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City to undertake major street repairs

City Clerk/Treasurer Gary Jorn will seek bids on two major street repair projects, after receiving authorization from the City Council during the Monday, March 18, meeting.

Jorn said the “trouble spots” on 18th Street between Harlan and Lane and 16th Street between Chase and Crook are beyond the scope of city workers. The projects, estimated to cost in the \$75,000 to \$100,000 range (for both), will require milling and asphalt overlays, Jorn explained.

Mayor Tim Hersh endorsed the idea, noting that the streets are definitely in need of repairs. Council members unanimously voted to authorize receiving bids.

After a public hearing that elicited no comment, the council formally approved a resolution that allows the Main Street Falls City committee to apply for CDBG funds that would be used for further planning in the Downtown Revitalization effort. CDBG funding of \$30,000 will be sought and the City would provide matching funds of \$9,500.

During a public hearing, Katrina Miller appeared before the council to explain what she has

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STANDBY FOR JULY

Photo by Jason Schock



By Jim Langan

A mid to late summer 2013 time frame has been set for the completion of the new Missouri River bridge at Rulo.

Mike Habegger, Project Manager with the Nebraska Department of Roads, hinted Friday that all signs are pointing towards a late-July completion of the \$25 million bridge project, which began in September of 2010.

“Our hope would be mid-summer 2013,” Habegger said. “We had a little bit of a delay recently when one of the supplier’s contractors was having a little trouble getting some material to them. It pushed them back a couple weeks, but nothing severe.”

A little more than a year ago, Habegger predicted the bridge being completed in late-2013. A cooperative Mother Nature in 2012 and the hardworking crews on site were credited with moving that completion date up nearly four months.

“The cold and snow is hampering us right now,” Habegger said. “We get a little bit of snow up on the curves and it makes it tough trying to walk around up there when we’re decking the forms. Things really slow down.”

The recent minor setbacks caused by snow and the delay on materials is certainly small potatoes considering what the crews faced after the flood.

Once the water receded, crews were left with an extensive restoration process to the land around the worksite that lasted nearly three months.

“We spent 8-12 weeks rehabilitating the land after the flood,” Habegger said. “There was about 13 feet of silt deposited back into one of the cofferdams, which had to be removed, and we had to fix up all the roads again to get equipment down there.”

After the clean-up, extra crews were brought in and worked seven days a week to make up for the time lost.

Currently, crews are headed out over the river putting the deck forms down for the 1,026-foot long river section, or Main Span, of the bridge. The length of the Main Span is more than 40 percent of the 2,400-foot bridge.

Habegger said he would have a better idea about an exact completion date in the next 2-4 weeks.

Survey suggests ag land boom slowing down

Despite an extreme drought and indicators of weaker agricultural earnings on the horizon, Nebraska’s agricultural land markets remain strong, with an overall increase of 25 percent in the last year, according to preliminary findings from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Following the advances of 22 and 32 percent in the previous two years, the 2013 all-land value of \$3,040 per acre is more than double the value in early 2010.

“Few would disagree that this period has clearly been a land boom,” said UNL agricultural economist Bruce Johnson, who leads the annual Nebraska Farm Real Estate Market Developments survey.

Survey reporters across the state reported percentage gains for all the farmland classes for the period from Feb. 1, 2012 to Feb. 1, 2013, but “the variation across the classes as well as across sub-state regions was extreme,” Johnson said.

Drought conditions in 2012 lifted market demand for irrigated cropland, Johnson said, as irrigated land classes had the largest percentage value gains

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HTRS second at State Speech

The Humboldt-TR-S speech team finished runner-up in Class C2 of the NSAA State Speech Contest last Friday in Kearney, earning medals in categories. The team, which is coached by Carl Linnerson, finished with 94 points - 10 behind champion Freeman.

It was the school’s best finish since winning Class C2 in 2003.

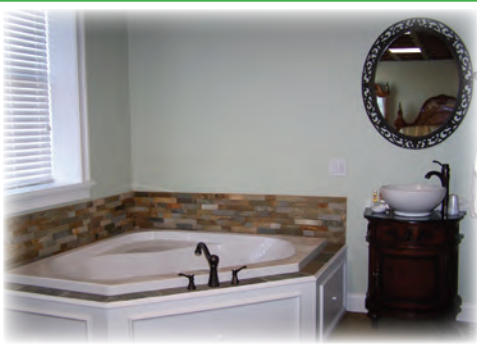
The Titan speakers came away with five medals, led by Joel Svoboda and Taylor Schafer, who each qualified for finals and medaled in two events. Svoboda was second in Humorous and joined Noah Sherman to place fifth in Duet Acting. Schafer was second in Poetry and third in Serious Interpretation.

Elliott Gonnella was third in Extemporaneous and Carrisa Carlin placed fourth in Informative.

Scoring points but not placing for HTRS was Jacob Herr, Entertainment; Amanda Dyas, Persuasive Speaking.

FC Sacred Heart competed in Class D2 and finished ninth in the Sweepstakes. Emma Schock was the top medalist for the Irish, finishing second in Humorous. She actually tied for first and earned the most points from the

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In recent weeks, the Journal office has fielded the kind of calls we don't like to get. They've come from places like Mound City, MO, Robinson, KS, Humboldt and Stella. A Mound City subscriber advised that she had received her paper a week late on at least a couple of occasions. The same for the Robinson subscriber. At Humboldt, one of the route sacks didn't arrive with the others. And to top it off, NONE of Stella's papers arrived on time last week. In fact, we're not sure they ever did and no one seems to know what happened to them. The Stella Postmaster had an appointment in Falls City later in the week and kindly stopped in our office to pick up enough papers for that community.

The problem, whatever it is, is not local. All papers are prepared in our office on Tuesday mornings — stuffed, counted and tied for town carriers and labeled and sorted for delivery to the local Post Office either in the late morning, during the noon hour or shortly thereafter. We know our local Post Office gets its job done efficiently and in plenty of time for those papers to enter the mail system.

But somewhere along the line, the system is breaking down. Subscribers who live far from Falls City, say on either coast, have long endured tardy delivery. They shouldn't have to. We believe in some Post Offices, a weekly paper is not a priority. Sometimes, California, Oregon, Washington, New York, etc., subscribers will get two issues at the same time. Of course they're not happy about it. When the problem surfaces closer to home, where the majority of our subscribers live, it is very troubling. After all, we're in business and we do not want our customers unhappy.

Elsewhere in today's paper is a story by Jim Langan about the Journal's new e-edition. For those with access to the Internet, this might be a solution to delivery problems. Every Journal subscriber is entitled to the e-edition, which basically translates into same day or next day delivery. The new edition is complete in that everything in the print paper can be found in the electronic paper, including all ads, photos, stories, legals, cards of thanks, you name it.

Some folks want the newspaper in their hands. Others would rather use their computer because of the immediacy. Let's say you are a subscriber in California, where delivery hasn't been as prompt as we'd (and you'd) like. Try out the e-edition. If you like it, when the print subscription is due, you just might opt for the electronic one instead. Same goes for new subscribers. Jim explains the process in his story.

Once in awhile — maybe more often than that — you begin to wonder where the time went. This compounds the older you get because each year is a smaller percentage of your life. I'm at the point where one year represents just 1/65th of my existence.

So, I kind of had to shake my head when it came time to apply for Medicare and Social Security. How is that possible? Is it time to put me out to pasture? Not quite. But it's on the horizon.

A reader called several days ago wondering about the "hospital list" we used to publish, giving addresses and phone numbers for a number of medical centers in and around the Midwest. I'm not sure when that stopped, but her idea to resume the list is a good one. I'm working on it and should have it ready by next week.

So far, I've watched one N.C.A.A. Men's Basketball Tournament game (KU) and, after Monday night, two Women's Tournament games (both Nebraska). Just not the hoops fan I used to be. Not the sports fan I used to be, period. We've talked in our office about how basketball has changed through the years, with all of the contact that now is allowed. Scoring suffers and much of the finesse and athleticism has been replaced by brute force. It's not as "pretty" a game as it once was.



Halfway through and it's all about taxes (or the lack thereof)

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

The first session of Nebraska's 103rd Legislature is half over.

Forty-five days in and the talk has centered on taxes, or the lack thereof. Lame Duck Governor Dave Heineman's plans to end the personal and/or corporate income tax in Nebraska have been left in the dust. Concern over ending millions in sales tax exemptions was enough to cause second thoughts.

Hours of debate before the Legislature's Revenue Committee — most of it in opposition to the bills — was enough to convince the chief executive to scuttle the plan which had seemed like such a good idea when presented by fellow Republican governors in several other states.

Some say it was less than a smart idea to make such a proposal in Nebraska. Others say it was genius because it obviously started a conversation, which led to the now lingering discussion of tax reform.

Senator Paul Schumacher of Columbus offered a bill (LB613) to create the Tax Modernization Commission. Schumacher, a member of the Revenue Committee, and Committee Chairman Sen. Galen Hadley of Kearney said the hearing on the Governor's proposals made it clear that Nebraskans want to further discuss tax reform. Given that the state's current tax system dates back to the 1960s and the last reform came with the oft-noted Syracuse tax study in the 80s, it's time for another look.

Meanwhile, possibly because of the pending study or a mood swing in the 49-member legislative body, plans to exempt taxes

on military pensions and some Social Security income appear to be dead. Several measures, based largely on the way the exemptions are handled in neighboring states, had been offered.

So much for the income side. This is the year that the nine-member Appropriations Committee crafts a new two-year budget. New committee chairman, short-termer Sen. Heath Mello of Omaha, has cautioned that there isn't enough money to go around. Mello, who will step down in two years because of term limits, has issued the same warning that his predecessors have for years. The state doesn't

have a blank checkbook.

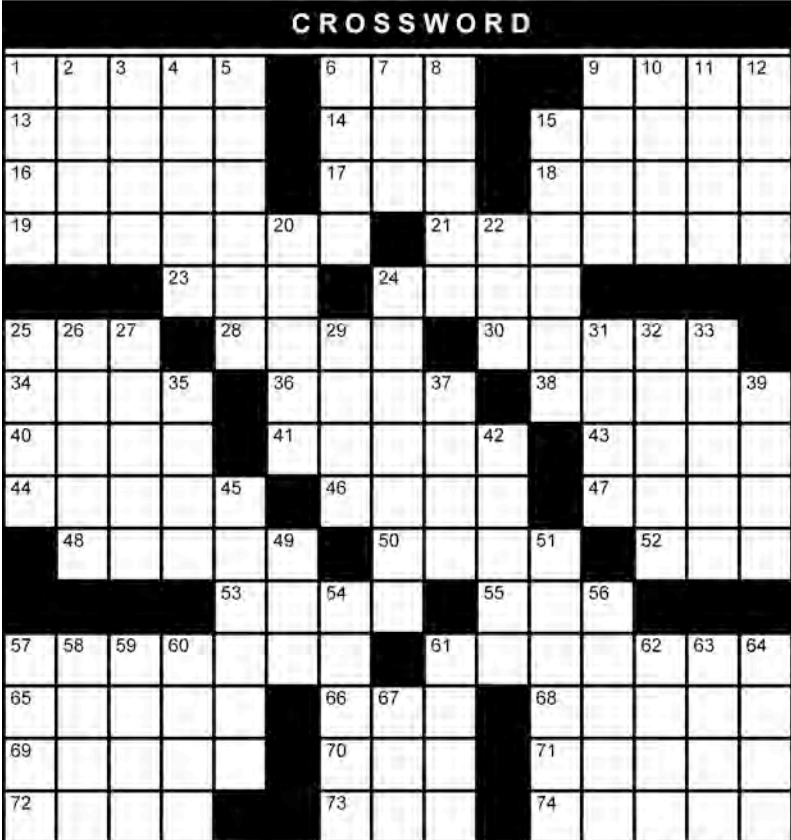
The committee submitted a preliminary \$7.8 billion two-year spending proposal that would leave about \$18 million for new projects and programs proposed in new bills. The caution is for the sponsors of those bills to be prepared to pare down their accompanying "A-bills" that seek the funding for the ideas. Given that some bills carry a rather large individual price tag, it won't take long to use up the \$18 million.

Taxing and spending. It boils down to priorities that will clearly be tested during the "second half" of this legislative session.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: The Twenties

- ACROSS**
1. Property held by one party for the benefit of another
6. Band booking
9. Mary's pet
13. Blood circulation organ
14. Under the weather
15. Last test
16. Beech tree fiber textile
17. Jersey call
18. 2-3, e.g.
19. Conceited
21. *Common Twenties description
23. Relations
24. Update, as in iPod
25. Read-Only Memory
28. Light beige
30. Mother?
34. "___ to it!"
36. Space above
38. Respected Hindu
40. Bride screen
41. Suggestive of an elf
43. *7-Up was one such drink created in the twenties
44. Betty Page, e.g.
46. Italian money
47. Commoner
48. Type of advice
50. Cecum, pl.
52. "But I heard him exclaim, ___ he drove out of sight"
53. Fiber used for making rope
55. "For ___ a jolly..."
57. *a.k.a.
61. *Speakeasy serving
65. Accepted truth
66. Earned at Wharton or Kellogg
68. Infested with lice
69. As opposed to down feather
70. *Woodrow Wilson, e.g.
71. Relating to the ulna
72. Boundary of surface
73. ___-Wan Kenobi
74. Smooth transition
- DOWN**
1. Woolen caps of Scottish origin
2. ___ canal
3. Pakistani language
4. Library storage
5. *"The Jazz Singer," e.g.
6. Long John Silver's gait
7. International workers' group
8. Civil War movie starring Washington and Freeman
9. One with burning pants
10. Prefix often preceding #1 Across
11. *"___ Street" by Sinclair Lewis
12. It features postings
15. Bar brawl, e.g.
20. Cry of surrender
22. The loneliest number?
24. Be sufficient or adequate
25. Please get back to me
26. WWE's Titus ___
27. Easternmost state
29. *1920's Jazz great, Jelly ___ Morton
31. Coarse file
32. Oar pin
33. Opposite of seeker
35. It fits in a socket
37. Cars have a spare one
39. *1927 was his hit season
42. Popular ball game snack
45. Slumber party wear
49. Carry a suitcase?
51. God of the winds
54. Moderato, e.g.
56. *What "Pretty Boy" Floyd did in the 1920s
57. Humorous anecdote
58. What Lizzie Borden did
59. Move like a bullet
60. Z in DMZ
61. Island near Java
62. Black ___
63. Brother of Jacob
64. Swirling vortex
67. *Hairstyle



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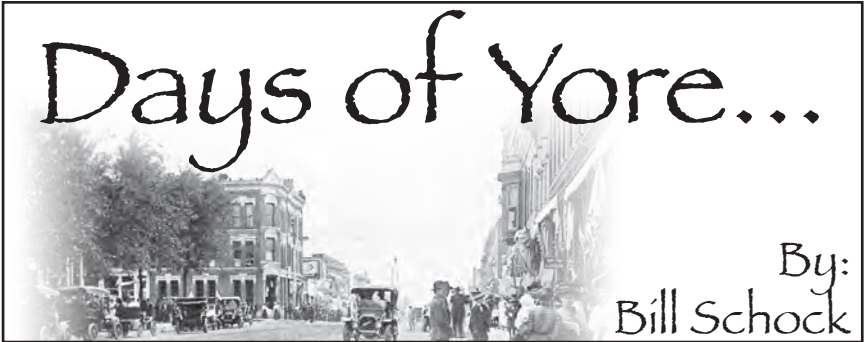
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50 Years Ago
(March 25-30, 1963)

The Check-In Motel was opened by Harold and Evelyn Strauss. The Barada postmastership was discontinued and postmaster John Sailors was assigned to Route 4, FC. Sue Shurtleff, FC 8th grader, was the county’s 7th and 8th grade spelling champ. Anita Marie Chilen and her brother, Joseph, Humboldt, UNL students, were to spend the summer in Europe on a student tour. Kenneth Helmick, FC, completed a Navy radioman’s school in San Diego and was assigned to duty in Kodiak, Alaska. The stork report: daughter March 24 to Mr. and Mrs. Darrell E. Fisher, Route 4; daughter March 24 to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bentley, FC; daughter March 26 to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Prater, FC; son March 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Vice, Stella; daughter March 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Vinsonhaler, Carter Lake, IA; daughter March 30 to Mr. and Mrs. Dean James, Stella.

A New York agency, in a press release, said Richardson Countyans would pay \$3.5 million in income taxes before April 15. At the Breezy Hill Drive-In Elvis was doing his stuff in “Kid Galahad.”

Guy R. Snethen Jr., FC, was elected chairman of the Richardson County 4-H Committee.

The Richardson County Conference All-Conference basketball team included Mike Simon and Bob Majerus, Sacred Heart; LeRoy Goings, Stella; Doug Heim, D-V, and LeRoy Koehler, Bratton Union.

Gambles was giving away two chicks with each purchase over \$1.

An item from United Press especially for bridge players: Kankakee, IL—Four women bridge players who had played together since 1931 each was dealt a perfect hand. Mrs. Gordon Hay’s opening bid of seven spades was met in silence from the other three. Then they showed their hands.

25 Years Ago

Selected by county American Legion posts and their Ladies Auxiliaries to attend Boys and Girls States were: John M. Ramsey, D-V; Lisa Rhoades and Corey Harbour, Southeast Consolidated; June Strasil, FCHS; Steve Hunzeker and Sandy Mayo, Humboldt, and Tracy Burns, Salem.

Jay Slagle, FC, was among those recognized for earning a 4.0 grade average for two straight semesters at Creighton University.

The Journal’s Richardson County Athlete of the Week was Sean Stevens, FCHS track. He also had won a \$500 scholarship to UNL.

Dick Frederick, FC, retired from the Postal Service after 42 years, including two years in the military. Milt Martin was postmaster.

Dan Couse and Jason Mez, FCHS wrestlers, were on the Nebraska All-State Academic Team.

Ann Dovel, Humboldt, won first place in state Class B Extemporaneous Speaking.

Easter Sunday buffet at The Wright Place with carved ham and fried chicken cost \$5.95. The Camp Rulo River Club advertised a buffet of roast beef, ham, chicken a la king for \$5.50.

It was reported in the Kansas City Star that good tickets for the Final Four in Kansas City were going for as high as \$2,000.

15 Years Ago

The Nebraska Rural Water Association gave special recognition as “Friends of Rural Water” to Maurece Hunzeker and her late husband, Jim, Humboldt. The plaque was presented by Ken Zoeller, FC, also a long-time worker in the rural water effort.

Falls City Public Schools was awarded an Excellence in Education grant of \$226,955 through proceeds of the Nebraska Lottery. Preparing the application besides Supt. Duane Stehlik were Judi Carter, John Masonbrink, Noala Fritz, Tom Weinert, Marie Parsons, JoAnn Koso and Roger Lampe.

John Thiltges, Sacred Heart, won a Regents Scholarship to UNL.

“Charlie and the Sting Rays,” rock and roll, played a Saturday night gig at The Oasis. The cover charge was \$6.

At River Twins Cinema Kate Winslet and Leonardo Di Caprio were starring in “Titanic.”

A son was born March 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Borrego, Shubert.

The FCHS choral department presented the musical, “Nunsense.” In the cast were Stephanie Harkendorff, Kara Sunderman, Brynn O’Banion, Elysia Smith, Lacy Balke and Lisa Franzen. Kim Sietsra was the director and was assisted by Gary Grady.

New vehicle for Sheriff’s Dept.

The Richardson County Commissioners, meeting in regular session Tuesday, March 19, approved the purchase of one Sheriff’s patrol vehicle and the advertisement for sealed bids on another Sheriff’s vehicle.

Sheriff Randy Houser was authorized to purchase from Hullman’s Ford a 2013 Ford police interceptor at the price established by the materiel division of the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services at \$29,214. Competitive bidding is not required when such a price has been established. The delivery price to Hullman’s is \$300.

Board members Dave Sickel and Jim Standerford (Jim Davidson was unable to attend the meeting) also authorized Sheriff Houser to advertise for sealed bids for the purchase of a pickup patrol unit. Bids are to be received by 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 16.

Five sealed bids for culvert materials were opened during the meeting and accepted only for review purposes by Highway Supt. Scott Huppert. After the review, the board voted to award the bid for culvert materials as specified in the bid notice and subject to inspection at delivery to Contech Engineered Solutions, Lincoln, for a total bid price of \$43,677.19.

County Assessor Pam Vice met with the board to request approval for the Deputy Assessor, Michelle Kreifels, to attend a four-day training session to be held in Lincoln in May.

A motion was passed to adopt a resolution to cancel a check issued in error.

City Council

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in mind for the former Southside Inn building at 623 Harlan. Her plan is to open a business, “Just One More Bar & Grill,” an establishment that will serve alcoholic beverages and eventually include a kitchen operation, with some interior and exterior improvements. Miller said she hopes to employ as many as six people within six months.

Her goal is to bring new business to an area of Falls City that is growing with the construction of the CBG facility.

After the hearing, the council voted 7-1 to endorse Miller’s application for a Class I liquor license. Councilperson Judy Murphy explained that her “no” vote was not a reflection on Miller.

In other developments, the council:

—Heard a presentation from Benefit Management’s Dan Duren about City health insurance costs to this point in the fiscal year. Duren said both employees and their employer (the City) have benefited under the Benefit Management plan. He said thus far, the savings have been about \$36,000. Duren said the company believes a “win-win” atmosphere has been created for employees and the City. He said the company is helping the City prepare as health care reform continues to be implemented.

—Approved a request from the Employee Advisory Committee to help fund the annual Employee Appreciation dinner that will be held April 13. Spokesperson Sandra Ferris said the dinner is for employees, council members and spouses. Awards will also be presented. The approximate cost will be \$1,100.

—Heard Mayor Hersh express his congratulations to the boys’ and girls’ teams from Falls City Sacred Heart, as each finished their seasons with third place performances at State.

Sez ‘I’

Nominate FCPS

Falls City Public Schools needs nominations by farmers for the Monsanto America’s Farmers Grow Rural Education Grant.

Area farmers have until April 15, 2013, to nominate the school district to receive the grant. The number of nominations the school receives will be part of the criteria determining whether or not FCPS gets the grant. To nominate FCPS, goto: <http://www.americasfarmers.com/growruraleducation/school-nominations.aspx>

Nominations can also be made by calling 1-877-267-3332.

If funded, the Monsanto grant will provide a set of iPads for students at both South and North Elementary Schools, along with training for the teachers. The schools will partner with the UNL Extension Agency. Jami Ankrom, Richardson County Extension Assistant, will work with the elementary staff to teach lessons combining math, science, and agriculture.

For the second year in a row, farmers are gearing up to impact their communities. By nominating their favorite public school district to compete for a grant of up to \$25,000, farmers coast to coast will have a hand in shaping the future of today’s youth – this, thanks to Monsanto Fund’s America’s Farmers Grow Rural Education.

The Monsanto Fund is set to invest \$2.3 million to strengthen math and science education in rural communities through America’s Farmers Grow Rural Education. Now until April 15, 2013, farmers in 1,271 counties across 39 states can nominate their local public school district to compete for a merit-

based grant. Administrators of nominated school districts can then submit grant applications through April 30, 2013. Grant funds are then used to enhance the district’s math and/or science programs.

Grants are reviewed by the America’s Farmers Grow Rural Education Advisory Council and are awarded based on merit, need and community support. Multiple nominations of a single school district demonstrate community support and strengthen the grant application.

Due to the support and nominations by area farmers, Falls City High School was the winner of a \$25,000 grant in the program for the 2012-13 school year.

Sincerely,

FCPS Tech/Curriculum Coordinator Judi Carter

Kick Off the Season Gardening Program at Falls City Library & Arts Center Thursday, Mar. 28th @ 5:30 PM Vaughn Hammond, UNL Kimmel Education Center Robert White, Community Supported Agriculture Sponsored by Friends of the Library Farmer’s Market Team

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Easter Cantata "UPON THIS ROCK" The Passion - Of Christ. The Question - To Peter. The Call - To All. Good Friday, March 29 - 7:00 p.m. Pepper Choplin, Composer Presented by Southeast NE Multi Church Choir Stella Community Church, Stella, NE

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CARTER — Peter and Amber Carter of Omaha are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jethro Henry, born at 2:32 a.m. Wednesday, March 13, at Methodist Women’s Hospital in Omaha. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 20½ inches long. Maternal grandparents are Marc and Debbie Chevalier of Horseheads, NY. Paternal grandparents are Bill and Judi Carter of Falls City. Sue Ann Rathbun of Horseheads, NY, is the maternal great-grandmother. Joyce Carter of Falls City and Vicki Schmahl of Grand Island are the paternal great-grandmothers.

Society

St. Mark’s Women

St. Mark’s Lutheran Church Women, rural Verdon, met in the church social room Thursday. Pastor John Sipf presented the Bible study, “*Beneath Her Wings*,” with the theme verse

Luke 13-34 with all members reading various parts. This was closed with the Bible study prayer.

The business meeting was conducted by the president, Delila Vice. The secretary called roll, members responding with a Scripture verse. Other reports were given. The church council will be serving a brunch before Easter services at 8 a.m. The Spring Gather will be held April 6 at the First Lutheran Church in Syracuse. Monetary gifts will be sent to the Syracuse Food Pantry and the Nebraska Synodical treasurer. The thankoffering and regular offering were received.

A spiritual life, “*The Bible in 50 Words*,” was read by Norma Werner. Refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon by Mrs. Werner. The next meeting will be April 11 with Janice Fischer as hostess

Missionary Circle

Eleven members of the Christ Lutheran Missionary Circle met Thursday evening, March 21, at the church.

Marcia Schwartz led a prayer devotion, “Praise, Remember, Ask, Yield.” The group sang “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” at the opening of the program and ended the devotion with “Have Thine Own Way, Lord.” Carolyn Zentner played the accompaniment for the hymns and also as the members brought forward offerings for the local food pantry and placed them on the altar.

Mrs. Schwartz offered prayer to open the business meeting. The minutes of the February meeting were read and Ruth Groothuis gave the treasurer’s report. Committee reports were given by Bonnie Zentner on the Circle’s quilting project, Joann Baldwin for courtesy and Alice Eickhoff for the history album. Several members plan to attend the LWML Workshop scheduled for April 6 in Nebraska City. “Let Your Light Shine” is the theme for the Bible studies and activities. Members were reminded they are scheduled to serve the canteen for the Bloodmobile stop in Falls City June 6.

Marjorie Eames presented a reading, “*The Rose of Lent*,” for Christian Life. Schwartz led the table prayer to close the meeting. Eames served a green dessert with table service and decorations all in the St. Patrick’s theme.

The next meeting will be April 18 at the church. Bonnie Zentner will be the hostess and Doris Schimke the program leader.

Genealogical Society

Thirteen members of the Tri-State Corners Genealogical Society met for their annual Founder’s Day supper at 6:30 on March 7. After the meal Norma Thompson called the meeting to order, Jorene Herr took roll and read the minutes and Richard Zentner gave the treasurer’s report. It was mentioned that a set of the necrologies was on hand, if anyone wanted to purchase it.

Reports were given for the Archivist, Nebraska GenWeb project, Obituaries and Necrologies and most projects showed no change. Correspondence and newsletters were received from the Nebraska State Genealogical Society and the Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society. Upcoming events include the Greater Omaha

Genealogical Society Family History Classes on the third Saturday through June, the Greater Omaha Genealogical Society Spring Workshop April 27 and the Nebraska State Genealogical Society Conf. May 3-4 in Grand Island. Queries were received for the Sailors, Deckinger/Hoffman, Majerus/Sullivan and Hurd families, and about the Falls City electricity and cemetery book.

In new business the group considered recognizing an outstanding genealogist for the group and selected Terry Stradman. The group discussed the FC Garment Factory and the re-scheduling of the Brown County meeting. A WWI letter that appeared in the *FC Journal* was mentioned, as well as the possibility of the Otoe County group coming to visit the mausoleum. A copy of Bill Rowan’s book has been placed in the FC Library & Arts Center. A copy will be purchased for the Humboldt Library.

Members were asked to bring heirlooms and items of interest for the program. This included a Lions Club Minstrel Show program from 1928, a tea set, money (counterfeit and real), dishes and coins. A family locket and quilt also were mentioned. The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 4. Robert Ferguson will have the program.



Last week I read an article titled “Dear iPhone Mom.” What is an iPhone mom? Well according to the writer of this article, an iPhone mom is a mother who’s always on her phone and not paying attention to her children or what is happening right in front of her. Here is a direct quote from the article,

Your little girl is spinning round and round, making her dress twirl. She is such a little beauty queen already, the sun shining behind her long hair. She keeps glancing your way to see if you are watching her. You aren’t...

The iPhone mom is accused of missing out on her children’s lives. I read this article taking a bit of offense to it. I have an iPhone that is always in my pocket, purse or hand. I’m also a mom. I guess this makes me “One of them.” So, let’s say that I’m an iPhone mom. I am here to defend myself and the majority of iPhone moms.

I get it, we live in a world where technology is king and playing outside is fading out. This is what we are being told on a daily basis. I am a bad mother because I was sitting on my phone instead of watching my son play basketball. This may indeed be the case to the casual observer. What I’m actually doing is sending a video of my son playing basketball to his grandma, aunt and great aunts. My mom lives 45 minutes away and doesn’t want to miss a thing. Now she doesn’t. I constantly take videos and photos to share with my family. While technology seems to be the downfall of society according to my husband, I see smart phones as an amazing gift to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and children.

I grew up in the 1980’s. My uncle Danny, aunt Karla, cousins, grandma and grandpa Alexander all lived in Texas. We lived in Dawson, Nebraska. What did they miss? The first day of school for my sister and I, the day we lost our first tooth or when we had our first school program. They missed a lot. Imagine the same situation now. My aunt and uncle still live in Texas. Alex has a school program where he gets on stage and does his little solo. I can record it on my phone with two touches of the screen. Before he even gets off stage I could have shared his big moment with anyone who couldn’t make it and his beloved aunt and uncle in Texas. Ten hours away they can watch Alex’s performance within minutes. Can you imagine how much our grandparents would have loved that? When Alex misses my mom, he can “Skype” with her, which means he can talk on the phone and see her at the same time and vice versa. What I wouldn’t have given to be able to do that with my grandpa! He would have paid any amount of money in the world to have that kind of technology.

While I can’t speak for all mothers, I will say that while it may look like I’m just playing on my phone, nine times out of ten I’m actually sharing photos and videos with my family who can’t be around for everything Alex does. If I am not doing that, I’m e-mailing myself bits and pieces of conversations. I keep an email account for Alex. If we are sitting around and Alex says something that I always want to remember, I hurry for my phone, jot down what he said and send it to that e-mail account. Over time I go through those emails and write his little phrases down. I want to remember the night of December 28, 2011 when I wasn’t feeling well and he walked up to me, kissed me on the hand and said, “I will always take care of you my beauty.” Would I have remembered that special moment forever without the e-mail to myself? No, I wouldn’t have. Life with your children is full of those special moments and I’d only remember a handful if I didn’t have a quick way to get it saved while we are on the go. Can my mom whip out the date and words to a song my sister and I made up on the spot? Probably not, but I am more than certain she wishes she could.

What am I missing out on? Nothing. I see my son. I hear him. We have family dinners, we sit in bed together every single night and talk. I don’t think I am missing out on his life, I am sharing his life with the people who love him so much. If I am sitting directly across from him with my phone in my face reading, it’s often because he is discussing wrestling moves with Brian or something equally testosterone filled. When those conversations start, my eyes usually glaze over anyway. On the other hand, I am not a perfect mother. Far from it, but I will not blame my iPhone for that. I am human. I will grab at my phone like a brainwashed zombie some days with Alex right in front of me. It happens, but if the worst thing I ever do as a mother is absent-mindedly grab for my phone, I am doing something very right.

I miss so much of what is happening with my sister’s children because of work, money, distance, etc. She sends me videos of baby Olive’s first giggle, her chubby legs and big toothless grin. I see Lucy’s excited face before bed because she is going to get to play with Alex that weekend. I get this gift of seeing so much I would otherwise miss because my sister is also an iPhone mom just trying to capture every moment she can.

This brings me to another category I have been placed in. The “Facebook Mom.” I am one of those too. So much so that Alex has a new phrase when he is doing something I deem too stinking cute for words and he deems “babyish.” He gets very serious and says, “Mom, do not put this on Facebook!” He means it and I respect his wishes. What Facebook has given me is the same thing my phone has, but on a bigger scale. I have a lot of my and Brian’s distant family from all over the United States on Facebook. So, I’m happy to share Alex’s photos (now with his permission) on Facebook where our families can see them. The gift everyone gets out of social media is going back and remembering something so small you had forgotten it had ever happened. Since Brian’s accident he doesn’t remember as much anymore and often suffers from short-term memory loss. For Valentine’s Day I was able to take things I had shared on Facebook, well wishes and photos and publish it as a book. This is something I will continue to do for him. He may forget things that happen around him, but he will always be able to read those little details of our lives. What a huge blessing!

So I say to those mothers who are just trying to make it through the day and need that moment on your phone, don’t feel ashamed. Nothing is ever as it seems to an outsider. That mother at the park on her phone may have just had a full day with four kids and no break. Parents need that break sometimes. Children need a break sometimes. We all do. Maybe she’s like me and needs some reassurance or advice from her own mother. Or maybe she needs her husband or partner to remind her to just breathe.

As I sat and explained what I wanted to achieve out of this column Brian reminded me that while he agrees with some of my points, he would never be on the side of technology. We can’t all agree. I understood the point of what the author was trying to say. Some people do miss out by being on their phones, tablets or computers. But, some of us are just trying to preserve and share our children’s chubby grins, sweet little voices and little bellies forever, and I for one will never be ashamed of that.

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Stevens, Snethen winners in National Corn Yield Contest

Dean Stevens and Cory Snethen of Falls City, have been honored as state winners in the 2012 National Corn Yield Contest sponsored annually by the National Corn Growers Association.

Stevens placed third in the state in the No-Till/Strip Till Non-Irrigated Class with a yield of 263.4225 bushels per acre. The hybrid used in the winning field was Hoegemeyer 8389.

Snethen placed third in the state in the A Non-Irrigated Class with a yield of 251.8501 bushels per acre. The hybrid used in the winning field was Pioneer P1498HR.

There were 421 state winners nationwide. The 2012 contest had 8,263 entries from 46 states. The average yield among national winners was 316.3 bushels per acre. Nine of the national winners recorded

yields of 300 bushels or more per acre.

NCGA Chairman Garry Niemeyer, a corn grower from Auburn, IL, said the top yield in the contest was 384.4 bushels per acre, achieved by David Hula of Charles City, VA.

Data gleaned from the contest:

Average planting population for the national winners was 37,941 seeds per acre, compared to 33,532 for all entrants.

National winners applied an average of 273 pounds of nitrogen, 82 pounds of phosphorus and 115 pounds of potassium per acre.

Average commercial nitrogen use per bushel of yield was 0.87 pounds for national winners and 0.90 pounds for all entrants.

Fifty percent of national winners applied trace minerals, compared to 36 percent of all entrants.

Use of manure as a fertilizer was consistent. Seventeen percent of national winners applied manure, compared to 16 percent of all entrants.

The national Corn Yield Contest began in 1965 with 20 entries from three states. The highest overall yield was 218.09 bushels per acre, while the national average yield was in the mid-60-bushel range.

Society

Zion Women's Fellowship
Zion Women's Fellowship met Wednesday, March 13, at the church with Margaret Jones as lesson leader. She used the book, "*The Prayer of Jabez*," which is based on I Chronicles 4: 9 and 10. It has four requests: to bless him, God would enlarge his territory, God's hand would be with him and keep him from evil.

Susan Sipple presided over the business meeting. Seven ladies were present. Minutes were read and amended from January and February. The treasurer's report was given by Liz Huettner. A thank you was read from Fay Ann and Kenny Blaylock for the Christmas gift the Women's Fellowship gave them.

In new business the Maundy Thursday meal and service was discussed. The First Christian Church has been invited and a list of food was given to them by Mrs. Huettner. The Zion list will be available Sunday. Fay Ann will do the program. The May Mother/Daughter/Friend salad bar was discussed. As yet there is no chairperson. Betty Maze suggested a musical program and will check into it. A dessert bar was discussed as well as inviting other churches' women's groups.

Birthday cards were signed for March birthdays. Mrs. Jones served refreshments in the green St. Patrick's Day motif. The next meeting will be April 10.

LWML
St. Paul's LWML met March 6 in the church social room. Muriel Docker, Christian Life leader, told the group the story of St. Patrick with homemade sham-rock cookies. Pastor Gifford then led in the topic of "Season of Lent" through hymns. Many

hymns were read and members chose their favorites.

Janice Boden, president, opened the meeting with nine ladies answering roll call and one guest, Pastor Gifford. January and February minutes were read, as was the treasurer's report. Janice noted that the spring workshop will be held Saturday, April 6, at Christ Lutheran Church in Nebraska City. Thank you notes were read from SENCA, Camp Luther and Project Response. The kitchen and visiting committees gave reports. Kathy Niedfeldt will be in charge of the coffee and cookies for the Lenten service on March 13. Members approved a motion to give Kari Kreifels and Justina Strecker \$100 each to allow them to go to the National Youth Gathering in San Antonio. This was group's mission project for the month.

"Happy Birthday" was sung to Kathy and then Janice read "*What's in Your Hand?*" from the Stewardship Newsletter of 2010. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Ramona Ebel and Joann Niedfeldt served refreshments.

Does Drove #56
Falls City Drove #56 met Monday evening, March 11, at the Elks Lodge with 16 members present.

The meeting began with the installation of Linda Frost as president and Beverly Bernhardt as senior counselor by Marlene McKim, installing president. Linda was presented with the president's pin by Mary Wiltse and Marlene presented her with the five-year secretary pin.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The Feb. 11 meeting was a potluck celebrating Founders' Day. Committee reports were given and communications were read.

The drove will help with the Elks PER Barbecue and Auction to benefit the Richardson County Cancer Fund on March 23. The coin march was held and "Happy Birthday" was sung to Rita Boswell and Phyllis Kreutzer. Linda thanked the refreshment committee: Connie Fiddler, chairman, assisted by Dessie Scholl and absentee hostess, Misty Vollmer. St. Patrick's Day prizewinners were Marlene, Sheila Kirkendall and Sharyn Gibbs.

The next meeting will be March 25 with Zita Ebel as refreshment committee chairman, assisted by Verba Strecker and Susan Wilhelm. The April 8 meeting will be a social to honor past presidents.

Jaycees Easter hunt

The annual Falls City Area Jaycees Easter egg hunt is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, March 30, at (note the different site) Grandview Park.

Age categories are: up to 3; 4-6; and 7-10. Special prizes will be awarded. See ads in the Journal for other hunts in Falls City and the area.

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County Court

Kristen Peniska, Humboldt, count one, DUI-1st offense; count two, refuse to submit to test-1st offense. Plead not guilty to both counts. Pretrial hearing scheduled for Apr. 8.

Charles E. Perman Jr., Lincoln, count one, driving under suspension; count two, criminal mischief-less than \$200. Plead- ed no contest to both counts. Sentenced to 30 days in Rich- ards on County Jail, driver’s li- cense revoked for one year and ordered to pay costs and fees in the amount of \$126.48. Defen- dant also ordered to pay restitu- tion to the City of Falls City in the amount of \$100.

Erica D. Beethe, Elk Creek, attempt of a Class IV felony. Probation ordered for a period of 12 months and ordered to complete 20 hours of commu- nity service. Defendant to pay probation fees in the amount of \$360, along with court costs and fees in the amount of \$49.

Drue T. Miller, Falls City, driving under suspension. Plead- ed guilty and found guilty. Driver’s license revoked for one year, fined \$125 and to pay costs of \$49.

Branon S. Harris, Lincoln, assault-3rd degree. Hearing held for violation of probation. Case continued to Apr. 22 for disposi- tion hearing.

Antonio L. Schulenberg, Falls City, dog or cat nuisance, found guilty. Fined \$25, plus costs of \$49 and fees of \$25.

Phillip L. Doerr, Verdon, count one, unlawful/fictitious display of plates; count two, no license on person; count three, violate load contents require- ments; count four, violate license eyesight restrictions. Found guilty on counts one, two and four. Not guilty of count three.

Fined total of \$60, plus costs of \$48.

Randy E. Murphy, Falls City, careless driving, found guilty. Fined \$100, plus costs of \$48.

James V. Langan, Falls City, DUI-2nd offense, amended to DUI-1st offense as per plea agree- ment. Plead no contest and sen- tenced to nine months proba- tion, fined \$500 and driver’s li- cense revoked for 90 days. Defendant allowed to pay for ignition inter- lock. Ordered to pay court costs in the amount of \$162.25, along with all probation fees.

Justin C. Matton, Falls City, license vehicle without liabil- ity insurance. Plead guilty and found guilty. Fined \$125, plus costs of \$49.

District Court

Jeffrey T. Gibson, Falls City, filed for dissolution of marriage to Tammy D. Porter, Falls City.

Erin E. Anderson, Falls City, filed for dissolution of marriage to Troy D. Anderson, Falls City.

Tonya L. Keller, Falls City, filed for dissolution of marriage to Michael N. Keller, Rulo.

Civil Court

Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Services and against Craig Killingsworth, Falls City, in the amount of \$236.64, plus prejudgment in- terest of \$10.03, fees of \$28.66 and costs of \$50.95. Post-judg- ment interest to accrue at 2.122 percent.

Judgment entered in favor of General Collection and against Cynthia Burow, Humboldt, in the amount of \$1,163.37 and costs of \$51.11. Post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.122 per- cent.

Judgment entered in fa- vor of Collection Associates and against Stephanie James, Shubert, and Eric Hester- man, Shubert, in the amount of \$122.08, plus prejudgment inter- est of \$23.84, costs of \$100.54.

Avoiding new scams targeting seniors

(StatePoint) While we are all taught to use good manners when answering the telephone, not everyone who calls you nec- essarily has good intentions.

According to the U.S. De- partment of Homeland Security, a recent spate of lottery scams or advance fee frauds originat- ing in Jamaica are targeting se- niors and other Americans by telephone.

While the Jamaican and U.S. governments have teamed to tighten laws and combat the problem, it’s important to guard

against becoming the next vic- tim.

Knowing the difference be- tween legitimate telemarketers and scammers is crucial. Protect yourself by taking the following precautions:

— Never pay money to collect supposed sweepstakes winnings. Legitimate operations won’t re- quire you to pay to collect win- nings. It’s against U.S. law to play foreign lotteries. If you get a call saying you’ve won one, it’s probably a scam.

— Never wire money to anyone you don’t know.

Ignore unsolicited calls from anyone, even charities and companies with whom you al- ready do business. You have no way to confirm the caller is legi- timate. Even caller ID can be faked. When in doubt, just hang up.

— Place your telephone num- ber on the National Do Not Call Registry. It’s fast and free. Visit www.DoNotCall.gov or add your number to the registry by calling 888-382-1222 from the phone you wish to register.

— Check unfamiliar area codes before returning calls. Be aware that there are many three digit area codes that connect callers to international telephone num- bers.

If you don’t make interna- tional calls, ask your telephone provider to block incoming and outgoing international calls.

— Never provide anyone with personal information, such as bank accounts, pin numbers or Social Security numbers.

— Prevent criminals from ac- cessing your money. Contact your bank, brokerages, as well as the Social Security Adminis- tration to add a password to your

accounts.

— If callers insist on speaking with you, tell them you’ll call them directly. Don’t take a num- ber offered by a potential fraud- ster. You’re safer looking up the number independently.

— Scammers often create false deadlines. If you feel pressured, hang up. You’ve spent a life- time earning your money. You deserve time to choose how to spend it.

— Help others from falling vic- tim to scammers by warning friends and family. If you’ve received a call, mail or email you think might be from a scam- mer, report it to the Federal Trade Commission by calling at 877-FTC-HELP(877-382-4357) or contact local authorities.

“The Jamaican government is resolved to successfully com- bat this scourge. We have put in place both legislative and operational measures that will ensure that persons who prey on vulnerable seniors are held accountable,” said. Jamaica’s Minister of National Security, Peter Bunting, who is working with U.S. officials to stop new Jamaican lottery scams.

You don’t have to live in fear to avoid being a victim. By becoming informed of the latest tactics used by scammers to de- fraud consumers, you can pro- tect yourself and your finances.

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Local students to state level of National Geographic Bee

Jade Hill, an 8th grader at Falls City Sacred Heart, and Grayson J. Hayes, a Falls City Middle School student, have both qualified for the state competition of the National Geographic Bee April 5 at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Each student won at their respective school contests last December and then took a multiple-choice qualifying test to advance to the state level competition. The top 100 students (selected based on qualifying test scores) qualify to represent their schools and compete at the state level.

One winner from each state and territory will advance to the national competition to be held May 22nd at the historic National Theater in Washington D.C. This year marks the Bee’s 25th anniversary and Alex Trebek’s final year as host. National contestants compete for scholarships worth \$25,000, \$15,000 and \$10,000.

Falls City Middle School participated in the program for the first time this year, making Grayson its first-ever state qualifier.

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Bobby Dale ‘Bob’ Hards



Bobby Dale “Bob” Hards, 83, Topeka, KS, died Monday, March 18, 2013, at Aldersgate Village. He was born on April 10, 1929, in Morrill, KS, the son of Harvey and Maude (Taylor) Hards. He graduated from Hiawatha High School in 1948 and attended Ottawa University on a football scholarship for one year before going into military service. Bob served in the U.S. Army from January 1951 until December 1952, serving 18 months active duty in Germany. From 1955 until 1970, Mr. Hards was the vice president of Aristo Foods, Inc., a company that leased and operated Holiday Inn Restaurants in many states from Brock Hotels, Inc. Later in 1971, he joined Stevenson Co., Inc., an institutional kitchen equipment and restaurant supplies supplier, where he was sales manager until his retire-

ment in December 1998. He married Peggy J. Fletcher on Dec. 24, 1954, in Topeka. Bob is survived by his wife, a brother, Delmar Hards, Everett, WA, two sisters, Bonnie Hossfeld, Falls City, and Betty Irving, Tulsa, OK, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by four siblings, Lucille Winters, Elmer Hards, Barbara Richey and Wilma Carter. Funeral services were held Friday, March 22, at the Mount Hope Chapel in Topeka. Entombment with military honors followed the service. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at Mount Hope Chapel. Penwell-Gable Mid-Town Chapel assisted with arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to Topeka Rescue Mission, 600 N. Kansas Ave., Topeka, KS 66608 or Grace Hospice, 3715 SW 29th St., Suite 100, Topeka, KS 66614.

Robert F. ‘Bob’ Hyberger

Robert F. “Bob” Hyberger, 56, of Beatrice, died at his home Thursday, March 21, 2013. He was born May 21, 1956, to Florence (York) and William Hyberger and he had lived in Beatrice his entire life. Bob was a 1974 graduate of Beatrice High School.



grandchildren; sister, Joan (Ross) Stepan, Holmesville; brothers, Hugh (Becky) Hyberger, Salina, KS, and Mark (Linda) Hyberger, Beatrice; sister-in-law, brothers-in-law, his mother-in-law and nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Guy, Dale, Francis and Joseph Hyberger, a sister, Rita Hyberger, and his father-in-law. Mass of Christian burial was held Tuesday, March 26, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Beatrice. Fr. Steve Major officiated. Interment was in the St. Joseph Cemetery. A scriptural prayer service was held Monday at the Griffiths-Hovendick Chapel in Beatrice. A memorial has been established to the family’s choice with the funeral home in charge. An online register is available at www.ghchapel.com.

Sara Hutchings Maust

Sara Hutchings Maust, 98, a native of Falls City, died Sunday, March 10, 2013, in Santa Barbara, CA, after a short illness.



She was born in Falls City, the daughter of Mary Davies Hutchings and John Henry Hutchings. Sara had one brother, John (Jack) Henry Hutchings Jr., who was two years her senior. After graduating from the University of Nebraska, Sara earned a degree in library science from Columbia University. A year later, she married a classmate, Joseph (Joe) Towne Wheeler. Ten months after the birth of their only child, Mary Jo, Joe was killed on the Italian front in World War II. Sara’s career as a children’s librarian began at the New York Public Library and continued at the Oak Park Public Library in Illinois, where she was head of children’s work. While there, she earned an M.A. from the University of Chicago in anthropology. In 1955, Sara accepted a professorship at the University of Washington in Seattle, where she taught children’s literature and storytelling. Sara wrote many articles for library journals, and for the World Book Encyclopedia, and had a storytelling program on local television. When she resigned in 1965, she

was president of the Woman’s Faculty Club, the Newberry-Caldecott Committee of the American Library Association (ALA) and of ALA’s Division of Services for Children and Young People. She married her high school sweetheart, Irving (Bud) Clayton Maust in 1972. When Bud retired, they settled in Santa Barbara near Sara’s daughter, Mary Jo, granddaughter Sara and Mary Jo’s husband, James B. Hartle. Sara and Bud enjoyed traveling, often to visit his three children in Michigan. Sara served on the boards of the Santa Barbara Women’s Club, the Friends of the Santa Barbara Public Library and the Women’s Board of the Community Arts Music Association. Sara and Bud moved to Valle Verde in 2001 and he died in 2005. She is survived by her daughter, Mary Jo Hartle, her granddaughter, by Bud’s children, his seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. April 7 in the Social Room at Valle Verde. Sara may be remembered by gifts to the Friends of the Santa Barbara Public Library or to Planned Parenthood of Santa Barbara. Arrangements have been entrusted to McDermott-Crockett Mortuary.

Doris L. Chandler

Doris L. Chandler, 91, of Falls City, passed away March 20, 2013 at Falls City. She was born Feb. 2, 1922 at New York City to the late Ernesto and Louise (Ring) Casamello. On Aug. 21, 1954 she married Lowell Chandler at Hollywood, CA. Doris was raised in New York. She graduated from the Friends Academy at Locust Valley Long Island, NY in 1939. She later attended Vassar College and graduated from Hofstra University at Hempstead, Long Island, NY, in 1944. She received a Bachelor’s Degree in English. Doris did relations work in New York City before her marriage and then moved to California in 1949. There she worked for Trans American Occidental Life Insurance Co. as an Actuarial Technician in 1963 until retiring in August 1988. She moved to Falls City in September 1988.

She was a member of Mary Immaculate Queen Catholic Church at Omaha. Doris is survived by her sons, Willard (Kathy), of Sunnyvale, CA, Thomas (Josephine), of Walnut Creek, CA; daughter, Rhoda Chandler, of Fairfield, CA; and three grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at Mary Immaculate Queen Catholic Church, Omaha, with Fr. Gregory Drahnman the presiding priest; interment in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Omaha. The Rosary will be recited in Falls City at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home. The Rosary will be recited in Omaha at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at Mary Immaculate Queen Catholic Church, Omaha.

Bonnie L. Miller

Bonnie L. Miller, 85, of Hiawatha, KS, formerly of Falls City, died March 9, 2013, at Hiawatha. She was born Aug. 13, 1927, at Hubbell, NE, to the late William and Theora (Barnes) Shoup. Bonnie married Keith Miller on Nov. 15, 1949, at Hebron. She was five years old when her family moved to a farm east of Alexandria, NE. After high school, she graduated from the Beauty Academy in Beatrice, and worked as a beautician in there for three years. The couple established their home in the Liberty, NE, area when married. They purchased a farm in the Hamlin, KS, area in 1963 and farmed until moving into Falls City in 1985. She operated a beauty shop in her farm home and also her home in Falls City for 33 years.

She was a member of the First Christian Church in Falls City. Bonnie is survived by her husband, Keith, of Hiawatha; sons, Wesley (Sue) Miller, of Hiawatha, and Doyle (Dawna) Miller, of Richmond, VA; daughter, Sondra Sue (Roger) Bales, of Tucson, AZ; sister, Donna Lee Yuhl, of Hastings; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. The body of Mrs. Miller has been cremated and a Memorial Service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, April 5, 2013, at First Christian Church in Falls City with Revs. Fay Ann Blaylock and Paul Weinert officiating. Dorr & Clark Funeral Home, of Falls City, is in charge of arrangements. For more information, goto www.dorrandclark.com

Maybelle Shefferd

Maybelle (Shafer) Shefferd, 97, of Albany, Ore., passed away Friday, March 15. The daughter of Raymond and Marie (Junge) Shafer, she was born in Shubert. She married Ira Shefferd on Jan. 24, 1934, in St. Joseph, Mo. Maybelle enjoyed playing cards and Scrabble, word searches and bird watching. She collected over 2,000 sets of salt and pepper shakers. She was a great seamstress who made lots of shirts, and crocheted doilies and bedspreads. She loved company, especially the little ones. Maybelle was the matriarch of a living five generation family, and member of the Prairie Union Baptist Church, American Legion Auxiliary, Moose Lodge and a past member of the Army Mothers. Maybelle is survived by her

daughters, Marie (Gale) Riley, of Albany, Ore., Carol (Melvin) Daniel, of Denton, Lila Clark, of Albany, Ore., and Nancy (Jerry) Greiner, of Jefferson, Ore.; brother, Darold (Kay) Shafer, of Seward; daughter-in-law, Violette Shefferd, of Lincoln; 12 grandchildren; and numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ira; sons, Carl and Lyle “Bud”; brothers, Maurice, Dean and Jack Shafer; sisters, Lois and Dorothy; and grandson, Tim Clark. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at the Hall Funeral Chapel in Auburn. Burial followed at the Prairie Union Cemetery near Shubert. Visitation was Saturday morning at the funeral chapel.

Dorothy J. Martin

Dorothy Janice Martin, 84, of Topeka, KS, passed away March 19, 2013 at Newton, KS. She was born Oct. 31, 1928 at Barada, to the late Alfred and Olive (Wileman) Percival. On Feb. 17, 1981 she married Robert E. Martin. He passed away in 2008. Mrs. Martin moved to Topeka in 1941 and graduated from Topeka High School in 1947 and then attended Washburn University. She served as secretary for Colmery-O’Neil Veterans Affairs Medical Center from 1951 until 1984. She moved to

Ozawkie, KS in September of 1985. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi, Gavel Club and Ozawkie Kansas Fire Auxiliary. She is survived by her stepchildren, Catherine Scott of Newton, KS, Robert Martin of Bradenton, FL, and four step-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brothers, Roland, Russell, Teddy and Donald Percival. Graveside services were held Saturday, March 23, 2013 at Harris Cemetery at Barada.

Patricia A. Grimes

Patricia Ann (Patsy) Grimes, 79, died Sunday, March 24, 2013. She was born April 14, 1933, in Brown County, KS, the daughter of Walter S. and Juanita K. (Narbett) Grimes. Patsy attended rural schools in Brown County prior to moving to Falls City with her family in 1950. She attended public school in Falls City and the School for Exceptional Children before it closed in the mid-1950s. Survivors include a sister, Peggy (Ed) Skerko, Kansas City, MO, a sister-in-law, Donna

Grimes, Topeka, KS, five nieces and several great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parent, two brothers, Jim, Topeka, and Harold and his wife, Phyllis, Hiawatha. A private inurnment will be at a later date in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Hiawatha. The family extends special thanks to Dr. David Borg for his many years of compassionate care and acknowledges the staffs of Eastview and Careage Estates for their professional care and kindness show to Patsy during the past 25 years.

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2013 Falls City High Tiger Track Team, front row, from left to right: Mahlory Vice, Hayley Cochran, Allyson Scholl, Claire Poppe, Tressa Chandler, Courtney Chapple; second row: Lainey Larsen, Morgan Phroper, Krystal Samqua, Danielle Kirkendall, Jordan Phroper, Anne Gifford (manager), Emily Wilhide; third row: Derek Eickhoff, Cody Schawang, Reese Hogue, Zach Jordening, Jordy Stoller, Luke Kirkendall, Brandon Gibson, Trenton Pentecost; fourth row: Lee Huettner, Tucker Merz, Peyton Adams, Jeremy Robinson, Morgen Valentine, Montana Mirelez; fifth row: Mitchell Harling, Brenden Heckenlively, Tyler DiGiacomo, Cord Huettner. Not pictured: Hailey Baxter, Brooke Scheitel, David von Behren, Anastasia Finner, Faith Williams and Anthony Baker.

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Obituaries

Alice A. Oberst

Alice Arlene (Thomas) Oberst, 82, of Sabetha, died Saturday, March 23, 2013 in Sabetha. She was born Oct. 2, 1930, to William Oscar Thomas and Ethel Viola McNary at Morrill, KS.

She grew up at Morrill, attended school there for 10 years and graduated from the Falls City High School in 1949. She married Robert Oberst Dec. 4, 1949. They lived northeast of Falls City, where they were engaged in farming until 1958 when they moved to Tucson, AZ. They moved to Hamlin, KS, in 1965 and then to Morrill in 1967. After Robert's passing, Alice moved to Sabetha.

Alice has been a member of the WMS of the Morrill Baptist Church, the American Legion Auxiliary, Post #322 of Fairview, KS. She worked for Wilde Tool Co. in Hiawatha, Fashion Center

in Sabetha, and the Richardson Stationary Co. of Falls City as a sales clerk until retiring in October 1992. Alice loved to read and during her retirement she volunteered at the Falls City and Sabetha libraries.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Edith Armstrong; and two brothers, Payton Thomas and Donald Lee Thomas.

She is survived by two sons, David Oberst (Cindy), of Lexington Park, MD, and Bill Oberst (Sue), of Salem; daughters, Dianna Kottich (Doug), of Falls City, and Linda Hill, of Morrill; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; brother, Fred Thomas, of York; brother-in-law, Kenneth Oberst, of Gladstone, MO; sisters-in-law, Juanita Hanika and Wilma Oberst, both of Falls City, Velma Koenig, of Texas, and Laverne Sherrill, of Verdon.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday, March 29, 2013 at the Popkess Mortuary Chapel in Sabetha. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until service time at the funeral home. Interment will be made in the Sabetha Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mary Cotton Public Library in Sabetha, Falls City Library and Arts Center, or the Morrill Baptist Church, sent in care of the funeral home, 823 Virginia, Sabetha, KS 66534.

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Doris (Weaver) Glenn

Doris (Weaver) Glenn, 96, died on Wednesday, March 6, 2013.

She was born in Falls City on July 31, 1916, the daughter of Anna (Crook) Weaver and Paul Bennett Weaver. She attended Falls City Public Schools and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where she received a BA degree in Fine Arts and Sculpture.

On June 15, 1940, she married William V. Glenn, M.C., F.A.C.S., and, in 2001, they celebrated 61 years of marriage. In 1952, they moved to Falls City where they remained until 1970, when health issues forced her husband to relocate to San Antonio, TX. Following the death of her husband in 2001, she relocated to Lincoln in 2004 and resided in Bickford Cottage until her death.

Doris was a member of The PEO Chapter Y and Daughters of the American Revolution.

Survivors include four children, William V. (Roxanne) Glenn Jr., MD, Torrance, CA, Lucinda G. Gess and Robert W. (Mary Ellen) Glenn, D.D.S., M.S., Lincoln, and M. Elizabeth Glenn (Michael) Chovanec, M.D., Memphis, TN; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Anna and P.B. Weaver, her husband, William V. Glenn Sr., all of her siblings, Bennet Weaver, Archibald Weaver, Martha Weir, Mary Ann Neil, Lawrence Weaver and Christobel Welch, infant siblings Ralph Edward Weaver and Anna Lucinda Weaver, son-in-law Richard S. Gess and granddaughter, Leslie Gess Wilkie.

A memorial service will be held at Faith Bible Church, 6201 S. 84th Street, Lincoln, 68516 at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 27. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a charity of your personal choice.

FALLS CITY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

•Events •Club Meetings •Chamber Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
APRIL 2013	1 Tops - 5:30 P.M. FC City Council 7 P.M. VFW Auxiliary 6:30 P.M. FC & SH No School <i>April Fools' Day</i>	2 Blood Pressure Clinic @ Senior Center Noon-1P.M.	3 Lion's Club - Noon Rotary - 5:30 P.M.	4 Chamber After Hours at Great Western Bank 5-7pm FC Library Story Hour 5:30 - 6:35	5	6 FC - Jr./Sr. Prom FCSH Irish Shrimp Feed 6:30 - 8 pm Jo Bohrer Book Signing @ FC Lib. 10am
7 	8 FC Jaycees 6:30 Tops - 5:30 P.M. FC Vol. Fire Dept. 7 P.M. BPO Does - 7 P.M.	9 Chamber Board Meeting Noon American Legion 7 P.M.	10 Lion's Club - Noon Rotary - 5:30 P.M. SH Preschool Open House 6-7 pm Comp. Class @ FC Lib. "Scrapbooking" 6:30	11 FC Library Story Hour 5:30 - 6:35	12	13
14 National Library Week! Check www.fallscitylibrary.org for events April 14 - April 20	15 Tops - 5:30 P.M. City Council Meeting - 7 P.M.	16 Humane Society at Sun Mart 7:30 P.M. FC Library Film @ 3:30 "Anna and the Condor"	17 Lion's Club - Noon Rotary - 5:30 P.M. OPPD Children 3:30-5 pm. Adult Program 6-7:30 pm	18 FC Library Story Hour 5:30 - 6:35 Cargil Grant Entomologist @ FC Lib. 3:30 - 5 pm. - All ages Academy Award Film in Stalder Gallery 6 pm	19 FC Library Clean-Up	20 Community /Goodwill SH Jr/Sr. Prom
21 FC FFA Banquet 6 pm	22 Tops 5:30 P.M. BPO Does - 7 P.M. FCHS Band Spring Concert 7 pm <i>Earth Day</i>	23 FCHS - Track Invitational 2:30 & Parents Night.	24 Lion's Club - Noon Comp. Class @ FC Lib. "Picasa" 6:30 Rotary - 5:30 P.M. Cargil Grant 1:30 - 3:30 pm. - K-5 @ FC Library FC School - 2 hr. early dismissal	25 SH Elementary Music Program 7pm FC Library Story Hour 5:30 - 6:35	26	27 
28 SH - Carnival @ Tiehen Gym 11:30 - 3:30 FCHS Musical	29 Tops - 5:30 P.M.	30 VFW 7 P.M. FCMS 6th - 8th Band/Choral Concert 7pm SH HS Music Program 7pm.	<div><div><h3>RICHARDSON COUNTY BANK & TRUST</h3><p>Falls City and Stella</p><p>Member FDIC Since 1880</p><p>This community calendar is provided to you by Richardson County Bank & Trust Company. If your community service organization club would like to be included on our monthly calendars, please contact Mary Darveau, Richardson County Bank & Trust Company, 245-2486 by the third Friday of the month.</p></div><div></div></div>			

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2013 FC Sacred Heart Irish Track Team, front row, from left to right: Thomas Froeschl, Will Burenheide, Clay Finck, Matt Mullins, Lane Barnhill, Toni Kean; second row: Kathryn Bieker, Abby Magdanz, Elizabeth Magdanz, Rachel Parrish, Chaz Dunn, Colin Niemeyer, Jarod Fiegner, Yianni Haralabidis, Sean Strasheim; third row: Austin Malone, Nicole Fiegner, Logan Scheitel, Sawyer Kean, Kelsi Fouraker, Emily Rohrer, Abbey Neddenriep, Maggie Goltz, Megan Strasheim; Cameron Jordan, Bailey Witt, Reggie Johansen, Henry Arnold, Joshua Froeschl, Rachael Keithley, Louise Hamilton, Natalie Kreifels. Not pictured: Zavan Kirkendall, Brady Cromer, Ben Mullins and Matt Goltz.

Irish boys 1st, girls 2nd at Pioneer Indoor

Falls City Sacred Heart's boys' track team, many of whom competed in the state basketball tournament less than two weeks prior, captured the team championship at last Thursday's season opening Pioneer Conference Indoor Track Meet, held for the

first time at Concordia University in Seward.

The Irish boys racked up 107 points to defeat second place Freeman by 20 points. Sterling was a distant third with 66 points.

FCSH junior Yianni Haralabidis was responsible for 34 of those 107 points with medals in all four events he entered. Haralabidis was first in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.2 seconds, second in the long jump with a distance of 19-feet, 10-inches and third in both the triple jump

(41-feet, 10.75-inches) and 1600-meter relay.

Lane Barnhill captured gold in both the 200 and 400-meter runs with times of 23.7 and 53.1, respectively. The Irish senior also ran the anchor leg of the second-place 3200-meter relay team; senior Clay Finck finished third in the 60 (7.2) and 200 (24.5), and ran in the 3200-meter relay; senior Will Burenheide finished fifth in the 60-meter hurdles and also helped the 1600-meter team to their third-place finish, as did sophomore Sawyer Kean; junior Sean Strasheim grabbed gold in the pole vault with a height of 12 feet and was the fourth member of the 4x400 relay; senior Matt Mullins finished two spots below Strasheim in the pole vault.

Junior Chaz Dunn finished in third place in the long jump with distance of 18 feet, 8.5 inches and was a member of the 4x800 relay; sophomore Austin Malone was second in the triple jump (41-04.5) and along with senior Thomas Froeschl rounded out the 4x800 team.

Junior Jared Fiegner finished sixth in the shot put and freshman Henry Arnold was fourth in

the 800-meter run.

The Lady Irish finished two points ahead of Friend for second place, but were 63 points behind Freeman's first-place total of 122.

Freshman Maggie Goltz placed in all four events for FCSH and scored 22 points for the Lady Irish. She earned a gold in the triple jump (32-08.5), bronze in the 400-meter run (1:07.8), was fourth in the long jump and fifth in the 200-meter dash. Kelsi Fouraker, a sophomore, was second in the 800, third in the 3200-meter relay and fourth in the 400-meters.

Junior Elizabeth Magdanz was first in the pole vault with a height of 8-feet, 6-inches, which was exactly one foot better than sister Abby, who tied for second place with senior Elizabeth Railsback of Humboldt-TR-S. The Magdanz sisters also helped the 3200 and 1600-meter relay teams.

Senior Kathryn Bieker was the fourth member of the 4x800 relay and senior Toni Kean and junior Rachel Parrish rounded out the 4x400.

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Concordia University
March 21, 2013

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS

FC Sacred Heart	107
Freeman	87
Sterling	66
Pawnee City	52
Wymore Southern	46
Diller-Odell	21
Lewiston	19
Humboldt-TR-S	15.33
NC Lourdes Central	12
Friend	8.66

INDIVIDUAL BOYS

60-meter dash – 1. Y. Haralabidis, FCSH, 7.2; 3. C. Finck, FCSH, 7.2.

200 – 1. L. Barnhill, FCSH, 23.7; 3. C. Finck, FCSH, 24.5.

400 – 1. L. Barnhill, FCSH, 53.1.

800 – 1. R. Dirks, Ster., 2:11.5; 4. H. Arnold, FCSH, 2:19.5.

1600 – 1. Z. Creevan, WS, 5:01.

3200 – 1. T. Trauernicht, Ster., 11:16.6.


60 hurdles – 1. C. Schuster, Free., 8.3; 5. W. Burenheide, 9.6.

1600 relay – 1. Wym. Southern, 3:46.8; 3. FCSH (Y. Haralabidis, S. Kean, W. Burenheide, C. Finck), 3:56.8.

3200 relay – 1. Wym. South-

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er, 9:04.5; 2. FCSH (C. Dunn, T. Froeschl, A. Malone, L. Barnhill), 9:12.6.

High jump – 1. A. Smith, PC, 6-04.

Pole vault – 1. S. Strasheim, FCSH, 12-00; 3. M. Mullins, FCSH, 11-00.

Long jump – 1. D. Zimmerman, Free., 22-03; 2. Y. Haralabidis, FCSH, 19-10; 3. C. Dunn, FCSH, 18-08.5.

Triple jump – 1. D. Zimmerman, Free., 45-00.5; 2. A. Malone, 41-04.5; 3. Y. Haralabidis, FCSH, 41-00.75.

Shot put – 1. S. Borchert, PC, 50-06.5; 6. J. Fiegner, FCSH, 43-01.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS	
Freeman	122
FC Sacred Heart	59
Friend	57
Wymore Southern	53
Sterling	44
Pawnee City	31
NC Lourdes Central	31
Diller-Odell	20
Humboldt-TR-S	9
Lewiston	2

INDIVIDUAL GIRLS

60-meter dash – 1. J. Creek, WS, 8.2.

200 – 1. M. Haynes, Free., 28.3; 5. M. Goltz, FCSH, 29.7

400 – 1. T. Sugden, Free., 1:06; 3. M. Goltz, FCSH, 1:07.8; 4. K. Fouraker, FCSH, 1:09.

800 – 1. M. Lenners, Free, 2:35.32; 5. K. Fouraker, FCSH, 2:44.

1600 – 1. M. Lenners, Free, 5:46.

3200 – 1. A. Zarybnicky, D-O, 13:35.

60 Hurdles – 1. S. Creek, WS, 10.2.

1600 relay – 1. Freeman, 4:34.5; 5. FCSH (A. Magdanz, E. Magdanz, R. Parrish, T. Kean), 4:57.

3200 relay – 1. Freeman,



Photo by Jason Schock

Falls City Sacred Heart senior hurdler Will Burenheide has signed a letter of intent to run track for Benedictine College next season. Burenheide, a two-time Class D-1 District champ in the 110-meter highs and three-time state meet qualifier in the event, will run for second-year Ravens Coach Darin Schmitz, a Salina

(KS) Sacred Heart graduate and All-Big XII thrower at Kansas. Burenheide is flanked by his parents, Bernard and Trudy, as well as FCSH coaches Msgr. Robert Roh (back left) and Doug Goltz (back right).

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Expert tips for keeping kids’ smiles healthy, even through the spring candy rush

(MS) -- In terms of candy consumption volume, the Easter holiday is second only to Halloween. While baskets full of chocolates and candies can seem like a child’s dream come true, parents may cringe at the prospect of their little ones’ mouths filled with so much sugar.

The American Dental Association recognizes that early childhood cavities are a significant public health problem. In fact, tooth decay is still recognized as the most common chronic disease affecting children in the United States.

Fortunately, parents can help their children avoid dental issues like cavities by establishing healthy routines early. Dr. Jennifer Salzer, a dentist, orthodontist and mom, offers the following tips to help parents keep children’s smiles healthy all year.

See the Expert

- Speak to your pediatrician about when to schedule baby’s first dental visit.
- A good rule of thumb is to schedule a visit by their first birthday with regular visits every six months.

Lead by Example

- Set a good example and let your kids learn by watching and imitating you as you brush, rinse and floss.
- If you need to brush up on your own oral care knowledge, check out the Oral-B Stages “Parent’s Guide” available online at oralb.com/stages.

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- Encourage your kids to brush in front of a mirror; it will help them see spots they may otherwise miss.
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Easter is a time when Christian families gather to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Religious customs abound on Easter, but a number of secular traditions have emerged as well. Perhaps the most popular secular tradition associated with Easter is the coloring of Easter eggs.

Easter egg dyeing kits emerge in early spring. Consumers have a variety of alternatives to these kits at their disposal. There are some people who desire more environmentally friendly Easter eggs, so here are some creative and greener ideas for coloring eggs this year.

- **Wooden eggs:** Visit a craft store and purchase wooden eggs that can be painted and decorated however you desire. The wooden eggs will be durable and can be stored away for use each and every year. Because they are made of wood, a naturally recyclable material, they are easy on the environment.
- **Consider natural dyes.** Use different food items to create all-natural dyes for the eggs. Tea, fruit and vegetable juices -- even packaged drink mixes -- can be used to tint Easter eggs in various colors. Because you’re controlling the materials you use, you can ensure they are safe to use.
- **Experiment with papier mache.** This ancient paper crafting technique uses recycled paper and a paste to create a hardened mold. Turn excess scraps of paper into delightful

eggs put on display for the holiday.

- **Purchase corn starch eggs.** Corn starch is used in everything from packing materials to children’s craft products. Corn starch can be molded into solid forms or foam-type consistencies. Egg kits are sold with this green material. When Easter is over, the corn starch eggs can be put out for composting. Foam-type eggs may be dissolved with water.
- **Make edible eggs.** Traditional Easter eggs can be wasteful if the eggs are boiled and used entirely for display. Rather, make eggs that will be enjoyed and are not at risk of spoiling too soon after being on display. Gelatin-dessert eggs is one way to use the eggs after Easter, and creative people can try crafting eggs out of meringue as well.
- **Dough eggs:** Have the children get out their favorite modeling dough and craft multi-colored eggs as a fun, rainy-day project. Those who want the eggs to last can purchase actual clay from the craft store or whip up their own medium at home. After drying, the eggs should be ready to paint.
- **Drained eggs:** Those interested in using the yolks and albumen from the eggs for cooking can poke small holes into the eggs and drain them. Then the remaining eggshells can be decorated and put on display.

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A team of Falls City High freshmen and sophomore boys captured second place at the annul MIT Basketball Tournament held Mar. 15-17 in Lincoln. The Tigers defeated the Omaha Mavs, 27-8, in their first game and the Silver Creek Tigers, 41-10, in the semifinals before falling to Wymore Southern in overtime of the championship. The team is pictured above, front row, from left to right: Coach Chuck Dawkins, Bradly Rose, Colton Reiss, Bryan Rose and Anthony Baker. Back row, from left: Trenton Pentecost, Jeremy Robinson, CJ Dawkins, Jeremy Waggoner, Dylan Feighner and Coach Thad Lembrecht.

All-State recognition for trio of FCSH standouts

Three Falls City Sacred Heart athletes were recognized as All-State selections over the weekend by the state's two largest publications and 13 other county ballplayers received mention for their efforts this winter on the hardwood.

The *Lincoln Journal Star's* Super-State and the *Omaha World Herald's* All-Nebraska teams were published Sunday, along with their All-State and Honorable Mentions selections for every class.

Topping those lists locally were Sacred Heart's Lane Barnhill, Abby Magdanz and Matt Goltz, who were each selected to Class D2 2nd teams.

Barnhill, a senior who missed all of the 2011-12 season with a knee injury, and Magdanz, who was one of only four sophomores outside Classes A and B to receive a 1st or 2nd team selection, were selected in both newspapers.

Goltz, a junior and 2nd team selection last year by the *World Herald*, was named to the *Journal Star's* 2nd team.

Those who received Honorable Mention are as follows, along with the publication:

Falls City High: Claire Poppe,

File photo by Jason Schrock

FCSH senior Lane Barnhill missed his entire junior basketball season with a knee injury, but came back strong last winter and earned Class D2 All-State 2nd Team honors from both the *Omaha World-Herald* and *Lincoln Journal-Star*.

senior, OWH and LJS; Tressa Chandler, senior, OWH; Cord Huettner, senior, OWH and LJS; Mitchell Harling, junior, OWH and LJS; Jordy Stoller, sophomore, OWH and LJS.

LJS; Maggie Goltz, OWH and LJS; Brady Cromer, senior, OWH and LJS; Clay Finck, senior, LJS; Chaz Dunn, junior, OWH and LJS.

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Nebraska ag land values doubled in three years

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across the state.

“Income flows from irrigated land have been phenomenal in recent years, and 2012 was no exception,” he said. “The combination of favorable irrigated yields while widespread drought was seen across the nation’s Corn Belt fueled high crop commodity prices.”

In the southern parts of Nebraska (Southwest, South, and Southeast districts) the percentage value advances for irrigated land were particularly strong over the past year.

For dryland cropland values, the percentage increases over the past year varied greatly across the state. In the Northwest and North districts, the value gains were below 10 percent, while reported values were more than 30 percent higher in the South and Southeast districts. The land class, dryland cropland with irrigation potential, shows considerable variation as well. The presence of water moratoriums across much of the state precludes irrigation development even if groundwater sources exist.

Despite the heavy toll of drought that cut forage capacity as much as 50 percent or more during the 2012 grazing season,

grazing land value values still rose, Johnson said.

“Forage shortfalls for cattlemen may have actually caused a more spirited bidding for additional land just to maintain their cow herd numbers,” he added. “Unfortunately, even if the drought ends quickly, it may be several years before grazing capacity may be able to return to pre-drought levels.”

Survey reporters “frequently commented that current land prices being paid seem over-optimistic,” Johnson said. “In turn, when asked what they expected land value movements to be for the remainder of 2013 as well as out three to five years, the vast majority saw a market which had topped out with little if any upward movement in the near future.

“In fact, a sizable number of reporters thought values could weaken somewhat in the next few years,” he added.

Survey reporters also indicated that 2013 cash rental rates for cropland were up from 2012 levels. Preliminary estimates for dryland cropland cash rents in eastern Nebraska averaged about 8 percent above a year ago, while rates in the rest of the state rose 5 percent or less. The increase was much below the annual rises of the past few years, reflecting the seriousness of soil moisture deficits going into the 2013 crop year.

Across the state, center pivot irrigated cropland cash rental rates for 2013 were reportedly 13 to 15 percent above a year earlier. Reported rates for the high-third quality center pivot cropland were over \$400 per acre across the eastern third of the state. The value of water in rain-deficit periods, particularly with the efficiency of the center pivot technology, is clearly being reflected in these rates.

Pasture land rates on a per-acre basis moved upward for 2013 in most regions of the state. Last year’s forage production shortfalls with depleted carry-over stocks into this year have sharpened the market for pasture, even though the potential

grazing output will very likely be below normal for the year. On a cow-calf pair per month basis, the rates were up from a year earlier in all regions with most districts showing gains in the 3 to 6 percent range.

Comparing the recent percentage gains in value of agricultural land classes with the associated lower percentage gains in cash rental rates indicate a continuing pattern of lower rent-to-value ratios associated with all farmland classes, Johnson said.

“At some point, the implied economic returns to land as a percent of value can fall to a point where market participants say ‘enough’ and no longer bid values higher,” he said. “Here in Nebraska, we well may be quickly approaching that point.”

The findings in this report are preliminary. A final report will be released this summer.

More information, including tables showing details of average land values for all classes of land, is at www.agecon.unl.edu. Click on the March 21 Cornhusker Economics.

Water for Food Conference May 5

Recent years have seen major droughts, floods and extreme temperatures affecting vast areas of the globe, including some of its most productive agricultural regions. Experts from around the world will discuss those challenges during the 2013 Water for Food Conference May 5-8 in Lincoln.

The conference, whose theme is “Too Hot, Too Wet, Too Dry: Building Resilient Agroecosystems,” will be at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel in Lincoln, Nebraska, USA.

Hosted by the Robert B. Daugherty Water for Food Institute at the University of Nebraska and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the fifth annual conference will feature plenary addresses by Benedito Braga, president, World Water Council; Rosina Bierbaum, University of Michigan; Cynthia Rosenzweig, NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies; Christo Fabricius, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, South Africa; Heidi Cullen, Climate Central; and others to be announced.

NU President James B. Miliken said, “The University of Nebraska is pleased to again host the global Water for Food Conference, an event that brings together leading scientists, farmers and ranchers, policymakers, educators and many others to discuss one of the world’s most pressing challenges: how to use the world’s finite supply of water to feed a growing global population.

“The university and Nebraska are well-positioned to play a leadership role in this critical area and I believe that’s why our conference has generated such strong global interest,” Miliken added. “This year’s theme – building resilient agroecosystems – is particularly timely given the extreme temperatures and weather-related events that have impacted Nebraska and the world in recent years. We look forward to another productive conference.”

Registration is \$250, which includes all conference events, materials and meals. Online registration and more information are available at the conference website: <http://waterforfood.nebraska.edu/wff2013/>.

Highlights also include:

- Surviving the 2012 Drought: 80 Years of Innovation
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Project aims to reverse rural ‘brain drain’

Professionals with Nebraska roots who have pursued careers elsewhere are the focus of a new initiative driven by the Center for Rural Research and Development at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Led by the UNK center, resources at the University of Nebraska Alumni Association and the software company Xpanxion will be brought together to empower companies in Nebraska using a “rural sourcing” approach. The rural sourcing

concept relates to existing and start-up companies strategically locating operations in rural areas to reduce labor costs and take advantage of the largely untapped talent pool.

This project aims to expand on a successful “cross-sourcing” model used by an existing software company and leverage it to recruit University of Nebraska alumni back to rural Nebraska in targeted professional service occupations such as technology, legal, health care and other high-

growth sectors.

The first phase of the two-year project will build on existing research, exploring the lifestyle expectations and career preferences of alumni who have moved out of state. Additional case study research will examine the process and motivation for alumni who have moved back to rural Nebraska and are employed in these occupations.

Data collected from phase one will direct the communication and education strategies for participating alumni who will receive information on current job openings or assistance for starting or buying a business in rural areas.

Shawn Kaskie, director of UNK’s Center for Rural Research and Development, is the principal investigator on the project.

“This project aims to reverse the rural brain drain in our region,” Kaskie said. “In the pilot phase, we will offer alumni a variety of options to return their families and expertise back to rural Nebraska.”

Funding for this project is through one of two types of seed grants to help launch the work of the University of Nebraska-based Rural Futures Institute. This project is part of the institute’s competitive Research and Engagement grant program.

Headquartered in Atlanta, Ga., Xpanxion also has Nebraska offices in Kearney, Loup City, and Ames, Iowa. They are a leading provider of outsourced software and business process outsourcing. Nebraska native Paul Eurek is president and founder of Xpanxion, LLC, and is Board Chairman for Invest Nebraska Inc.

“Demand for Xpanxion’s rural sourcing services in software development and testing is growing rapidly, and often must be met by filling positions from outside the state. The project will allow Xpanxion to hire more Nebraska natives into high tech jobs,” Eurek said. He said he hopes to ultimately utilize Nebraska alumni resources to

fill senior executive positions for Invest Nebraska’s current and future portfolio companies.

Additional partners on the project are Randy Cantrell, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Rural Initiative and Extension; Dena Beck, REAP Loan Specialist and Senior Project Leader, Center for Rural Affairs; Mary Findlay, Research Analyst, Nebraska Department of Labor; and Odee Ingersoll, University of Nebraska at Kearney, Nebraska Business Development Center and Nebraska Center for Business Transition; and Shelley Zaborowski, associate executive director of the Nebraska Alumni Association.

“We regularly hear from alumni who would like to move back to their home state if only the right jobs were available,” said the Alumni Association’s Zaborowski. “The Rural Sourcing project provides a channel for alumni to learn about such opportunities, and for many additional opportunities to be created.”

Building on the strengths and assets in rural Nebraska, the Great Plains, and globally, the Rural Futures Institute, through a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship, will mobilize the resources and talents of the University of Nebraska and its partners, including community partners, to create knowledge and action that supports rural people and places to achieve unique paths to their desired futures.

State offers criminal background checks

Gov. Dave Heineman Monday announced that Nebraskans can now request a criminal history background check online through the Nebraska State Patrol.

“This new service will allow citizens with computer access and the proper information to request a name only criminal history check anytime day or night,” said Gov. Heineman. “This is just one more example of how state government is providing more efficient, faster services for our citizens.”

Previously Nebraskans requesting a name only criminal history background check would need to submit their request in person, through the mail or by fax. Response to the request could take three to 10 days depending on mail service.

“More than 75 percent of the individuals who request name only criminal history checks do not have a criminal background,” said Col. David Sankey, Superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol. “By automating this service, those individuals will receive an immediate response. At the same time we will speed up the process for others whose request may need more research.”

With the new online site Nebraskans needing a name only criminal history background check need only log onto www.ne.gov/go/crime_report and provide the requested information. A credit card will be required as a form of payment for the \$18 fee.

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Looking west from the Missouri side of the new Rulo Bridge - officials expect the bridge to be open for traffic by late July of this year.

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County Board

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MARCH 12, 2013 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sickel at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2013. Roll call was answered by Standerford, Davidson and Sickel. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sickel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Davidson. Chairman Sickel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2013, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sickel to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2013 Board of Equalization meeting. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

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

SCOTT HUPPERT, HIGHWAY SUPT.

Scott Huppert, Highway Superintendent, updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. Discussion was held on holding an auction to dispose of surplus county property and supplies. Tentative plans are to hold the auction on Saturday, April 6. Brush complaints were also submitted to the Board for review and to the County Attorney’s Office for processing.

Motion was made by Sickel to authorize the Highway Superintendent to advertise for sealed bids for a new 2013 or newer rock truck with pusher. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY ARCHITECTURAL FIRMS

Representatives from Treanor Architects, T. Andrew Pitts, Sharon Schmitz and Joe Hewgley; and HMN Architect representatives, Steve Davis, Rick Freeman and Jerry Johnson reviewed with the Board their proposals submitted for the consideration of renovating the Armory into a jail/law enforcement facility. Sheriff Houser was also in attendance.

OTHER BUSINESS/ CORRESPONDENCE Resolution 2012-2013-37 Subdivision

Motion was made by Sickel to approve a subdivision for Darlene Merz and to adopt Resolution 2012-2013-37. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 20, Page 41)

Resolution 2012-2013-38 Subdivision

Motion was made by Sickel to approve a subdivision for Richard Martin and to adopt Resolution 2012-2013-38. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 20, Page 42)

Agreement with OPPD

Motion was made by Davidson to approve an agreement with OPPD for the use of county road right-of-way on 711 Road between 632 and 634 Avenue. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 20, Page 43)

Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri

Motion was made by Davidson to submit a letter of support for the Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri for application for Indian Community Development Block Grant funding for housing rehabilitation. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Other

A fee report was approved for Sheriff Houser for fees collected during the month of February, 2013 totaling \$4,063.76.

CLAIMS

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

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

GENERAL FUND

Antelope County Court, fee	18.05
Boucher Law Firm, fee	117.00
Consolidated Mgt Co., serv	38.00
Denise Cook, reimb	68.01
Data Max, supp	16.86
Dell Marketing, office equip 2,337.80	
Dept of Correctional Services, serv	769.14
FC Journal, adv	2,515.29
FC Mercantile, supp	119.11
FC Pharmacy, presc	52.02
Farm/City Supply, supp	106.26
Galls LLC, supp	49.74
James Gerweck, reimb eBay purchases	440.80
Jones AC, air cond. replace 4,3020.00	
Kawres, serv	105.00
Lawsoft, Inc., serv	75.00
Matthew Bender & Co., serv 1,803.68	
Meyer Home Center, serv	56.00
NE Comm on Law Enf Trng	

Center, fee	300.00
Pitney Bowes, supp	636.00
County Clerk petty cash, reimb 51.62	
Richardson Co. Sheriff, fees 1,622.80	
Sapp Bros., fuel	692.78
Securus Technologies, serv	570.00
SE NE Communications, serv	1,232.65
Jim Standerford, reimb	248.60
Sun Mart, supp	3284.02
Talley Communications, serv	592.38
Weaver & Merz, reimb postage/rent	874.68
Wolffes, supp	65.59
Total General Fund	\$61,878.88

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Crane Sales & Serv., supp.. 10,853.34	
Data Max, supp	600.00
FC Auto Supply, supp	280.59
FC Journal, adv	7.65
Farm & City Supply, supp	402.98
Farmers Cooperative, fuel	1,580.25
Farmers Repair/Machine Shop, serv	681.16
Inland Truck Parts, supp	120.94
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, parts 210.00	
Lawson Products, supp	329.50
Midwest Service/Sales, supp .. 139.99	
Mr. Automotive, parts	306.74
NE Machinery Co., parts/serv	12,690.16
NE Truck/Equip Co., parts... 1,418.69	
Nicholson/Associates, fee	240.00
Norris Quarries, rock	2158.14
Quill Corp., supp	91.00
Village of Rulo, serv	21.00
Village of Salem, serv	20.50
Sapp Bros Petroleum, fuel .. 26,033.00	
Ultra Chem, supp	261.44
Unifirst Corp., supp	73.89
Wicks Sterling Trucks, parts	66.34
Total Road/Bridge Fund... \$58,587.30	

CHROMATOGRAPH FUND

NE Dept of HHS Lab, fee	98.00
Total Chromatograph Fund	\$98.00
STATE INSTITUTIONS FUND	
NE HHS, serv	780.00
Total State Institutions Fund ..	\$780.00
INHERITANCE TAX FUND	
General Fund, transfer	100,000.00
Total Inheritance Tax Fund	\$100,000.00

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Davidson to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 9 a.m. in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk’s Office.

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

Village of Shubert

Village of Shubert Regular Monthly Meeting March 4, 2013 Shubert Library

The Village Board of Shubert, NE held the monthly board meeting on March 4, 2013 in the Shubert Library. Chairman Shafer opened the regular meeting at 7:01 PM with the following Board Members present: Peggy Oliver, Nathan Handley, Gina Steele; and Heath Davis was absent. Clerk was present to record the meeting. Shafer announced the Posting of the Open Meetings Law. Chairman asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, hearing none, he opened the meeting up for comments from the visitors.

Mr. Dave Hunter from Auburn Board of Public Works was present to explain the services that they provide to other towns. Kevin Burnison from SENDD was present to explain the procedure for Nuisance Abatement Services. The Village could hire their services to aid in the village’s clean up of the town. Hearing all comments from the visitors, Chairman Shafer proceeded with the regular board meeting.

George Ketner reviewed his water report. There was a motion and second (Shafer/Oliver) to approve the February 4 meeting minutes. Roll call vote was all “Ayes”; Motion carried. There was a motion and second (Shafer/Handley) to approve the balance and claims sheets. Roll call vote was all “Ayes”; Motion carried. The Delinquent Utility Report was reviewed.

General: The board reviewed the draft ordinance letter and made a motion and second (Shafer/Oliver) to send out before next meeting. Roll call vote was all “Ayes”; Motion carried. Wood & Brush pile: No comments. Discussion of Co-Chairman followed. With Heath missing meetings due to work the board held nominations to replace him with a new co-chair. Once nominations closed there was a motion and a second (Handley/Steele) to appoint Peggy Oliver as co-chair. Roll call vote was all “Ayes” (Oliver abstained); Motion carried. Buildings & Park: The Community Building still is in need of repairs. Handley will get the keys and look at fixing some of the items. Clerk was asked to get written bid for electrical work. Park: Oliver is still looking into some play equipment. Library: The furnace needs new filters. Oliver will pick some up in town. Streets: Streetlight south of Maddox needs fixed. Fire: Discussion about the fire siren. 911 is the only option that should be used. Motion and second (Oliver/Handley) to not repair town siren. Roll call vote was all “Ayes”; Motion carried.

The next board meeting will not be on the first Monday due to work schedule. Motion and second (Oliver/Handley) to reschedule to following Monday. Roll call vote was all “Ayes”; Motion carried. With no further business: Motion and second (Shafer/Steele) to adjourn meeting at 8:52 p.m. Roll call votes all “Ayes”; Motion carried.

The next regular village board meeting will be April 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Shubert Library. Jennifer Buchner Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF SHUBERT Monthly Claims Sheet-MARCH

George Ketner-FEB Salary, \$525, \$484.84; George Ketner-FEB Expenses, \$157.69; George Ketner-Retro Pay, \$300, \$277.05; State of NE-HHS, \$28; SE Telephone-well house, \$45.92; Falls City Sanitation-trash pickup 91, \$1,093.65; NPPD, Pending; Midwest Labs, \$138.10; W/S/G transfer to USDA Loan, \$906; Jennifer Buchner-FEB Payroll, \$600, \$554.10; RCB&T-941 tax deposit to IRS, \$218.02; Falls City Journal-Publications, Pending; Refund of Water Deposit-Meyerkorth, \$50; Refund of Water Deposit-Morris, \$50; USPS-200 1st class, Pending; Village of Stella-Sampler Rental, Gate, Sludge, \$310; Wolfe’s Printing-Ord Book, \$25.61; Vice Oil & Propane-Fire Dept., \$123.50; Vice Oil & Propane-Library, \$550.13; Vice Oil & Propane-Community Building, \$217.13; Stripes & Signs-4 No Trespassing, \$160.50; Randy Marquez-Snow-25 an hour, \$250 Paid.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Hearing

The Nemaha Natural Resources District will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 11th, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the District office (62161 US Highway 136, Tecumseh, NE 68450) to receive written and oral testimony concerning the District-wide temporary 180 day stay imposed on the construction of high capacity water wells and on the changes and additions to the District’s Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP) and corresponding Rules and Regulations.

The changes and additions to the GWMP and the Rules and Regulations will apply geographically to include all lands and water bodies within the boundaries of the Nemaha NRD. Also, the proposed changes will apply stratigraphically to all groundwater located within the Nemaha NRD. Upon District Board approval of the proposed changes and additions to the GWMP and Rules and Regulations, the following actions will be taken:

Explanation of why the stay was necessary.

Criteria establishing rules and regulations requiring installation and use of flowmeters on all new and replacement high capacity wells, allowing no more than two high capacity wells to serve a single purpose and the adoption of the developed well permit ranking system and minimum score required for permit approval.

Criteria establishing Issuing an Order on a date to lift the temporary 180 day stay and on a date to begin accepting well permit applications.

These actions are a general description of the changes and additions to the GWMP and the Rules and Regulations. A complete copy of the current & updated GWMP and Rules and Regulations may be obtained at the District office: 62161 US Highway 136, Tecumseh, Nebraska, (402) 335-3325, M-F, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or on the NRD Website at www.nemahanrd.org

Those persons unable to appear at the public hearing or persons with lengthy testimony may wish to submit their testimony in writing. In order for testimony to be considered by the NRD Board of Directors for the purpose of this hearing, such written testimony must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10th, 2013, at the Nemaha NRD Office at the above address. The NRD Board of Directors will consider all testimony provided and consider action whether to adopt or rescind the changes and additions to the GWMP and Rules and Regulations at the regularly scheduled board meeting on Thursday, April 11th, 2013 at 8:00 p.m.

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NOTICE OF FORMAL HEARING FOR COMPLETE SETTLEMENT TO DETERMINE HEIRS, AND FOR DETERMINATION OF INHERITANCE TAX

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Estate of Shyann M. Cannon, Deceased.
Estate No. PR12-67

Notice is hereby given that the Personal Representative has filed a final account and report of her administration; a formal closing petition for complete settlement, determining the decedent died intestate and the heirs of decedent; and setting and approving personal representative’s fees and attorney’s fees; which have been set for hearing in the Richardson County Court on April 17, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.

Nancy A. DeKlotz
Clerk of the County Court
Michael R. Dunn, #16825
Richard L. Halbert, #11659
Christopher C. Halbert, #22609
Halbert, Dunn & Halbert, L.L.C.
111 East 17th Street
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Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447
Phone: (402) 245-4486
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National Agriculture Week

By Congressman Jeff Fortenberry

In speaking with a group of farmers recently, I recalled a very poignant and moving description of farm life. A commercial showing the commitment of a life on the land – the farm family, hard work and toil, and the meaning of it all – was found in the most unlikely of places. Perhaps you remember seeing it during the Super Bowl, hearing the American radio icon Paul Harvey talking about how God “made a farmer” to grow our food and care for animals, land, water, and air.

We in Nebraska certainly understand the important role our farmers and ranchers play in our wellbeing. Agriculture not only provides food security, it contributes to energy security, economic security, and even to our national security. It’s important that all Americans understand these profound benefits. This is one of the reasons March 17 to 23 is designated as National Agriculture Week, an opportunity to note the great significance that agriculture holds in each American’s daily life.

As a society, we’ve become increasingly urban over the last 100 years. In 1910, nearly one-third of Americans farmed, and there were more than 6.5 million farms. Today, less than one percent of America’s population (less than one million people) claim farming as their principal occupation and there are just over 2 million farms. Nonetheless, American farmers today help feed not only fellow Americans but much of the entire world. Each American farmer produces enough food to help feed more than 155 people.

As a result, agriculture remains one of the few bright spots in our national economy. Ag products are America’s number one export. And the resiliency of the agricultural economy has also helped many leading farm states, particularly Nebraska, remain economically vibrant in spite of the national recession. Nebraska enjoys the second lowest unemployment rate in the nation, behind North Dakota and just ahead of South Dakota. The economic impact of agriculture on our state economy and local economies is extraordinary. One in three Nebraskans work in jobs related to agriculture. We are the top red meat producing state, the second leading ethanol producer, third highest corn producer, and fifth leading soybean grower. One in five American hamburgers comes from Nebraska.

It is also important to note that our production agriculture system contributes to Americans enjoying the lowest food prices in the world. Americans pay a much lower percentage of their disposable income on food than people in other parts of the world.

Given the world’s increasing demand for food, export opportunities in agriculture are set to grow for years to come. Exciting new domestic food markets, such as food production within local and regional food systems, natural and organic foods, farmers’ markets, and direct market opportunities are attracting new and beginning farmers, which is important given the average age of the American farmer is 56 years old. These emerging markets help increase Americans’ knowledge of how their food is raised, increase access to wholesome foods, promote stewardship, and provide additional opportunities for new farm income.

Through agriculture, all Americans enjoy not only affordable and safe food, but also the economic benefits of food exported to others, clean energy produced from homegrown sources, and the benefits of environmentally responsible management practices that protect and conserve natural resources. Perhaps most importantly, in Nebraska the natural traditions of life on the farm – hard work, neighbor helping neighbor, family life and faith life – have helped shaped the character of the people of our state. As we conclude the 40th anniversary of National Agriculture Week this week, we reflect on the benefits of our agricultural heritage as well as the numerous benefits the American farmer provides us all today.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

County Board

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 5, 2013
CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sickel at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2013. Roll call was answered by Standerford, Davidson and Sickel. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sickel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Davidson. Chairman Sickel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the minutes of the Feb. 26, 2013, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting of February 26, 2013. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

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

SCOTT HUPPERT,
HIGHWAY SUPT.

Scott Huppert, Highway Superintendent, updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week. Mr. Huppert reported that an engine overhaul needs to be done to the 2009 Sterling Truck.

Motion was made by Standerford to adopt Resolution 2012-2013-36 to authorize the Chairman to sign a Professional Services Agreement-BK1316 for a construction engineering services agreement between Richardson County and Speece-Lewis Engineers, Inc. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 20, Page 37)

Motion was made by Davidson to enter into a Construction Engineering Services Task Order Agreement between Richardson Count and Speece-Lewis Engineers, Inc. for the Preston North & South Road PLH 3615(8). Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 20, Page 38)

Motion was made by Sickel to enter into a Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Speece-Lewis Engineers for a geotechnical investigation to be conducted by Terracon Consultants, Inc. for a cost of \$6,250 at the Humboldt NW Bridge Project to replace the collapsed bridge. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 20, Page 39)

OPEN SEALED BIDS
FOR MOWING

At 11:00 a.m. Chairman Sickel presented the proof of publication for the opening of sealed bids for the mowing of the Courthouse and Armory Grounds for the 2013 season. Bids were received from the following: Tyler Bek, Falls City; Sterling Lampe, Falls City; Scholl Lawn & Landscaping, Falls City and Grimms Gardens, Hiawatha, KS.

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

After a review by the Board, motion was made by Davidson to award the bid for the 2013 mowing season to Sterling Lampe for \$100 for the Courthouse yard and \$45 for the Armory grounds for a combined total of \$145. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF HOUSER

Sheriff Houser requested to meet with the Board where he introduced Denny Macomber of the Nebraska Jail Standards. A discussion was held on the proposed idea of renovating the Armory into a Jail and/or Law Enforcement Facility.

OTHER BUSINESS/
CORRESPONDENCE
Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees they collected during the month of January, 2013: Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist.

Court\$385.00
Mary L. Eickhoff,
County Clerk\$295.00
Register of Deeds\$7,688.75

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the Monthly Operating Statement for January, 2013.

Resolution 2012-2013-35
Payroll Change

Motion was made by Sickel to adopt Resolution 2012-2013-35 regarding the change in the procedures for the County payroll and to authorize the option for direct deposit for payroll. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye,

Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 20, Page 40)

4 County Mentoring Program
Subgrant Adjustment

Motion was made by Sickel to approve a subgrant adjustment request to be submitted to the NE Crime Commissioner for the 4 County Mentoring Program Grant program. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

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

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

GENERAL FUND

Ameritas, retire2,157.55
Lewis Barker, reimb.....240.13
James Cain, fee225.00
Consolidated Mgt Co., serv95.00
Culligan Water, serv137.05
Dalton Law Office, fee3,691.55
El Camino Electric, serv275.00
FC Electronics, supp21.99
FC Sanitation, serv126.00
FC Utility Dept., serv4,622.96
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts & Ziskey, fee2,815.00
Farm & City Supply, supp20.76
First Nat’l Bank & Trust Co., supp35.62
Jeff Frederick, reimb7.00
Galls, LLC, supp54.99
Humboldt Standard, adv158.45
Charles James, DDS, serv149.00
Jones Air Conditioning, serv274.49
Linsali, Inc., contract925.00
Mary’s Appliance, serv54.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv185.00
Midtown Service Center, serv652.20
Midwest Special Service, serv400.95
MIPS, serv1,123.64
Mary Nowling, reimb509.24
O’Keefe Elevator, serv297.88
Pitney Bowes, postage300.00
Postmaster, postage99.00
Quill Corp., supp50.88
Ram Exterminators, serv45.00
Richardson County Vendor, FICA.....2,511.15
NE Secretary of State, supp10.00
SE Dist County Officials Assn., reg fee.....160.00
SE NE Assoc of Assessors, dues 20.00
SE NE Communications, serv1,013.27
Stateline Propane, fuel691.04
Stehlik Law Office, fee925.00
True Value, supp8.99
US Cellular, serv532.43
Verizon Wireless, serv431.21
Windstream Corp., serv106.96
Payroll Expense6,478.00
Total General Fund\$32,638.38

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

Central States Hydraulic Services, supp578.98
City of Humboldt, serv82.76
Data Max, equip2,400.00
FC Sanitation, serv55.00
FC Utility Dept., serv1,517.17
NPPD, serv89.89
Northern Safety Co., supp117.50
Operation & Expense Acct., reimb44.20
Quill Corp., supp42.99
SE NE Communications, serv146.73
TriState Truck & Tractor, supp16.87
Village of Verdon, serv20.00
Windstream Corp., serv54.98
Payroll Expense26,257.20
Total Road/Bridge Fund.....\$31,424.27

CHROMATOGRAPH FUND

NE Dept. of Health & Human Serv., fee.....98.00
Total Chromatograph Fund\$98.00

JUVENILE SERVICES
LB640 GRANT FUND

Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters, Mentor Program6,261.00
Total Juvenile Serv. Grant Fund\$6,261.00

NOXIOUS WEED
CONTROL FUND

Central Community College, reg fee.....55.00
Payroll Expense91.00
Total Noxious Weed Control Fund\$146.00

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Davidson to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 9 a.m. in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk’s Office.

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

RICHARDSON COUNTY
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
MARCH 5, 2013
CALL TO ORDER

At 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, Chairman Sickel called to order a meeting of the Richardson County Board of Equalization. Those present were Commissioners Standerford, Davidson and Sickel and Clerk Eickhoff. Chairman Sickel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse on the First Floor Lobby, the Commissioner’s Meeting

Room, the Third Floor of the Sheriff’s Office and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us

MOTOR VEHICLE TAX
EXEMPTION APPLICATION

Motion was made by Davidson to approve a motor vehicle tax exemption application for the Southeast Nebraska Community Partnership, Inc. for the organization’s vehicles. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Sickel to adjourn the Board of Equalization at 8:57 a.m. Motion seconded by Standerford. ROLL CALL VOTE: Standerford-aye, Davidson-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.

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

School Board #70

Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer
Public Schools
Board of Education, District #70
Regular Meeting on March 11, 2013
7:00 PM in the 2nd Floor Math
Room in Humboldt

A regular meeting of the Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer Public Schools Board of Education, District #70 was held on March 11, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the 2nd Floor Math Room in Humboldt. The meeting was advertised in The Humboldt Standard, The Falls City Journal and The Pawnee Republican. A copy of the agenda was kept in the Superintendent’s office prior to the meeting.

Board President Steve Schaardt called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Board members in attendance by roll call were: Scott Ogle, Neal Kanel, Rock Herr, Mike Bredemeier and Sandy Stalder. Also in attendance were Superintendent Clinton Kimbrough, Principals Lisa Othmer and Kari Cover and Board Recorder Kellie Workman.

President Schaardt welcomed several guests to the meeting.

Correspondence: thank you to the alumni and high school from Inga Broderson family.

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

Motion by Bredemeier, seconded by Stalder to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on Feb. 11, 2013. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ogle, seconded by Bredemeier to approve bills for payment for a total of \$487,086.98 for general and payroll funds. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Patron Comment: none.
Staff Presentation: Lisa Othmer presented on MAPS testing and Karen Mezger gave an overview of education of students at the Alternative Education Center.

Discussion Items: Staff appreciation will be held on May 6th from 8-10 a.m.; there will be a two-hour late start that day.

The principals and teachers will be meeting with Marcia Herring on April 5 for a district/staff goals session.

Action Items: Motion by Herr, seconded by Kanel to accept the 2013-14 school calendar as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Kanel, seconded by Stalder to leave Driver’s Education as is: Instructor Greg Morris at a pay of \$22/hour and tuition remains at \$175 for in-district students and \$200 for out-of-district students. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Kanel, seconded by Ogle to offer one year contracts to the principals Lisa Othmer and Kari Cover. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Kanel, seconded by Bredemeier to increase each administrator’s salary by 2.5% based on their current salary. Motion carried 6-0.

Following discussion and a report from the Fitness Center Committee, motion by Herr, seconded by Ogle to have an architect come up with costs for two options: one for a facility at the North end of the building and a second plan for a site to the West with a fitness center, wrestling room and alternative education center. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Stalder, seconded by Ogle to table the Humboldt and Table Rock staff surveys. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ogle, seconded by Stalder to get bids for concrete and discus and shot put materials for the April meeting and talk to the Industrial Arts teacher/class about pouring the concrete pads. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Herr, seconded by Kanel to approve the 1000 series and 2000-2006 policies as presented and reviewed by the board. Motion carried 6-0. (Policies 2007-2014 to be reviewed in April.)

Discussion concerning the Humboldt gym wall repairs and a report from engineer, Michael Eisenbarth of R.O. Yoker. Eisenbarth’s final recommendations will come at a later date.

Motion by Kanel, seconded by Ogle to approve the purchase of 32 replacement laptops for the Table Rock site as proposed at a cost of \$40,424. Motion carried 6-0.

Administrator Reports: Principal Othmer’s report mentioned testing, staff development, speech contest results and an article on poverty in Nebraska classrooms. Principal Cover’s report listed upcoming dates including

the Middle School musical “100 Year Snooze” and Eighth grade promotion and Honors night on May 16 and gave an assessment update. Superintendent Kimbrough handed out a school vehicle inventory list, discussed the NRC-SA conference next week, mentioned PPACA (Obama care) and Schaardt reported that Kanel will serve as a school board member on the Humboldt Community Foundation.

Executive Session: none.

Motion by Stalder, seconded by Ogle to adjourn at 9:28 PM. Motion carried 6-0. The next regular meeting of the HTRS Board of Education will be April 8, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the 2nd Floor Math Room at the Humboldt site.

Respectfully submitted,
Kellie Workman, Board Recorder

Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer
Public Schools

Board of Education, District #70
Special Meeting on Feb. 27, 2013
4 p.m. in the board conference room

A special meeting of the Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer Public Schools Board of Education, District #70 was held on Feb. 27, 2013 at 4:00 PM in the Board Conference Room. Notice of the meeting was advertised in *The Humboldt Standard*, *The Falls City Journal* and *The Pawnee Republican* and was posted in Humboldt businesses. A copy of the agenda was kept in the Superintendent’s office prior to the meeting.

Board President Steve Schaardt called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM. Board members in attendance by roll call were: Neal Kanel, Scott Ogle, Mike Bredemeier, Rock Herr and Sandy Stalder. Also in attendance was Superintendent Clinton Kimbrough.

President Schaardt welcomed Marcia Herring from NASB to the meeting.

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

A workshop was conducted focusing on boardmanship and goal setting. District / Board Goals were set: identify priorities, identify critical issues that must be addressed to ensure success, and plan for the next step.

Motion by Kanel, seconded by Stalder to adjourn at 6:44 PM. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Clinton Kimbrough, Board Recorder

CLAIMS

AAF International 448.42
Apples & More 38.23
Arden Nitz..... 150.48
Auburn Family Health Center. 110.00
Auburn Newspapers..... 20.50
Best Printing..... 1,254.74
Binder Brothers 108.49
Bio Corporation 70.00
Blecha’s 66 Service..... 3,655.91
Bookpal 406.09
ByteSpeed, LLC..... 769.00
CDW-G 1,213.01
Cardmember Service..... 532.78
City Of Humboldt 988.63
Clint Kimbrough 350.65
Darnell Glass Co 3,500.00
David Hunzeker 475.00
Den’s Country Meats 5,712.03
Dietze Music House 133.00
EFPM 1,530.18
ESU 10 40.00
Eggers Bros Inc 28.20
Esu #4..... 36,263.61
Esu #6..... 336.94
Falls City Journal 172.43
Falls City Mercantile Co..... 48.24
Falls City Mercantile Co. 185.02
Falls City Sanitation..... 290.40
Family Medicine 133.00
Farm & City Supply 51.34
Fremont Industries, Inc. 819.00
General Office checking acct. . 373.86
HTRS Payroll Acct 387,077.22
Harding & Shultz, PC, LLO ... 129.00
Heavy Duty Bus Parts, Inc..... 142.50
Home Lumber Co. 41.71
Humboldt Auto, Inc. 724.14
Humboldt Electric & App. 274.49
Humboldt Standard 564.35
Josten’s 498.72
Joy Wilcock 1,369.34
Konica Minolta 3,946.21
Marvin Blecha..... 59.89
Mary Malcolm 2,090.75
Matheson-Linweld..... 69.68
Maxim Healthcare Services . 2,730.50
NPPD 906.01
NRCSA 70.00
Noha Vice..... 2,460.00
Northern Safety & Industrial 51.95
Omaha Truck Center 224.76
Okeefe Elevator Co., Inc..... 247.19
PRTS, LLC..... 2,610.35
Pawnee City Schools..... 2,919.36
Pegler-Sysco Food Services..... 66.18
Phillips Plumbing, Hardware .. 524.48
Popplers Music..... 8.95
Quill 22.48
R & D Grocery..... 356.79
Richo USA, Inc..... 1,266.00
Rick Hunzeker 60.00
Ricoh USA, Inc..... 1,662.00
Schendel Pest Control 124.00
Schmitt Music 90.00
School Nurse Supply..... 4,194.96
School Specialty Inc 110.04
Seneca Sanitation 100.00
Sunrise Publications 171.92
Table Rock Lumber..... 240.00
U-Save Pharmacy..... 19.16
Unite Private Networks..... 7,272.60
Verizon 326.19
Village of Table Rock 78.75
Windstream Nebraska 757.93
World Book Inc 217.25

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

Estate of Vaughn Burk, Deceased.
Estate No. PR13-8

Notice is hereby given that on March 11, 2013, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Deceased and that Sandy Toche whose address is 8707 224th St., SW, Edmonds, Washington 98026, has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before May 20, 2013, or be forever barred.

Nancy A. DeKlotz
Clerk of the County Court
Michael R. Dunn, #16825
Richard L. Halbert, #11659
Christopher C. Halbert, #22609
Halbert, Dunn & Halbert, L.L.C.
111 East 17th Street
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Phone: (402) 245-4486

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NOTICE TO TRUCK DEALERS

Sealed bids, clearly marked “SEALED TRUCK BID” will be received at the office of the Richardson County Clerk, Richardson County Courthouse, Room 203, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, NE 68355 until 11:00 a.m. on April 9, 2013 at at that time publicly opened and read for the following:

1-2013 or newer Truck Tractor
for 5th Wheel

Complete bid specifications are available on the website at www.co.richardson.ne.us and at the Highway Superintendent’s office, 402-245-2614.

Richardson County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive any informalities.

Scott Huppert
Richardson County
Highway Superintendent

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School Board #56

FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of the February 11, 2013
School Board Meeting

The Falls City Board of Education met at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, 2013, at the Superintendent’s Office at Middle School in Falls City, NE.

1.0 BUSINESS ITEMS

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

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

1.2 APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

– None.

1.3 VERIFICATION OF ADVANCED PUBLICATION – It was moved by Ed Harris and seconded by John Martin 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.

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

1.0 Business Items:

1.1 Roll Call and Open Meetings Act Notice

1.2 Approval of Absences

1.3 Verification of Advanced Publication

1.4 Approval of Agenda

1.5 Approval of Previous Minutes

1.6 Audiences

1.7 Approval of Treasurer’s Report

1.8 Approval of Claims

2.0 Informational Items/Reports:

2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Reports: UNL Extension School Enrichment Program

2.2 Principal’s Reports

2.3 Board President’s Report

2.4 Superintendent’s Report

2.4a Legislative & Organization Update

2.4b Building/Grounds Update

2.4c School Improvement & District Goals

2.5d Annual Planning Workshop

2.4e Policy Planning

2.4f Driver’s Education Program

2.4g Baseball Update

2.4h Superintendent Meetings

2.4i Board Member Meetings

2.4j Other

2.5 Board Member Comments and/or Reports

3.0 Old/New Action Items:

3.1 Teacher resignation

3.2 Other

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

5.0 Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly BOE meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Central Office in FCMS. The annual board/administration planning workshop is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013 at 8 a.m. in the FACS room at FCMS. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings to be determined.

1.5 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – It was moved by Huppert and seconded by Olberding to approve the minutes of the Jan. 14, 2013 School Board meeting. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

1.6 AUDIENCES: Kory Huppert and Robbie Craig were present at the meeting and Mr. Huppert read a statement in support of a high school baseball team. Discussion was had by the Board regarding introducing baseball as a boys sport and the legalities of Title IX and how Title IX is interpreted. It was noted that several attorneys were asked for an opinion on this matter and the Board was advised not to introduce baseball as a high school sport at this time. The Board members expressed their appreciation to the committee and the public for bringing this proposal to the Board and it is their hope that this proposal can be looked at again in the future.

1.7 APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT: It was moved by Huppert and seconded by Olberding to approve the Jan. 31, 2013 treasurer’s report which shows a balance in the General Fund of \$1,007,109.51; in the General Fund Investment Account of \$500,217.25; in the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking of \$64,681.65; in the Student Fee Fund of \$1,980.00; in the ICI Fund of \$77,921.49; in the Special Building Fund Investment Account of \$374,247.88; in the Special Building Fund of \$11,415.76; and in the High School Bond Fund of \$100,854.48. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

The Board received a written High School Current Cash Balance Report, a Middle School Activity Account Report, an Elementary Activity Account Report, and a School Lunch Report. Heckenlively pointed out that in the Lunch Program the December expenses were more than the income and if this trend continues it may be necessary to raise the lunch rates during the school year. Federal regulations

have caused an increase in the cost of lunches.

1.8 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS – It was moved by Bartek and seconded by Huppert 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.

CLAIMS

Academic Therapy Publications,	
SS SPED	\$473.00
Ameripride, linen/mop rental.	\$683.56
AmSan, maint. supp.....	\$233.41
Apple, comp. hardware	\$4,491.00
Armbruster Motors, bus parts/	
car lease.....	\$305.25
Blick Art Materials, HS art	\$925.61
Cambium Learning Group,	
SS Title I	\$65.21
Central Office, mileage/workshop	
expenses,	\$3,120.81
Central Office, postage.....	\$680.00
Central Office, bus permits/cell	
phones	\$104.00
Central Office, misc. exp	\$1,922.97
Central Office, payables.....	\$3,812.72
Check-In Motel, SPED trvl....	\$360.00
CommIns Central Power LLC,	
bus parts	\$236.83
Decker Equip, maint. supp.....	\$61.74
Dietze Music, music supp	\$1,577.20
Education Week, tech subs.....	\$39.00
Edwards Chem, maint supp....	\$251.32
Elementary Activity Account - NS,	
teaching supp	\$382.41
Elementary Activity Account - SS,	
SS teaching supp.....	\$21.34
Engineered Controls, maint	\$1,203.00
ESU #4, SPED serv.....	\$2,406.10
ESU #4 CO-OP, supp.....	\$400.00
ESU #6, Internet program	\$384.90
Farm/City Supply, HS Ind. Tech	
SS Library Bus Maint	\$746.38
FC Auto Supply, bus supp.....	\$268.32
FC Bus Barn, EduQuest grant (bus	
expenses to Milford)	\$437.50
FC Journal, adv/printing	\$408.45
FC Sanitation, waste rem	\$770.00
FC School Lunch, supp.....	\$2,186.10
FC Utilities.....	\$34,621.53
Follet Library Res., supp.....	\$162.06
Goodheart-Wilcox, HS vo-ag	\$192.05
Google, Gmail exp	\$33.92
GovConnection, supp.....	\$1,407.12
Harding & Schultz, legal fee....	\$177.00
Home Lumber, HS/SS projects	
and maint.....	\$332.79
Inglis Repair, bus repair	\$15.00
I-Safe Inc., software renew	\$500.00
Iste, conf. exp./membership....	\$429.00
Jo Crawford, SPED serv	\$3,425.63
Jones AC, maint. repair	\$689.45
JW Pepper, HS band supp.....	\$205.98
Kriz Davis, maint. supp	\$260.94
Lawson Products, maint/supp....	\$91.95
Mary’s Appliance, UPS/supp....	\$70.85
Mary Malcolm, SPED serv.....	\$201.15
McGraw Hill Ed, SS Title I....	\$274.42
Mechanical Sales Parts, maint	\$222.95
MS Activity Fund, FACS supp	\$67.49
Mid-Town Serv Center, supp ...	\$15.00
Midwest Supply Inc., maint....	\$823.16
Mr. Automotive, bus parts.....	\$191.59
NASB, District dues/policy update	
subsc. fee.....	\$5,121.00
NCECBVI, SPED serv.....	\$250.00
NCS Pearson, SS SPED supp	\$549.78
NE DOL Boiler Inspection	
Program, boiler insp.....	\$485.00
NCSA, conf. expenses	\$115.00
Nemaha County Clerk, exp.....	\$50.00
Nodaway Valley Bank, copier	
lease.....	\$4,200.00
Nursery School, flowers.....	\$35.00
Omaha Truck Center, supp....	\$1,610.72
Paper Tiger, recycling	\$200.00
Parent Child Center, supp	\$380.40
ProServ, copier lease.....	\$50.00
Progressive Business Pub.,	
supp	\$230.00
PRTS, LLC, SPED serv	\$1,384.20
Radio Shack, computer supp....	\$22.98
Ram Ext, pest control.....	\$150.00
Richardson Cnty Clerk, exp....	\$856.19
Schmitt Music, instr. repairs ...	\$169.00
School Nurse Supply, supp	\$229.82
Shopko, HS FACS supp.....	\$86.28
SNC, supp/repairs	\$178.09
Stanley Security Sol., maint....	\$145.26
Susan Weber, SPED serv	\$1,654.42
Teacher Direct, teach supp.....	\$149.46
Towle Realty, lease	\$525.00
Verizon Wireless, cell phone....	\$12.47
Water Engineering, maint.	
agreement.....	\$237.32
W. Trantham, DARE exp	\$3,080.00
Wing’s Locksmithing, maint....	\$10.00
Wolfes Printing, supp.....	\$497.99
sub total	\$98,634.54
Payroll - Jan ‘13 wages....	\$702,515.26

Grand Total\$801,149.80

STUDENT FEE FUND

H.S. Activity Fund, art fees..... \$30.00

2.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/REPORTS

2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Report: Jami Ankrom, UNL Extension Educator, was present with two of her students, Bethany Lampe and Austin Schaible. Ankrom worked with students in Donna Eickhoff’s Personal Finance class on an entrepreneurship unit. Bethany, Austin, and David vonBehren who was unable to attend this meeting, selected an entrepreneurship business that they would like to start in Falls City. Bethany and Austin gave their power point presentation on their vineyard business showing the various things that need to be taken into account when starting up your own business. Ms. Ankrom has worked with students in District 56 thru the UNL Extension School Enrichment Program in the following areas: Entrepreneurship, Manners, Fight Bac, Life on a Farm, Making Cents, GPS, and Garbology.

2.2 Principal Reports:

2.2a Ernie Valentine for North School reported on the following: Student enrollment is 208 students; Kindergarten Roundup has been set for May 3, 2013 with an estimate of 50-57 students to attend; Parent-Child Center applications will be distributed Feb. 25, 2013; Parent Child Center evaluation from NAEYC was conducted and the exit meeting was very positive, a

formal report is expected by later this month; ESU6 DIAL (Data Warehouse) continues to slowly move forward, hoping to receive the data soon; students in grades 4, 8, and 11 have completed the NeSA Writing Assessments, with scores to be made available later this Spring.

2.2b J.P. Holys for South School reported on the following: Student enrollment is 182 students; 4th grade completed the NeSA-W for 2012-13 school year; 5th grade students competed in the Richardson County Spelling Bee Feb. 5, congratulations to Alyssa Mez who placed 4th, Faith Zimmerman who placed 3rd, and Kade Bredemeier who placed 1st; 4th grade students attended the Omaha Symphony with Mrs. Ankrom on Jan. 31; Jamie Frederick, Kris Ogle, Marilyn Scholz and Principal Holys will attend a follow up RtI Math workshop at ESU4 and to be presented is the RtI process for K-6 math.

2.2c Rick Johnson for Middle School reported on the following: Students of the Month are Josie Crofford, Katie Stoller and Bryan Sickel; wrestling began with 19 athletes participating; Lee Kurpgeweit and Principal Johnson attended a one-day meeting featuring representatives of Teachscape (Danielson Framework) and Learning Sciences (I Observation) as well as ESU technology coordinators; student enrollment is 175 students; 8th grade took the NeSA writing test and was pleased with the efforts of the students; Terri Hogue, Kim Vrtiska, Kory Huppert, Jeanne Holloway, Ernie Valentine, Peggy Dey and Ashley Klug attended the secondary meeting for RTi and ESU 4 on Jan. 28; 6th, 7th and 8th grade students competed in the Richardson County Spelling Bee on Feb. 5, congratulations to Jordyn Curtis who placed 2nd in the 5th and 6th grade division, and congratulations to Jordyn Bomar who placed 1st and to Zach Petry who placed 3rd in the 7th and 8th grade division; Middle School calendar of events can be found on the website.

2.2d Gale Dunkhas for High School reported on the following: Student enrollment is 263 students; Lee Kurpgeweit attended the ESU4 Social Studies Cadre where newly adopted Social Studies standards were being reviewed and discussed; Dunkhas plans to attend the ESU4 Principals Cadre on Feb. 20 in Auburn to learn more about Check 4 Learning and latest information on Common Core Standards; National Honor Society is accepting new member applications with successful candidates to be inducted on March 28; Drivers Ed classes are full with 42 students registered for the course; March 15 is the deadline for option enrollment students to be eligible immediately in the fall; Parent-Teacher conferences are set for March 12-14 from 5-8:30 p.m. each evening; curriculum guide for 2013-14 school year is being updated; plan to start scheduling students for classes in March; January Students of the Month are: Tyler DiGiacomo, Brittney DeWald, Justin Ernst and Taylor O’Brien; congratulations to the following who qualified for State Wrestling: Morgen Valentine, Wade Maddox, and Chase Thompson; congratulations to Brooke Scheitel and David vonBehren for medals won for their duet speech; high school calendar of events can be found on the school website: www.fc.tigers.org

2.3 Board President’s Report: Hollens read a note of appreciation which he received from the Life Skills students. President Hollens stated that each Board member received a note from the students and it was greatly appreciated.

2.4 Superintendent’s Report: Heckenlively stated that the District continues to invest in technology and in keeping the faculty up to date in operation of the technology. Heckenlively informed the Board that recently the District received \$5,000 from Mr. Herman Boland, a 1943 graduate of Falls City High, and the money was used for the purchase of iPads for the core teachers. Heckenlively and the Board members expressed their gratitude to Mr. Boland for his generous gift.

2.4a Legislative and Organizations Report: During the 103rd Legislative session currently underway, there are 127 legislative measures in the 2013 Session, with a direct or indirect impact on public education. Heckenlively gave the following summary of the education related bills to keep an eye on: LB 553, introduced on behalf of NSEA, NCSA, and NASB by Sen. Jeremy Nordquist, who serves as chair of the Retirement Committee. The changes in LB 553 are structured to address both short-term and long-term funding obligations in the School Employees Retirement System. LB 553 does NOT affect the benefit structure of current members, only future hires. LB 553 creates a second tier or “schedule B” within the School Employees Retirement Plan, which would be applicable to new hires within school districts (except OPS) and ESUs on and after July 1, 2013. Under the schedule B plan, an employee’s benefit upon termination of employment would be based upon a five-year average of the highest compensation service years (rather than three-year average for those currently in the plan). The cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) for those retiring under the schedule B would be the lesser of the Consumer Price Index Urban Wage (CPI) or 1%. For current members of the plan, the COLA is the lesser of the CPI or 2.5%. The rule of 85, the 2% multiplier factor, and the purchasing power adjustment remain intact for future hires under the proposed schedule B plan. Under current law, actuarial accrued liability is determined for each employee on a level dollar basis. LB 553 takes into account greater ability to pay as time passes. As salaries grow, contributions would also grow.

Contributions: LB 553 inserts a “placeholder” provision in the legislation in the event circumstances require an increase in the employee contribution rate (currently set at 9.78%). The bill leaves it as an unspecified rate increase for the present time. The bill removes the sunset for both the employee and state contribution rates. Under current law, the employee rate would revert to 7.28% (from the current 9.78%) after the 2016-17 plan year and the state contribution would revert to .7% (from the current 1%) after the 2016-17 plan year. LB 553 proposes to increase the state contribution from 1% to 2% beginning July 1, 2013. Lid Exclusion: Finally, the bill extends the spending lid exclusion for employer contributions in excess of 7.35% indefinitely. This lid exclusion was set to expire after the 2016-17 school fiscal year. This provision in LB 553 applies to all school districts, including OPS.

LB 274, introduced by Sen. Jeremy Nordquist, requires that, within 30 days after a school board or an ESU board adopts its annual operating budget and within 30 days after the board adopts a revision to its budget, the following information about the superintendent or ESU administrator must be published in a form prescribed by NDE on the home page of the school district/ESU’s web site: 1) The total salary and a description of each fringe benefit; and 2) Any additional benefits contained in the contract, in policy, or provided through action taken by the board. NDE would be required to create a standard format in which the information required would be reported on the home page of the school district/ESU’s web site. The information must be reported to NDE upon publication and must also be made available on NDE’s web site either by means of a link to the home page of the school district or ESU or in a form and manner prescribed by NDE. LB 274 was supported by NCSA, NASB, and NRCSA, in part due to the sponsor’s willingness to allow input from the organizations prior to bill introduction. ZNEZ

LB 470, introduced by Sen. Jim Scheer, aims only at superintendents and not ESU administrators. The bill requires school boards to publish a copy of a proposed contract or amendments to a contract with a superintendent at least five days before the school board meeting to consider the contract or amendment. The information must include a reasonable estimate of all current and future costs to the school district pursuant to the contract or amendments. Publication of the information on the school district web site will satisfy the requirement. School districts are also required to identify superintendent contract costs in their annual budget statement. After approval of a superintendent’s contract or contract amendments, the school board must submit a copy to NDE by the next succeeding Aug. 1. NDE is then required to post all contracts and amendments on the agency’s web site. If contracts are not submitted, NDE may withhold state aid and direct counties to withhold all school money until the information is provided. If school districts do not comply by the end of the state biennium following the biennium for which the state aid was calculated, then the state aid reverts to the General Fund. Both NCSA and NASB opposed LB 470 due to the punitive nature of the legislation (i.e., withholding funds from a school district). Also, the delay of five days prior to board action would interfere with the responsibility of school boards to contract with a qualified individual for the office of school superintendent.

LB 195 is the Governor’s budget bill. The Governor is calling for \$895 million in state aid for 2014 and \$939 million in 2015 plus growth in SPED funding.

LB 408 has been moved forward quickly to move the state aid certification date to June 1.

LB 539 by Sen. Chambers is being opposed by NCSA, NASB, and NSEA which would repeal required teaching experience for superintendents.

Key dates to consider for making arrangements include the NRCSA Legislative Forum to be held on Feb. 20 at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln. The NRCSA Spring Conf. will be held March 21-22 at the Holiday Inn in Kearney. The NSBA Annual Conference will be held at San Diego April 13-15. Huppert and Heckenlively will be attending. This would be a good time to coordinate plans to attend these events.

The NASB annual membership dues are included in the February claims. NASB is the one organization which represents all Nebraska public school boards and provides a strong voice in advocating for a public education in our state and provides valuable professional development opportunities for school board members and school administrators.

2.4b Building, Grounds & Transportation Update: Rob Baker was present at the meeting and provided the Board with information to review and a recommendation for the purchase of a 2014 model, 52 passenger school bus. This bus will replace the 1996 Ford bus. Funds were budgeted in the 2012-13 school district budget for the first half payment, with the second half payment and delivery being planned for the fall of 2013. Bid specs are available from Rob Baker or the Superintendent’s office for review. Heckenlively stated that he will place the purchase of a new route bus as an action item on the agenda for the Special Board meeting to be held Feb. 23.

2.4c School Improvement & District Goals: The Continuous Improvement steering committee will meet Feb. 13 to review the Continuous School Improvement Plan Draft. The

committee will review the overall goal of improving mathematics skills by considering district and building-level objectives, instructional strategies, and instructional activities. The committee will be addressing how the district plan will differ among the individual buildings and plan for researching best practices in mathematics instruction.

Additionally, the board is being presented with information concerning the present principal evaluation process, and an update on the teacher/principal evaluation model pilot that FCPS is participating in at the state-level. ZNEZ

2.4d Annual Planning Workshop: The date for the annual planning workshop is Feb. 23, 2013. Burma Kroeger will be on hand once again to facilitate the workshop. The Board received a copy of the 2013 planning workshop agenda for the purpose of review and updating the agenda for the 2013 workshop.

2.4e Policy Planning: NDE’s “Checklist of required policies, procedures and practices.” has recently been released. NDE’s list of required policies will be requiring some minor changes to our special education policies. Once the changes have been updated, and reviewed by the policy committee, the SPED policies will be forwarded for board amendment.

2.4f Driver’s Education: Don Hogue and John Eickhoff will once again be running the driver’s education program this spring. The cost for the program is \$200 to cover instructor and material costs.

2.4g Baseball Update: The District’s administration appreciates the public proposal to review the addition of a boys’ baseball program. The process allowed us to investigate our current programs and participation. As we evaluated the District’s enrollment, sports participation, and current sports offerings, the numbers reveal the District needs to investigate ways to provide additional activity opportunities for girls, before we ever consider adding an additional boys’ activity. As we move forward, our energy will be focused on what we can do to provide girls additional opportunities to participate in athletics. The Board plans to discuss the current athletic programs and Title IX at the planning workshop. The Board expressed their appreciation to all members of the committee for their work in bringing this issue to the Board.

2.4h Superintendent Meetings: GNSA Meeting, Lincoln, Feb. 20; ESU4 Superintendent’s Advisory, Auburn, Jan. 21; NRCSA Legislative Forum, Lincoln, Feb. 20; NRCSA Spring Conf., Kearney, March 21-22; NSBA Annual Conf., San Diego, April 13-15; NASB School Law Seminar; Kearney, June 7.

2.4i Board Member Meetings: GNSA Meeting, Lincoln, Feb. 20; NRCSA Legislative Forum, Lincoln, Feb. 20; NRCSA Spring Conference, Kearney, March 21-22; NSBA National Conf., San Diego, April 13-15; NASB School Law Seminar; Kearney, June 7.

2.4j Other Items: None.

2.5 Reports by Board members and/or Board Committees: Bartek expressed her appreciation to the Board, the administration and the public for the sponsoring and participating in the ALS Awareness project.

Huppert asked about the no smoking project outside the commons area of the High School and on school grounds. Dunkhas stated that signs have been posted and at the last basketball game he did not see any smoking on the grounds.

3.0 Action Items

3.1 Teacher Resignation: Heckenlively stated that he has received a letter of resignation from Wanda Biel, Middle School Spanish Teacher, and from Jan Deckinger, 3rd grade teacher. It was moved by Martin and seconded by Bartek to accept the resignation of Wanda Biel and Jan Deckinger. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried. The Board expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Biel and Mrs. Deckinger for their many years of teaching in District 56.

3.2 Other: None.

4.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Huppert to go into executive session at 8:56 p.m. to discuss investigative proceedings and prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual. 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 Hollens at 9:50 p.m.

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Bartek to re-enter open session at 9:50 p.m. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Bartek to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. The voting was as follows: Bartek, yes; Harris, yes; Hollens, yes; Huppert, yes; Martin, yes; Olberding, yes. Motion carried.

The next regular monthly BOE meeting is March 11, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Central Office in FCMS. The annual board and administration planning workshop is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013 at 8 a.m. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings to be determined.

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2013 Falls City High Tiger Golf Team, front row, left to right: Bailey Vrtiska, Jerrica Beckner, Bailey Bindle, Chessanie Blakely, Marissa Ogden, Carley Youde, Megan Vollmer; back row: Cody Frederick, Joe Koso, Coulton McCann, Wade Witt, Lance White, Brandt Vice, Colton Reiss, Weston Witt, Dakota Pentecost, Brody Weinmann, Robert Hall, Jubal (Tapsee) Ogden. Not Pictured: Preston Deckinger and Emily Weaver.

Tiger golfers weather tough conditions, win season opener at Auburn Triangular

Consistent play guided the Falls City High Tiger varsity golf team to a six-stroke victory last Tuesday at Auburn Country Club.

The season opener for the Tigers was played with temperatures in the 30's, a wind in the teens and on-and-off-again precipitation.

No matter, as Falls City defeated Auburn 177 to 183. Wade Witt, Brody Weinman and Brandt Vice each carded scores of 44 and Weston's Witt's 45 was the fourth team score taken. Dakota Pentecost's 54 was not

counted in the team scoring.

Auburn's Trayven Blex captured individual medal honors with his 2-over-par 37.

Tiger head golf coach Lee Kurgoweit likes what he's seen so far from everyone on the team.

"I am looking forward to working with this team," Kurgoweit said. "This group has had a good work ethic thus far and they want to get better each day."

"Our junior varsity team will be very young and inexperienced. We have only two

FALLS CITY TIGERS 2013 GOLF SCHEDULE		
Mar. 19	@ Auburn Triangular	4 PM
Mar. 25	@ Auburn Invite (Postponed)	9 AM
Apr. 5	@ Hiawatha Invite	3 PM
Apr. 9	@ HTRS Invite	9 AM
Apr. 11	@ Nebraska City Invite	9 AM
Apr. 17	@ Wymore Invite	9:30 AM
Apr. 24	@ Palmyra Invite	8:30AM
May 2	@ Johnson County Central Invite	9 AM
May 13	Class B-2 Districts	TBA
	@ Tiburon Golf Course-Omaha	
May 21-22	State Golf Tournament	TBA
	@ Jackrabbit Run-Grand Island	

JV players that had any type of experience last year so we will have some JV's that have never teed it up in meets before competing. They will get better each time out."

The Tiger varsity team was scheduled to return to Auburn

yesterday for an invitational, but the meet was postponed due to weather. No make-up date has been scheduled.

Weather permitting, Falls City's next tournament is scheduled for Friday, Apr. 5th in Hiawatha.

State Speech

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three finals judges, but Bryce Wood of Greeley-Wolbach received the judges' preference and was named champion.

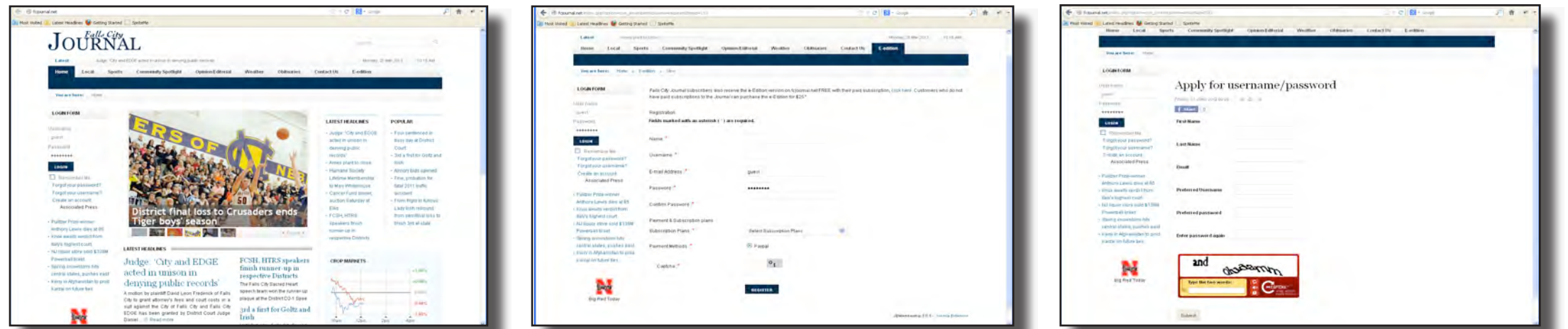
"I think NSAA needs to clarify the tie-breaking procedure. I understand the thinking of the people running the tab room concerning the placement - I just disagree with them," FCSH Speech Coach Diana Eickhoff, who is retiring from a long and successful career coaching speech, said.

"The NSAA does not interpret the rules for breaking ties in speech in the same fashion that I do. They are convinced that the correct placement was made in Emma's case, and although I can see how they arrived at that decision - I disagree with their interpretation."

Eickhoff has long been a regular at the state speech contest, coaching at Dawson-Verdon and Auburn High School before taking the reins at Sacred Heart.

Also medaling for Sacred Heart were Colin Niemeyer and Chaz Dunn, 4th, Duet Acting; and Janey Malcolm, 4th, Serious Interpretation. Matt Mullins scored points in Informative, and his brother Ben scored in Humor, but neither broke for finals.

Falls City High School students Brooke Scheitel and David von Behren competed in Duet Acting in the Class B Championships Thursday in Kearney, though they failed to break to finals.



FC Journal moves forward with added online services

By Jim Langan

As many of you know (or knew I should say), the Falls City Journal's website was down from mid-September of last year until just recently (March 10th to be exact). There are a cornucopia of reasons for the prolonged absence, but I will save you the trouble and get to the nuts and bolts of why. We'll come back to this.

First though, and most importantly, we at the Journal are pleased to announce the addition of E-editions to our website, which if you are not familiar can be found at www.fcjournal.net

The Journal e-edition will be available first thing Tuesday mornings and will be free to anyone who has a paid subscription to the print version of the Journal. It is an exact replica of the print edition and is accessible to subscribers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Those who do not have a paid subscription can buy the online only e-edition for \$25 per year by signing up on the website. A PayPal account was setup specifically to handle these purchases and is easily accessible once you get to the site. This will hopefully appeal to readers who live long distances from Falls City and will immediately resolve any issues out-of-town subscribers might have

in receiving the print version.

Another perk for those with access to the e-edition is the ability to go back and read past issues. E-editions for every issue through 2011 are ready to upload and we will be able to add July through December of 2010 soon. As of right now, July 2010 is as far back as we can go with the e-editions because prior to that the Journal was still laid out manually, sans computers. Hard to believe.

The website will continue to be a source for current area news, sports and weather, but articles will be limited to non-subscribers.

Now, briefly, I'll get back to why the website was down for such a long period of time.

Some of you may remember last summer experiencing problems when you tried visiting our site. A few calls were received on this end and a few questions were lobbed my way socially, but firsthand accounts of the problem were nonexistent.

Folks were alerted with virus threats or other potential problems for their computers should they continue to site. Due to the fact that the Journal's computers are Macintosh, none of us received these same warnings. Most of the people I spoke with were using PC's with any combination of web browser or operating software,

so I didn't have a clue as to how to access the situation.

Last spring we started working with Information Analytics out of Lincoln about setting up the e-edition and the decision was made in October to have them overhaul the site, as well as provide support.

After they began to diagnose the problems on the site, I was quickly informed of the severity. Long story short, much work was needed to clean up the mess on the backend of our website. That they did and a big thank you to them.

Matia Aspegren, with Information Analytics, deserves a ton of credit for all her help with our site and I want to thank her for being patient with me as I learned on the fly. Our site was sort of handed over to her when another IA employee went on maternity leave and she's been stuck with me ever since. So, again, thank you Matia.

In closing, as with anything there are sure to be some hiccups with the new e-edition, so please bare with us. That being said, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Journal office at 402-245-2431 or send me an email at jlanganfcj@sentco.net and I will do my absolute best to resolve the issue. Feedback, good or bad, will be received constructively as we move forward with our online services.

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