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Finalmente!

'SPRING CLEANING'
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In this spring-house-cleaning scene by John Falter, one thing led to another. Take the man on the sidewalk. At first he was just passing by. Then Mr. Falter had him start poking through the trash. Then Falter had the lady of the house stop her rug cleaning to watch. If the nosy neighbor does find some unsuspected treasure in the rubbish, the lady will be down there to reclaim it faster than he can reach down to pick it up. You don't have to worry about the man wrestling that storm window down the ladder, either. Falter says he used to go through this routine with his father every spring. Invariably a sudden wind would come up at precisely the wrong moment, bending his father back at a perilous angle, but it never did topple him off.

johnphilipfaltermuseum.com

**ADOPTED IN MEMORY
OF RICHARD M.
AND VIVIAN HALL**

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96-Year-old Gene Tennison has always loved airplanes.

His last ride was nearly 20 years ago and he thought it would never happen again. Gene has been living with his daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Philip Chaffee, since last August. He is blind, deaf, failing in health and on Hospice Care.

In early February, Sandy asked Philip if there might be an airplane that he could get into and surprise Gene with a ride for Valentine's Day. Philip knew of a Cessna Cardinal owned by a pilot friend, Brad Sommers of Robinson, KS. After checking with Brad and explaining the situation, he was happy to help and agreed to the use of his airplane.

So it was up to Mother Nature for the best day to make this happen.

The day after Valentine's Day was perfect weather conditions for an airplane ride and the surprise was then revealed to Gene! He lit up and just couldn't believe it was really going to happen!

Brad Ahern, who works for Philip at Falls City Aero Service, was willing to help get Gene into the plane. After he was comfortably seated, strapped in, and headset on, he was ready and eager for his ride! He thoroughly enjoyed it, even though he could only see shapes.

Gene and his family expressed many thanks to Philip for piloting the plane, Brad Sommers for the use of his Cessna, and Brad Ahern for his help in lifting Gene into the plane.

It truly made an old "Kid at Heart" smile again!



Local Easter Egg Hunts:

This weekend, many local businesses and groups will be hosting Easter egg hunts for children and adults to celebrate the holiday. From home plate to the old folks' home, below is a list of contests for the young and young at heart:

Friday, April 14

-FC Chamber Adult Easter Egg Hunt: 6:30 p.m., Chamber Office, 1705 Stone St.

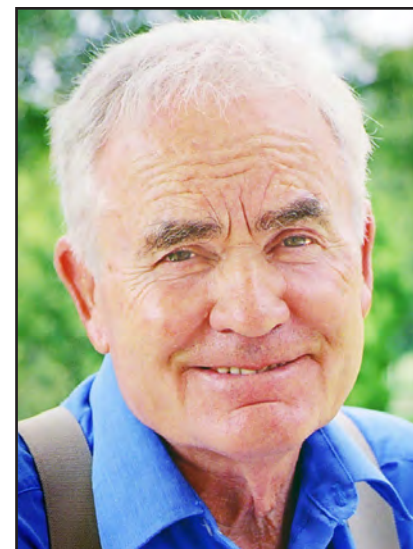
-Shubert AL Auxiliary annual Easter Egg Hunt: 1:30 p.m., Shubert park (toddlers through 5th grade).

Saturday, April 15

-FC Area Jaycees: 9 a.m., Fiedler Family Ball Complex.

-FC Healthcare Community: 10 a.m., 2800 Towle St.

-Good News Assembly of God: 11 a.m., 6th and Reavis.



Gale Harvey Marsh

Gale Harvey Marsh, 88, of Falls City, passed away Thursday, April 6, 2017 at Community Medical Center in Falls City. He was born in Pickrell, NE, to Gaylord and Dorothy (Harvey) Marsh on Sept. 25, 1928.

Gale spent much of his childhood on the family farm near Pickrell, in Gage County. In his early teens, he went to work for several farm families in the surrounding area, while he attended and then graduated from Barnston High School in 1947.

He began farming in Richardson County in 1949, when his father inherited 160 acres southeast of Salem on the Nemaha bottoms. He also farmed with his uncle, Ralph Marsh, in Whiting, IA.

Gale joined the U.S. Navy in 1952. After being honorably discharged from the service in 1954, he returned to farming in Richardson County, where he met and married Jeanne Scheer of White Cloud, KS, in 1961. Together they had two daughters, Sarah and Carla. During the early 1960's, he attended University of Nebraska at Lincoln and continued farming on the weekends. After graduation he devoted himself to his passion of farming. Gale was a pioneer in Richardson County in the practice of gated-pipe irrigation beginning in 1956. He also served as the Richardson County Weed Control Commissioner.

In 1968, he and his family began
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**PEEWEE
POWER!**

Vertically Challenged

Why the World is mad

FC Sacred Heart sophomore Teresa Morehead's self-penned entertainment speech about the "vertically challenged" was small in subject matter only and earned her a third-place medal at the State Speech Contest March 24 in Kearney. Her powerful presentation drew big laughs, good marks and, in the end, an elevated view from the podium. Standing tall.

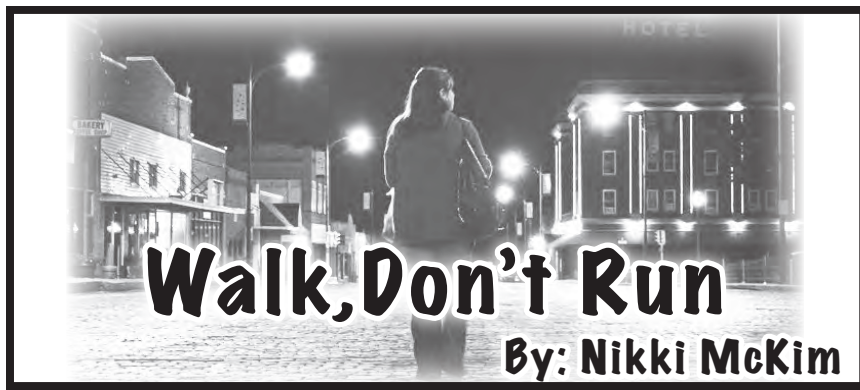
FCSH junior Nate Finck, too, put it all together and earned a third-place medal at State Speech with his informative presentation on Legos. He received third place in informative speaking in his speech about Legos.

Teresa and Nate were two of 11 FCSH students who competed at Kearney in six events.

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Television and movies are my first love, but I do love finding time to read. The problem with me reading is the fact that when I start a book I love, it consumes my entire life. My favorite books are biographies. I love reading about someone's life and how amazingly they did or didn't live it. Right now I have a stack of about 11 books on my night stand that I received for Christmas. I love hearing what others are reading, so I thought I would share a few of my favorite books and some that I'll be getting to soon.

Each year I read my favorite book of all time, *Summer Sisters*, by Judy Blume. Its one of the two fiction books that I have fallen in love with. *Summer Sisters* is about two friends, Caitlin Somers and Victoria "Vix" Leonard, who spend every summer together as teenagers. The girls are polar opposites, Caitlin being beautiful, lively and popular while Vix is a shy but intellectual wallflower. As the years progress the girls become closer and closer but soon find their friendship strained. It isn't relatable at all, but there is something about it that draws me in and leaves me in tears each time I read it.

Another that I can read over and over is not really a book-its a comic book. Alex bought me *The Best of Archie Comics Deluxe Edition*, for Christmas. It has 75 years worth of the best of Archie Comics. When I was a kid I collected Archie Comics. Over the years I lost a few here and there, but I still get a thrill when I find one in the check out line at the store. My mom used to buy them and put them on top of the refrigerator as a bribe to do better in school or at home. It always worked and I built quite a collection. Now I have a bookshelf full of new and old 'Archie's' that Alex reads from time to time. Nothing is better than seeing your child fall in love with something you loved at that age.

A couple of my favorite biographies are those of classic actors, naturally. My favorite is about my favorite actress, Norma Shearer. Norma: The Story of Norma Shearer is one of the very few biographies about Shearer. She retired fairly young and is forgotten by most. To me nobody is as beautiful as Norma. When I first saw her face in the 1939 film, *The Women*, I was hooked. I wanted to know everything about her and her story doesn't disappoint. Shearer starred in a few silent films with Lon Chaney Sr., and Joan Crawford; pre-code films with Lionel Barrymore, Leslie Howard and Clark Gable; and other films with Frederic March and Joan Fontaine. She was married to MGM 'boy wonder' Irving Thalberg, who died at the early age of 37, leaving behind his young wife and two small children. Norma soon retired from films and married a ski instructor ten years her junior. She went on to discover actress Janet Leigh when she spotted her photo on the desk of Janet's father at a ski lodge.

Another wonderful biography is *Screwball: The Life of Carole Lombard*. Lombard was known in the 30's for her energetic, off beat roles in screwball comedies. I find her to be a fascinating woman. In a world of women who sat up straight and were prim and proper, she was more my speed. She was 'one of the boys,' and I loved that about her.

When the U.S. entered World War II at the end of 1941, Lombard traveled to her home state of Indiana for a war bond rally with her mother, and her husband Clark Gable's press agent. Lombard was able to raise over \$2 million (\$34,993,987.92 in 2016) in defense bonds in a single evening. Her party had initially been scheduled to return to Los Angeles by train, but Lombard was anxious to reach home more quickly and wanted to fly by a scheduled airline. Her mother and Winkler were both afraid of flying and insisted they follow their original travel plans. Lombard suggested they flip a coin; they agreed and Lombard won the toss.

In the early morning hours of January 16, 1942, Lombard, her mother, and Winkler boarded an aircraft to return to California. After refueling in Las Vegas, the plane crashed into "Double Up Peak" of Potosi Mountain, southwest of Las Vegas. All 22 aboard, Lombard and her mother included, plus 15 army servicemen, were killed instantly.

Though her life was short it was full of fun and energy and that makes any book about Carole Lombard a must read.

For my trip I decided to take two books that I haven't read. Both are newer releases and very opposite of each other. The first is *This Life I Live; One man's extraordinary, ordinary life and the woman who changed it forever*, by Rory Feek. I don't know Rory+Joey from their music, but from his blog that I found soon after his wife Joey was diagnosed with cancer. Joey and Rory were rising stars in the country music scene when Joey was diagnosed with rapidly spreading cancer. Joey blogged about their journey through treatments down to the moments his wife had to say goodbye to their two year old daughter. I fell in love with their love story and Rory's writing so the book was a no brainer for me.

The other book I'm excited to read is *Mustache Shenanigans; Making Super Troopers and other adventures in Comedy*, by Jay Chandrasekhar. I am a huge fan of the comedy team "Broken Lizard" and all of their films. Chandrasekhar writes about the ridiculous, madcap, and honest story about how he built his career starting with the cult classic, *Super Troopers*.

If you have any great biographies you think I need to read, let me know at nikkifcjournal@sentco.net



Legislature has two weeks to get budget to the floor

Capitol View
Commentary by J.L. Schmidt
Statehouse Correspondent
Nebraska Press Association

Remember, the only obligation the Legislature has is to pass a balanced budget. So, what is all of this other stuff that has occupied senator's time since the start of the year? Is any of it important? Could we live without some of it?

The budget has to be on the floor the 70th Day (April 24) and be passed through all three rounds of debate by the 80th day. It appears that WILL happen, as usual. There were a number of half days (committee hearings are held in the afternoon) early in the session devoted to seemingly endless debate over rules. The Gang of 29 wanted to change the number of votes necessary to cease debate. The other 20 senators pushed back.

Resolution of the issue came in an agreement to abide by temporary rules until the 50th day. That day came and lawmakers agreed to complete the session with the temporary rules in place. But that didn't necessarily open the floodgates to getting bills processed through three rounds of debate and signed by the governor.

By Day 58, the Legislature had passed and the governor signed 33 bills into law. A number of those were routine measures making necessary changes and statute updates in the licensing of health professionals, banking regulations and urban development practices and procedures. The banking updates were the first since 1963. Nothing sexy, just necessary.

Gov. Pete Ricketts had signed LB45, a measure to include military reserve organizations in the category of specialty license plates for members of the military. That's a total of 11 different plates for soldiers and they join Husker plates, and mountain lion preservation plates and sesquicentennial plates and the original message plates that have been around a few years.

Still awaiting final approval is LB46, another license plate bill that was subjected to lengthy debate. It carries the message "Choose Life." Seventy-five percent of the proceeds from the sale of those plates go to provide temporary assistance for needy families. Ricketts is expected to sign it when it gets to his desk.

The governor's plan to streamline and run government like a business took another step forward with LB339 to merge the state Dept. of Aeronautics with the state Dept. of Roads, effective July 1. The combined agencies would be renamed the Nebraska Dept. of Transportation. Nebraska is the only state without one.

The newly formed department would be administered by the current Dept. of Roads director-state engineer. A second-round amendment to the bill would require legislative confirmation of any person hired to serve as the director of the aeronautics division within the department.

A measure (LB340) to merge the Dept. of Health and Human Services Veteran's Services with the state Dept. of Veteran's Affairs is at the second round of floor debate.

Awaiting second-round debate is a measure (LB75) that would restore voting rights upon completion

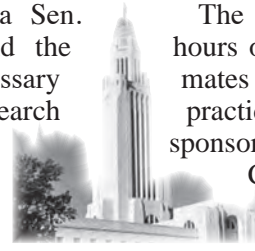
of a felony sentence or probation. Current law requires a two-year waiting period. Omaha Sen. Justin Wayne has said the waiting period is unnecessary and unjust. He said research shows that ex-felons who have their voting rights restored are three times less likely to reoffend.

Stuck in committee are several pieces of prison reform, including a measure (LB560) that prohibits the use of solitary confinement for vulnerable inmates

(those 18 or younger, pregnant or mentally ill).

The bill would allow for two hours out of the cell for other inmates in solitary. The current practice is one hour. The bill's sponsor, Sen. Paul Schumacher of Columbus, says the state may be sued if changes aren't made.

There's a lot left to do, but the Legislature has done some real work amid the inordinate amount of blustering and posturing this session.



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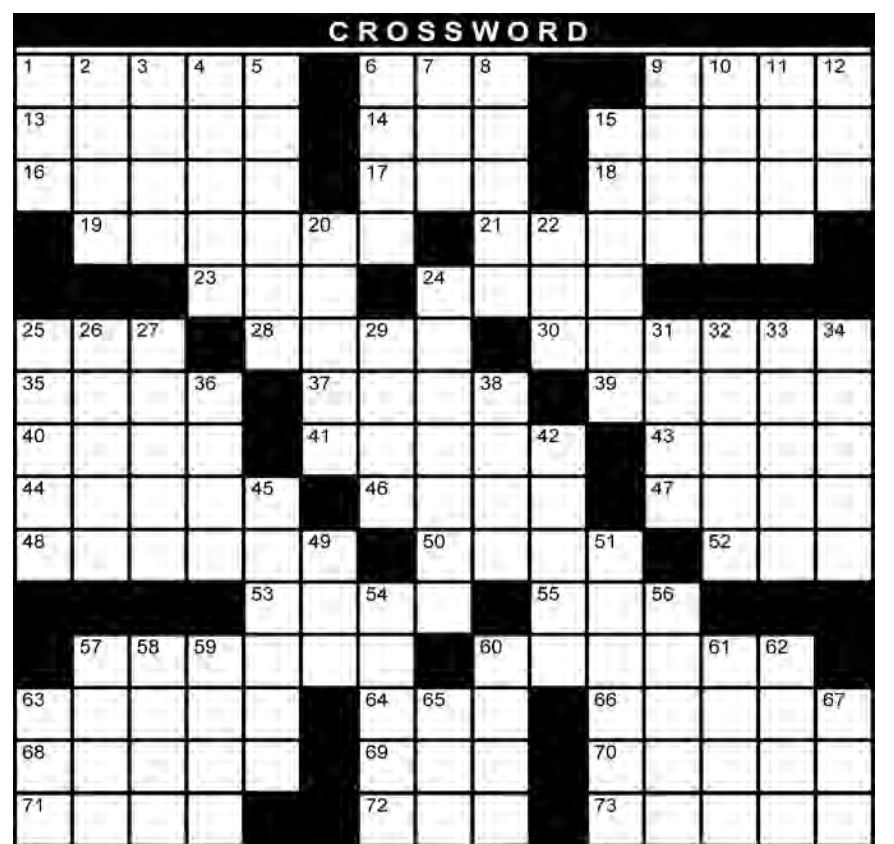
THEME: CHILDREN'S STORIES

ACROSS

1. What a bridge does
6. Indian restaurant staple
9. Done to some pets
13. Gold unit
14. *Aladdin, for short
15. Biotic community
16. Bring upon oneself
17. Pine juice
18. Scandinavian fjord, e.g.
19. To beat seeds from grain
21. *Don't let it drive the bus!
23. Exclamation of disgust
24. Update an iPod
25. Eastern title
28. Adjutant
30. Often found on the lap
35. Sea eagles
37. As opposed to an opinion
39. It's firma
40. The Destroyer in Hinduism
41. Springtime flower
43. *Told to go away in nursery rhyme
44. Subject of wars of 1839-42 and 1856-60
46. *Ferdinand, e.g.
47. Catchall abbr.
48. Small sphere
50. Sealed with a handshake
52. Archaic "your"
53. Kind of bag
55. To nuke
57. *Friend of the man in yellow
60. *Crayon artist
63. Russian crepes
64. **One fish ___ fish...
66. Sag
68. Derived from gold
69. Lil Wayne's genre
70. Short musical composition
71. Rendezvous
72. Repeated to a captain
73. Revolving mechanism

DOWN

1. Navigate moguls
2. Breathe noisily
3. Gateway monument
4. Pleasant Island
5. **_____ Nona"
6. *Mr. Incredible's son
7. Chicken ___ king
8. Sassy
9. Cosine's counterpart
10. Prince William's sport
11. Prayer end
12. Hitherto
15. Lion or tiger, e.g.
20. 9 to 5, e.g.
22. Weary traveler's welcome spot
24. Withdraw or sequester
25. **"The Tortoise and the Hare" author
26. Complain
27. Blacksmith's block
29. Apply to a surface
31. Salon service
32. Deadly snake
33. March celebrants
34. *She's so fancy
36. Author ___ Bellow
38. Mosaic piece
42. *The ____, Eloise's residence
45. Like meters and kilograms
49. Clothe
51. Pantry
54. "Four" prefix
56. ___ Novo, Benin
57. Elmer's, e.g.
58. De Valera's land
59. "Put a lid ___!"
60. It springs eternal?
61. Stumblebum
62. *Bird from "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland"
63. "Kapow!"
65. **"Make ___ for Ducklings"
67. P in mpg



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'Repeal and Replace' fails; now Obamacare needs fixing

"Thinking About Health," is part of the Nebraska Press Association's partnership with Rural Health News Service, which will provide Nebraskans with unbiased health-related information, designed to help better understand the health issues facing our communities, state and nation.

The failure of the Republican-led effort to repeal and replace Obamacare represents a big victory for all kinds of citizens and interest groups that analyzed the proposed legislation and said no dice.

The day before House Speaker Paul Ryan decided not to take a vote on the American Health Care Act, a Quinnipiac Poll found that only 17 percent of American voters approved of the GOP's legislation while 56 percent did not.

You can hardly call that a vote of support for what the bill was trying to do. Too many people would be hurt, and the public along with editorial writers in newspapers across the country, got that message: The GOP plan would cause real pain. Members of Congress heard it loud and clear, and many responded to what they heard.



Older Americans would have had to pay more, sometimes thousands of dollars more to get health insurance. In 32 states, millions of Americans with incomes slightly above the poverty line who had gained coverage under their state's Medicaid expansion program would have lost their coverage.

Others already on Medicaid or joining in the future would also have been affected. The proposal called for cutting back the federal government's commitment to fund healthcare for the poor by changing the way it would pay for its share of program. That would have left the states, which jointly fund Medicaid, strapped for funds to cover everyone needing medical treatment as well as middle class families who required help paying for long-term care. Medicaid pays for about half of all nursing home stays.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA), or Obamacare, had mandated that every insurance policy sold in the individual market where people without employer or government coverage must shop had to include 10 essential benefits. Under the Republicans' plan, that mandate - that all plans include things like prescription drug coverage, emergency room services, maternity care and mental health treatment - would have disappeared.

Dropping any of the essential benefits would have helped some insurance companies whose individual policies provided only bare bones coverage until 2010 when the ACA required essential benefits to be included. Insurers would have been able to sell skimpy and cheaper coverage to those willing to gamble.

Now, even though the "repeal and replace," effort failed, we are left with a health law that needs repairs of its own.

"Many of the criticisms of the ACA are, in fact, valid," says RoseAnn DeMoro, executive director of the National Nurses United, the largest union and professional organization of registered nurses. "For all the improvements under the ACA - primarily the expansion of Medicaid and crackdown on some insurance abuses - the ACA still left 28 million without health coverage - and millions more struggling with un-payable bills and escalating out-of-pocket costs."

DeMoro's assessment hits home to many readers of this column who have complained about higher and higher premiums, sky-high deductibles and coinsurance, and lack of choice. Many have limited choice of doctors, hospitals and other providers in insurers' restrictive networks. Even worse, in some parts of the country there's only one insurer to buy from.

Those problems stem from the underlying premise of Obamacare itself. The ACA was built on top of the existing private insurance system, which means that it will work only if insurers find it to be good business. As the years went on and sick people with pre-existing conditions flocked to buy coverage, which the law guaranteed they could do, insurers found that Obamacare was not good business. They left the market or made consumers pay more out of pocket or through higher premiums.

The ACA did not provide for any serious cost containment, and the GOP plan didn't call for any either. Medical inflation continues as doctors, hospitals and drug companies raise their prices, and new expensive medical technology comes on the market before there is good evidence that it works. One consulting actuary put it this way, "Medical inflation will continue until doctors decide they have enough money and don't raise their fees."

It's not clear that the country's divisive politics will allow for any fix of the ACA's problems, let alone put any teeth into cost control measures. There could be renewed interest in a public option that could allow people to choose government-sponsored insurance rather than a policy from a commercial carrier. Or maybe there would be a move to let people in their 50s or early 60s buy into Medicare, which could spark the beginning of a movement toward Medicare for All.

I'm not betting on any of this right now, but as the failure of the GOP's "repeal and replace" shows, the public is demanding a seat at the table.

How would you fix the Affordable Care Act? Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.



Nebraska State Capitol, Lincoln, 1872. The present capitol is the third building to stand on this location.

The state of Nebraska's first State Capitol

Nebraska's first state capitol building was completed in Lincoln by December 1, 1868. In a reminiscence published by the Nebraska State Historical Society in 1902, Thomas Malloy, one of the surviving stonecutters, gave his memories of that event:

"In the month of November, 1867, I was hired in Chicago by contractor Joseph Ward, who had the contract of building the first state capitol. There were also twelve other stone-cutters who came west to Lincoln, Neb., along with me. We were to receive \$4.50 per day as soon as we began work. . . .

Malloy expected to start work immediately after he and the other stonecutters arrived in Lincoln but later recalled: "There was no material in the way of stone for us to go to work at. So we were badly discouraged.

What could we do, out in the wilderness of Nebraska, and our families in Chicago? At this time the contractor was on his way from Chicago to Lincoln, three days behind us. We patiently waited for him to come, and when he did come we met him determined to do something desperate. In fact we were going to hang him.

"When he saw the material was not on hand for us to go to work at, he there and then told us not to be uneasy; that he would see that we would get our wages, work or play, according to agreement, as the State was good for it. So that pacified us. We were idle two weeks before the rock came in. He paid us full time."

The first capitol building cost \$75,000 but was replaced after only a dozen years of service because of poor construction.

Indian Cave Sunrise Service

The annual Indian Cave Sunrise Service will be held again this year on April 16, at 6:30 a.m.

Sponsoring churches are Nemaha Christian and Methodist Churches, Shubert Christian Church, The Stella Community Church, Prairie Union Baptist Church and Barada Methodist Church.

In case only of inclement weather the service will be held at The Shubert Christian Church instead of the Indian Cave State Park. A park permit is required.

The churches suggest if you are able to purchase a state park sticker that you do it before the service.

This is a nondenominational service and is open to the public.

Local men honored for long-term membership in American Legion

Thomas Burton and Lawrence Frederick were honored recently for their years of continuous membership in the nation's largest veterans organization.

Each year, records are selected for every Legionnaire who qualifies for a 50, 60, 70, 75, 80, 85, or 90-year continuous membership certificated.

Thomas Burton, a longtime and

dedicated member of the American Legion Post 102, Department of Nebraska has been certified to have been a member in good standing continuously for 50 years.

Lawrence Frederick, also a longtime and dedicated member of the American Legion Post 102, Department of Nebraska has been certified to have been a member in good standing continuously for 60 years.

SACRED HEART KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Friday, April 21st
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In conjunction with the 6th Annual Outdoor Adventure (Family activities will follow the rest of the day so stick around and join the fun.)

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Wednesday, April 12: 12:00—1:00 p.m. & 5:00—7:00 p.m.
Holy Thursday, April 13: Following 7:00 p.m. Mass of Last Supper
Good Friday, April 14: 11:30 a.m. & after 7:00 p.m. Stations

HOLY WEEK LITURGY SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 13 - 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Last Supper
Friday, April 14 - 12:05 p.m. Good Friday Service; 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday, April 15 - 8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil
Sunday, April 16 - 7:00 & 10:00 a.m. Easter Masses

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Whereas, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

Whereas, trees can help us by providing a windbreak, keeping many houses and buildings protected from strong winds, and

Whereas, trees provide shade in our parks for children playing, so they can cool off with the protection provided from the trees, and

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource, providing us oxygen and cleaning out the carbon dioxide in the air, providing firewood for warmth, and paper products for productivity, and

Whereas, in our city, the trees provide beauty everywhere; so many different kinds of trees...showing how we are all different from each other, but are all beautiful, and

Now, Therefore, I Jerry Oliver, Mayor of the City of Falls City, do hereby proclaim, April 28, 2017 as Arbor Day. In the City of Falls City, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this 4 day of April, 2017

Mayor Jerry Oliver



Sun Mart of Falls City recently donated \$1,000 to Falls City North School and Falls City South School as part of its "Direct Your Dollars" campaign. Direct Your Dollars was launched in 2016 as part of Sun Mart's commitment to support the communities they serve. The year-round program replaces Support Our Schools in select locations. The store's general manager, Angie Phroper, presented the check to Falls City High School, (ABOVE), front, from left: Naomi Schawang, Hallie Young, Brynna Glathar, Elijah Leyden. Back, from left, Shawn Emerson, Angie Phroper, Melissa Hawley. Store Manager Angie Phroper also presented a check to Falls City South School (BELOW), front, L-R: Leo Lendermon, Kemper Foster, Isabelle Armbruster and Madelyn Smith. Back, from left: Angie Phroper, J.P. Holys. Families from schools participating in the "Direct Your Dollars" campaign collect Sun Mart cash register receipts and the company makes a \$1,000 donation for every \$150,000 returned. (Photos: by Chelsie Alexander)



CITY OF FALLS CITY BI-ANNUAL COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

APRIL 21 • 5-7PM
APRIL 22 • 9-1PM

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April is Donate Life Month

Despite continuing efforts at public education on the awareness of organ, eye and tissue donation and transplantation, and advances in medicine and technology, the gap between supply and demand continues.

The number of people on the national waiting list continues to grow. According to UNOS, as of March 31, there are 129,139 total on the national waiting list who need a lifesaving transplant. Of that number, 499 are in Nebraska and 233 are waiting for either a kidney or a kidney/pancreas.

Here are some sobering statistics:
Every 10 minutes, someone is added to the national transplant list.
One tissue donor can improve the lives of more than 60 people.
One organ donor can save up to eight lives.
On average, 22 die every day while waiting for a transplant.
Most organs and tissue are donated by individuals at the time of death; however, another way of obtaining organs for transplant is from a living donor. The most common of these living donations are kidneys but donations of bone marrow, or even small transplanted portions of liver, pancreas and lungs are possible. If you have already signed up to be an organ donor, thank you! There is no greater gift. Or, if you are ready to add your name to the list, please go to www.nedonation.org.
The NKA has been helping improve the lives of Nebraskans impacted by kidney disease since 1969. As an independent organization, 100 percent of funds raised by the NKA stay in the state to help Nebraskans. Please visit www.kidneyne.org or call (800) 642-1255 to learn more.

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Library Events

Falls City Library and Arts Center, 1400 Stone St. Hours: 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. -6p.m., Friday; 9 a.m.-noon Saturday.

Project Response: Helping Families in Crisis, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesdays. Provides support and advocacy to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other related issues. 1-800-456-5764.

Technology Tuesdays: Come meet with Pat, our IT expert for one hour, starting at 10:30 a.m. or 6 p.m.

Friends of the Library Resuable bags for sale for \$2.00 (really cute bags!). Come buy one! Limited quantities. Reduce, Recycle, Reuse, Read!

Lapsit-Story time for families, babies, and toddlers! Fridays at 10:30-11:00 a.m. Stories, songs and fun! Apr. 21: birds; Apr. 28: new books!

Story Time Thursdays at 5:30-6:15 p.m. Ages 3—Pre-K; Apr. 13: Gardening; Apr. 20: Earth Day; Apr. 27: Space.

Earth Day! Tuesday, April 18: 3:45—4:45 p.m. Celebrate Earth Day! We are going to have so much celebrating our beautiful world! Come and join in the fun!

Movie! Tuesday, April 25: 3:45—5:45 p.m. *Sing* - When an eternally optimistic koala puts on a singing competition to save his failing theater, animals across the city gather to step into the spotlight and chase their dreams!

Book Discussion: Tuesday, April 25, 4:00—5:00 p.m. *Worth*, By A. LaFaye. Before the accident Nathaniel's life seemed pretty good. His help around the farm made his father proud. But now, with a busted leg, Nathaniel can't do farm work anymore, so his father adopts another son through the Orphan Train.

YALA Book Club (8th-HS) *The Kiss of Deception*, By Mary E. Pearson. Monday, April 24 at 6:00—7:15 p.m. Who is the assassin?! Our "varsity" book club members will meet to discuss this sweeping tale of a runaway prin-cess, deceptive love interests, and plot twists.

YALA Book Club: (6th-7th), *Beastly* by Alex Flinn. Tuesday, April 25, 6:00—7:45 p.m. Our "junior varsity" will discuss this modern day twist of Beauty and the Beast; and then we'll watch the movie.

Creative Writing Club - Wednesday, April 12, 4:00—5:15 p.m. All you need is a laptop or a pen and paper... and your creativity! No homework, no social media... just creative writing!

LEGO Club! K-2 Theme: Earth Day, Thursday, April 20; Session One: 3:45—4:45. Space is limited! Please call 245-2913 to register!

We are now open on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Meet Allie Bierman, our new Children's Librarian! She just graduated from North West Missouri State University in Maryville, MO, in journalism. We are thrilled to have her on our staff.

Creative Night! Wednesday, April 19 at 5:30 p.m. Crochet Plastic Placemats. Please bring plastic bags and size Q hooks. You don't even need to know how to crochet!

Book Discussion - Wednesday, April 26 at 2 p.m. *Jewel*, by Bret Lott. Jewel is the story of how quickly a life can change; how, like lightning, an unforeseen event can set us on a course without reason or compass.

Technology Help! Wednesdays at 2 p.m. Apr. 12: e-mail basics; Apr. 19: Overdrive—free download; Apr. 26: Basic Internet searches.

Earth Day/Community Clean Up, April 21 and 22. Golden Globe for Best Picture! *La La Land*, Thursday, April 27 at 2 p.m. It tells the story of Mia, an aspiring actress, and Sebastian, a dedicated jazz musician, who are struggling to make ends meet in a city known for crushing hopes and breaking hearts.

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All children ages 0-10 are welcome! Lots of prizes and candy, don't miss out!

2nd Annual Pee Wee Erwin Tribute
Don't miss our second tribute to Falls City's famous trumpet player, Pee Wee Erwin, at the Harkendorff Event Center on **Sunday, May 28!**
Social hour is from 6:00-7:00 PM followed by dinner at 7:00.
Tickets are only \$25 per plate with proceeds going to the music departments at Falls City and Sacred Heart High Schools. Music throughout the evening by another native son, Mike Brownson, and his very talented quartet from Lincoln. Contact Dobby Haws at 402-450-3724 or dobby.haws@gmail.com to make a reservation.

Survey: two-thirds of seniors have been scammed online

Southeast Nebraska area senior care experts offer senior cybersecurity, online fraud prevention tips

Financial and online fraud against aging adults are now considered the "crimes of the century" by the National Council on Aging. Scammers often target seniors because of perceived accumulated wealth, and feel that seniors are less likely to report crimes due to fear of embarrassment.

In fact, a new survey by Home Instead, Inc., franchisor of the Home Instead Senior Care® network of franchised businesses that provide in-home care services to seniors, found that two-thirds (67 percent) of U.S. seniors have been the victim or target of at least one common online scam or hack. In addition, more than a third (38 percent) report that someone has tried to scam them online, and 28 percent of surveyed seniors have mistakenly downloaded a computer virus.

Michael Kaiser, executive director of the National Cyber Security Alliance, explains that encouraging seniors to protect themselves online can go a long way in protecting sensitive identity and financial information. "Cybersecurity is about risk reduction. It's difficult to achieve perfect security. But you can help older adults work to make themselves a more difficult target," Kaiser said.

To help seniors understand their risks online and take steps to protect themselves, the Home Instead Senior Care network collaborated with the National Cyber Security Alliance to launch a new public education program, Protect Seniors Online, available at www.ProtectSeniorsOnline.com. The new program offers free resources and tips to help seniors understand how scammers operate, familiarize themselves with the most common senior scams and provides proactive steps seniors and caregivers can take to protect sensitive information. The resources include the online "Can You Spot an Online Scam?" quiz to test seniors' cyber security knowledge.

"For seniors, this is a time in their lives when they should be able to rest assured, trusting that their life's earnings are protected," said Rich Clabaugh of the Home Instead Senior Care office serving Southeast Nebraska. "Unfortunately, we know there are people who violate this trust. That is why we are committed to helping seniors empower themselves by understanding the ways they are at risk online and practicing good cybersecurity habits to protect their information and reduce their chances of being scammed."

Research shows that more and more seniors are going online – and putting themselves at risk. According to Home Instead's survey, 97 percent of aging adults use the internet at least once a week. They most commonly use the internet for email, with 94 percent of seniors doing so weekly. Seniors also use the internet to manage finances, with 41 percent banking online and over a quarter (26 percent) paying bills online. Seniors are also active on social media, with 51 percent using Facebook or Twitter at least once a week. All that time online – coupled with what scammers view

as perceived financial security and a trusting nature – can make seniors a primary target for scammers.

Seniors are encouraged to take the following precautions, compiled from the National Cyber Security Alliance, Stop Think and Connect and the Home Instead Senior Care network, to protect themselves online:

Create passwords and make them strong. Lock all internet-enabled devices, including computers, tablets and smartphones, with secure passwords – at least 12 characters long and a mix of letters, numbers and symbols.

Secure access to accounts, with two-step verification. Many online services, including apps and websites, offer free options to help protect personal information. Learn more at LockDownYourLogin.com.

Think before you act. Emails or messages that create a sense of urgency – like a problem with a bank account or taxes – are likely a scam. Reach out to companies by phone to determine if emails are legitimate.

When in doubt, throw it out. If an email looks unusual, delete it. Clicking on links in email is often how scammers access personal information. Turn on spam filters to filter suspicious messages.

Share with care. Be aware of what you share publicly on social media and adjust privacy settings to limit who can see your information.

Use security software, including updated anti-virus and anti-spyware software.

Adjust browser safety settings for optimum security.

Use your computer's default firewall security protection on your computer.

Log out. Log out of apps and websites when you're finished using them. Leaving them open on your computer or smartphone could make you vulnerable to security and privacy risks.

Consider support. Seniors who live alone or spend a lot of time by themselves may want to consider a trusted source, such as adult family members, computer-savvy grandchildren, or professional caregivers, to serve as a second set of eyes and ears when conducting activities online.

"Our hope is that by highlighting the ways scammers can gather sensitive information or hack technology, and providing seniors with cybersecurity solutions aging adults can implement themselves, we can help ensure their personal information, financial security and independence stay protected," explains Clabaugh.

Seniors can test their cybersecurity skills at "Can You Spot an Online Scam?" and view other program resources and tips at ProtectSeniorsOnline.com. Or, contact your local Home Instead Senior Care office for additional resources and to learn how their professional CAREGiversSM may be able to assist. Find an office near you by visiting www.homeinstead.com/state/nebraska.

STUDENTS



Ryker Hoy

Hoy selected for Boys' State

The American Legion Post is pleased to announce that Ryker Hoy, a junior at Sacred Heart School in Falls City was generously sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Hoy will join nearly 400 other high school juniors from across Nebraska participating in the American Legion Cornhusker Boys' State, June 4-10, 2017, at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln downtown campus.

The annual citizenship program, sponsored by the Nebraska American Legion, is designed to provide youths with a better understanding of how city, county and state governments operate. Boys' State is set up as a functional "51st state" and each boy learns how government subdivisions operate by actually doing the job.

Coulton McCann receives scholarship for third time

Washburn University Institute of Technology student Coulton McCann, of Falls City, is a recipient of the Joint Economic Development Organization /GO Topeka Scholarship.

McCann is a student in the commercial and heavy construction program. He was honored recently at a ceremony in the Washburn Tech Conference Center.

This is the third time he has received this scholarship.

Selection for the awards is based on grades, attendance and instructor recommendations.

FC MS Band

The Middle School 7th and 8th Grade Band and Chorus traveled to Humboldt on March 24, for a Middle School Music Contest. Congratulations to the students, Mr. Furrow (Band Director), Mrs. Sutton (Choral Director), and Mrs. Hopp (Piano accompanist) on the following results:

Abby Boatright, Piano Solo, 1; Pressler Bruxellas, Piano Solo 1+; FC MS Choir 1, 1; FC MS Band 1, 2; Sara Black, Flute Solo 1; Elizabeth Selleck, Flute Solo 1; Gracie Frederick, Flute Solo 2; Grace Hols, Flute Solo 1; Shaylee Mackey, Flute Solo 1; Jared Hawley, Trumpet Solo 1; Courtney Rumbaugh, Percussion Solo 1; Sara Gifford, F Horn Solo 1.

Shaylee Mackey, Sara Black, Hannah Hamilton, Kaylee Tackett, Flute Ensemble 1; MacKenzie Richbourg, Angel O'Neill, Isabella Franzen, Flute Ensemble 1; Courtney Rumbaugh, Peter Gifford, Jace Heckenlively, Brock Hogue, Will Vitosh, Carson Bredemeier, Jaden Nolte, Spencer Forsyth, Wade Wasson, Percussion Ensemble 1; Abigail Boatright, Lindsey McNeely, Brylee Gilkerson, Chase Nolte, Taryn Cornado, Clarinet Ensemble 1.

Cameron Schramm, Treyce Hanlon, Dreyden Romo, Trumpet Trio 2; Gwen Oberding, Sarah Mahoney, Emily Ernst, Travis Ott, Marcus Liberty-Elder, Clarinet Ensemble 1; Lukas Aldana, Piper Sutton, Jolee Schulenberg, Brenton McQueen, David Kuker, Pacer Chapple, Thomas Fields, Saxophone Ensemble 2.

Carson Simon, Thayer Armbruster, Jared Hawley, Trumpet Trio 1; Joshua Frederick, Corey Murphey, Justin Brewer, Low Brass Ensemble 1; Tyler Uhri, Jaxon Lunsford, Tuba Duet 1.



FALLS CITY HIGH SCHOOL MATH TEAM PLACES SECIBD AT NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE MATH OLYMPIAD. (ASbove, L-R): Falls City High School Freshmen Dillion Ebel, Zach Beaver, Trey McAfee. Eighteen Falls City High School Math students traveled to Maryville, MO on March 16, to compete in the Northwest Missouri State University Math Olympiad contest. Students competed at their grade level on a two hour, 50 question math exam. Students also competed in a team problem solving contest and heard from math students and instructors on campus about degrees and careers in math and science. Freshman Zach Beaver placed 7th overall individually out of 113 freshmen, including Class A Omaha Central. The Freshman team placed second in Division two based on school size. The rest of the mathletes included Seniors-Savannah Davis, Emma Beckner, Barbara Wilhide, Sydney Brewer, and Aaron Kurpgewei, Juniors-Austin Aldana, Austin Babb, Dylan Sutton, Zach Petry, Sean Cochran, Brooklyn Romine, Noah Milam, and Joel Gifford, Sophomores-Keegan Hunzeker and Franklin Fields.

Area Fellowship Sunrise Services

The Area Fellowship of Churches has planned an Easter Sunrise Service to be held at First Presbyterian Church, 20th and Harlan Street, at 6:30 am Sunday April 16. The message will be given by Pastor Nancy Tuma.

The public is invited to this non-denominational service that commemorates the Resurrection of Jesus. Special music selections will be provided.

Those attending will have an opportunity to give to the campership fund, which helps local youth who attend church camp. Doughnuts and beverages will be served.

The Falls City Area of Fellowship of Churches has been the sponsor of Easter Sunrise Services for many years in Falls City.

They also lead the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January and the Sunday evening Vesper Concert

at the conclusion of the Cobblestone Festival.

A special Christmas Community Carol Sing is on the second Sunday afternoon of December.

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Sacred Heart senior Emerson Keithley recently signed a letter of intent to run track at Doane University in Crete. Keithley specializes in the 400-meter dash and qualified for the state track meet last spring in both the open 400, and as a member of the Irish mile relay team. A three-sport contributor, Keithley finished the State Champion football season with 23 receptions for 412 yards and nine touchdowns, averaging nearly 18 yards per catch. He also made 15 out of 22 extra point kicks and averaged 34 yards per punt. He was a key member of the basketball team's 18-7 campaign, as well. "Emerson works extremely hard and is a great teammate," Head Coach Doug Goltz said. Emerson is shown here flanked by his parents, Joe and Tiffany Keithley, and in the back row, from left, is Irish Assistant Football and Head Track Coach Chris Sharp and Goltz.



FC Sacred Heart Senior Haylee Heits recently signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Doane University in Crete. During the standout post player's high school career, the Irish were a combined 80-6 and capped it by winning the D2 State Championship this past winter. With the 5-foot-11 Heits on the floor, the team also finished third at state twice. She averaged 8.7 points in nine state tournament games and finishes ranked 14th all-time in scoring at Sacred Heart with 830 points, despite missing her entire sophomore year (all three sports) recovering from a serious knee injury. Furthermore, she finishes 10th in career rebounds (544), fourth in free throws made (195), and seventh in blocked shots (88). Her senior year, she had career highs in scoring (12.3 ppg) and rebounds (7.7), finishing with 345 points and 195 boards, and drained an outstanding 78 percent of her free throw attempts (92-of-118). Consequently, she was named to the Class D2 All-State First Team and was a D2 All-Tourney Team selection. She is photographed flanked by her dad, Shane Heits, and mom, Kim Koelzer; in the back row, from left: FCSH Head Girls Basketball Coach Luke Santo, Doane Lady Tigers Basketball Coach Tracee Fairbanks, Irish Assistant Coach Adam Santo, and Haylee's stepfather, Leon Koelzer.

Former Irish, Bobcat standout Harring honored

The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame have announced the members of the 2017 NFF Hampshire Honor Society, which is comprised of college football players from all divisions of play who each maintained a cumulative 3.2 GPA or better throughout their college careers.

A total of 1,091 players from 298 schools qualified for membership in the society's 11th year, both new single-year records in the history of the program. Among them is Garrett Harring, a Salem native who graduated from FC Sacred Heart High School and a Bobcat defensive back who last fall

exhausted his eligibility at PSC.

Other Bobcats earning the recognition include Brandon Fletcher, of Maxwell, and Ryan Zuhlke, of Sterling. All three of the honorees were also Daktronics-NAIA

Scholar-Athletes last fall as they finished their eligibility on the playing field.

Qualifications for membership in the NFF Hampshire Honor Society include:

- Being a starter or a significant contributor in one's last year of eligibility (or a senior who has declared for the NFL Draft) at an NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision, FCS, D-II, D-III or an NAIA college or university;
- Achieving a 3.2 cumulative GPA throughout entire course of undergraduate study; and
- Meeting all NCAA/NAIA-mandated progress towards degree requirements.

Each recipient of an NFF National Scholar-Athlete Award receives an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship.



Harring

Irish guys take the title at JCC

The Falls City Sacred Heart Irish track teams competed last week in the Thunderbird Invitational meet at Johnson County Central. The Irish boys came home with a total of 83 team points to win the boys side. After the Irish was Conestoga with 64 points, Lincoln Lutheran came in third with 62 points and Freeman rounded out the top four with 60 points.

Starting off the Irish scoring in the 100m dash were Emerson Keithley 5th (12.01) and Sean Arnold placing 6th (12.09). Keithley also brought home 3rd place in the 400m dash with a time of 54.89. The Irish also placed two in the 110 hurdles with Tanner Cromer coming in 5th (18.59) and Nate Bird finished 6th (18.75). The Irish 4x100m relay team of Arnold, Keith Salimo, Keithley, and Jamie Stice finished 2nd (46.35). The boys 4x800m relay team consisting of Bob Hermes, Nate Finck, Easton Vonderschmidt and Joe Bieker, came in 6th (9:58.36). The 4x400m relay team of Arnold, Salimo, Stice and Keithley brought home the gold with a time of 3:44.05. In the pole

vault Drew Bippes came in first going 11-00 while Ryker Hoy came in fourth jumping 10-00. Bippes also came in third in the long jump (18-11.50) while Salimo came in fifth (18-05). Bryant Jorn uncorked a throw of 52-05, good enough for first place while Theo Rohrer came in 2nd (44-05) and Brady Keller 5th (41-07.50). Jorn also came in 2nd in the discus (134-10) while Keller finished 5th (124-08).

On the girls side, Lincoln Lutheran won the meet with 98 points, Auburn finished 2nd with 73 points, Johnson County Central came in 3rd (67), the Irish girls finished in 8th place with 34 points.

For the Irish the 4x100m relay team of Abby Fiegenger, McKenzie Witt, Paige Stamper and Jade Hill came in with a time of 57.57 for a fifth place finish. Haylee Heits brought home a silver in the shot put (39-02) while Fiegenger came in 4th (37-00). In the triple jump Jade Hill went 32-03 for a first place finish. Heits also brought home the gold in the discus with a winning toss of 114-04 winning by one inch.

Falls City Journal READER PHOTO OF THE WEEK

The topic was "Floods" This week's photo was submitted by Ron Dodds.

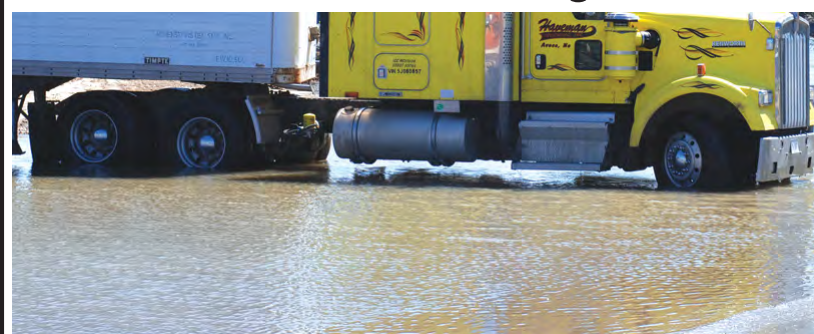
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Next week...

Hail / Hail Damage



FALLS CITY RECREATION, INC. BASEBALL & SOFTBALL REGISTRATION DUE DATE - April 15, 2017

This registration and insurance form is to be returned to F&M Bank or the school. You are asked to fill out one form per child participating in the program. Do not register two or more children on the same sheet. **Registration fee will be \$10 for T-ball and \$20 for all other leagues before April 15th, and will increase to \$30 after April 15th**, for each child participating. There will be no registration over the phone. Late registration will be accepted only in very special circumstances.

AGE GROUPINGS

- T-BALL LEAGUE: Boys and Girls, 4, 5 and 6 before August 1. (\$10 fee)
- COOKIE LEAGUE: Boys age 7 before August 1, and who will not be 10 before August 1. (\$20 fee)
- SMALL GIRLS LEAGUE: Girls age 7 before August 1, and who will not be 10 before August 1. (\$20 fee)
- PEE WEE LEAGUE: Boys age 10 before August 1, and who will not be 13 before August 1. (\$20 fee)
- JUNIOR GIRLS LEAGUE: Girls age 10 before August 1, and who will not be 14 before August 1. (\$20 fee)

Mark box if also playing on a Falls City Travelers softball team.

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Five morning tips to prepare for the day

(StatePoint) Are most of your mornings spent running out the door with breakfast in-hand, and applying your makeup on-the-go? It's easy to snooze, and rush all the way to work – but building a routine that gives you a calm and efficient morning can make you feel more prepared to take on your day. If you haven't nailed it yet, don't fret.

To celebrate the similarities and differences of women's routines, the team at Carefree is offering some tips to make mornings easier.

1. Rise and shine. Do you hit the snooze button one too many times? Avoid being late again. Place your alarm out of reach so that in order to turn it off, you have to get out of bed. If you use your phone to wake up, consider setting your alarm tone to a song that annoys you -- you'll be happy to get out of bed to make it stop!

You may not have time for a full workout in the morning, but moving a bit upon getting out of bed can get the blood flowing, help wake you up and give you a metabolism boost. Start the day with a few stretches and body weight exercises, such as lunges and planks.

2. Perk up. Perk up with a morning ritual that activates your mind. Enjoy your cup of coffee or green tea alongside a brain teaser, Sudoku or crossword puzzle. Or spend the time writing a journal entry, scanning the morning headlines, or reading a chapter of a book. Taking a few moments to warm up the mind can encourage greater productivity all day long.

3. Eliminate bed head. You can shave substantial minutes off your morning routine by doing your hair the night before. After washing and conditioning your locks, leave hair up in buns or clips while sleeping. In the morning, undo the up-do and use a little spray before heading out the door.

4. Makeup magic. When there's no time for a full morning make-over, stick to the basics. Start with a moisturizer with SPF so you can protect your skin and keep it hydrated. Use under eye concealer to easily eliminate any signs of fatigue. If you do need to abbreviate the full eye makeup routine, don't omit a quick coat of mascara, which can help you look wider-eyed and more awake with a few seconds of effort. Lastly, give lips shine and protect them from chapping with a lip balm that preferably contains SPF.

5. Be Free to Be You. Feminine care is one routine element that links all women. It's a part of life, and as we all know – it's not always predictable. "Liner Up!" every morning with Carefree Acti-Fresh liners, which are soft, thin and absorbent enough to go unnoticed, helping you feel confident as you go throughout your day. It is easy to incorporate them into your daily regimen by storing them in your underwear drawer—you will never forget to give yourself a layer of protection again.

We are going to make lanterns and... ...go downtown to watch the parade. Kids: color stuff in!

Newspaper Fun!

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The Chinese New Year begins this year on Saturday, January 28th. It is the biggest and most important holiday of the year for Chinese families. It is a time for honoring family and visiting friends. It is a time of wishes for good health, good luck, peace, joy and wealth. This celebration is also called "Spring Festival" because it is a time for new beginnings. Chinese New Year lasts fifteen days. On the first day it is important for family and friends to be together. People warmly remember and honor ancestors. The seventh day is everyone's birthday. Everyone turns one year older at the same time! The New Year celebration ends on the fifteenth day, the day of the Lantern Festival. Lanterns are carried out into the street. There are parades, at the end of which a "dragon" dances for good luck.

What do you know about the Chinese New Year?
Read these clues to fill in the puzzle:

- Chinese New Year, also called _____ Festival, is a 15-day celebration
- it comes between the fall _____ and the season for spring planting
- it is celebrated in parts of Asia as well as in U.S. _____ like San Francisco
- families work hard preparing themselves and their _____ for the holiday
- they clean the house, _____ away "the old"
- during the holiday, some get new haircuts and wear new _____
- paying back _____ is important at this time

Two favorite flowers:
 1. orchid for elegance
 2. peony for "riches and peace"

Chinese New Year 2017 Year of the Rooster

Gung Hay Fat Choy!

(Best Wishes and Congratulations!)

- vases of beautifully arranged _____ and bowls of tangerines and oranges decorate homes
- families cook special _____ like Eight Treasures Rice, which can be made from many things: rice, walnuts, dry fruit, raisins, sweet red bean paste, jujube dates, almonds, cherries
- children may get red envelopes (Hongbao) filled with _____
- the Chinese _____ has 12 animals; each animal standing for one year
- 2017 - Year of the _____
- on the 7th day, which is everyone's _____, people eat very long noodles to bring long life
- people make _____ for the Lantern Festival and hang them or carry them into the street
- "dragons" dance in _____ for good luck on the final day of the celebration

Yay! 2017 is all about me and the people born in my year. Read my clues to learn about roosters and a bit about the people born in the Year of the Rooster:

- The Year of the _____ begins on the first day of the new year.
- People born in this year are thought to be very _____.
- Roosters are often symbols for _____ and strength.
- A rooster is a male chicken; the red flap below its beak is called a _____.
- There are 65 recognized chicken _____.
- Farm chickens are one of the largest bird _____; there are about 24 billion chickens in the world!
- A rooster _____ at sunrise.
- Roosters do a dance called _____, in which they bob their heads while picking up food.
- The larger and brighter the combs on the top of their _____ are, the more likely roosters are to find mates.
- Roosters have been _____ - or tamed - and raised for food, for almost 10,000 years; many live on farms or in back yards!
- Roosters are _____ - they eat both plants and animals.
- One type of chicken that comes from China is the _____, named after its soft and fluffy feathers.

The Year of the Rooster

- wattle
- breeds
- omnivores
- populations
- crowds
- domesticated
- heads
- talented
- honesty
- Rooster
- Silkie
- tidbitting
- lanterns
- DRAGONS BRING GOOD LUCK!
- clothes
- harvest
- dishes
- birthdays
- sweeping
- cities

Gee! I was a big shot in 2016. Now, according to the Chinese zodiac calendar, I have to wait 12 years for my turn to come around again.

In what year were you born?

- Rooster (2005, 2017)
- Dog (2006, 2018)
- Pig or Boar (2007, 2019)
- Rat (2008, 2020)
- Ox (2009, 2021)
- Tiger (2010, 2022)
- Rabbit (2011, 2023)
- Dragon (2012, 2024)
- Snake (2013, 2025)
- Horse (2014, 2026)
- Goat (2015, 2027)
- Monkey (2016, 2028)

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Use caution when spraying

Be aware of winds, sensitive crops

Each spring there is potential for challenges in getting herbicides applied in a timely matter for good weed control. With good precipitation and more seasonal temperatures, weeds will be exploding. It is really important to be aware of the wind speed and wind direction when applying herbicides. It is important to know where the sensitive crops are located in your neighborhood. We have several sensitive crops being grown in the region. Grapevines, fruit trees, vegetables and ornamentals can all be quite sensitive to many herbicides.

When spraying, use of a larger droplet size, lower pressure and lower boom height can reduce the potential for drift. It is important to get the best uniform coverage as possible, but if you can reduce the potential for drift, it may save you a lot of problems in the long run. There is also a specific website called DriftWatch or FieldWatch that growers of pesticide sensitive crops and bee owners can register their location. The link to this site is: <https://driftwatch.org/> You can go to this site to determine potential sensitive areas if you are planning a pesticide application.

Last year with extremely windy conditions and periods of extended wet weather, there were really challenges in getting herbicides applied and we had several drift issues in Nebraska. At our Private Pesticide Applicator Trainings in 2017, we addressed the issue of Temperature Inversions and also discussed the new XtendiMax™ With VaporGrip® Technology for the use of Roundup along with the new formulation of Dicamba on dicamba-resistant soybeans. Last year in Missouri there were problems with

farmers applying the old formulation of dicamba on dicamba resistant soybeans. While it did not hurt these soybeans, the old dicamba formulation has major concerns with volatilization, especially at high temperatures and soybeans, grapes, peaches and other value-added crops are very susceptible to injury from dicamba. This caused thousands of acres of crops to be damaged and even one person was killed in a dispute in the Missouri/Arkansas farming community.

With the new formulation of dicamba approved along with strict regulations, it is important to follow the Label instructions. The Label is a legal documents and must be followed. It is a violation of Federal and state law to use any pesticide product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling. If you are planning on using this product be aware of the protocol required for its use. Be sure to check with your local ag chemical supplier if you have questions.

Feel free to contact me at (402) 274-4755, glesoing2@unl.edu or at 1824 'N' St. in Auburn if you have additional questions.



Southeast Nebraska Cancer Memorial Garden

By Jan Wilhelm

Coming Soon, this beautiful open octagonal pergola (very close to the one shown above), will be located in the Southeast Nebraska Cancer Memorial Garden in the Humboldt Lake Park at the northwest entrance. Donors include, Richardson County Tourism's wonderful donation of \$15,000 over three years, and also Falls City Community Medical Center's donation of \$5,000.

The Memorial Garden will have this beautiful pergola built by the Amish later this spring! The pergola will be centered in the middle of the large garden. It will be 34 feet across and six swings will be added at a later date. The floor of the pergola is designated to hold

engraved pavers of cancer survivors, those still fighting, and to all our loved ones who lost their painful battle to cancer.

Take a drive to the garden site at the Humboldt Lake Park and watch our progress.

If you would like to help with this awesome tribute to our loved ones, we would be very thankful. Like to get your hands in the dirt and watch things grow? Join our newly started Humboldt Garden Club. Now is the time to order your pavers. Order forms are available at the Table Rock State Bank and American National Bank in area towns. We will be continually taking orders, but hope to get as many orders now as possible so they can be engraved before the pavers are laid.

'The Barada Hills of Nebraska' opens May 5

Gallery 1516 invites you to take an intimate trip to a small area of southeast Nebraska, rich in natural beauty and colorful history, as seen through the eyes of watercolorist John Frederick Lokke and poet Jan Chism Wright. Twenty-six landscape watercolor paintings are paired with 26 poems. The public opening is from 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 5, at 1516 Leavenworth. The Exhibition will be on display through June 25. Gallery hours are Friday – Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. on the first Friday of each month.

The Barada Hills are primarily located in Richardson County and refer to the bluffs along the Missouri River. The area has a unique and colorful history. The hills are named after the founder of the town of Barada, Antoine Barada, the son



John Lokke is an artist, naturalist and amateur herpetologist.

of a French count and an Omaha Indian Princess. The exploits of Antoine Barada were mythic enough to be recorded by Mari Sandoz.

John Lokke is an artist, naturalist and amateur herpetologist. A native of Omaha, he received his BFA from University of Nebraska in Omaha. For the past 15 years, he has been working and teaching art in Wichita, KS at City Arts Gallery. His artwork has shown previously at Weber Fine Arts Gallery, UNO, Cass County Historical Museum, Plattsmouth, Falls City, Nebraska City, the University of Colorado, UNL, and others.

Jan Wright moved to a farm north of Barada from Houston, TX in 1997 and has been writing about the area ever since. After earning a BBA degree from the University of Houston, she took courses in creative writing there and at Rice University, St. Thomas University and Peru State College. Several of her works have been published in the Plains Song Review (2000, 2002) published annually by the University of Nebraska Press and Nebraska Presence: An Anthology of Poetry (2007). The works on exhibit have recently been published in a book by the same name, "The Barada Hills of Nebraska," and will be available for sale at the gallery.

In recognition of the importance of the arts to the cultural life of the community, Gallery 1516 was created to provide a state-of-the-art venue for the exhibition of works for Nebraska and regional artists at no charge to the artist. It is a non-profit education and exhibition fa-

cility dedicated to Nebraska-born and regional artists. We work together with museums, educational, professional, and performing arts organizations to provide a space, in Eastern Nebraska, for traveling exhibitions, educational lectures, music and more.

Fri, April 14th
DJ JOSH
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 Falls City Elks Club
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STUDENTS

Town & Country 4H

The meeting was called to order by Jacob Thilges on April 2. The Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge were recited. New visitors were introduced. Roll call was taken by members naming their favorite place to be. The secretary's report was read.

There was no unfinished business. The club was informed of the 4-H Counsel meeting. Upcoming date sheets were handed out and discussed. With these sheets were the calendar sheets, squash seeds, volunteers' events, manuals, pop tabs, foundation show shirts and scholarships. A wind power activity was demonstrated.

The members played a game provided by the Caudles. Snacks were provided. The next meeting will be on April 30.

'Speaking of Nebraska'

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