed by all, will do away with all denominationalism, sectarianism, and will restore the unity of the original church in all its purity and simplicity.

If any person living today will do what the apostles told sinners to do and live as they directed Christians to live... if he does this... nothing more and nothing less... it will make him what it made the people in the first century: Christians (Christians only, nothing more... nothing less).

Those in the first century were added, by the Lord, to His church (Acts 2:47). Today, God will also add us to His church upon our compliance with the same commands or

conditions of salvation. Jesus gave us the perfect pattern, a book which contains “all truth” (John 16:13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). He recognized that all believers who followed this pattern would be “one” (John 17:20-21).

The vital questions being asked today: “How do I become a Christian?” “How must I live?” “How must I worship?” are not answered by the wisdom of men. They must only be answered by what the inspired writers penned 1900 years ago.

God did not give us a makeshift church in the beginning that needed to be improved by the ingenuity of men. God gave us a church that was perfect (complete). Our changes and modifications render it imperfect. We need to go back to the original... “return to God’s word” and continue in the apostles’ doctrine (Acts 2:42). Then, and only then, can we have unity. We will all be “speaking the same thing” and “there will be no divisions” among us (1 Corinthians 1:10).

Perhaps you are saying “Amen” to this. If so, be sure you are not deceiving yourself. Be sure you are following the “apostles’ doctrine” and not the “traditions of men.” To the Pharisees, Jesus said, “Full well ye reject the commandments of God that ye may keep your own traditions” (Mark 7:9).

To return to God, you do not have to give up one single truth; all you need to do is embrace “all truth.”

Under what name do you serve Christ? Is it scriptural? How did you become a Christian? Is this teaching found in the Bible? Is there an example of “your way” found in the Bible? Will you not... because of your love for God... for the sake of unity... for the salvation of your soul... go back to the word of God? Have you gone away from God’s ordinances? Have you really kept them? Remember God’s continuing plea, “Return to Me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord of hosts.”

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Thursday: 6:30 a.m., Adult Bible Study.  
Third Thursday of every month: Lutheran Women's Missionary League, 7:30 p.m.  
Dan Gifford, pastor

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Sunday: Bible study, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship service, 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday: Second Tuesday of the month, Dorcas Circle.  
Wednesday: 9 a.m., Sew 'n Sews; Adult choir, 7:30 p.m.; first Wednesday of the month, LWML; 10 a.m., Ladies' Bible Study, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.  
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Sunday: Worship service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Communion first Sunday each month.  
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Communion: Second and fourth Sundays each month.  
Saturday before the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month: 4:30 p.m.; Communion Worship.  
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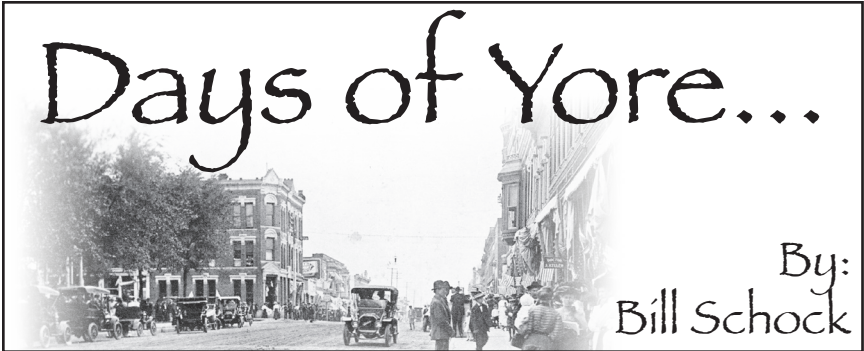
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**50 Years Ago  
(Dec. 4-9, 1961)**

The Journal ran a story of people who remembered exactly what they were doing 20 years earlier when they heard that Pearl Harbor had been bombed. John C. Falter, a Navy fighter pilot during World War II, was on lifeguard duty at the Great Lakes, IL, Navy base when he got the word. He was immediately given sidearms to put on.

The Rev. and Mrs. Ingram Yoder and family, Methodist missionaries in Iquiqui, Chile, for five years, were back in the States on a year’s furlough.

Jack Darveau hit for 19 as Sacred Heart downed Omaha St. Joseph’s 57-46.

Jerry Olson’s 15 points led Humboldt to a 39-31 win over Wymore.

If you bought a two-pound gift pack of popperized popcorn at Earl May’s Nursery and Feed Store you got a turquoise fruit bowl, all for \$1.47.

Ralph Deckinger was the new president of the Falls City Rural Fire Department. Dale Purvis was the fire chief.

The stork report: Son Dec. 3 to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Finck, Route 3; daughter Dec. 3 to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lampe, Route 2; son Dec. 2 to Mr. and Mrs. William Coonce, Rulo; daughter Dec. 3 to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Robb, Verdon; daughter Dec. 9 to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gibbs, Falls City.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Zabel were the managers of the new 61-bed nursing home on East 21st Street which they named Sunny Court. It is now Jonesbrook Estates, an extensively remodeled assisted living facility.

The new Humboldt Lions Club received its charter. Jay Fankhauser was president and Burdell Nolte, vp.

At the Rivoli it was Patricia Owens and Cesar Romero in “Seven Women from Hell.” The Oil City was showing “Teenage Millionaire.”

Patty Briggs was activities queen and Richard Krause, king, at Stella High School.

Penney’s was selling shoe ice skates for \$9.95. They sure beat the old skates you had to clamp onto the soles of your shoes.

Over 100 dancers from three states attended the Square Dance Festival at Prichard Auditorium. The local committee included Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Kottich, Mr. and Mrs. John Parrish and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Gatz.

The county’s top 4-H Clubs were the Williamsville Happy-Go-Lucky Livestock Club, northeast of Falls City, led by Lester Duerfeldt and Edwin Stokes, and the Seam & Steam Club, north of Rulo, led by Mrs. Earl Rieger and Mrs. Elmer Fischer.

Several items from the United Press:

Indianapolis, Ind.--George Cherry complained that thieves stole something hard to replace when they broke into his garage and took his collection of pin-up girl calendars.

London--A surveyor maintained his gentlemanly aplomb when he fell into a canal. When he was fished out he was still wearing his bowler and clutching his umbrella.

New York--The National Hot Dog & Sausage Institute reported 11 billion frankfurters were consumed in 1960, an average of 62 hot dogs for every American.

**25 Years Ago**

This is what Sherm had to say in his Edde Motors ad: “Our deals will make you believe in Santa.”

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin H. Elliott, south of Stella, were the winners of the Soil Conservation award for the western half of Richardson County.

Kim (Mrs. Lonnie) Goff, director of nursing at the Humboldt Community Memorial Hospital, was selected as the Caring Kind Employee of the hospital. The award was presented to Kim by Gov. Bob Kerrey.

Tony Sells, a senior at Falls City High, was named Junior Rotarian of the Month.

New Chamber of Commerce directors were Barb Bangert, Francis Seid, Dr. Joe Williams, John Parrish and Woody Woodbury.

“Swift Kik” was playing at The Gallery over the weekend.

Marine SSGT Dan Schlicker, Falls City, was stationed at Ft. Leavenworth, KS.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Prater, Falls City, were the parents of a son born Dec. 5.

The Christmas Tour of Homes in Verdon included the homes of Ed Koso, Leo Schuetz, Edwin Kratz, Jess Richardson and Henry Mack.

Glenda Bippes was “Doe of the Year” for the Falls City Drove.

Mark Jones, Rulo farmer, was named an “Outstanding Young Man

**Kandice L. Hinrichs**

Kandice L. "Kandie" Hinrichs, 57, Omaha, passed away Friday, Nov. 4, 2011.

She was born Sept. 30, 1954, in Omaha to Lloyd L. Kelley and Patsy (Smith).

Kandie was preceded in death by her father, Lloyd.

She is survived by her husband, Rick; children, Katie (Kevin) Morgan, Paul (Ann) Hinrichs, Mollie (Tim) Wills, Mandie (Aaron) Shipp, Caleb (financee Andrea) Hinrichs; mother, Patsy Kelley; three siblings and 13 grandchildren.

**James Joy Jr.**

James “Denny” Joy Jr., 49, Springfield, MO, passed away Friday, Dec. 2, 2011, at his home.

He was born June 21, 1962, in Falls City.

He is survived by his parents, James “Jim,” Joy Sr., and Marcia and Mark Baker; three children and their spouses, Blake and Amber Joy, Lyndsay and Paul Peck and Cory and Constance Joy; brother, Mark Joy and his wife Susan; sister Jackie Eoff and her husband DuWayne and good friend, Frank Sampson; six grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at Prairie Union Cemetery, rural Shubert, at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 10. Memorial contributions are suggested in Denny’s name to the American Heart Association.

**Harry A. Dean**

Harry A. Dean, 57, Willits, CA, died Nov. 21, 2011.

He was born July 16, 1954, to Gerald and Marceline (Maxwell) Dean and was raised in Falls City.

Mr. Dean is survived by his mother, Marceline Dean; son, Harry Dean, Tecumseh; daughters, Sabrina Dean, Kansas City, MO, and Lisa Scarberry, Dawson; five grandchildren; brothers, Jerry, Henderson, and Scott, Lincoln; sister, Lucinda Dean. He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Gerald V. Dean.

A memorial and reception for family and friends will be held at the Falls City Senior Center , 221 West 16th Street, on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

of America.”

Shawn Miller, Falls City High wrestler, was selected as the outstanding wrestler at the Wymore Southern Invitational. He also was the Journal’s “Athlete of the Week.”

Marcile Schlereth, manager of First Federal Lincoln Savings & Loan Association, was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce.

On Saturday, Dec. 13, kids could eat breakfast with Santa at the Harvest House Restaurant.

County Commissioner Gerald Bucher of Humboldt was elected secretary/treasurer of the Nebraska Association of County Officials.

Steve Ramer poured in 26 points to gun Southeast Consolidated to a 57-42 victory over Dawson-Verdon. John Ramsey had 18 for the Jets.

Falls City High bandmen Kelly Palmer, Grant Svoboda and Stefan Hussenoeder were selected for the Missouri Western Invitational Honor Band.

**Obituaries**

**Leon P. Eickhoff**

Leon P. Eickhoff, 62, rural Stella, passed away suddenly on Nov. 24, 2011, doing what he loved-working the land.

The son of Joe and Lucille Eickhoff, he was born in Falls City on April 29, 1949. He graduated from Falls City Sacred Heart in 1967 and Peru State College in 1972, lettering in baseball and earning a Bachelor’s degree in Business.

Leon devoted his life to farming in Nemaha and Richardson Counties. He was committed to sound agricultural practices and took particular pride in the conservation improvements he was able to achieve in the land he farmed. He was an avid golfer and sports fan. As a young man he was known as a fierce competitor whether bowling, playing basketball or playing softball with the Hooters of Shubert.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Beth; sons, Jerry and

his wife Sheryl Bebb, Stella, and Trever and his wife Stevie, Grand Prairie, TX; daughters, Laura DeBoer and her husband Gary, Beatrice, Danielle White and her husband Ryan, Hickman, and Jessica Dixon and her husband Zach, Cortland; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; sisters, Janice Schmitt and her husband John, Fond de Lac, WI, and Natalie Applegate and her husband Eugene, Plattsmouth; brothers, John and his wife Diana Eickhoff, Auburn, and Keith Eickhoff, Verdon.

Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 28, at the Stella Community Church with the Rev. Michael Schmidt officiating. Burial was in the Bedford Cemetery at Howe.

Hemmingsen Funeral Home of Auburn was in charge of arrangements.

**Carol L. Portrey**

Carol Lee Portrey, 70, of Pawnee City, formerly of Dawson, died at the Good Samaritan Center in Beatrice on Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011.

She was born on Aug. 25, 1941, in Milaca, MN, the daughter of John and Ione (Kelly) Poorker Sr. She married Lawrence Portrey on May 30, 1960. The couple raised their family in the Dawson area before Mr. Portrey died on Aug. 4, 1984. Mrs. Portrey later moved to Pawnee City, where she met her very special friend, Willis Amos.

Mrs. Portrey is survived by her special friend, Willis Amos of Pawnee City, her children, Arlene (Randy) Williams, Milford, Brenda (Mike) Maze, Beatrice, Lawrence (Sonja) Portrey Jr., Beatrice, and James (Deonna) Portrey, Pawnee City, nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, a brother, Duane Fenner of Arkansas, a sister, Judy (John) Ramer of Verdon, sisters-in-law, Barb Fenner, Ar-

kansas, Ruth Poorker, Arkansas, Helen Fox, Littleton, CO, Barbara Shields, St. Paul, MN, and Clara (Ralph) Stutheit of Humboldt, and brothers-in-law, John (Judy) Portrey, Boise, ID, Leon (Kathy) Portrey, Glenwood, IA, and John Moore of Idaho. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Lawrence Portrey Sr., brothers, John Poorker Jr., Lawrence Fenner and Jerry Poorker, a sister, Doris Poorker and a great-granddaughter, Trista Peterson.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Wherry Mortuary in Humboldt, with Pastor Mary-Ellen Gaither officiating. Interment will be at the St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery in Dawson.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Wherry Mortuary in Humboldt. Memorial contributions may be given to the family’s choice. Online condolences can be sent to [www.wherrymortuary.com](http://www.wherrymortuary.com).

**John F. Mullen**

John F. Mullen, 88, Lincoln, formerly of Humboldt, passed away on Dec. 1, 2011, at Bryan LGH Medical Center East in Lincoln.

He was born at home to Ben and Beulah McConnell Mullen on Dec. 9, 1922. His great-grandparents, Barney and Susan Mullen, were early pioneers of Richardson County. John graduated from Humboldt High School in 1940 and attended the Lincoln Aeronautical Institute.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy.

On June 17, 1946, John was united n marriage to Betty J. Holsclaw of Falls City. The couple made their home in Fallon, NV, until they returned to Nebraska to assist with the family farm.

John was a member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ ) in Humboldt where he served as Sunday School superintendent, an Elder, chairman of the board and also served as president of the board of Hazel Dell rural school until its clos-

ing. His favorite pastime was playing Texas Hold Em and after retiring he could be found at the nearest poker table.

He is survived by two daughters, Donna Mullen and Deb Mullen of Lincoln and sister-in-law, Patsy J. Wilson of Lincoln. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Betty, a sister and brother-in-law, Louise and Earl Katster

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Christian Church in Humboldt with Howard Blecha officiating. The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be at the Mound (Prospect) Cemetery, east of Humboldt. Military honors will be conducted by the Harvey Mann American Legion Post #269.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Mound (Prospect) Cemetery.

Wherry Mortuary Humoldt, is in charge of arrangements.



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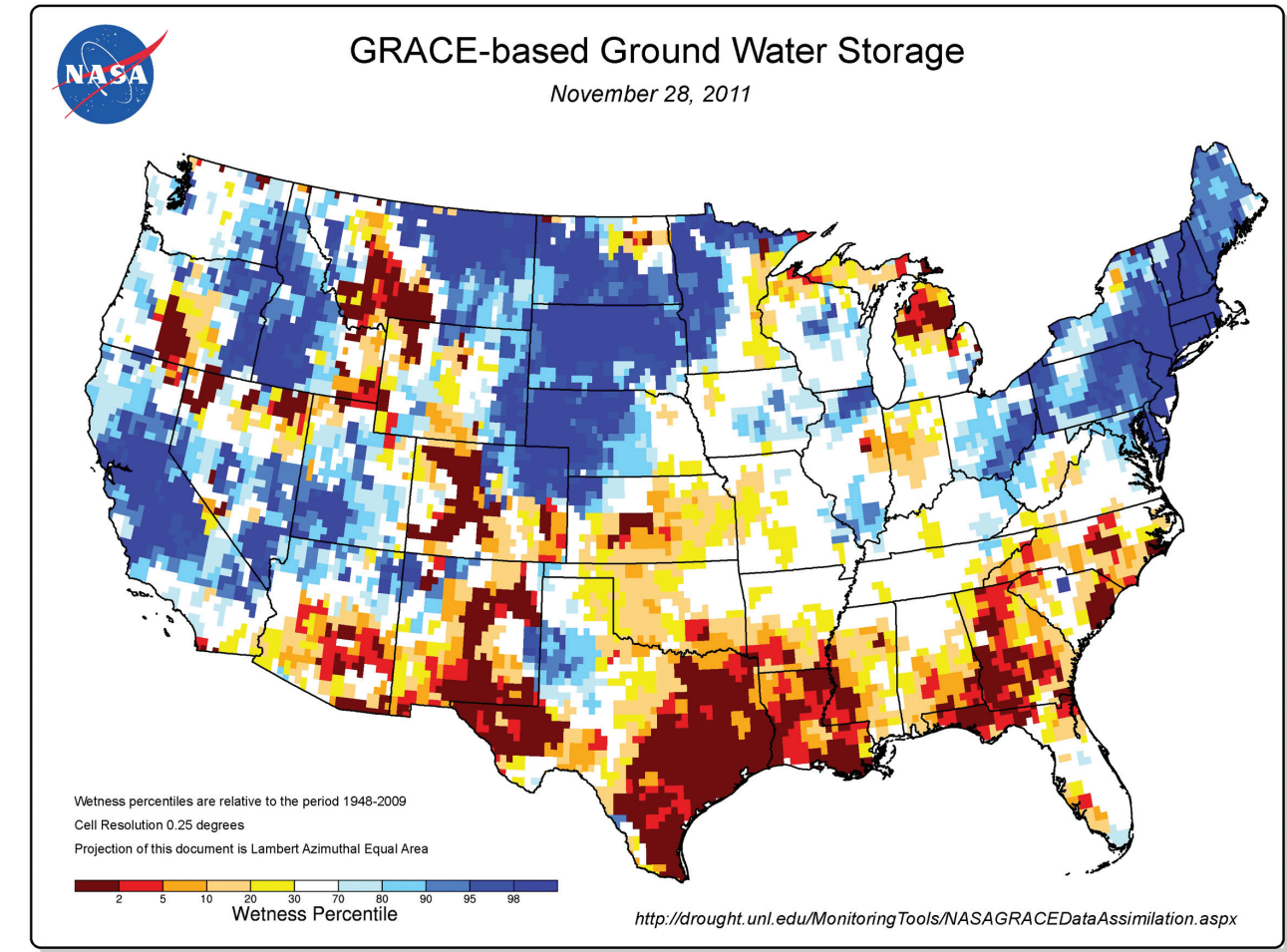
# Texas drought visible in national groundwater maps

LINCOLN — The record-breaking drought in Texas that has fueled wildfires, decimated crops and forced cattle sales also has reduced levels of groundwater in much of the state to the lowest levels seen in more than 60 years, according to new national maps produced by NASA and distributed by the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The latest groundwater map, released Nov. 29, shows large patches of maroon over eastern Texas, indicating severely depressed groundwater levels. The maps, produced weekly by NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., are publicly available on the website of the Drought Center ([drought.unl.edu](http://drought.unl.edu)), headquartered at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"Texas groundwater will take months or longer to recharge," said NASA hydrologist Matt Rodell, based in Goddard. "Even if we have a major rainfall event, most of the water runs off. It takes a longer period of sustained greater-than-average precipitation to recharge aquifers significantly."

The maps are based on data from NASA's Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment (GRACE) satellites, which detect small changes in the Earth's gravity field caused by the redistribution of water on and beneath the land surface. The paired satellites travel about 137



miles (220 km) apart and record small changes in the distance separating them as they encounter variations in Earth's gravitational field.

To make the maps, scientists used a sophisticated computer model that combines measurements of water storage from GRACE with a long-term meteorological dataset, to generate a continuous record of soil moisture and groundwater that stretches back to 1948. The meteorological data includes precipitation, temperature, solar

radiation and other ground- and space-based measurements.

The color-coded maps show how much water is stored now as a probability of occurrence in the 63-year record. The maroon shading over eastern Texas, for example, shows that the level of dryness over the last week occurred less than 2 percent of the time between 1948 and the present.

The groundwater maps aren't the only maps based on GRACE data that the Drought Center publishes each week. It also distributes soil moisture maps that show moisture changes in the root zone down to about three feet (1 meter) below the surface, as well as surface soil moisture maps that show chang-

es within the top inch (2 cm) of the land.

"All of these maps offer policymakers new information into subsurface water fluctuations at regional to national scales that has not been available in the past," said the Drought Center's Brian Wardlow, a Falls City native and son of Arlene Wardlow, Falls City. The maps provide finer resolution or are more consistently available than other similar sources of information, and having the maps for the three different levels should help decision makers distinguish between short-term and long-term droughts.

"These maps would be impossible to generate using only ground-based observations," Rodell said. "There are groundwater wells all around the United States, and the U.S. Geological Survey does keep records from some of those wells, but it's not spatially continuous and there are some big gaps."

The maps also offer farmers, ranchers, water resource managers and even individual homeowners a new tool to monitor the health of critical ground-



**Teresa Morehead**, a 5th grade student at Falls City Sacred Heart, had the opportunity to attend the 1st elementary children's choir hosted by NMEA this year in Lincoln. Teresa said her favorite song was "Circle of Life" from the movie, *The Lion King*.

"I had a wonderful time and hope to do it again," she said. "Mr. Jacobson was funny and it was amazing."


water resources. "People rely on groundwater for irrigation, for domestic water supply and for industrial uses, but there's little information available on regional to national scales on groundwater storage variability and how that has responded to a drought," Rodell said. "Over a long-term dry period there will be an effect on groundwater storage and groundwater levels. It's going to drop quite a bit, people's wells could dry out, and it takes time to recover."

The maps are the result of a NASA-funded project at the Drought Center and NASA Goddard to make it easier for the weekly U.S. Drought Monitor to incorporate data from the GRACE satellites. NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., developed GRACE and manages the mission for NASA. The groundwater and soil moisture maps are updated each Tuesday.

The maps can be viewed at <http://go.unl.edu/mqk>.

To learn more about the GRACE mission, go to: <http://www.csr.utexas.edu/grace/>. Other relevant links: NASA Data Reveal Major Groundwater Loss in California, <http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/news/news.cfm?release=2009-194>; NASA Satellites Unlock Secret to Northern India's Vanishing Water, [http://www.nasa.gov/topics/earth/features/india\\_water.html](http://www.nasa.gov/topics/earth/features/india_water.html)

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With the gifts listed at the right, we are pleased to report that our total receipts and commitments to date stand at \$1,261,160, versus our budget of \$1,765,000 . . . and that places us at 71.5% of our goal!! Yes, we are getting CLOSER but we aren't playing horseshoes and so CLOSE doesn't count!!

We graciously "THANK" each of the above Donors plus all previous Donors for your generous support and continue our encouragement for others to participate! WE NEED EVERYONE regardless of the size of your gift.

Also, please note the graphic included herein (developed by the Journal), which we plan to print on a weekly basis until our goal is reached.

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# Tigers own glass, thus Syracuse

FC owns massive 28-8 rebounding edge in season-opening win

By Jim Langan

Consistency and effort were the two themes from Falls City High's season opening road victory Friday night in the brand new gymnasium at Syracuse High School.

The Tiger's defeated the Rockets, 50-37, and controlled just about every aspect of the game. Falls City out-rebounded Syracuse 28-8, including 12 of-fensive boards. Also, the Tigers forced 18 turnovers and dished out twice as many assists (12-6) as their foes.

Head Coach Don Hogue has put an emphasis on rebounding away from the rim to help his teams, who have generally been undersized, transition and get easy shots.

"It allows us to transition



FC Junior Cord Huettner (40) scored 16 points and grabbed six rebounds in the Tigers' season-opening road win at Syracuse. Freshman guard Jordy Stoller (4) made his high school varsity basketball debut and drilled a three in the opening period.

Photo by Jim Langan

better if we are going out to get them outside of the lane, instead of being so close to the rim," said Hogue. "That has been stressed a lot more this year due to our lack of size."

Falls City's consistency on the offensive end and at the free throw line also helped keep the game out of reach for Syracuse. The Tigers scored 14, 12, 13

and 11 in the four quarters and knocked down 15-22 at the free-throw line, including 9-12 in the fourth quarter.

Ultimately though Hogue and his team know success will come with effort on the defensive end and he was pleased with what he saw in the first game.

"The guys played hard for 32 minutes," said Hogue. "I felt

we out-hustled and out-worked them the whole game."

Junior Cord Huettner played like a man inside for the Tigers. Huettner scored 16 points, grabbed six rebounds and had two steals and a block. Senior Josh Stoller scored nine for FC and had a game-high four steals.

Sophomore Mitchell Harling only scored five points, but played tough for FC. Harling had a game-high seven rebounds from his guard position and gave Syracuse senior Micah Buller fits defensively. Buller, likely the Rockets best player, was just 1-9 from the beyond the arc and finished the game with three points. Buller's lone bucket was an irrelevant three-pointer late in the fourth quarter.

Falls City is back in action tonight at Hiawatha. The boy's varsity game will follow the girl's game and should start at approximately 8 p.m.

**Scoring**

FC – Huettner, 16; Jh. Stoller, 9; Witt, 6; Frederick, 5; Harling, 5; Campbell, 4; Jd. Stoller, 3; DiGiacomo, 2.

Syr – Roberts, 13; Farley, 6; Moss, 4; Burr, 4; Herman, 4; Buller, 3; Loecker, 3.

**TIGER JV**

The FCHS boys took care of business in their season-opening victory over Syracuse Friday night defeating the Rockets 36-28.

Junior Mitchell Campbell led FC with nine points and freshman Zach Jordening added eight. Altogether nine different Tigers scored. Freshman Jack Hartman led the Tigers with six rebounds and freshman Jordy Stoller had four

## Lady Rockets drill five threes in 1st quarter, beat Tigers

A fast start and big third quarter by the Lady Rockets ultimately put the game out of reach for the Lady Tigers Friday night in Syracuse. Falls City was defeated 63-35 in their season opener.

The Lady Rockets knocked down five first-quarter three-pointers to jump out to a 17-10 first-quarter lead, then outscored Falls City 18-5 after the break to blow the game open. Syracuse was 9-15 from behind the arc in the game.

"The start set us back on our heels," said Head Coach Max Milam. "We didn't play well offensively or defensively."

Junior Claire Poppe led Falls City with 14 points. Senior Ashleigh Jordening added 11 points and also grabbed five boards. Senior Jacy Lewis led the Tigers with six rebounds.

**Scoring**

Scheitel, 3; Poppe, 14; Jordening, 11; Sickel, 1; Yoessel, 2; Chandler, 4.

**LADY TIGER JV**

The FCHS junior varsity girls defeated Syracuse 35-32 Friday night in Syracuse.

Falls City outscored Syracuse 14-4 in the second quarter, and then held on in the second half to preserve the victory.

Freshman Baylee Vrtiska led Falls City with 12 points.

Brooke Scheitel also scored in double figures with 10 points and grabbed seven rebounds. Madison Olberding and Abby Murphy each had five rebounds.

## Tiger wrestlers middle of pack at opening invite

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The 2011-12 Falls City High wrestling season officially got underway Saturday at the Wamego (Kan.) Invite.

The Tigers finished eighth out of 14 teams, with returning state qualifier Cole Ackerman, Wade Maddox and Dakota Butrick all winning three matches apiece.

It was a tough way to start the year. The event boasted 17 different rated wrestlers.

Ackerman, at 182, went 3-1 and finished third; Maddox, at 152, went 3-2 and finished fifth; and Butrick was also 3-2 and he came in fourth.

Chris Coonce (120 pounds), Chase Thompson (195), Trevor Wisdom (220) and Jeremy Zimmerman (Hwt.) all went 1-3 and finished eighth.

Past state qualifiers Logan Auffert (145) and Tate Hayes (126), both seniors, were 1-2 on the day, as was freshman 113-pounder Preston Deckinger and Jesse Butrick (132). The Tigers were open at 106, 160 and 170.

The Tigers dual at Marysville, Kan., Thursday and compete in the Crete Invite Saturday. FCHS first appears at home Jan. 5 against Syracuse.

## Make It Right

Roger Windle has been the head coach of the FCHS wrestling team for 20 years, not 25 years, as reported in the Journal Winter Sports Preview. He took over for Larry Munn in 1992. Windle was an assistant for Munn for five years. A spelling error also occurred in the Sports Preview. Florian "Flo" Hofmann originally appeared as Haffman.

## FCMS Tourney

The Falls City Middle School boy's basketball tournament will be held at FCMS on Thursday, Dec. 8.

This will be a round robin tournament. The three teams that will be play are Pawnee City, Sterling and Falls City. Each team will play two games.

The schedule is as follows:

4 p.m. – PC vs. FC

5 p.m. – PC vs. Sterling

6 p.m. – Sterling vs. FC.

Game times are approximate. Each team will have at least a 15-minute warm-up at the conclusion of the previous game. No games will start before their scheduled time.

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# SH Lady Irish lose Round 1 with Sterling

By Jason Schock

Class D2 No. 8 Sterling earned a 39-38 come-from-behind victory over the No. 9 FC Sacred Heart girls Friday night at Prichard Auditorium in the first of what is sure to be several intense battles this coming winter between southeast Nebraska rivals.

Sacred Heart, led by the three-point shooting of freshman guard Elizabeth Magdanz, bolted to an early 13-2 lead and didn't trail in the game until midway through the fourth quarter. But the Lady Irish failed to finish either half, scoring just four points in the second period to let the Jets back in it, then seven in the final period. Sterling's Kelsy Heusman scored 10 of her team-high 13 points in the second half, connecting on a pair of timely three-pointers.



FC Sacred Heart freshman guard Elizabeth Magdanz had a sterling high school debut, drilling four three-pointers, scoring a team-high 15 points, and also leading her team with five assists.

"We got off to a great start, but we just didn't make enough plays down the stretch," FCSH Coach Luke Santo said. "We also had too many stretches throughout the game where we just couldn't score."

The game featured two of the top post players in Class D2 in 6-4 Sterling sophomore Jordan Lempka and 6-3 FCSH senior Sara Landis. The two battled to a 10-point draw in the scorebook, though Landis scored all her points (and hit all four of her free throw attempts) in the second half and contributed 15 rebounds. Lempka had opportunities to ice the game down the stretch, but missed on a trio of foul shots.

Despite the loss, FCSH saw - twice over - promising things to come from its freshman twin guard tandem of Elizabeth and Abby Magdanz. Elizabeth drained a pair of threes and scored nine points in the first quarter, propelling her team to the early lead. She hit another pair of threes in the second half and finished with a game-high 15 points and five assists. Abby, in addition to taking care of the ball the bulk of the time, hit a trey in the third quarter and led FCSH defensively with four steals.

"Those are the types of games where you just have to find a way to win, especially at home," Santo said.

Perhaps, but there will be other opportunities - on bigger stages. Sterling and FCSH could see each other again at MUDE-CAS in January and at the Pioneer Conference Tournament in February. Then you have the D2-1 Subdistrict Tournament at Norris, for a possible trip to the state tournament. Sterling won the first battle, but the war is far from over.

"Overall, we did some really good things and this game will benefit us in the long run," Santo said. "Our ceiling for



Photos by Jason Schock

(TOP) **BATTLE OF THE BIGS.** Two of the top post players in Class D2 met up at Prichard Auditorium Friday and 6-4 Sterling sophomore Jordan Lempka and the eighth-ranked Jets were a hair better than 6-3 FCSH senior Sara Landis in a 39-38 win over the No. 9 Lady Irish. Landis scored 10 points and pulled down 15 boards, but hit just 3-of-16 field goal attempts - thanks in large part to Lempka's daunting presence inside. (BOTTOM) FCSH and senior guard Kelly Schawang had victory snatched from them Friday: The Irish bolted out to a 13-2 lead and didn't trail until midway through the fourth quarter.



growth and development is very high, so we'll learn from this and keep getting better."

The level of competition won't decline this week for FCSH. They travel to Wetmore, Kan., Tuesday and go to Adams Friday to face a Freeman team that opened the year with victories over Palmyra and Lincoln Christian. The Lady Irish return

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# Tall task: Sterling shuts down Irish

By Jason Schock

An encouraging opening to the 2011-12 basketball season turned into a frigid start of winter for the FC Sacred Heart boys' basketball team Friday in a 38-24 home loss to D2 No. 4 Sterling at Prichard Auditorium.

The preseason 10th-ranked Irish came out firing on all cylinders, scoring 11 first-quarter points in building a substantial early lead on a Jet team boasting six players measuring 6-foot-3 or taller. Unfortunately, though, that size advantage overwhelmed FCSH the rest of the way, keeping them away from - and certainly outside of - the rim. The Irish managed three two-point field goals the final 24 minutes of action, going 6-of-16 from inside the arc and 3-of-20 outside it. No player even *attempted* 10 shots in the game.

And any missed shots were too often passes to Sterling, which owned a 30-19 rebounding edge.

"Sterling's height gave us problems," FCSH Coach Doug Goltz said. "We got beat on the boards, which we knew might happen, but we also took too many threes against their zone. We need to do a better job of running our offense."

With the loss of the Barnhill Bros. (Reed graduated; junior Lane was lost for the year with a football knee injury), Sacred Heart is forced to replace nearly 20 backcourt points per game. Friday, returning starting point guard Clay Finck scored seven team-high points and the rest of the Irish guards combined for six — not nearly enough against a team that starts 6-5, 6-5 and 6-6 in the paint.

But while Sacred Heart's offense was stagnant for three quarters, the team was just as



**TOEING THE LINE** for Falls City Sacred Heart Friday is sophomore guard Chaz Dunn. Like the Irish girls before them, the boys started strong but then struggled mightily to score points. After putting 11 on the board in the opening period, FCSH managed just three two-point field goals the rest of the game.

# Record deer harvest in state

The state saw a record November deer harvest in 2011, according to preliminary data from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

The harvest of 64,548 deer was an increase of 865 from last year.

The harvest total comprises deer taken Nov. 12-22 with fire-arm, archery and Season Choice permits.

Harvest in Game and Parks' northwest district was down by 429 deer compared to 2010. The southwest harvest was up by 830, the southeast harvest was up by 141 and the northeast harvest was up by 553. There were 230 deer that were checked by conservation officers — not at check stations — and not assigned to a district.

The 2010 total harvest of 63,683 also was a record.

Harvest information by species, sex, age and unit will be available near the end of the year.

## Irish JV

Chaz Dunn, Colin Niemeyer and Matt Goltz scored 10 points apiece as the Irish JV defeated Lewiston 46-40 in the championship of the HTRS Freshman/Sophomore Tournament Saturday.

Austin Malone and Eli Ramer had 12 points apiece in a 60-12 win over Sterling to advance.

Friday night, the FCSH junior varsity beat Sterling 45-29 at Prichard Auditorium. Sean Strasheim scored nine points and Logan Scheitel had eight to pace the Irish.

effective defending against the Sterling backcourt, which produced all of eight points. The damage was done by 6-5 sophomore Kody Benson, who scored a game-high 19.

"I liked the fact we only gave up 35 points to a very good team," Goltz, who is just 18 wins shy of 500 career coaching victories, said.

"Our shot selection and offensive execution really hurt us."

Sacred Heart goes to Wetmore, Kan., Tuesday and then travels to Adams Friday to face a Freeman team that won just three games last year but started the preseason rated No. 7 in Class C2 by the Lincoln Journal-Star. The Falcons beat Palmyra and lost to C1 No. 2 Lincoln Christian by nine points on opening weekend. FCSH is home next Monday against South Holt, Mo.

## Scoring

FCSH — Niemeyer, 3; Finck, 7; Goltz, 4; Bangert, 3; Fiegener, 2;

Cromer, 5.

Sterling — VanGronigen, 6; Keebler, 2; Malone, 2; Benson, 19; Lucas, 6.



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Standerford, Snethen off to hot starts

Humboldt-TR-S/Pawnee City wrestlers opened their season Thursday night at the Palmyra Quad. The Titans went 1-2 in the dual format.

H-TR-S/PC defeated Palmyra 45-12, but fell to Freeman 42-29 and Tri-County 68-12.

Seniors TJ Standerford (220) and Lucas Snethen (195) both went 3-0 in their matches to lead the Titans.

H-TR-S/PC Head Coach Tyler Ferebee was pleased with Standerford and Snethen’s start to the season.

“TJ and Lucas did what they typically do,” said Ferebee.

Standerford, who qualified for the state tournament last February, won both matches he wrestled by pin and the third match by forfeit, as Tri-County did not have a 220-pounder. Standerford pinned Palmyra’s Lance Bulin in 1:35 and then quickly took care of Freeman’s Scott Adams in just 16 seconds.

Snethen may have been more impressive, however. He pinned Palmyra’s James Bremer in 1:04, coasted through a technical fall victory over Freeman’s Logan Schoenwise (16-1), then pinned T-C’s Sam Schmidt in 2:38.

Wrestlers across the state will need to adjust to new weight classes as the Nebraska State Activities Association adopted the more widely used classes of the National Federation of High School Associations.

Ferebee did not think the adjustment affected his team Thursday night and may have actually benefited his young team. A total of four freshman wrestled varsity Thursday night.

“The weight classes helped us a little,” Ferebee said. “Our freshman fell naturally into the new weight classes, so worrying about weight shouldn’t be an issue with them.”

Freshman Jacob White (106), senior Shaun Herr (138) and freshman Jacob Phelps (145) were all 2-1 in their matches.

Saturday the Titans traveled to the Conestoga Invitational and finished in seventh place.

Standerford and Snethen continued their hot starts to the season by winning their respective weight classes.

Snethen wrestled four matches winning three by pin and the championship match, 6-2, over Louisville’s Pat Cleary.

Standerford only wrestled twice, but was also dominant. The 220-pounder pinned Freeman’s Scott Adams in the first period (1:59) and then held off Papillion LaVista’s Ben Jamieson, 8-3.

Jacob White won his first two matches both by pin before he was defeated 16-7 in the championship match by Papillion’s Alex Rabe.

Jacob Phelps was the only other Titan wrestler to medal finishing 2-2 at the tournament and in fourth place.

HTRS/PC travels to the Sabetha Invitational Saturday morning.

HTRS boys sweep FC Sacred Heart

The FC Sacred Heart junior high boys’ basketball teams were swept by Humboldt-TR-S last Tuesday.

The “A” team fell to the Titan’s 36-27. Bailey Witt scored 12 to lead the Irish. Noah Keller scored six and Austin Ahern had four points.

The “B” team fell 29-15 and the “C” team was blanked, 11-0, in two quarters of action. Noah Keller scored eight in the “B” game and Cameron Barker had five.

Last Thursday the “A” team defeated Lewiston 42-27 and the “B” team was also victorious, 21-10. Henry Arnold led the Irish “A” team with 15 points and Robert Olberding led the “B” squad with nine.

The “A” team is now 4-3 on the season, the “B” team is 3-1 and the “C” team is 2-1.



Kali Schnacker, of Humboldt, a senior on the Bellevue University volleyball team, has been named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-West Central Region first team.

She joins teammates Jordan Broady from Johnson and Maureen Wardian of Omaha on the All-Region list.

All three Bruin players are now eligible for AVCA All-American honors.

Informational EMT meeting Saturday at City Hall in FC

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The classes are scheduled to begin in January. Typically, classes are held two nights a week and one Saturday a month for slightly less than six months.

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School Board #56

FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Minutes of the November 14, 2011  
School Board Meeting

The Falls City Board of Education met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2011, at the Superintendent's Office at Middle School in Falls City, Nebraska.

1.0 BUSINESS ITEMS

1.1 ROLL CALL - School Board members present were: Kathy Bartek, Ed Harris, Scott Hollens, Scott Huppert, John Martin and Teresa Olberding. Absent: none. President Harris presided at the meeting.

1.2 VERIFICATION OF ADVANCED PUBLICATION - It was moved by Kathy Bartek and seconded by Scott Huppert that it is hereby determined that this meeting was preceded by publicized notice in the Falls City Journal and is hereby declared to be duly convened in open session. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion was declared passed and adopted and the following proceedings were had and done at said meeting in open session.

1.3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA – It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded Scott Hollens to approve the agenda as presented. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried. The agenda is as follows:

1.0 Business Items:

- 1.1 Roll Call
- 1.2 Verification of Adv Publication
- 1.3 Approval of Agenda
- 1.4 Approval of Previous Minutes
- 1.5 Audiences
- 1.6 Approval of Treasurer's Report
- 1.7 Approval of Claims
- 2.0 Informational Items/Reports:
  - 2.1 Audit Report: Julie D. Bauman CPA, PC
  - 2.2 Principal's Reports
  - 2.3 Board President's Report
  - 2.4 Superintendent's Report
  - 2.4a Legislative & Organization Update
  - 2.4b Building and Grounds
  - 2.4c School Improvement Process
  - 2.4d Policy Planning
  - 2.4e National Blue Ribbon School Award

- 2.4f State of the Schools Report
- 2.4g Coaching resignations
- 2.4h December Board meeting
- 2.4i Superintendent evaluation documents(closed session)
- 2.4j Superintendent Meetings
- 2.4k Board Member Meetings
- 2.4l Other

2.5 Board Member Comments and/or Reports

3.0 Old/New Action Items:

3.1 Accept the 2010-2011 Audit and Annual Financial Report

3.2 First Reading on policy revision recommendation

3.3 Set the time for the December regular Board of Education meeting

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, 2011 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.

1.4 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – It was moved by Kathy Bartek and seconded by Teresa Olberding to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2011 School Board meeting. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

1.5 AUDIENCES – There were no comments from the audience at this meeting.

1.6 APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT - It was moved by Scott Huppert and seconded by John Martin to approve the October 31, 2011 treasurer's report which shows a balance in the General Fund of \$1,497,626.82; in the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking of \$183,863.04; in the Student Fee Fund of \$2,000.00; in the ICI Fund of \$168,489.93; in the Special Building Fund Investment Account of \$449,032.10; in the Special Building Fund of \$13,963.97; and in the High School Bond Fund of \$468,882.26. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

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

1.7 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS - It was moved by Scott Huppert and seconded by Kathy Bartek to approve the claims as presented. Discussion was had by the Board on various claims. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

2.0 Informational Items/Reports

2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Report: Audit Report: Julie D. Bauman CPA was present at the meeting and gave the Board an overall review of the audit report which was timely filed. Mrs. Bauman stated that she was very pleased with Falls City Public Schools and thanked the Board, administration and staff for their help to her and her staff during the time of the audit. Superintendent Heckenlively stated that he appreciated the audit report and her summary of the same to the Board.

2.2 Principal Reports:

2.2a Principal Ernie Valentine reported on the following for North School: Enrollment as of October 24, 2011 was 215 students; the annual Bring a Friend to Lunch program was a great success and expressed his thanks to everyone who helped, including the lunch staff, P.I.E., and the National Honor Society members who ate with some of the students; 95% of parents/guardians attended Parent Teacher Conferences and the Book Fair held during this time was very successful for the Library; completion of the first MAP Assessment for students K-11; Check 4 Learning items have been submitted to the State; Multi-Cultural Report was given, citing some specific examples: parents and relatives invited to share aspects of their culture, presentation of mini-lessons to coincide with historic or recognized cultural events such as Martin Luther King Day, African-American History Month, Native American Heritage Month, and comparison of family traditions, customs, and languages from around the globe.

2.2b Principal J.P. Holys reported on the following for South School: Enrollment as of November 7, 2011 is 183; Multi-Cultural Report was given: multi-cultural education activities are held throughout the year as textbooks, classroom materials and assessments are all free of cultural bias; 3rd grade studies the Iroquois people in their social studies unit, learn about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in January and do a three day unit on Japan; 4th grade continues the Native American studies during Nebraska class, creating a Native American project and power point or keynote presentations over the seven tribes of Nebraska, and will be reading a chapter book about Sitting Bull this month; 5th grade has a Native American unit in social studies where they study the different regions of Native Americans, relating them to modern day Native American culture, they do a short unit on concentration camps and compare life in Japanese internment camps during WWII, they will be doing a short unit in February on the life of Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr., study Black History Month and do biography book talks on notable African Americans. Mrs. Froeschl covers in her Genre Study fables, legends and fairy tales from around the world. The library maintains a collection that reflects topics on multicultural issues and diversity. In February the Lifeskills students will focus on African American heroes by reading a story together and separately research other people they consider heroes from the culture.

Principal Holys, as special education director, attended the Tri-State Law Conference in Omaha on November 3 – 4 and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to attend this very relevant and informative conference. DARE graduation is set for Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. at South School. Principal Holys congratulated Retired State Patrolman Wayne Trantham and the 5th grade students for all of their hard work and success with the DARE Program.

2.2c Principal Rick Johnson reported on the following for Middle School: First Quarter results were given for the number of students with perfect attendance, on the Honor Roll, ABBIT, and more than one F; Students of the Month are: Rudy Vrtiska, Megan Eickhoff and Megan Vollmer; 1:20 p.m. dismissal on Nov. 23 and no school on Nov. 24 and 25; Band and Chorus Holiday Concert is Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Middle School; end of Semester/Quarter is Dec. 21; Semester break is Dec. 22 – Jan. 2 with classes resuming on Jan. 3; enrollment as of Nov. 8 is 177; SunMart receipts have been gathered and the third \$1,000 donation has been received; the Chautauqua was very successful and the students did a fine job in both costume and presentation; the \$866.90 collected during the Chautauqua will be donated to the charity(s) that the students choose; Boys Basketball has begun with 23 students participating; December calendar of events was presented.

Multi-Cultural Report was given: As illustrated by samples, observations and explanations from core teachers, exploratory teachers, and co-curricular teachers at all grades in Middle School, multicultural education is a common thread in the curriculum. Textbooks, curriculum and state assessments have been checked for bias as well. Diversity of all kinds is an issue for students at this age as each student tries to find his or her own identity. Different backgrounds, sizes, shapes, and ability levels become key issues in their intellectual growth as well as their social, emotional, and physical experiences and education at Middle School.

2.2d Principal Gale Dunkhas was not present at the meeting as he is in Washington, D.C. accepting the Blue Ribbon Award for Falls City Public Schools. Principal Dunkhas submitted his written report on the following for High School: Students of the Month: Trevor Wisdom, Ashley Sickel, Derik Eickhoff, and Madison Olberding; congratulations to Mr. Crouch, Mrs. Fritz, and the band and flag students for their performances during the fall sports seasons and for their performances at State marching and field show competitions; congratulations to David von Behren for being selected to play his violin as one of the 150 members of the 2011 Honor Orchestra, which is one of the highest honors a High School musician can attain; congratulations to the Mock Trial team under the supervision of Mrs. Lori Rech and Attorney Mike Dunn for the work on a difficult case and attendance at practice at 7:15 a.m.; congratulations to Brian Miller and the FFA land judging team of Eli Kuker, Chris Yoesel, Levi Heineman, and Kenny Frederick for qualifying

for the State land judging competition in Wahoo and finishing 6th; FFA students have begun selling fruit with orders to be taken through November 21st; Parent Teacher Conferences were attended by 62% of parents/guardians; preliminary numbers for winter sports activities are: wrestling, 20; girls basketball, 25; boys basketball, 34; speech, 13; play production, 40; listed the NSAA proposals to be voted on later this month; Veterans Day Program was held Nov. 11 in the High School gymnasium with the parade downtown at 1:30 p.m. and an expression of gratitude to Sherry Maddox for her continued involvement and organization of these events; Financial Aid night is scheduled for Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m.; Mr. Vitosh will be taking 10 Advanced Math students to compete in the UNL Math Day competition on Nov. 17; 50 students registered and began the ACT preparation course taught by John Baylor; Blue Ribbon Schools Award Ceremony will be held on Nov. 28 at 10:15 a.m. in the High School gymnasium with Governor Dave Heineman and his wife, Sally, Senator Lavon Heide- mann, and Nebraska Commissioner of Education Dr. Roger Breed will be the featured speakers. The community is encouraged to attend this ceremony. The November and December calendar of events was made available.

Multi-Cultural Report: FCHS provides multicultural educational opportunities across the curriculum on a yearly basis. Textbooks, classroom materials and assessments are all free of cultural bias. Classroom teachers provide samples of how diversity is addressed within their respective classes. Cultural awareness and education are important aspects of a well-rounded education.

2.3 Board President Harris' Report: President Harris had no additional comments.

2.4 Superintendent's Report:

2.4a Legislative and Organizations Report: Superintendent Heckenlively noted that the 2011 NASB/NASA State Education Conference is Nov. 16-17 at the La Vista Conference Center. All board members are registered to attend. Annual membership meetings are being held during the conference for NRCSA on Nov. 16 at 3 p.m., ALICAP Nov. 16 at 4 p.m., and GNSA Nov.r 17 at 5:30 p.m.

The results of the GNSA membership survey was completed by Board member Bartek and Superintendent Heckenlively and will be part of the agenda for the annual meeting at the School Board Convention on Nov. 17. The GNSA Executive Council met to review the survey results and a brief summary of the results was made available to the Board along with some of the Executive Council recommendations for consideration at the annual meeting. Superintendent Heckenlively has a copy of the full survey results for those who are interested.

2.4b Building and Grounds Update: Superintendent Heckenlively reported that options are being considered for improving the current weight room facilities at the high school. The most practical option appears to be the new concession stand/track storage building. The idea involves converting the storage part of this building to a new strength and conditioning room and utilizing the current weight room located under the stadium as the track storage area. Superintendent Heckenlively will collect cost estimates to present to the Project Committee for 2011-12 projects. The Project Committee will need to schedule a meeting and Dec. 12, prior to the regular meeting, would be a consideration.

2.4c School Improvement Process: Superintendent Heckenlively reported that the technology advisory committee met on Nov. 2 to continue discussions on the FCPS technology plan. The proposed tech plan, meeting the building level goals for instructional technology as well as being considered financially feasible and sustainable into the future, has been developed. An outline/summary of the technology plan was provided to the Board members. The School Board will be asked to take action on the technology plan at the December regular meeting. This would allow for plan implementation during the second semester of the 2011-12 school year. Based on our proposed path for improving technology opportunities in the district, we will not be attending the Hesston, KS, 21st Century Learning Day in December.

2.4d Policy Planning: Superintendent Heckenlively stated that on or before Jan. 1, 2012, the Board will need to approve and make available a recognized assessment procedure for determining if a child is capable of carrying the work of kindergarten. The School Board will need to update approved procedures as the Board deems appropriate. Therefore, the Admissions policy 7110 is being revised for first reading.

2.4e National Blue Ribbon School Award: Superintendent Heckenlively stated that our school and community celebration for the Blue Ribbon School Award is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 28 at 10:15 a.m. at the High School Gym. Governor Heineman, Commissioner Breed, and Senator Heidemann have all confirmed their attendance at our event. The event is scheduled to last 45-60 minutes. As part of the event, students and teachers will present the award plaque to the Board of Education. The agenda for this event was provided to the Board members.

2.4f State of the Schools Report: Superintendent Heckenlively announced that the Nebraska Department of Education released the Nebraska State of the Schools Report on Wednesday, October 19th. The State of the Schools Report highlights the performance of groups of students on state

reading, mathematics and writing tests as well as science. The Nebraska State Accountability test results for all students were released earlier. Parents received reports on the progress of their children earlier from their school. This report includes performance for groups of students, including race and ethnicity, poverty, special education and English Language Learners by district and school building as well as a new Cohort Four-Year Graduation Rate. Education Commissioner Roger Breed said he expects mathematics scores to improve in future years since that has been the trend historically in other academic areas, including reading.

The district's teachers and administrators continue to study the data, including the performance of groups of students, to identify instructional strategies that help all students perform at higher levels. Students with disabilities and/or poverty-background often-times have greater challenges in the classroom. Not surprisingly, achievement gaps exist in the scores of special education students and poverty-background students when compared to the scores of other students. Teachers and students are working hard to help all students meet state academic standards.

2.4g Coaching resignations: Heckenlively reported that Coach Don Hogue has resigned his position as the head football coach. Coach Hogue held this position for the past five years, for a total of 20 years involvement with the high school football program. Coach Tom Weinert has also resigned his position as assistant high school football coach, a position he has held for the past six years. We appreciate the commitment of Coach Hogue and Coach Weinert in working with the young athletes of Falls City. The vacancy now exists for both of these positions and the district will be seeking qualified candidates both internal and external.

2.4h December Board meeting: A scheduling conflict exists on Dec. 12 with Parent's Night for girls basketball at 6 p.m. The Board discussed other times and dates and it was the consensus of the Board to leave the meeting date on Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. The Project Committee meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Dec. 12th.

2.4i Superintendent evaluation documents: Discussion on the Superintendent's evaluation will be held in closed session at the end of this meeting.

2.4j Superintendent Meetings: NASB/NASA State Education Conference, Nov. 16-18, La Vista; NCSA Legislative Preview Conf., Dec. 14, Lincoln; ESU4 Superintendent's Advisory Meeting, Dec. 15, Auburn; GNSA meeting, Jan. 18, Lincoln; NASB Legislative Issues Conference, January, Lincoln; NRCSA Legislative Forum, Feb. 21, Lincoln;

2.4k Board Member Meetings: NASB/NASA State Education Conference, November 16-18, La Vista; GNSA, January 18, Lincoln; NASB Legislative Issues Conference, January, Lincoln; NRCSA Legislative Forum, February 21, Lincoln; Annual Planning Retreat, March 3

2.4l Other Items: None.

2.5 Board member Comments and/or Reports: Board member Kathy Bartek stated that she attended the Chautauqua at Middle School and that it was outstanding, the students did a great job and it was a lot of fun.

2.6 Additions: None at this time

3.0 Action Items

3.1 Accept the 2010-2011 Audit and Annual Financial Report: It was moved by John Martin and seconded by Kathy Bartek to accept the 2010-2011 Audit and Annual Financial Report as presented. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried. Board member Kathy Bartek commented that she appreciated the report given by CPA Bauman.

3.2 First Reading on policy revision recommendation: Policy subject area for first reading: 1) #7110 Admissions: Board Member John Martin questioned the wording of the last half of paragraph 3 of the policy. Superintendent Heckenlively will revise the wording for the second reading of the policy. It was moved by John Martin and seconded by Kathy Bartek to approve the first reading of Policy No. 7110, Admissions. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

3.3 Set the time for the December regular Board of Education meeting: No action is required as the next regular Board meeting will be on its regular date and time, Dec. 12, 2011 at 7 p.m.

3.4 Other: None.

4.0 Executive Session

It was moved by Kathy Bartek and seconded by John Martin to go into executive session at 8:37 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

Declared to leave closed session by President Harris at 11:14 p.m.

It was moved by Scott Hollens and seconded by Scott Huppert to re-enter open session at 11:15 p.m. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

President Harris reported that the Board completed the Superintendent's evaluation and it will be reviewed with Superintendent Heckenlively at a later date.

5.0 Adjournment:

It was moved by Scott Hollens and seconded by Scott Huppert to adjourn at 11:16 p.m. The voting was as fol-

lows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 12, 2011 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.

NOVEMBER CLAIMS

Academic Superstore, HS Science supp.....	\$78.75
Ameripride, linen supp.....	\$558.28
Amsan, maint. supp.....	\$132.84
Apple, Inc., comp. supp.....	\$3,267.05
Armbruster Motor Co., car lease for Oct/Nov .....	\$600.00
Assured Fire Protection, smoke detector maint.....	\$531.00
AVB Press, teaching supp .....	\$74.85
Blick Art Materials, art supp..	\$937.72
Bracker's Good Earth Clay's Inc., teaching supp .....	\$109.23
Central Office, mileage .....	\$4,025.57
Central Office, postage exp..	\$1,194.40
Central Office, cell phone .....	\$151.00
Central Office, misc. exp .....	\$286.96
Central Office, payables .....	\$1,113.88
Check-In Motel, SPED trav ..	\$840.00
Control Management, repairs	\$224.07
Cornhusker International Trucks, 2nd half of new bus.....	\$40,034.58
CumminsCentral Power, LLC, bus supp .....	\$1,017.82
Easy Way Safety Services, Inc., bus supp .....	\$643.50
Electronic Contracting, maint	\$590.00
ESU #3, professional dev.....	\$40.00
ESU #4, tech supp, edu .....	\$3,980.00
ESU #4, contracted serv .....	\$2,008.76
ESU #6, Internet program .....	\$323.33
Family Medicine, bus phys.....	\$95.50
Farm and City Supply, maint, custodial, HS supp .....	\$498.02
Farmer's Repair & Machine Shop, welding class supp .....	\$167.57
FC Elementary Activity Fund-SS, supp .....	\$617.69
FC Elementary Activity Fund-NS, supp .....	\$321.70
FC Family Practice, bus phys	\$146.50
FC HS Activity Fund, supp..	\$3,507.82
FC Lunch Program, October adult meals .....	\$1,863.55
FC Mercantile, FACS supp .....	\$38.51
FC Sanitation, waste rem .....	\$740.03
FC Utility Dept, gas/water/sewer & electricity.....	\$17,594.50
Follett Library Resources, library books .....	\$765.82
General Parts, maint. supp ....	\$236.65
FC Truck and Trailer, bus repairs/ maint .....	\$640.84
Goodwin Tucker, bus repairs ..	\$86.00
Google, Inc., prepaid usage charge, yearly.....	\$1,592.25
Harding & Shultz P.C., legal ..	\$52.00
Harris Computer Solutions, conf. supp .....	\$823.92
HighSmith, chorus supp .....	\$96.00
HireRight, drug tests/bus .....	\$310.80
Holly Flanagan-Matzen, SPED serv .....	\$1,576.00
Home Lumber Co., supp .....	\$419.57
Industrial Chem Labs & Services Inc., maint. supp .....	\$238.46
Inland Truck Parts & Serv, bus supp .....	\$75.58
Interstate All Battery Center, bus supp .....	\$119.94
IXL Learning, site license ..	\$1,050.00
Jo Crawford, contr. serv .....	\$3,032.31
Jones AC, repairs .....	\$1,091.20
Julie D. Bauman, CPA, auditing serv .....	\$6,384.40
JW Pepper & Son, Inc., HS choir supp .....	\$99.49
Kriz-Davis, maint. supp .....	\$163.44
Lawson Products, bus repairs	\$222.22
Mary Malcolm, contr. serv ..	\$2,479.50
McGraw Hill Co, teach supp ..	\$640.28
Merz Farm Equipment, grounds supp .....	\$30.21
MS Activity Account, misc. exp .....	\$316.70
NCECBVI, SPED contracted serv .....	\$12,897.00
NCSA, edu. subscription.....	\$125.00
NE Council of School Attorneys, subsc. renewal.....	\$70.00
Nebraska/Central Equipment, Inc., bus repairs/maint .....	\$240.39
Nodaway Valley Bank, copier lease, two months .....	\$8,400.00
NT&T, INC., telephone.....	\$29.62
Omaha Truck Center, bus repairs/ maint .....	\$382.71
Omaha World Herald, subs. renewal .....	\$64.68
OneSource, background chck ..	\$25.00
Pamida, maint supp.....	\$2.49
Paper Tiger, shredding .....	\$120.00
Parent Child Center, meals....	\$326.59
Pearson, Inc., NS supp .....	\$113.50
Phonak, LLC., SPED equip	\$1,498.39
Postmaster, P.O. Box renew ..	\$220.00
Progressive Business Solutions, C.O. subscription .....	\$230.00
ProServ, copier lease/supp ....	\$190.74
PRTS, LLC., therapy serv ..	\$1,769.00
Quality Inn Grand Island, C.O. travel .....	\$169.90
Quill Corp., C.O. supp .....	\$108.04
Radio Shack, M.S. supp .....	\$89.75
Ram Exterminators, Inc., pest control .....	\$120.00
Renaissance Learning, Inc., teaching supp .....	\$36.04
Scholl Fertilizer, cust. supp.....	\$89.04
School Specialty, teach supp...	\$79.43
Shiffer Equipment, supp .....	\$150.38
SNC, telephone .....	\$91.94
Stripes & Signs, maint supp..	\$200.00
Towle Realty, building lease, Oct/Nov .....	\$1,050.00
True Value, bus repairs/maint ..	\$37.51
Verizon Wireless, cellphone....	\$23.14
Water Engineering, Inc., monthly serv. agreement .....	\$237.32
Wolfe's Printing, C.O. supp ....	\$26.25
Yant Testing Supply and Equip. Co., bus repairs/maint .....	\$105.33
Zito Media, telephone .....	\$270.58
subtotal .....	\$140,488.32
Payroll - District 56.....	\$672,254.33
Grand Total .....	\$812,742.65

Student Fee Fund

FCFS Activity Fund .....



PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE**  
Notice is hereby given that by virtue of and pursuant to an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of the 1st Judicial District of Nebraska within and for said County of Richardson on November 15, 2011, in an action to foreclose delinquent real estate taxes wherein the County of Richardson, a Political Subdivision of the State of Nebraska, is Plaintiff and Robert D. Fisher, et al. are Defendants, I will at 1:30 o’clock p.m. on the 9th day of December, 2011, at the corridor inside the west front door of the Courthouse in the City of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder, the following-described tract of land in Richardson County, Nebraska, to-wit:

Lot Ten, Block Eleven, Original Town, Stella, Richardson County, Nebraska.

Said sale to remain open one-half hour. Purchasers will be subject to real estate taxes for 2011 and all subsequent years.

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

Given my hand and seal this 17th day of November, 2011.

Robert J. Meyer  
County Attorney of  
Richardson County, Nebraska

Randy Houser  
Richardson County Sheriff  
22-29-6

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF FALLS CITY INVESTORS, INC.

Pursuant to the provisions of Nebraska Revised Statute 21-20, 121, the undersigned corporation adopts the following Articles of Amendment to its Articles of Incorporation:

The name of the corporation is Falls City Investors, Inc.

The amendment to the Articles of Incorporation is a change in the name of the corporation, as follows:

**ARTICLE ONE**  
**The name of the corporation is Falls City Developers, Inc.**

The amendment was adopted on September 29, 2011.

The amendment was adopted by the Board of Directors without shareholder action. Shareholder action was not required for the adoption of the amendment.

Dated this 30th day of September, 2011.

FALLS CITY INVESTORS, INC. TO BE  
HEREINAFTER KNOWN AS FALLS CITY DEVELOPERS, INC.  
By Travis Lantis  
Its: President 22-29-6

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Cause of Action No. 1 - Lots Three, Seven and Eight, Block 40, Tinker’s Addition, City of Humboldt, Richardson County, Nebraska.

Cause of Action No. 2 - Lots Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven and Eight, Block 44, Tinker’s Addition, City of Humboldt, Richardson County, Nebraska;

Said sale to remain open for one hour. Purchasers will be subject to real estate taxes for 2011 and all subsequent years.

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

Given my hand and seal this 17th day of November, 2011.

Robert J. Meyer  
County Attorney of  
Richardson County, Nebraska

Randy Houser  
Richardson County Sheriff  
22-29-6

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF THE TESTAMENTARY TRUST CREATED BY THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF SYBIL G. HAMPTON, Deceased, being the SYBIL G. HAMPTON FAMILY TRUST

Case No. PR96-060

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR REVIEW AND SETTLEMENT OF FIFTEENTH ANNUAL ACCOUNTING FROM OCTOBER 28, 2010 TO AND INCLUDING OCTOBER 27, 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Carolyn Arnold and Grant Smith, Co-Trustees, have filed an accounting and Petition for Review and Settlement of Fifteenth Annual Accounting From October 28, 2010 to and Including October 27, 2011. Hearing has been set to consider the accounting, petition and fees on January 4, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., Richardson County Court, in Falls City, Nebraska.

Dated: November 22, 2011.

SYBIL G. HAMPTON FAMILY TRUST

Carolyn Arnold and Grant Smith,

Co-Trustees  
Richard L. Halbert, #11659  
Michael R. Dunn, #16825  
Christopher C. Halbert, #22609  
Halbert, Dunn & Halbert, L.L.C.  
111 East 17<sup>th</sup> Street  
Post Office Box 447  
Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447  
Phone: (402) 245-4486 29-6-13

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF OCONEE COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: PETITION OF PAUL GERALD BUFFA and KATINA ROTSIDES BUFFA

FOR THE ADOPTION OF R.B. and I.B.  
MINOR CHILDREN

CIVIL ACTION  
FILE NUMBER 2011-CV-0858-H  
**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**  
RE: Adoption of above-named children, R.B. born on September 21, 1999 and I.B. born on January 23, 2001, mother being Regina Buffa.

TO: David Tackett or any putative fathers: You are hereby notified that the above action was filed in Superior Court, Oconee County, Georgia, on November 23, 2011, in the Office of the Clerk of said Court, and you are hereby commanded to be and appear at said Court on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December at 8:30 a.m., if you wish to contest this adoption or to show cause, if any you have, as to why the adoption of R.B. and I.B., minor children, should not be accomplished by the Petitioners.

WITNESS the Honorable Judge H. Patrick Haggard, Judge of said Court.

Attorney: Juli Wisotsky, P.O. Box 362, Jefferson, Georgia 30549. 706-543-4678 29-6-13

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

NOTICE

Estate of Loretta Baxter, Deceased.  
Estate No. PR11-26.

Notice is hereby given that the Personal Representative has filed a Final Report of his administration, a Formal Petition for Complete Settlement after Informal Testate Proceeding formally probating the Will and determining heirs at law, for the setting and approving of attorney’s fees; and a Petition for Determination of Inheritance Tax; which have been set for hearing in the Richardson County, Nebraska Court on December 28, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

Nancy A. DeKlotz

Clerk of the County Court  
Richard L. Halbert, #11659  
Michael R. Dunn, #16825  
Christopher C. Halbert, #22609  
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Phone: (402) 245-4486 6-13-20

**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Richardson County Visitors’ Committee will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2011, in the District Courtroom at the Richardson County Courthouse office located at 1700 Stone Street Room 301, Falls City, Nebraska, which meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the Clerk of the District Court Office.

Pamela Scott, Executive Secretary  
Richardson County  
Visitors’ Committee

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
Sealed bids will be received by the Richardson County Clerk until December 27, 2011 at 10:30 a.m., for the abutment/wing repair at four sites throughout the County and other related incidental work. The bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. The project sites are:

C007400420 — 5.2 miles west and 1 mile north of Stella

C007401425 — 4 miles south of Stella

C007403215 — 9.3 miles west and 2 miles south of Salem

C007410820 — 1 mile south and 0.5 miles east of Stella

All sites are located in Richardson County, Nebraska.

The project is referred to as “2011 Abutment/Wing Replacements” and shall include all labor, materials, transportation and equipment required for the construction/repair of the abutments and wings at the four sites indicated (approximately 5,600 sq. ft. of sheet pile, 610 lin. ft. of steel pile and 16,100 lbs. of steel).

Copies of the Bid Documents and Specifications are open to public inspection at the office of the Richardson County Highway Superintendent, 65087 706 Trail, Falls City, Nebraska. A set of documents may be obtained from Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc. for a non-refundable fee of \$20.00 (6920 Van Dorn, Suite “A”, Lincoln, Nebraska 68506 PH: 402-421-1717). All Bid Proposals must be submitted on the forms furnished with the Bid Documents.

The sealed bids may be mailed or delivered to the Office of the Richardson County Clerk, Room 203, Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, and should be plainly marked as, “Construction Bid Proposal — 2011 Abutment/Wing Replacements”.

Along with its Bid Proposal, each bidder shall submit an unconditional Bid Bond or Certified Check made payable to the County Treasurer of Richardson County, Nebraska, in an amount equal to five (5) percent of the Bid Proposal. Also, each bidder is to include an estimated time of beginning and completion for the project with its Bid Proposal. The desired completion date of all sites is May 15, 2012. The successful bidder (i.e. Contractor) will be allowed fifteen (15) calendar days for completion of each project after beginning work at the site. All work must be completed at one site before another site may be started.

Within ten (10) days following the award of the Contract, the successful bidder shall furnish a surety bond or bonds in an amount equal to or greater than the full amount of the contract. The surety and form of the bonds are subject to the acceptance of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners.

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any irregularities in bids received. Award of the Contract will be in accordance with the County Purchasing Act’s competitive bidding considerations as set forth in Neb.Rev.Stat. §§ 23-3110 to 23-3114, and the Richardson County Board of Commissioners will, at its discretion, award the contract on the basis of the lowest responsible bid received. Richardson County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

David Sickel, Chairman  
Richardson County  
Board of Commissioners 6-13-20

**NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION S&W CONSTRUCTION LLC**  
**71031 654 Avenue**  
**Falls City, Nebraska 68355**  
**Telephone: (402) 801-1931**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has formed a limited liability company under the Nebraska Limited Liability Company Act.

The name of the limited liability company is S&W Construction LLC.

The address of the registered office is 71031 654 Avenue, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, and its registered agent is Matthew James Wilcox.

The limited liability company has two members, to wit: Matthew James Wilcox, 71031 654 Avenue, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, Cory J. Snethen, 71088 653 Avenue, Falls City, Nebraska 68355.

The limited liability company shall engage in any lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The period of duration of the Company is perpetual existence from the date the Certificate of Organization was filed with the Secretary of State, on October 17, 2011. Affairs are to be managed by the Members authorized by the Certificate of Organization and the Operating Agreement.

Dylan L. Handley  
71031 654 Avenue  
Falls City, Nebraska 68355

Registered Agent  
Ligouri Law Office  
Dylan L. Handley  
1118 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
P.O. Box 99  
Auburn, Nebraska 68305  
Telephone: (402) 274-5484 6-13-20

**NOTICE**  
**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA**  
**ESTATE OF PAUL OLIVER, DECEASED**  
**PR11-44**

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of November, 2011, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Doris L. Oliver, whose address is 2610 Schoenheit Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Nancy A. DeKlotz

Clerk-Magistrate  
Neal E. Parsons, #13228  
Attorney at Law  
217 East 18<sup>th</sup> Street  
Falls City, Nebraska 68355  
402/245-3088 6-13-20

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
Sealed bid will be received by the City of Falls City, Nebraska, Gary Jorn, City Clerk at the City Building, 1820 Towle Street, until 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on December 13, 2011, at which time and place all bids will be opened and read in the presence of the bidders for the purchase of a One (1) Ton Truck.

Complete Specifications on the unit to be purchased may be obtained from the Office of the Utility Superintendent or the Office of the City Clerk. The proposed unit shall be in strict accordance with specifications. Bids will be received only upon the approved proposal form furnished by the City of Falls City, Nebraska.

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 opened.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA.

GARY JORN, CITY CLERK 6-13

**City of Falls City**  
**Notice of Public Hearing & Notice of Intent to Re-Use**  
**Program Income From a Previous CDBG Award**

Notice is hereby given that, on Monday, December 19, 2011 as part of the regular 7 P.M. City Council meeting that will be held in the City Council Chambers, 1820 Towle Street, the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska will hold a public hearing concerning the use of approximately \$40,000 of program income from a previous Economic Development Community Development Block Grant for a specific Relending to Martha Chapple, to finance working capital & equipment, to be located in Falls City, Nebraska.

The proposed loan terms are 7 years at 3% interest. For CDBG compliance purposes, the Project will create &/or retain 2.25 full time equivalent jobs. More than 51% of CDBG funds will benefit lower &/or moderate income persons. The City of Falls City is not contributing any local tax funds/local matching funds to the Project. There will not be any displaced persons as a result of this activity.

**NOTICE**  
A total of 144 cases will be heard by the Board in December, 2011. The following cases sentenced in Richardson County will be seen by the Board of Parole.

8:30 a.m. December 28, 2011, Community Corrections Center, Lincoln, Nebraska

Ronnie D. Parks, #50349 (Attempted 2nd Degree Murder) 6

Village of Shubert

**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Nov. 7, 2011 - Shubert Library**  
The Village Board of Shubert held the monthly board meeting on November 7, 2011 in the Shubert Library. Chairman Pro Tem Heath Davis opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM with the following Board Members present: Peggy Oliver and Adam Maddox. Kym Haynes and Todd Hendrickson were absent. Clerk was present to record the meeting. Davis announced the Posting of the Open Meetings Law. Chairman Pro Tem asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, hearing none he opened the meeting up for comments from the visitors.

A Library board member was present to discuss matters regarding the Library/Museum building. The dirt work in the basement has been completed so that termites can be treated. The sidewalk ramp in the front of the building needs another handrail. The Library board would like to split the cost of these expenses. There was a Motion and a Second (Davis/Maddox), Oliver: abstain, to pay for 1/2 of the dirt work, handrail, and termite treatment. Motion Carried. There was a motion and second (Maddox/Oliver), to approve the October 3 Meeting minutes. Roll call vote was all “Ayes”; Motion carried. There was a motion and second (Maddox/Oliver) to approve the balance and claims sheets. Roll call vote was all “Ayes”; Motion carried. The Delinquent Utility Report was reviewed. Water/Sewer: Board reviewed water report from George. The WWT door is complete. Some other repairs still need to be done before winter. Water leak at Ash and the highway has been completed. Discussion regarding various projects and salary followed; No action taken. Wood & Brush pile: The pile needs to be burned. General: Christmas Lights: Clerk will call Power Company to assist with hanging lights. Oliver asked about purchasing a few months worth of Forever stamps before the price increase. Motion and a Second (Oliver/Maddox) to purchase 6 months of first class stamps and 2 months of postcard stamps. Roll call vote was all “Ayes”; Motion carried. Building & Parks: Community Building roof is being watched for leaks. Parks: The bathrooms need to be winterized; Maddox will take care of. Streets: The corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Main needs some repair work. Board discussed bid from Handley Construction to tear out and rebuild area around drainage tube. Motion and a Second (Davis/Oliver) to accept Handley bid. Roll Call vote all “Ayes”; Motion carried. Snow removal: Bids will be held over until next month. Fire: Clerk asked to transfer from General to Fire account. There was a motion and second (Maddox/Davis) to transfer \$300 into fire account. Roll call vote was all “Ayes”; Motion carried.

With no further business: Motion and Second (Davis/Oliver) to adjourn meeting at 8:10 p.m. Roll call vote all “Ayes”; Motion carried. Next meeting will be December 5, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Shubert Library.

Jennifer Buchner  
Village Clerk  
Village of Shubert

**Monthly Claims Sheet**  
**November 2011**  
George Ketner, OCT Salary, \$425; George Ketner, OCT Expenses, \$257.16; State of NE Public Health Environmental Laboratory, \$40; SE Communications, telephone line @ well house, \$47.84; Falls City Sanitation, trash pick up, \$1,106.30; NPPD, Pending; Midwest Labs, sewer testing, Pending; W/S/G transfer to USDA Loan, \$906; Farm & City Supply, \$51.98; Jennifer Buchner, OCT Payroll, \$600; RCB&T, 941 tax deposit to IRS, \$156.83; Falls City Journal, Publications, \$85.86; Richard Oliver, Mow & Weed-eat, Pending; Village of Stella, Sampler Rental, \$245; Fort Dearborn, firemen’s Ins. prem, \$30.96; Utility Service, Water Tank Maintenance, \$1,897.50; USPS, Stamps, Pending; Display Sales, Christmas Lights, \$678; Halbert & Dunn, Water Lien, \$51.50; Municipal Supply, \$167.06.

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Falls City

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Job Openings

Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri-Reserve, KS  
December 2011

**Accounting Mangager**

Full-time position-benefits offered

- The purpose of this position is to perform and oversee accounting duties following prescribed procedures.
- Responsible for the filing of correspondence and fiscal related documents in the accounting department.
- Responsible for updating and monitoring the Policy and Procedure Manual.
- Responsible for all accounting regulations and perform other duties as assigned.

Qualification Requirements:

The position requires a high school diploma or GED certificate and one (1) or more years of account receivable/payable experience, which provided a good understanding of bookkeeping and accounting methods and procedures. Must have knowledge of accounting software and the skills in operating a calculator, copy machine and other equipment typically found in an office environment. Must have the ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with the public, other department employees and auditors.

**Maintenance Technician**

Full-Time position-benefits offered

- This position is supervised by the Maintenance Supervisor.
- The purpose of this position is to provide general maintenance and repair of facilities and equipment owned by the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri.
- Typical work performed is related to a variety of crafts and trades such as carpentry, electrical, painting, plumbing, engine repair, and concrete work as well as grounds maintenance.
- Typical duties include threading and bending pipe or conduit, cutting boards and pipe to specified lengths, changing light bulbs and fuses, cutting grass and weeds, planting trees in designated locations, applying paint, replacing filters and cleaning coils on heating and air conditioning units.
- Incumbent receives work to be accomplished instructions from the Maintenance Supervisor. Work is checked during progress and upon completion for quality and conformance to instructions and codes/regulations.
- Responsibilities include the proper and safe use and maintenance of all tools and equipment.

Qualification Requirements:

This position requires a high school diploma or GED certificate and two (2) years experience in one or more of the trades listed above. Must be able to lift eighty (80) pounds, must be able to work in weather extremes, and must possess a valid driver’s license. Must have own tools.

**Director of Housing**

Full-Time position-starting salary commensurate with experience-benefits offered

This position oversees procurement of financial assistance from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and assures that this assistance is made available to Indian Housing projects and low income and elderly single family dwellings. Plans, organizes, directs, controls, and coordinates all supportive service departments of the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri Housing Authority; supervises all Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri Housing Authority activities.

**Convenience Store Manager (Truck Stop/Trad’n Post)**

Full-Time position-benefits offered

This position is to direct, promote and coordinate the convenience store in a manner that will optimize the market share and savings, improve efficiency, help achieve mission and goals, and result in outstanding customer service. Responsible for managing and directing the operation of assigned store to maximize sales and profitability. Must be a role model and demonstrate the company’s core values of respect, honesty, integrity, diversity, inclusion and safety of others. The convenience store manager is responsible for many tasks including, hiring staff, and compliance with state and local laws, employee meetings, competitive gasoline pricing, fuel inventories, marketing promotions, and customer concern.

Applications can be picked up at the Sac and Fox Tribal Office in Reserve KS or request an application via phone at 785-742-7471 or email resumes to Mandy Morehead, Office Manager at [mmorehead@sacandfoxcasino.com](mailto:mmorehead@sacandfoxcasino.com) or fax to 785-742-3785

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RECEPTIONIST.

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ELECTRICIAN

Cooper Nuclear Station, Position closes 12-11-11. Cooper is seeking full-time Electricians. Position requirements are listed at [www.nppd.com](http://www.nppd.com) under employment. Applicants must apply through the website and attach a resume. Candidates will need to live within 45 minutes of Cooper. No phone calls please. NPPD/EOE.

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Sabetha Community Hospital

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Salary is comparable with area hospitals including vacation, holiday and sick time. Benefits include group health and dental, eye, and prescription drug rider, pension plan, group life insurance with dependant life, disability, long term care, TDA’s, cancer plan and numerous other benefits.

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Sabetha Community Hospital

is looking for a **Part Time Cook**. This position would be approximately 20 hours a month. This person would be responsible for preparing and cooking food for hospital patients and employees.

Salary is comparable with area hospitals and benefits include Pension. If interested apply online at [www.sabethahospital.com](http://www.sabethahospital.com) or contact Julie Holthaus, Human Resource Director at 785-284-2121 ext 584.

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Miscellaneous

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# Okie finds a dream home

By Ardis Ramsey

As the sun begins peeking through my window, I yawn and stretch and look around. Yep! It is no dream. As the sea gulls dip to the ocean around the boat I know I am one of the luckiest dogs on earth. Where else could a “senior” cattle dog wake up in her own stateroom bed on a 65-foot steel trawler converted into a 1,200 square-foot home on the water?

My name is “Okie” and I am an 11-year-old cattle dog from Falls City, NE, and this is my story. When my family had to move and could not take me or my buddy, “Snickers,” with them, a kind neighbor said she would foster us for the Humane Society until a home could be found. Snickers was adopted, but no one seemed interested in me — I guess due to my age and not being “cute.” That was okay as my foster care mom treated me special, took me for walks and gave me lots of love. I even learned to be “nice” to her cats.

Then one day she told me that some people wanted to adopt me. I had been in foster care for 1 1/2 years and I was kind of nervous about what might lie ahead. She told me about Michelle and Bill and that they live on a big boat that is moored at Michelle’s mom’s house on Bainbridge Island, which is 6 miles off the coast of Seattle, WA. Living on a boat? I had no idea what a “boat” even was but water I was not too thrilled about.

The day Michelle and Bill arrived at my house I knew right away that these were some special people and right away my nervousness was gone. They were gentle people and quite impressed with me, I might say!! “Senior” dog or not, I have a lot to give and they as smart people recognized that.

It was a long road trip to Seattle but Michelle rode with me in the back of the SUV and talked to me and we even napped together. I was glad when we reached our destination but when I got out I thought this is not the world as Okie knows it!! Michelle and Bill were patient and reassuring as I learned about EVERYTHING.

There was a gangplank leading to the big boat. There was the 600 square-feet of outside deck, which had a 3-foot high secure railing so no danger of me slipping off into the water. So much to see and so much to learn, but I was definitely up to it (as long as Bill or Michelle was with me). I trusted them and wanted to please them and perhaps impress them a bit, too. We cattle dogs are very smart you know.

I have been here for a while now and talk about a great life. There are several daily walks on the beach where I can run off leash and even chase squirrels. Haven’t caught any but the chase is the most fun. At first I was shy meeting other island dogs but they were friendly and welcomed me. I usually accom-



pany Bill or Michelle whenever they go to visit Michelle’s mom. My days are very full and I am a happy dog.

When I am tired from my adventures I take a nap on my window seat, which was raised so that I could view gulls and ducks and other boats. I hear my humans talk about a place called Alaska and that once a year they make the trek there. Hmmmm,

should be interesting as I have never been to an “Alaska” before!

Well, this is my story up-to-date. Quite a tale for a senior cattle dog from Nebraska. Who would have guessed that fate would have made my older years perhaps the richest of my life? Thanks to all who cared and never gave up on this ole girl.



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## VonSeggern new Public Defender



VonSeggern

After meeting with two attorneys on Tuesday, Nov. 29, the Richardson County Commissioners voted to award a contract for the position of Richardson County Public Defender.

O. William VonSeggern of Falls City will fill the position effective Jan. 1, 2012, with an annual fee of \$48,000. Commissioners Dave Sickel and Jim Davidson voted in favor of awarding the contract to VonSeggern. Bill Ely abstained in the voting.

Earlier, the board had met with VonSeggern and Tim Nelsen, the attorney who has served in the position. With both attorneys, the board reviewed the recommendation submitted by the Richardson

County Public Defender Policy Board, a three-member panel that met on Nov. 18.

VonSeggern and Nelsen were the only bidders for the position. Nelsen is a partner in the firm of Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts & Ziskey, with offices in Nebraska City, Auburn and Humboldt.

Before establishing a practice in Falls City, VonSeggern practiced in Grand Island. He is a Falls City High and UNL graduate.

EMA Director Jim Gerweck met with the commissioners to review county radio equipment and reception problems experienced by the Sheriff’s Department. Gerweck provided an update on the upcoming federal and state regulations as well as statewide plans for improved radio communications.

Steve Simon of Miller-Monroe Co. was present during a portion of Tuesday’s regular meeting to discuss the county insurance bidding process and the renewal of county insurance.

In other developments, the commissioners met with Deputy County Treasurer Michelle Kreifels, who provided an update. She said the State Auditor’s Office plans to visit the local office this week to make a final review to finalize the county’s fiscal year end June 30, 2011 audit. Moved to approve as submitted by Highway Supt. Scott Huppert the “Traffic Sign Retroreflectivity Maintenance Program” for 2012.

## JAYCEES DSA BANQUET NOMINATION FORM

Please take a few moments to nominate that outstanding someone you know that best represents one of the following categories, then ATTACH A LETTER explaining his or her qualifications for the award before January 5, 2012. Please do not nominate the same person for more than one award. Send your nominations today to: DSA NOMINATIONS C/O FALLS CITY AREA JAYCEES, P.O. BOX 202, FALLS CITY, NE 68355. If you have any questions please contact: Rachel Jackson at 402-883-7613. Thank you.


### Distinguished Service Award

Presented to the man or woman between 21 and 41 who gives the most deserving service to family, church, community and nation.

My Nomination Is:.....(Name).....

.....(Address).....

MY REASONS ARE IN LETTER ATTACHED




### Outstanding Educator Award

Presented to the professional educator with an emphasis on guiding the growth and development of our youth, career progress and community service.

My Nomination Is:.....(Name).....

.....(Address).....

MY REASONS ARE IN LETTER ATTACHED




### Boss of the Year Award

Presented to the employer who has given meritorious service to his or her community, organization and nation.

My Nomination Is:.....(Name).....

.....(Address).....

MY REASONS ARE IN LETTER ATTACHED




### Outstanding Community Leader Award

The Outstanding Community Leader Award (man or woman) is for that person, any age, who has been and continues to be a strong and vital force in volunteering their time and energies to improve their family, church, community, state and nation.

My Nomination Is:.....(Name).....

.....(Address).....

MY REASONS ARE IN LETTER ATTACHED




### Robert J. Chab Community Service Award

Presented to a person who has shown excellence in the area of community service. This includes ambulance squad members, firemen, law enforcement officers, nurses and other persons dedicated to community service.

My Nomination Is:.....(Name).....

.....(Address).....

MY REASONS ARE IN LETTER ATTACHED




### Good Neighbor Award

The Good Neighbor Award is for an individual, any age, who consistently puts other persons well being, interest and needs above their own. This individual does so without being asked or expecting rewards of any kind for their effort. (Example: visits, providing transportation, yard work, etc.)

My Nomination Is:.....(Name).....

.....(Address).....

MY REASONS ARE IN LETTER ATTACHED



**Nomination Deadline: Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012**