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Our schools start Thursday in the nick of time - oodles of cell phones and mothers needed the break.

COBBLESTONE 2013

“Falls City, A Community on the Rise”

Schedule of Events

* indicates event being promoted by, but not directly planned by the Chamber as part of the schedule.

THURSDAY, AUG. 22ND

5:00 pm - Firemen’s Fishing Contest* Stanton’s Lake

FRIDAY, AUG. 23RD

7:00pm – 11:00 pm - Wristbands, Sam’s Amusements

8:00pm – 11:30 pm - Beer Garden & Band: Partners N Crime (Beer Garden blocked off, IDs checked at gate)

SATURDAY, AUG. 24TH

7:00 am - Cobblestone Fun Run*

9:00 am - Frog Jumping Contest

9:00am-1:00pm - Car Show*

9:45 am - Little Mr. & Mrs. Cobblestone, Stage in front of F&M Bank

10:15 am - Bagpipe Concert by Buchanan Highlanders* 1st Presbyterian Church

11:00 am - Cobblestone Parade, Harlan Street

12:45 pm - Drill Team-Flippin Fun Gymnastics

1:30 pm - Dodgeball (SNC), Prichard Auditorium

3:00 pm - Taco & Cupcake Eating Contests

4:00 pm - Falls City Pet Show

5:30 pm - Obstacle Course

8:30 – 11:30 pm - Outdoor Big Screen Movie

SUNDAY, AUG. 25TH

9:00 am - 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, Prichard Auditorium

1:00 pm - Little Tuggers Pedal Tractor Pull

2:30 pm - Falls City’s Got Talent Wristbands, Sam’s Amusements

6:30 pm - Vesper Service /Full-Life Trio(FC Assoc. of Churches)* St. Paul’s Lutheran Church

Contest entry forms can be picked up at the Chamber/MS Office or on our website at www.fallscityareachamber.com.
Contact for questions- Falls City Chamber of Commerce/Main Street, 402-245-4228 and directorccms@sentco.net.

Hawley, Weinert

FC Public Schools

Teachers of the Year

Falls City North School Kindergarten teacher Melissa Hawley and FC High School science instructor Thomas Weinert have been named the first-ever recipients of the District 56 Teacher of the Year Awards, School Supt. Tim Heckenlively announced Tuesday.

Mrs. Hawley received the Outstanding Elementary Teacher of the Year Award. She is beginning her 14th year in District 56.

Mr. Weinert received the Outstanding Secondary Teacher of the Year Award and is beginning his 34th year as a teacher for FCPS.

Both teachers were recognized for the award Monday morning at the annual District 56 Pre-Service Event held at Falls City High School. The recipients each received an engraved plaque and \$1,000 “in recognition of their dedication and contribution to the success of the students and District 56,” Heckenlively said.



State Trooper Jerry Chab

State trooper

Jerry Chab, 45

Nebraska State Patrol Trooper Jerry Chab, 45, died the morning of Tuesday, Aug. 6, in the garage of his rural Falls City home from apparent carbon monoxide poisoning, a source close to the case has told *The Journal*.

The State Patrol issued a statement Wednesday stating only that foul play was not suspected and no further comment would be released concerning the death of the 23-year State Patrol veteran. At the time of his death, his rank was Trooper 2 and he worked in Highway Enforcement.

Chab’s father, Robert J. Chab, was also a Nebraska State Trooper and he was struck by a vehicle and killed on Jan. 4, 1984, while conducting a vehicle safety checkpoint on Hwy. 159 east of Falls City.

Jerry Chab was raised in Falls City and graduated from FC High School in 1985 and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1990 with a degree in criminal justice. He joined the State Patrol in 1991.

He was born Oct. 1, 1967 at Falls City to Teresa M. (Stech) Chab and the late Robert J. Chab. On June 3, 1989 he married Ronda Schroeder at Falls City. The couple established their home in Lincoln when married

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2013 Cobblestone Grand Marshal

Bernice: Volunteer extraordinaire

Bernice Kopetzky, a retired teacher and current volunteer extraordinaire, will serve as the Grand Marshal of the 2013 Cobblestone parade. According to parade director Lori Gottula, Bernice was selected by a panel of judges who definitely had their work cut out for them this year.

The panel is comprised of parade volunteers, plus at-large members of the community. “That way, the panel is different every year,” Gottula said, “and it’s never the same group making the decision.” (Lori has never voted on the panel herself. She only organizes the vote.)

Bernice Kopetzky, who was nominated by Bev Kimmel and Kim and Kris Vrtiska, served as a public school teacher for 30 years, three of those in a rural school system, and 27 as a special education teacher for Falls City Public Schools. Since her retirement, she has worked at Falls City Sacred Heart as a volunteer with a reading program that she initiated.

Sixteen years ago, she started Rescue Reading, which is a one-on-one reading program for kids in kindergarten through the third grade. Bernice and her troop of volunteers work with kids who are struggling to read, teaching them phonics-based reading skills. Her program has been so successful that, three years ago, she received national recognition from a group called Retired School Personnel, and got to travel to Washington, D.C. to receive the award.

However, the real work is done on a daily basis when Bernice walks into Sacred Heart at 8 a.m. to work with kids who need help reading. (She leaves at 10:30.) That time is reserved for her and her students. (She also has volunteers who assist.)

Bernice started another program in Falls City years ago, too — one called RESPITE Care. In

its initial stages, RESPITE Care volunteers relieved caregivers for a few hours each week so the caregivers could run errands or simply get away for a while. Although that purpose continues for the group, the volunteers now also offer transportation for cancer victims who need to go out of town for radiation treatments, kidney dialysis or other medical treatments. In addition, RESPITE volunteers (which number around 30), will help with any legitimate need that a person has. (Just call Bernice at 402-245-3444.)

As if those volunteer jobs weren’t enough, Bernice has also served as a church organist for 71 years, with 60 of those as the organist/choir director/music organizer at Sts. Peter and Paul

Catholic Church in Falls City. She not only directs the choir and plays the organ for one of the weekend masses, she also schedules the other organists, as well as all of the cantors and other musicians, for every mass service.

Bernice has also served as a blood donor, co-president of the Retired Teacher’s Association, president of Catholic Daughters (a church circle at Sts. Peter and Paul), a campaign volunteer and as a member of the Red Hat Society.

One of Bernice’s most enjoyable pleasures, though, is giving away produce that she has grown in her garden.

Bernice’s backyard is a para-

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Photo by Jim Langdon

Bernice Kopetzky, left, served as a public school teacher for 30 years. Since her retirement, she has worked at FC Sacred Heart as a volunteer with a reading program that she initiated. At the right is Cobblestone Parade Director Lori Gottula.

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50-Year Reunion. The Dawson-Verdon class of 1963 met June 28 at Lem’s Northvue for their 50-year reunion. In the photo Mary Kay Huppert is seated. Standing, from the left: Raymond Eickhoff,

Dwight Elliott, Jane (Elske) Hogue, Cindi Perry, Sharon (Gerwick) Kunz, George Perry, Karen (Bright) Ott, Sherry (Schutte) Witler, Loretta (Lucas) McKay, John Witler and Nancy Schulenberg.

Let the voting begin!

Voting has started for the Lil Miss and Mr. Cobblestone contest sponsored by Partners In Education.

The contestants for this year’s contest are: Maverick Frederick, son of Jimmy and Cheryl Frederick; Braxton Moore, son of Devin Moore and Brittany Liming; Turner Dunn, son of Andy and Nikki Dunn; Lyric Johansen, son of Crystal Nuzum and Cody Johansen; Chewie Harper, son of Lisa Harper; Cash and Treydon Witt, twin sons of Brian and Rachel Witt; Destiney Prater, daughter of Dustin and Tara Prater; Kylie Ramsey, daughter of Gabe and Carrie Ramsey; Ava Jarred, daughter of Joseph and Nichole Jarred; Kendall Johansen, daughter of Aaron and Tiffany Johansen; Aleeah Mez, daughter of Renee Ely and Dustin Mez; and Kinlee Jackson, daughter of Billie and Mathew Jackson.

First round voting will end Wednesday, Aug. 14. Please stop in Wolfe’s Printing, 1607 Stone St., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday to place your votes.

City Council

The City Council of Falls City will meet in regular session in Chambers at 2307 Barada St. at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19.

- Items on the agenda include:
- Final Reading- Ordinance 2013-104, Trees; Clearance over Streets, alleys and sidewalk space.
 - Discussion and Action - Removal of Traffic Signals on Harlan Street – Nebraska Dept. of Roads.
 - Second Reading - Ordinance 2013-105 - Electrical rates, fees and charges.
 - Second Reading - Ordinance 2013-106 - Gas rates, fees and charges.
 - Second Reading - Ordinance 2013-107 - Sewer rates, fees and charges.
 - Second Reading - Ordinance 2013-108 - Water rates, fees and charges.
 - Discussion and Action - Consulting Engineering Services for Feasibility Study for Additional

Generation as recommended by the BOPW.

- Discussion and Action - Set Airport Authority Tax Levy at .029482 for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.
- Discussion and Action - Approval of 1% allowable growth for the 2013-2014 Budget.
- Set next Council Meeting date to Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2013.

Bernice

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dise, with flower gardens galore and vegetables and fruit in abundance. Every day throughout the summer, she tends to all of it.

“I can’t walk very well,” she said in a recent interview, “but I can crawl just fine.” And all of her neighbors reap the bounty. She picks vegetables several times a week and gives the produce to neighbors. On the weekends, she takes boxes full of vegetables to the church and distributes them to those who don’t have gardens. All for free.

“The exercise keeps me moving,” she said. And so does her volunteer work.

Like most who deserve honors and awards, Bernice is quick to point out that she couldn’t do all she does without help.

“The other volunteers deserve the recognition,” she said. “All I do is get people to do things for me.”

Well, Bernice, that is known as leadership.

Bernice, who is a widow, has five sons, 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. And every one of them should be proud when Bernice rides through the parade on Aug. 24th as the 2013 Grand Marshal.

EARLY BIRD SPECIALS 4:30 TO 6:00 TUESDAY THRU SATURDAY NIGHTS

- *Chicken Fried Steak
- *Grilled Chicken Breast
- *2 pc. Fried Chicken
- *Bacon Wrapped Beef Tenderloin
- *Ground Beef Steak
- *Chicken Strips

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5TH ANNUAL

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2013

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ALL RACES START & FINISH AT STANTON LAKE, (one block west of 25th & Clifton Ave.)

SCHEDULE

- 6:30 a.m. Packet pickup & late registration
- 7:00 a.m. 1 Mile Predict & 1 Mile Run/Walk
- 7:20 a.m. 5K Run/Walk & 10K Run (run only)

FEE

- * \$15 Registration if postmarked by August 19, 2013
- * \$20 Registration (after Aug. 19)

AWARDS

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Boys & Girls
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7-9 Years
10-12 Years
13 & Up for Men and Women

~ 1 MILE PREDICT ~

All ages

~ 5K (3.1 mile) RUN/WALK ~

Men & Women
14 & Under
15 to 19
20 to 29
30 to 39
40 to 49
50 to 59
60 and Older

~ 10K (6.2 mile) RUN ~

Men & Women
14 & Under
15 to 19
20 to 29
30 to 39
40 to 49
50 to 59
60 and Older

REGISTRATION

NAME: _____ AGE (as of August 1, 2013) _____ SEX: M F

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

BUSINESS NAME: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

SHIRT SIZE: YOUTH: M L ADULT: S M L XL XXL

(circle) ENTRY: 1 Mile Run/Walk 5K Run/Walk 10K Run 1 Mile Predict : Time _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Cobblestone Fun Run MAIL TO: PO Box 399, Falls City, NE 68355

In consideration of your acceptance of my entry, I hereby, for myself, my heirs and executors, waive and release any and all rights and claims which hereafter accrue against organizers, all sponsors, meet officials and the City of Falls City for any injuries or health problems suffered by me in connection with this event. I further certify that I am in good enough physical condition to participate in this event. No refunds due to inclement weather or participant's inability to attend for any reason.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE of PARENT/GUARDIAN (if under 19 years of age): _____

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER, FALLS CITY 402-245-6704 lsanto@cmcfc.org
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(TOP) The garden at Careage Estates in Falls City is providing fresh produce for the residents, as Elmer Morehead and Lester Duerfeldt can attest.

(LEFT) Each year, Bob Zeigler searches the catalogues for something unique to grow in his garden. This year's selection? Trombone zucchini. So named for obvious reasons, the trombone zucchini, which measured 23 inches in length, were successfully grown on a trellis. Another different variety of garden produce, although not this year, was the "Cherokee tomato," which produced excellent fruit that was purple in color. Bob has also raised tomatoes that were white in color.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Card Shower

Mrs. Madeline Elaine

(Larsen) Shaw

TWIN BROTHER

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THUMANN — Aaron and Becky (Cooper) Thumann, of Fremont, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Tucker Rhinehart Thumann. Tucker was born June 19, 2013 at 1:31 p.m. at Omaha Methodist Women's Hospital. He was 21 inches long, and weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces. Grandparents are Gale and Nancy Merz, of Kansas City, Roger and Shelley Cooper, of Cypress, TX, and Grant and Corinne Thumann, of Blair.

Society

Ladies Auxiliary Post 1765
The Ladies Auxiliary of Foreign Wars Post 1765 met Aug. 5 at 6 p.m. at the Legion Club with a potluck in honor of the Auxiliary's birthday.

President Vickie Zeigler called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the national anthem. Chaplain Sells gave the opening prayer. The ritual was read by Chaplain Sharon Sells in the absence of Kim Oliver, patriotic instructor. Secretary Marilyn Capps read the minutes of the last meeting. Treasurer Charlotte Gentry gave the treasurer's report and also reported membership of 102 continuous members and 18 life members. Membership stands at 93.3 percent. The reports of committees were given. Marilyn Capps reported 17 veterans hours, 64 community service hours, donations of \$635, 73 miles driven, 19 cards sent, 20 hours of Americanism and six hours of youth.

President Zeigler proceeded to new business. Members attending the first day of school on Aug. 15 are to meet at 8 a.m. in full uniform. Any member wishing to attend the district meeting in Beatrice should be at the club at 11:30 a.m. on Aug. 18

to car pool. For the Cobblestone parade on Aug. 24 members are to meet at 20th and Barada at 10:30. They will not wear full uniforms as the weather probably will be too hot. The audit report was read by Secretary Capps. The motion to pay the bills was approved. The meeting was adjourned with prayer to reconvene Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. with light refreshments to be furnished by Marilyn Capps.

At the July 1 meeting Marilyn Capps reported 38 veterans hours, 88 community service hours, donations of \$411, 262 miles driven, 28 cards sent, 48 hours of Americanism and six youth hours. All youth items had been sent to district. Flags on the Courthouse square were to be put up and taken down by members on July 4. Birthdays honored were those of Gail Froeschl, Sharon Sells and Vivian Zeigler.

2 SALES

NEW ITEMS ADDED

FRI. 3:00 - 7:00

TOOLS & MORE

2510 CROOK ST.

SAT. 9:00 - 3:00

HOUSEWARES, ETC.

2503 CROOK ST.

GARAGE SALE

1703 Valley Ave.

Saturday, Aug. 17

8:00am - 1:00pm

Sofa, 2 Recliners,

Elliptical, Home Decor,

Kitchen Items, Clothing,

Some Baby Items

BACK YARD SALE

1719 Crook St.

Fri., August 16

8:00 - 3:00 p.m.

& Sat., August 17

8:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Trunks, End Tables, Crafts,

Sewing Items, Bike Rack,

Sled, Avon Bottles, Hiking


Pack, Cookbooks, Glass-

ware, Jewlery, Radio/CD

Player, Housewares and


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Love, Dad, Mom & Justin

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Sat., Aug. 17th

7:30 am - 11:30 am ONLY!

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baby/boy/girl/adult,

shoes, toys, home décor!

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\$25,000 SUMMER CASH FRENZY AT CASINO WHITE CLOUD

Every Saturday from August 3rd through September 28th, there will be hourly drawings from 9pm-2am to win \$200 Cash plus an entry into the \$10,000 Summer Cash Frenzy Giveaway on October 5th. The winner will be given a ticket to fill out and drop into the provided box. There will also be drawings totaling an additional \$15,000 starting at 4pm on Saturday October 5th. Winners of these additional drawings will also qualify for the (2) \$5,000 drawings. Please ask players club for more details. One ticket per customer per day. You may win more than once on Saturday October 5th. Must be present to win.

On October 5th, 2013 \$25,000 CASH Giveaway

There will be \$500 CASH Drawings

From 4pm-8:30pm every 1/2 hour

From 9pm-11:45pm every 15 minutes

From 12:15am-12:45am every 15 minutes

and From 1:15am-1:45am every 15 minutes.

At Midnight there will be a \$1000 CASH Drawing.

All winners from these drawings along with the winners from Saturday nights in August and September will be entered into the 2-\$5,000 CASH Drawings.

These \$5,000 CASH Drawings will be at 1:00am and 2:00am.





Weaver-Crowley wedding Sept. 14

Amanda Jo Weaver, of Falls City, and Bret Allen Crowley, of Lathrop, MO, are engaged to be married September 14, 2013, at The Nursery School near Rulo. Together they have a two-year old daughter, MaKenley Grace, and reside in Cameron, MO.

Amanda is the daughter of Karey Weaver and Doug Weaver, both of Falls City. She is a 2006 graduate of Falls City High School. In 2011, she graduated with a degree in Therapeutic Recreation from Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO. She is the Youth & Family Coordinator and the Kidz, Inc., After School Program director for the Cameron Regional YMCA.

Bret is the son of Ed and Beth Crowley of Lathrop. He is the 2005 graduate of Lathrop High School. In 2010, he graduated with a degree in Corporate Recreation & Wellness with a business minor from NWMSU. In 2012, he graduated from Metropolitan Community College in Kansas City with a certificate in Utility Line Technician. He is currently employed with R&M Pole Line Construction of Plattsburgh, MO.



Orton-Lippold wedding April 2014

Leigha Joice Orton and Jeramiah Tanner Lippold announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

Leigha is the daughter of Linda and John Hopp, of Sabetha, and the late Lance Orton. Jeremiah is the son of Jeff and Brenda Lippold, of Dawson, and Crys and Dell DeJonge, of Humboldt.

Leigha is a 2011 Sabetha High School graduate and a 2012 Highland Community College graduate. She is currently attending the University of Nebraska. Jeramiah is a 2010 Humboldt-TR- S High School graduate and currently works for Ames True Temper in Falls City.

The couple will be married April 19, 2014 in Sabetha, with a reception and dance to follow.

Society

Concordia Guild of Seward

Twelve members and a guest, Glenda von Behren, attended the July 15 quarterly meeting of the Falls City chapter of Concordia Guild of Seward at Christ Lutheran Church in Falls City.

The meeting opened with a devotional, “God of Our Fathers,” by Connie Roland. The devotion closed with the reading of “The Statute of Liberty” poem. The speaker for the day was Marjorie Eames, who told of her trip to Alaska last summer. They went by motor coach to Alberta, Canada, Lake Louise and on to Alaska. She met Joe Reddington Jr., whose dad founded the dog sled race that covers 1,040 miles to Nome, Alaska, and saw pictures of Chicken, Alaska, whose population in summer is 23 and down to only three in winter. The group enjoyed the 20-minute video on Denali National Park, taking some of the members on their first trip to Alaska.

Jan Huebner called the business meeting to order. Roll was taken and minutes were approved. Marleen Mehlin gave the treasurer’s report. Deb Gies, who moved to Sutton, was released from the group’s membership. The Broadcaster reported on the 50 years of Concordia Guild which now has 200 members in the United States and only two chapters remaining... Falls City and Seward.

The next meeting will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Pawnee City at 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 21 with Pawnee City members hosting. Muriel Docker and Jan Huebner were the auctioneers for the craft and food auction after which the group enjoyed floats served by the hostesses, Marjorie Eames and Ruth Groothuis

St. Paul’s Lutheran LWML

The St. Paul’s Lutheran Church LWML met on Wednesday, July 3, for a 9 a.m. brunch and meeting, Muriel Docker and Dorothy Vollmer served a brunch.

Muriel Docker began with a devotion from Galatians 5 from Daily Guideposts 2011. Members were asked to describe what their faces had to say that morning. Sandy Eickhoff presented a topic, “Faces of the Savior Bible Study,” from the Lutheran Women’s Quarterly. All took part in leading the study.

Sandy Eickhoff, vice president, called the meeting to order with six ladies answering roll call. Minutes were read, as was the treasurer’s report. Correspondence was read. Kitchen and Human Care Committees gave reports. The Human Care Committee mentioned the need for people to help with the sewing. The group will start collecting school supplies for LWR and the congregation will be asked to help. It was voted to give \$100 to the Lutheran Tape Ministry and this is the second offering for the month.

Kathy Niedfeldt and Marcella Niedfeldt will be the serving committee for August. The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Students

Hayley Milam of Falls City has been named to the dean’s list for the 2013 spring semester. She is a student in the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing, Lincoln Division.

To qualify for the dean’s list, nursing students must be enrolled for 12 or more hours during the semester and have a grade point average of 3.75 or above.

Hayley is the daughter of Max and Michelle Milam.

Reunions

Bratton Union Schools

Graduates and friends of Bratton Union Schools gathered for a reunion Aug. 4 at the HTRS cafeteria in Humboldt. Fifty-nine attended, and 42 of that number were alumni.

Jeanne Rears Kuhlmann and Opal Herr Fritz, members of the 1939 class, were the earliest graduates present. Rich Iliff was present from the 70-year class (1943). The 4th also was Rich’s birthday and the group marked that event by wishing him a happy birthday by song. The 65-year class (1948) had Rose Marie Lewis Rears and Meredith Shroyer Grove in attendance. Vivian Alberts Oestmann sent a message. Eiber Alberts, Dean and Betty Lewis Whitfield and Jr. Erisman attended from the class of 1953 (60 years). Janice Shurtleff Phillips was present from the class of 1958 (55 years). The 50-year class was represented by Kathy Glathar Kanel and Elaine Avery Croston. Correspondence was read from LeRoy Koehler.

Other graduates present were: 1940—Myron Leech; 1941—Don Harshbarger; 1942—Omer Leech and Don Rears; 1944-Ina May Phillips Rouse; 1946—Keith Leech, Shirley Phillips Lucke, Betty Usher Blecha, Bill Usher; 1947—Mervin Geyer and Willard Kuhlmann; 1950—Don Whitten, Bonnie Lewis Mehlin, Jerry Mehlin; 1951—Virginia Frerichs Gerdes, Willa Jean Sodman Stutheit; 1952—Marilyn Sodman Gobar, Henry Sullwold; 1955--Jerry Erisman, Jerry Mayer, Merlin Phillips; 1956—Joan Johnson Sullwold; 1960—Carol Koehler Oestmann; 1962—Karen Behrends, Donna Gerdes Donovan, Sonia Gilliland Kistner, Tom Howe, Robert Leech; 1964—Wayne Koehler; 1965—John Howe.

Jay Warnke, one-time member of the class of 1951, and Ted Harshbarger, who attended BU in elementary school, also were present.

The Wooden Spoon catered the dinner. Sonia Gilliland Kistner chaired a brief business meeting. Elected to serve the 2014 reunion were: Dan very, president; Wayne Koehler, vice president; Merlin Phillips, treasurer; Elaine Avery Croston, secretary. The group also voted to continue the reunions.

The display table featured commencement announcements from classes as early as 1920 and school newsletters. Several copies of the BU News (as early as 1927) were displayed. Those

early newsletters included community news items as well as school happenings. The 2014 reunion date is Aug. 5.

Rhoads

The 55th annual Rhoads reunion was held on Sunday, July 28, at Sycamore Springs, KS, with 39 family members present. Grace was given by Chris Strecker and then they enjoyed a basket dinner while they caught up on family events.

During the business meeting it was unanimously voted to have the 56th reunion at Sycamore Springs on Sunday, July 27, 2014. Kevin Billings, president; Falen Blanton, vice president, and Steven Strecker, secretary/treasurer, were retained as officers.

Five births, one wedding and one death were recorded. A girl, Autumn Roselyn, was born to Amber Eppens on Oct. 1, 2011; a boy, Evan, was born to Nicole and Nathan Tally on Dec. 22, 2012; a girl, Kaylor Marie, was born to Jessica Strecker and Ryan Karst on April 19, 2013; a girl, Elena Nicole, was born to Kyle and Ashley Strecker on April 19, 2013; a boy, Robert Jr., was born to Allison and Robert Sanders on May 1, 2013; Allison Campbell married Robert Sanders on Feb. 22, 2013. Marajorie Leer passed away Jan. 4, 2013.

On this day in 1961, Berlin was divided by a barbed wire fence to halt the flight of refugees. Two days later, work began on the Berlin Wall.

FARM & CITY SUPPLY

Bridal Registry

We congratulate these couples on their upcoming wedding.

Amanda Gray & Mitch Merz

August 24, 2013

Briana Brooks & Florian Mahrt

September 28, 2013

Jessica Strecker & Ryan Karst

Shower: August 25, 2013
Wedding: September 28, 2013

Shannon Windle & Tim Fischer

Wedding: October 12, 2013

We Welcome All Area Bridal Couples

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

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1301 Fulton St.

This home to be auctioned off at Cummins Auction Service on Thursday August 22, 2013. Call Falls City Realty PC (402-245-5936) office to view in advance.



1109 Fulton St.

This is a 3 br, 1 & ¾ bath ranch style home. Completely remodeled in the last 6 years. Must see. Call for showing.



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County Court
Angela Folsom, Falls City, plead no contest to animal running at large and three counts of unlicensed dog and cats. Fined total amount of \$125, plus costs of \$48.
James E. Bassett, Falls City, drive under suspension/before reinstated. Case continued to Sept. 16 for sentencing.
Jeremy J. Vice, Falls City, plead guilty to no proof of insurance, no license on person, no proof of ownership. Fined total amount of \$200, plus costs of \$49.
Nathan L. Babb, Falls City, plead guilty to theft by unlawful taking \$201-499. Case continued to Sept. 9 for sentencing.
Jacob M. Cochran, Falls City, plead guilty to leaving accident-fail to furnish information, first offense. Defendant ordered to pay costs of \$49. Case continued to Sept. 9 for sentencing.
William F. Scholl, Falls City, DUI-.15+ (one prior) amended to DUI.15+. Plead no contest to amended charge as per plea agreement. Case continued to Sept. 16 for sentencing.
Ricky M. Sutliff Jr., Nebraska City, two counts of burglary amended to first degree criminal trespass. Plead no contest to reduced charges as per plea agreement. Presentence investigation ordered. Case continued to Sept. 30 for sentencing.
Terry L. Alexander, Falls City, plead not guilty to DUI-1st

and speeding (16-20). Pretrial hearing set for Sept. 9.
Toni M. Davis, Falls City, criminal mischief – \$1,500 or more. Case continued to Aug. 26 for show cause hearing regarding failure to appear in court.
Michelle Jelinek, Table Rock, issue no-account check—less than \$200. Case continued to Aug. 19 for show cause hearing regarding failure to appear in court.
Robert S. Hillard, Lewiston, drive under suspension/before reinstated. Case continued to Aug. 26 for arraignment.
Keith A. Ferris, Falls City, fail to deliver title on sale/disposal. Case continued to Aug. 19 for show cause hearing regarding failure to appear in court.
District Court
State vs. Jessie E. Luginbill, Verdon, plead not guilty to theft by unlawful taking or disposition, aid or abet. Jury trial set for Oct. 9. Bond reduced to \$4,000 personal recognizance bond.
Sabrina J. Stuart/Boles, Humboldt, filed for dissolution of marriage to Toby D. Boles, Humboldt.
Civil Court
Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Services and against Etta Whaley, Falls City in the amount of \$581.20, plus prejudgment interest of \$22.36, fees of \$63.12, costs of \$51.31, with post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.086 percent.
Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Services and against Esperanza and Duayne Ogden, Rulo, in the amount

of \$806.83, plus prejudgment interest of \$22.82, fees of \$85.68, costs of \$57.62, with post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.086 percent.
Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Services and against Lari and Todd Thompson, Rulo, in the amount of \$1,478.50, plus prejudgment interest of \$64.89, fees of \$152.85, costs of \$57.62, with post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.086 percent.
Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Services and against Dwayne Peacock, Falls City, in the amount of \$154.83, plus prejudgment interest of \$11.77, fees of \$20.48, costs of \$51.31, with post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.086 percent.
Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Services and against Chris Peden, Falls City, in the amount of \$162.00, plus prejudgment interest in the amount of \$10.63, fees of \$21.20, costs of \$69.81, with post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.086 percent.
Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Services and against Rick and Dawn Frederick, Rulo, in the amount of \$301.24, plus prejudgment interest of \$31.88, fees of \$35.12, costs of \$96.52, with post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.086 percent.
Judgment entered in favor of Credit Management Services and against Jeremy Kearney, Falls City, in the amount of

\$121.00, plus prejudgment interest of \$44.44, costs of \$51.31, with post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.086 percent.
Judgment entered in favor of Capital Retail Bank and against Dwayne Arnold, Falls City, in the amount of \$1,262.07, plus costs of \$63.50, with post-judgment interest to accrue at 2.086 percent.
County Court Waivers (Court costs not included)
Charlie B. Tobias, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.
Dwaipayan Das, speeding (16-20), fined \$125.
Mikhail A. Velet, speeding (16-20), fined \$125.
Logan P. Niedzielski, unlawful/fictitious display of plates, fined \$50.
Thomas A. Georges, traffic control violation, fined \$75.
Nathan P. Nicholson, criminal mischief, fined \$75.
Derrick J. Wichman, unsafe backing, fined \$25.
Darran M. Chandler, failure to yield ROW, fined \$25.
Seth A. Dunn, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.
Joshua T. Hall, careless driving, fined \$100.

Edward B. McTaggart, traffic control violation, fined \$75.
Brody R. Chandler, stop sign violation, fined \$75.
Colton R. Witt, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.
Devin W. Handley, traffic control violation, fined \$75.
Derek J. Bippes, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.
Randall L. Link, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.
David K. Miller, no brake lights/turn signals, fined \$25.
Robert A. Olberding, violate load contents requirements, fined \$100.
Michael E. Gnuse, overweight on axle or group of axles, fined \$100.
Brian N. Werner, unlawful entry without park permit, fined \$25.
David P. Jeanneret, two counts unlawful entry without park permit, fined total of \$50.
Allen B. Olson, disobey traffic control device, fined \$25.
Lakeshia A. Green, speeding (11-15), fined \$75.
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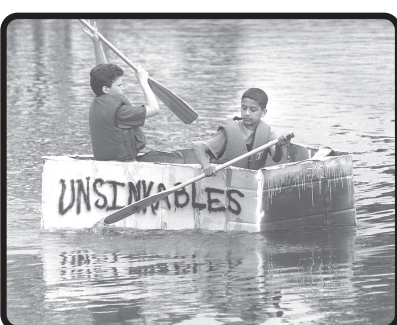
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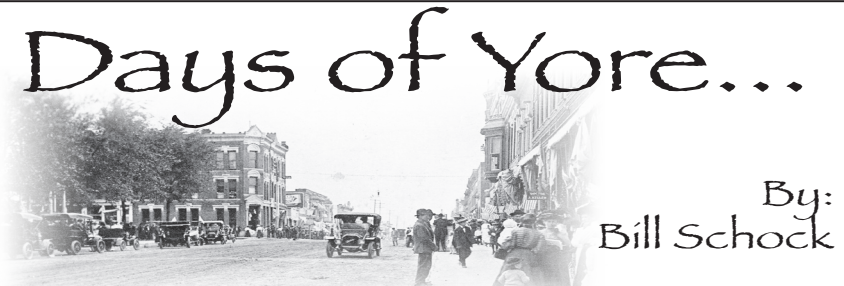
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50 Years Ago
(Aug. 12-17, 1963)

The FC Post Office closed its Postal Savings department. About 15 years previously there were 400 postal savings accounts with approximately \$500,000 in them.

As the voting opened there were 28 candidates for queen of the Richardson County Fair at Humboldt. Nancy Frey had the early lead.

Cadet Steve Sperry, FC, was starting his third year at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY.

Maj. Ralph Huber, ex-FC, was stationed at 5th Army Headquarters in Chicago.

Stella school was readying for opening. Bill Waller was superintendent. Bus drivers were Howard Timmerman, Hobart Wheeler and Harold Neff.

The FC VFW celebrated its 15th year. Mrs. Roy A. Phillips was president. Mrs. Homer Cline Jr., was president of the Shubert American Legion Auxiliary.

At Hackett's Back to School sale Billy the Kid jeans were \$2.98 and boys' t-shirts were two for \$1.

Dr. William Glenn was president of the medical staff at Community Hospital; Dr. S. D. Cowan Sr. was vice president and Dr. Richard Gentry secretary.

Merry Jo Mitchell, Burwell, and Oval William Von Seggern, FC, were married Aug. 11 in Burwell.

A three-day special at Frosty Queen: French fries or onion rings 11 cents; hamburgers 19 cents. The ad read: "Come and rob poor old Bob."

Pfc. Neil Grantham, FC, was stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC. Judith Wehrman, FC, graduated from Methodist Hospital and Medical Center School of Nursing in St. Joseph, MO.

James Oil Co. was moving into its new building at 15th and Harlan after four months in temporary quarters during the Harlan Street paving project.

A daughter was born Aug. 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rhodd, FC.

The Humboldt School Board offered contracts to Mrs. Levert Bowers, English and Spanish, and William Padgett, basketball coach and social studies.

Mr. and Mrs. Corda Wiemers chaired the Hawaiian Luau at the Country Club.

An item from the United Press:
Stockton, CA—Charlie Hawkins, chairman of the San Joaquin County Board suggested county employees be required to wear uniforms so the public would recognize public servants on the street, in coffee shops and taverns when they should be "minding the store." (We don't suppose he was too popular around the Courthouse)

25 Years Ago

Barb Bangert was the new FC Chamber of Commerce executive director.

Mary Ann (Mrs. Leonard) Rieschick, leader of the FC Purple Ribbon 4-H Club, was named the 4-H Volunteer of the Month by the County 4-H Council.

Fifty-six members of the Oregon Trail Assn., guided by members of the Richardson County Historical Society, visited the historic Iron Monument, southeast of Rulo.

Dwaine and Kathy Kanel, southwest of Humboldt, hosted Shannon Louden, Congressional legislative aide, for a weekend to familiarize herself with farm work and its problems.

Brian Hilgenfeld, Dawson, a member of the UNL Yell Squad, was named an All-American cheerleader.

The 12th Shubert High School Alumni Assn. reunion was held at the FC Elks Club. The committee included Bernadine Riley, Nevada Williams and Eleanor Last.

Navy Lt. (j.g.) Richard A. McMullen, Stella, was awarded his "Wings of Gold" after 18 months of flight training. He was a Naval Academy graduate.

Ken and Pam Kennedy, Purcell, OK, stopped overnight at Brenner Field while flying home from the air extravaganza at Oshkosh, WI, and just for fun Pam parachuted from their plane the next day. Pam, who had over 350 jumps to her credit, commented to a Journal reporter, "The Chaffees really run a nice airport. They have been so helpful and hospitable."

15 Years Ago

The FC Elks Lodge's Elks Week brochure again was 1st in its membership class in the national Elks Lodge contest. Jim Wisdom was the exalted ruler.

County Commissioner Gayle Swisegood was elected vice president of the Nebraska Assn. of County Officials.

The Humboldt Community Foundation gave \$10,000 to the Humboldt Community Hospital Foundation. The Community Foundation president was the Rev. Ron Russell.

A daughter was born Aug. 4 to Mr. and Mrs. Tighe Gilkerson, FC; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunzeker, FC, adopted a son born Aug. 14.

Over 55 vendors had secured booth space for Cobblestone. At Bratton Union's 44th annual reunion, Lou Glathar was elected president; Steve Leech, vice president; Elaine Avery Croston, secretary, and Merlin Phillips treasurer.

Dick and Jennifer James, rural Verdon, were hosting a Japanese exchange student.

Obituaries

Pearl Luella Strecker

Pearl L. Strecker, 87, of Livingston, TX, and formally of Oregon, passed away in Lufkin, TX, Sunday, August 11, 2013.

Mrs. Strecker was born in Madison, NE, on Sept. 20, 1925 to George Frank and Neda May Leedy Johnson. Pearl's family moved to Falls City when she was six months old. In 1943, she graduated from Falls City High School. Then on Aug. 4, 1945, Pearl Married Melvin Strecker in Belton, TX.

In 1959, Pearl and Melvin moved to California where she worked for Sears for seven years. Pearl also worked for the Lighthouse for the Blind in San Bernadino, CA, for seven years and was also a counselor for Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery. While working for Lighthouse for the Blind, Pearl created for benefits to raise money to build two kitchens that were used to train blind people to work in their own kitchens. On Nov. 17, 1973, Pearl's husband passed away. She moved to Texas in 1978, and worked as an apartment manager. In 1988 she moved to Topeka, KS, and then came to Ocean Park, WA, in July 1995. Finally on Aug. 31, 2002, Pearl moved to Astoria, OR. Due to failing health, she moved to Livingston in 2013 to be with her family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, George and Neda Johnson; husband, Melvin Strecker; son, Johnny Strecker; one grandson; one great grandson; and one niece. Pearl is survived by daughter, Sherrie Lynn Wagner of Livingston; two granddaughters; one grandson; brother, Robert Johnson of Universal City, TX; and 10 great grandchildren.

Graveside service and Interment will be held Aug. 13 at Holhausan-Darby

Memorial contributions may be made to Virginia Johnson M.D. at Bexar County Hospital in San Antonio, Texas for third year female medical students..

Cochran Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Ribbon cutting for Tri State Truck and Tractor Repair

The Falls City Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce a ribbon cutting for Tri State Truck and Tractor Repair at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21.

The public is welcome to attend for coffee and socializing. Tri State will also be offering door prize drawings for Husker apparel and gift cards. Please come out and support owners Justin and Monica Lechtenberg who just recently took over ownership of the business.

Tri State Truck and Tractor Repair is under new ownership. Justin and Monica (Gormley) Lechtenberg purchased the business which will retain valuable jobs and continue to provide quality business services to the area. Justin also sees growth potential from the increased truck traffic that Consolidated Grain and Barge Company will bring to the Falls City Community which in turn will create the need for more employees.

Jerry Chab

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and then moved to Pleasant Dale in 1993 and to Falls City in 2004.

He was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church at Falls City.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Ronda of Falls City; sons, Robert and Ryan, both of Falls City; mother, Teresa Chab, of Falls City; brother, John (Terri), of Lincoln. He was preceded in death by his father and brothers,

Frank and Joseph.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Aug. 10, 2013 at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (20th and Towle Sts.), with Rev. Andrew Chavanak, Msgr. Robert A. Roh and Fr. David Oldham officiating. Interment in Falls City Catholic Cemetery.

The family received friends Friday at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Blood Drive surpasses goal

By Linda Frederick

The Aug. 1-2 Red Cross Blood Drive, coordinated with Sacred Heart's summer drive, and, as always, Falls City came through with 135 units, surpassing the goal by 15 units.

Donors who helped accomplish this were:

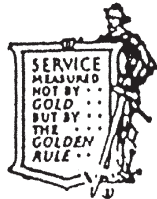
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Service, sandwiches and cookies were provided by First United Presbyterian Church. Drinks were set up by Patty Kiekhaefer and Janet McNeely, buns were provided by the FC Rotary and drinks and paper products were donated by the FC Area Jaycees. Meat was furnished by Excel Meat Corp., courtesy of Robert Stuckemeyer.

Sacred Heart students were in charge of calling for appointments, setting up tables and chairs and providing escorts. Women at the juice table were Betty Maze, Joann Stone, Norma Wintz, Rosalie Scholl, Karen Simon, Deb Gerweck and Marjean Werner. Checking donors in at the registration table were Colin Niemeyer, Lee Ferguson and Judy Schlosser.

Thanks all who helped and donated.



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ager. But, she said, adding ida to the list of liquor ers would be a hardship on cally owned liquor stores dy in business. She said she ld write a letter to the liquor missioners and urged others o the same (see her “Sez I” day’s paper).

heresa Armbruster, manag- Spirit Shoppe, said there is way each of us will survive” mida were to join the list of r retailers. “Somebody will ut of business.” She said the i simply does not have the lation to support a fourth r business. Mrs. Armbrust- nphasized that her opinion not directed at Pamida.

ity Clerk Gary Jom read a r received from the Rev. Fay Blaylock of First Christian. mentioned the proximity of ida to the church, but con- rated on the effect a Pamida ise would have on other nesses. “Please consider ffect this license will have e families who make their g with their own locally ed liquor stores. And please r Pamida’s request for a li- license,” she concluded. I agree with the letter and e who have spoken against” license, Mayor Hersh said. re said there is “no way in we need another liquor li- e.”

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Bridge

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not from Lincoln.

“He understands the needs of the entire district,” the governor said, describing Vandenberg as a great and committed supporter of the Rulo project.

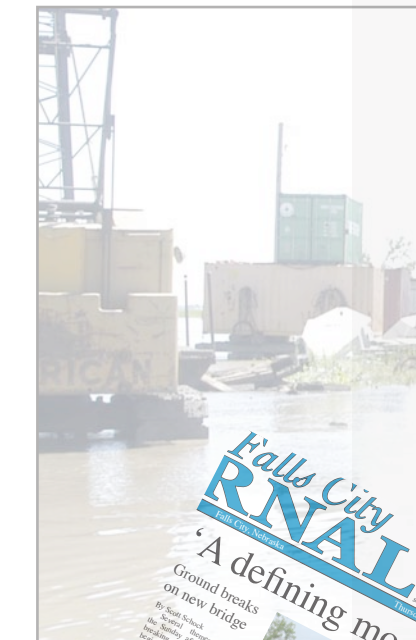
Vandenberg, who was out of town Sunday, submitted written remarks that were read by Mrs. Sickel.

In closing, Gov. Heineman said he was “honored to be back” in Richardson County and “proud to tell people I was born in Falls City.” He said he is proud of Nebraska, the values of its citizens and the direction in which the state is heading.

The governor noted the positive “attitude change” that is apparent in the people of this country.

State Sen. Laron Heidemann described Sunday as a “great day to be in Southeast Nebraska.” He added that in a couple of years, “it’s going to be a whole lot easier to get here.”

In his travels through the 1st District, Heidemann said he has encountered no one with the persistence of the people of

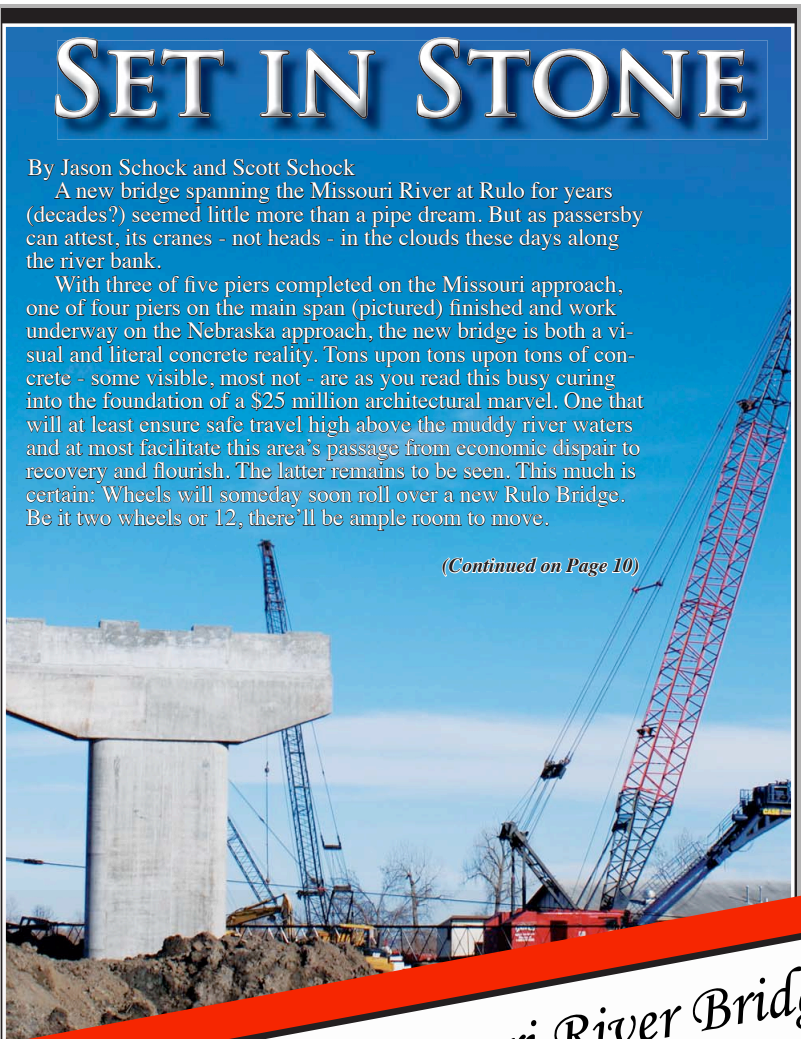


Mike Habegger, the manager of the bridge project stated that flooding has slowed the progression and as of Tuesday, is at a standstill.

“We just haven’t been able to

work in the Rulo five inches weeks. The minor flood the flood st Moderate f cast.

How long delay the co now, Habegger



SET IN STONE

By Jason Schoek and Scott Schoek

A new bridge spanning the Missouri River at Rulo for years (decades?) seemed little more than a pipe dream. But as passersby can attest, its cranes - not heads - in the clouds these days along the river bank.

With three of five piers completed on the Missouri approach, one of four piers on the main span (pictured) finished and work underway on the Nebraska approach, the new bridge is both a visual and literal concrete reality. Tons upon tons upon tons of concrete - some visible, most not - are as you read this busy curing into the foundation of a \$25 million architectural marvel. One that will at least ensure safe travel high above the muddy river waters and at most facilitate this area’s passage from economic despair to recovery and flourish. The latter remains to be seen. This much is certain: Wheels will someday soon roll over a new Rulo Bridge. Be it two wheels or 12, there’ll be ample room to move.

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Missouri River Bridge at Rulo Grand Opening

September 1st, 2013
3:00 P.M.
Rulo, Nebraska



August 13, 2013

Residents of Southeast Nebraska, Northwest Missouri, and Northeast Kansas:

Please take time during the Labor Day weekend to join us in Rulo, Nebraska for a grand opening ceremony of the new U.S. Highway 159 Bridge over the Missouri River 3:00 p.m., Sunday, September 1st. An official ribbon-cutting will take place following a short program on the bridge deck near the River’s midpoint.

Folding chairs and refreshments will be available for the convenience of those attending. Following the ribbon-cutting, civic leaders from the tri-state area will take part in a ceremonial passage where they will cross the bridge for the first time.

This new river span represents a “bridge to a brighter future”. It is built to modern safety standards and will be key to future economic development of our region.

The bridge project employed many workers and resulted in many dollars being spent by workers and contractors at our local businesses. It took just under three years to complete and it is being opened to traffic one year sooner than construction was scheduled to begin before YOU became involved.

YOU and 1600 others just like you answered the “call” when in November 2007 Mitch Glaeser challenged you to write a letter asking local elected officials to champion the need for a new, safer bridge.

You did it! Now come celebrate!

Sincerely,

Charlie Radatz & Beth Sickel
Co-Chairpersons, Tri-State Corridor Alliance

Extends ‘thank you’ for new Rulo bridge

During its meeting in Lincoln Friday, Sept. 24, Charlie Radatz, co-chairman of the Tri-State Corridor Alliance, extended a “thank you” to members of the Nebraska Highway Commission and officials of the Nebraska Department of Roads “for adding the Missouri River Bridge to the NE, to the construction.”

Radatz noted that citizens were on the bridge groundbreaking ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 19.

“We look forward to when this new bridge opens traffic,” said Radatz, “proving public safety and economic development in our region.”

Radatz also informed the Commission that several businesses and other citizens expressed concern regarding the length of time that reconstruction of a segment of U.S. Highway 73 north of Falls City has taken. “Travel difficulties have resulted in lost retail trade as detours added up to 14 miles to some trips,” Radatz continued. “We encourage you to insure that project is completed as expeditiously as possible.”

Radatz and Falls City Mayor Rod Vandenberg, who also serves as chairman of the Highway Commission, were joined by District Attorney David Langan.

tion project contractor to determine ways to speed up work on the project.

The Alliance also thanked the Nebraska Highway Commission for its support.

Radatz was one of only two to address the Commission, Stephanie Shrader, a City’s Economic Development agency, urged the Commission to build a two-level interchange to replace the intersection on U.S. Highway 73 and Nebraska Highway 159. “The south end of Nebraska Highway 159,” said Shrader, “plans have been submitted for funding.”

Our weird west has 400,000 more Creek Refuge men, but they can’t decide north or south.



Bird’s eye view of the new Rulo Bridge, looking west. Photo courtesy of Project Manager Mike Hatfield.

Flood of ‘11 pushes Rulo Bridge project back to late 2013

Jim Langan

The historic flood of 2011 set the new Missouri River bridge project back approximately 8-12 months, according to project manager Mike Hatfield.

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HANDBY FOR JULY



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

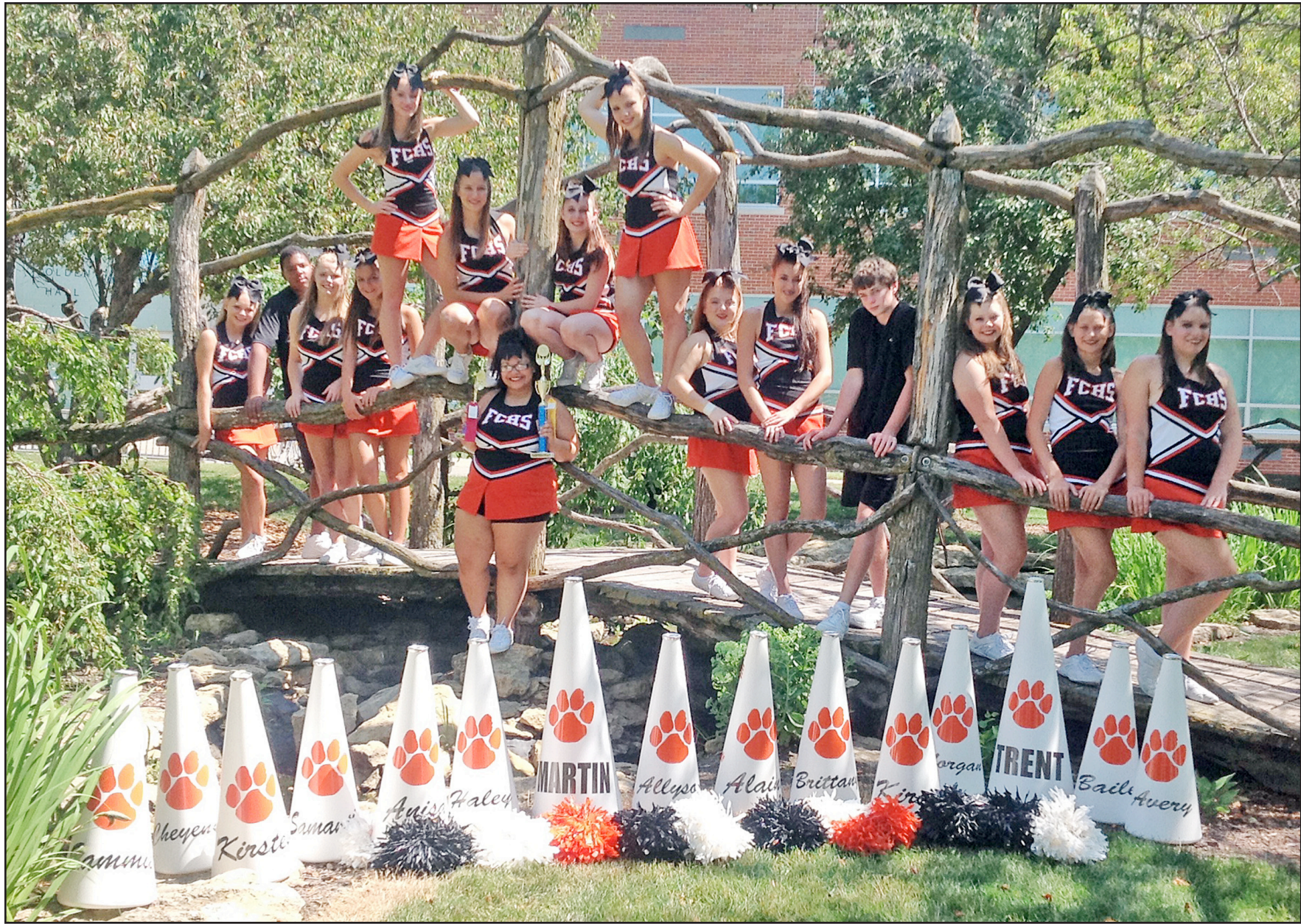
After the water receded, crews were left with an extensive restoration process to the bridge deck that lasted nearly three weeks.

Crews spent 8-12 weeks rehabilitating the land around the bridge. “There was a lot of silt deposited back into one of the river sections, which had to be removed, and then we had to fix up all the roads again to get equipment in 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



The Falls City High Cheer Squad recently returned from a Universal Cheerleaders Association summer camp. The camp was held at Northwest Missouri State University and attracted over 200 cheerleaders from surrounding states.

The Universal Cheerleaders Association selects winners at each of their over 1100 camps it administers around the world each summer. UCA, is the largest cheerleading organization in America and hold events for over 150,000 cheerleaders and dancers around the world.

The FCHS Cheer Squad received the following awards at the UCA camp they attended this summer.

Allyson Scholl (right) was awarded All-American, the most prestigious award in cheerleading today and is awarded to the top 10 percent of cheerleaders in the nation. Participants vying for All American status were judged on motion technique, jumps, spirit, enthusiasm, voice projection and over all crowd appeal. Allyson is eligible to participate in UCA special events such as the New Years Day Parade in London, England. All Ameri-

can nominees that were eligible to tryout for this award included, Alaina Pelletier, Anisa Carter, Brittany Ritter, Haley Cochran and Kira Vollan.

The squad won Overall Top Team in the Game Day Division were the squad competed on the last day of camp with a sideline performance consisting of a cheer, a defense chant and a sideline dance. The squad was judged on their crowd leading abilities as well as motion technique, tumbling skills, voice projection and overall crowd appeal.

Along with the awards the squad competed daily for Superior ribbons, where they excelled each day in both the Performance and Game Day Divisions.

The 2013-2014 squad includes; Seniors: Allyson Scholl, Alaina Pelletier, Anisa Carter, Brittany Ritter and Haley Cochran. Juniors: Kira Vollan Sophomores: Avery Scott, Bailey Bindle, Martin Richbourg, Samantha Acton, Samantha Harmon and Trent Pentecost. Freshman: Cheyenne Dovel, Kirsten Carter and Morgan Roberts. The squad is coached by Carlene Cudney and Cara Cudney.



Allyson Scholl

MEN'S GOLF

Early League STANDINGS

TEAM	POINTS
5	22
3	21 1/2
1	12 1/2
2	12
7	11
4	10 1/2
6	4
8	2 1/2

Aug. 6

Team 4 (0) – E. Hartman 46-40, H. Sutter 50-37. Team 5 (8) – B. Milam 42-35, J. Heineman 62-34.

Team 1 (8) – B. Simon 38-34, T. Foster 48-37. Team 8 (0) – M. Gilmore 52-42, E. O'Grady 58-42.

Team 6 (0) – R. Schawang 43-37, J. Von Seggern 58-39, Team 3 (8) – S. Hartman 38-35, D. Hullman 47-35.

Team 2 (8) – G. Hays 38-34, M. Castle 46-36. Team 7 (0) – M. Simon 50-40, C. Radatz 58-37.

Low scratch — Bill Simon, Scot Hartman and Gary Hays, 38. Low net — Bill Simon, Jim Heineman and Gary Hays, 34.

Late League STANDINGS

TEAM	POINTS
4	24 1/2
12	24
6	21 1/2
7	19 1/2
3	19
1	18 1/2
5	14 1/2
13	14
2	11 1/2
9	10 1/2
10	10
14	9
11	8 1/2
8	5

Aug. 6

Team 4 (6 1/2) – D. Heinzelman 39-33, A. Armbruster 45-37, D. Kruse 46-37. Team 7 (3 1/2) – E. McNeely 41-38, T. Kopf 43-32, M. Veigel 57-39.

Team 3 (9) – D. Davis 42-39, B. Daake 41-36, B. Lock 45-38. Team 8 (1) – L. Kurgeweit 46-37.

Team 14 (5 1/2) – D. Hill 43-36, J. Mullins 46-36. Team 10 (4 1/2) – N. Harling 39-32, C. James 43-36, A. Romine 51-36.

Team 9 (8) – Marty Froeschl 37-33, J. McNeely 41-36, M. Dunn 48-35. Team 2 (2) – R. Druba 46-36, M. Simon 50-40, M. Gilmore 41-31.

Team 5 (1) – R. DeKlotz 43-38, K. Davis 50-42, D. Waller 55-36. Team 6 (9) – B. Simon 40-36, A. Froeschl 41-36, A. Morris 52-34.

Team 1 (1 1/2) – T. Brunette 42-37, B. Jenkins 42-34, M. Froeschl 46-36. Team 12 (8 1/2) – D. Ferguson 44-37, G. Harmon 39-31, L. Froesco 47-36.

Team 13 (3 1/2) – B. Aitken 42-36, D. Borg 44-37, H. Kirkendall 48-37. Team 11 (6 1/2) – J. Dunn 33-31, C. Bennett 48-35.

Low scratch — Joe Dunn, 33. Low net — Joe Dunn, Galen Harmon and Mike Gilmore, 31.

NSAA joins NFHS television network

The Nebraska School Activities Association is one of 28 members of the National Federation of State High School Associations that has joined the NFHS Network, the new all-digital network devoted to coverage of

high school sports and performing arts through the Internet at www.NFHS-network.com.

The NFHS, in association with PlayOn! Sports (PlayOn), announced the official launch of the NFHS Net-

work on August 1. With coverage of boys and girls sports and activities initially in at least 28 states during the 2013-14 school year, the NFHS Network becomes the largest aggregated destination for coverage of high school sports in the country. Through a subscription-based digital service available at www.NFHSnetwork.com, more students, parents and fans will be able to watch high school sports than ever before.

In addition to the NSAA, NFHS member associations in 27 states have finalized agreements and will be a part of the NFHS Network as the 2013-14 season begins.

In addition, member associations in a number of other states are close to completing agreements and are expected to join the NFHS Network soon.

"We believe this is one of the greatest opportunities in the 94-year history of the NFHS as we are able to take advantage of new technology and showcase high school sports and performing arts on a national scale," said Bob Gardner, NFHS executive director. "We are excited to provide viewership opportunities for fans of high school sports that have never existed before. The NFHS Network will help showcase our primary mission of expanding participation and opportunities for involvement in education-based interscholastic sports and performing arts activities."

"The NSAA Staff and Board of

Directors are excited to be a part of this grassroots initiative. The NFHS Networks goal is to showcase the vision and mission of interscholastic participation," said Rhonda Blanford-Green, NSAA Executive Director.

Postseason games in all sports sponsored by the NSAA will be available online on the Network, except for select championship events for which the NSAA has existing television contracts with other media partners. Viewing opportunities for NFHS Network events will be posted in the coming months at www.NFHSnetwork.com.

"Teaming up with the NFHS is a natural progression to build a truly national high school sports platform while honoring the local communities that support them," said David Rudolph, PlayOn! Sports chief executive officer. "Our mission is to serve the current and future generations of student-athletes, support and encourage their participation and make their performances accessible to their friends, family and fans on every media platform they use."

FCGC Club Championship this weekend

The 2013 Falls City Golf Club Championship is scheduled for this weekend at the FCCC.

Entry fee is \$70 per player, plus an optional \$10 to enter the two-day skins game. Entry fee will be split between Saturday and Sunday rounds, allowing for two ways to win – a two-day total and a Sunday total.

Those interested need to sign up in the club house. Players will make their own foursomes on Saturday, then tee times will be assigned for Sunday.

The Falls City Women's Golf Association will also be holding their club championship this weekend and will be teeing off in the morning both days.

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Wanted man nabbed in Courthouse

Richardson County Sheriff Deputies Roland Merwin and Jeff Frederick took Kyle H. Wissler, 27, into custody Monday afternoon on an outstanding warrant from Atchison County, MO.

Wissler, of Falls City, was apprehended after appearing in County Court for an unrelated civil case.

The warrant alleges Wissler burglarized a laundromat in Tarkio. Wissler currently has a case pending in Richardson County District Court after being charged with with four felony counts that stemmed from a traffic stop in October of last

year.

In March, Wissler was charged with two Class III felonies, burglary and possession of a deadly weapon by a prohibited person, as well as a pair of Class IV felonies, theft by unlawful taking and possession of burglar's tools.

A habitual criminal charge was also levied against Wissler by the prosecution, due to Wissler's prior felony convictions.

Community Clean-Up

The City of Falls City and 5 Rivers Resource Conservation and Development will again sponsor the community clean-up in October.

The event is being coordinated with Hamilton Recycling Center, Koelzer Salvage, Falls City Sanitation, Paper Tiger Shredding Co. and Goodwill.

Hazardous material will be collected Oct. 2 and the Goodwill collection will be Oct. 18 and 19.

Injury accident Sunday morning

Two Wichita, KS, residents were hospitalized Sunday morning as a result of a one-car accident just south of Rulo on 660 Blvd.

Members of the Richardson County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene, where a 2012 Chrysler mini van, driven by Gary Marsh, 76, had left the roadside and traveled some 576 feet before coming to a stop in a ravine. Both Marsh and 71-year-old Mila Buchanan were taken by ambulance to Community Medical Center in Falls City for treatment of potential chest injuries. Both airbags deployed and both Marsh and Buchanan were wearing seatbelts.

Marsh told officers that he might have lost consciousness while driving, leading to the accident.



Bagpipe concert Aug. 24

First Presbyterian Church, 20th and Harlan in Falls City, will host a bagpipe and drum concert before the Cobblestone parade on Saturday, Aug. 24.

Pipers and drummers from St. Joseph, MO, will entertain parade watchers from 10:15 a.m. until the beginning of the parade. They will be on the balcony of the church and the sound will carry about two blocks. The church will be open before the concert so people can use the ramp on the east side of the building to easily access the balcony. Chairs, umbrellas and free bottled water will be available during the concert and parade.

Anyone is welcome to join the parade watchers on the balcony.

The musicians are part of the Buchanan Highlanders formed in 1991 and sponsored by the Wyatt Park Christian Church. They perform as a group and individually at church and civic gatherings, parades, on Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies, weddings and funerals. They've piped in the cadets at the Law Enforcement Academy graduation at Missouri Western State University every six months for a number of years.

Two of the members, Roger Heard and Jim Jeffers, have played for the Falls City Presbyterian Church in the past.

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‘O Pioneers’ at library Aug. 22

The Falls City Library and Arts Center will present the movie “O Pioneers” at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22.

The movie is based on the novel by Willa Cather and stars Jessica Lange and David Starhaim. The film is shot in, and takes place in Nebraska. It centers on Swedish immigrants at the turn of the 20th Century. The family's father dies, leaving the family farm to his daughter.

The FCL&AC is located at 1400 Stone St. For more information, call 402-245-2913.

Building Permits

— Darin and Mollie Davis, 2208 Fulton St.; new residence, \$350,000.

— Dave and Pat Merrill, 502 E. 16th St.; deck with ramp, \$600.

— Becky Griffin, 1123 Lane St.; water heater and gas line, \$800.

— Karl Erickson, 515 W. 25th St.; replace sidewalk and driveway, \$9,500.

— Tyler and Kylie Bek, 311 W. 16th St.; roof, paint, water heater, remodel bath, heating, air conditioning, \$22,500.

— Kenneth Arnold, 2403 Stone St.; roof, gutter replaced, \$11,000.

— Bernard Burenheide, 1821 Fulton St.; ramp, \$400.

— Bob Georges, 1008 St. Mary's Ave.; cedar roof, \$30,000.

Chuck Crain at Good News

Chuck Crain, who is in his 15th season as a featured vocalist at the Presley's Country Jubilee Show in Branson, MO, will perform at the Good News Assembly of God Church in Falls City on Sunday, Aug. 18, at 6 p.m.

He sings tenor with the Southern Gospel Quartet, does back up vocals for some of the other entertainers, and performs many behind-the-scenes duties.

Chuck began singing during his time in the Navy, performing with the Navy's Blue Jacket Choir in San Diego, CA. One Sunday morning, while stationed in Jacksonville, FL, he saw four gentlemen on television standing around a piano singing Southern Gospel music — and he was hooked. After leaving the Navy in 1974, Chuck got a full-time day job at Winn Dixie and traveled on the weekends with a part-time gospel group.

In 1976, he joined his first full-time gospel group, the Mid-South Boys Quartet in Sheridan, AR. That October, he met Sharon, and she became his wife in December. Chuck and Sharon have been married for 36 years. They have four children and, as of now, seven grandchildren.

In 1979, he joined the Blackwood's, taking him all around the world, singing to millions of gospel music fans, including several television programs. In 1990, the Blackwood's came to Branson, where Chuck left and formed his own group, The Heartland Quartet. That year they were nominated as Horizon Group of the Year. Two years later, Chuck left the group to work behind-the-scenes in several theaters, until he got a call from a friend asking if he would consider singing back up for Wayne Newton. Three weeks later, he found himself on stage with Wayne Newton in Las Vegas, Atlantic City, Branson — the list goes on.

In December of 1996, Chuck talked to Gary and Steve Presley and was asked if he would like to help form a Southern Gospel Quartet for their show. He knew in his heart he had to leave Newton to do this.

Chuck, and sometimes Sharon, travels during the off-season and occasionally during the season. The Presleys appear on RFD TV with a half-hour program (6:30 p.m. Saturdays).

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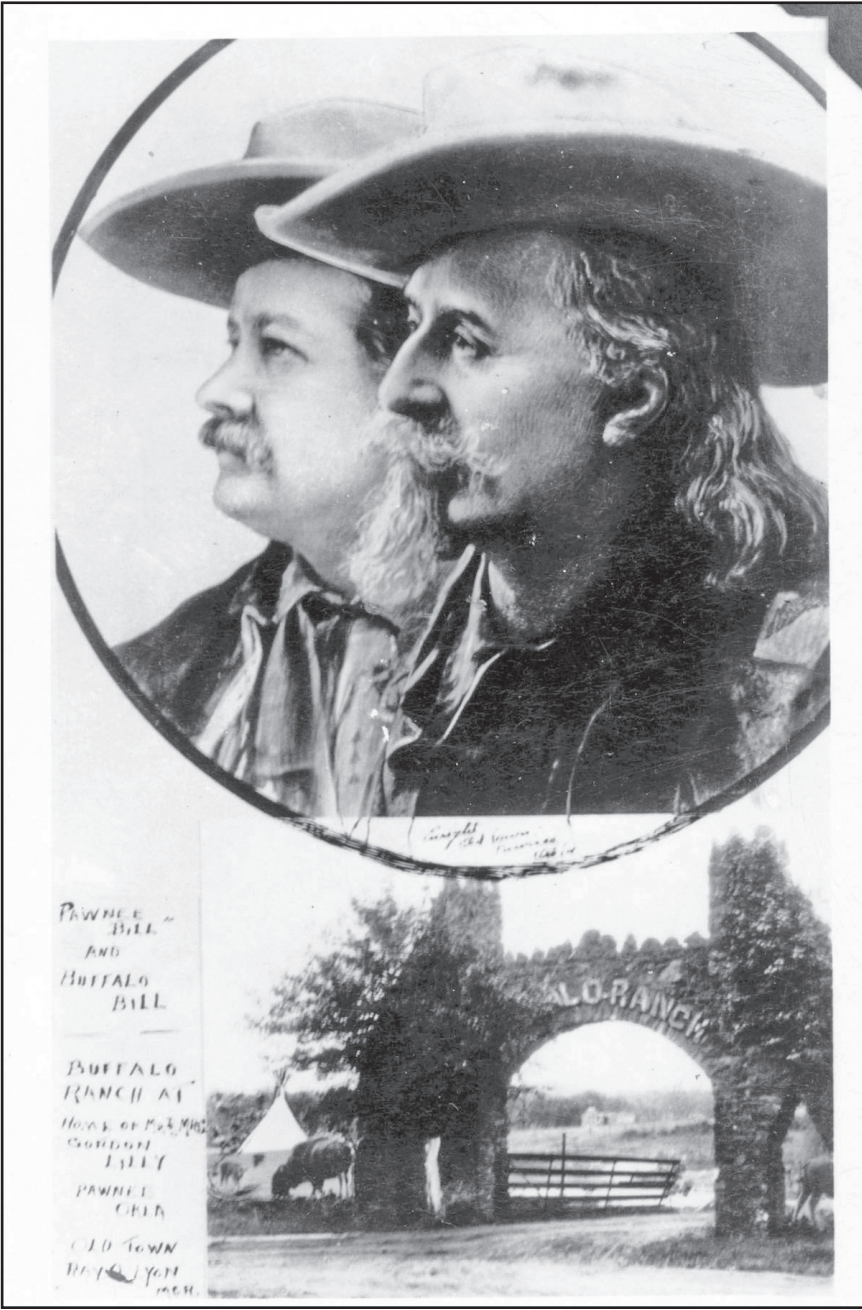
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“Of the many novelties and interesting features with the Buffalo Bill Wild West and Pawnee Bill Far East,” said the *North Platte Semi-weekly Tribune* on August 4, 1911, “football played by horses is probably the most unique form of entertainment to be seen in that exhibition of wonders.” The show about to open in North Platte belonged to William F. “Buffalo Bill” Cody and Gordon W. “Pawnee Bill” Lillie, who had combined their traveling shows. This “Two Bills” show boasted unusual attractions, including a widely popular novelty act entitled “Football on Horseback.”

The *North Platte Tribune* said: “One can hardly believe that the art of horse training has been perfected to such an extent that a game of football can be played by men on horseback, but that such is really the case will entertainingly [be] proven when the big exhibition comes to town.

“The ball used is of mammoth size, made of rubber, and by bumping it about the riders and their horses manipulate the sphere from goal to goal, playing the game under special rules. All the fine points of the regulation game of football are brought out in the ‘horse play’ of the Wild West, and it is said that the game played under these conditions is highly exciting and decidedly amusing.”

The act was as popular in the East as it was in Nebraska and the West. After the show opened in



Pawnee Bill (left) and Buffalo Bill are depicted on this postcard with the entrance to Buffalo Bill's ranch in Colorado.

Madison Square Garden in April of 1908, *The New York Times* on April 22 noted that the football act “took the audience by storm.”

The *Times* described the details of the game: “An immense ball is placed in the centre of the arena and two opposing teams of horsemen endeavor to push it to either end of the enclosure. To score a point it is necessary to push the ball between goal posts. Last night the game was between a team of cowboys and a team of Indians, who didn’t come from Carlisle [Indian School], but played the game with real Carlisle grit and audacity.

“When, after many attempts the Indians succeeded in making their first score against the cowboys, the audience rose to its feet to shout its delight. When, to the surprise of every one, the Indians scored a second time, leaving their opponents defeated, the applause

was terrific.”

Special mention was made of the star performer, a horse named Maude. “It was Maude, who after each goal, was called upon to put the ball in motion again. Her rider would back her up to the ball, and she would give it a kick creditable for an intercollegiate punter.”

The Buffalo Bill Wild West and Pawnee Bill Far East was successful for a time, especially during its run as Buffalo Bill’s farewell tour, but it ended in 1913 when creditors foreclosed on the show in Denver.

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Village of Salem

VILLAGE OF SALEM

The Salem Village Board met July 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building. Chairman Strauch opened the meeting. Wessel and Chandler answered roll. Kean and Rowley were absent.

Warren Vogele presented a bill for the curb and sidewalk repair he had done along Main Street.

Claims were presented for payment. Chandler moved to pay the claims, seconded by Wessel. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Reimers reported on the water system. He reported that chlorine levels have been fluctuating. The Board instructed the clerk to check with the Rural Water Districts for meeting times so the problem could be discussed with them.

Cold patch will be ordered to do street repairs.

The Clerk reported on the liability of contract workers. The clerk had contacted the Village attorney and insurance agent. The Village has no liability for contract workers using and operating their own equipment. Workers operating Village equipment are not considered contract workers and the Village would be liable for them. The insurance agent advised that workers should be 18 years old and use safety equipment.

Chandler moved to contact the Cemetery Board and request on one under 18 years of age will be allowed to operate Village equipment, seconded by Wessel. Motion carried.

Strauch moved to sign a contract with Robert Aitken to prepare the Village Budget and prepare year-end documents, seconded by Wessel. Motion carried.

Minutes of the June meeting were read. Motion to accept was made by Chandler, seconded by Wessel. Motion carried.

Strauch moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Chandler. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be August 6, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Hall.

Carolyn Glathar
Village Clerk

CLAIMS: OPPD, 549.51; Salem Water fund, 400; Fred Reimers, 500; Schendel Pest, 28; One Call Concepts, 1.10; Miller Monroe, 374; Ne Public Lab, 14; Post Office, 30.65; C. Glathar, 350; Ne Dept. of Revenue, 411.56; W. Vogele, 7000; Gary Wittwer, 375.

NPPD Board votes down proposal to increase output at Cooper Nuclear Station

At its regular monthly meeting, Nebraska Public Power District’s Board of Directors voted to decline a project that would have increased the power output of Cooper Nuclear Station by approximately 18 percent.

Management had been conducting a detailed feasibility study for the proposed project since late last year. During Friday’s meeting, the Board voted not to proceed with the proposed extended power uprate (EPU) following a recommendation from NPPD President and CEO Pat Pope.

“After reviewing the costs and schedule risks associated with conducting an extended power uprate at Cooper, it was management’s recommendation not to move forward on this project,” Pope explained. “I appreciate the efforts of the team that conducted a ‘deep dive’ on the cost estimate, but in light of other utilities’ inability to come in on time and on budget with similar projects, I have significant concerns how that would impact our Nebraska customers. NPPD most likely would not see sufficient returns to justify that expense.

“The more detailed estimated cost for this project has reached \$409 million, which is more risk than I want to expose our customers to,” he continued. “Instead I want to see NPPD continue making Cooper Nuclear Station the best boiling-water reactor in the country from an operational and cost standpoint.”

Pope noted that NPPD’s ‘deep dive’ into the costs for the work had increased \$120 million, from an earlier estimate of approximately \$289 million. He

noted similar cost increases for current uprate projects at other nuclear facilities, along with two cancelled projects were also factors to consider. Other contributing factors to the Board’s decision included unresolved technical issues with regulators at similar nuclear facilities, low natural gas prices, NPPD’s existing surplus generating capacity, and the District’s upcoming participation in the Southwest Power Pool’s Integrated Marketplace next spring.

The uprate would have added 146 megawatts of electrical power to the station, located near Brownville. While the project did not need any additional facilities or buildings, or an increase in staff, it would have required equipment and system upgrades. These upgrades were proposed to be completed by 2018 during a series of refueling and maintenance outages.

Due to long lead times in manufacturing, NPPD had previously ordered a new, high pressure steam turbine to replace Cooper’s existing unit, which, though still operating well, is currently the oldest in the industry. The turbine is needed regardless of a decision for an uprate. Other equipment and systems identified as part of the EPU will be reviewed to determine if they are needed to conduct safe operations without an EPU.

Cooper Nuclear Station employs 700 employees and generates approximately 800 megawatts of electricity. The plant began operations in 1974, and two years ago received a 20-year extension of its original license to operate through 2034.

Thrivent members vote to revise organization’s articles of incorporation

—MINNEAPOLIS – Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has announced that its membership approved an extension of its common bond, which will allow the 111-year fraternal benefit society to serve more Christians. Seventy-two percent of Thrivent members who cast their votes during the March 1 – April 30 timeframe voted in favor of revising the organization’s articles of incorporation. Nearly 425,000 members participated in this historic vote – more than double the turnout of other typical membership votes at Thrivent.

“Thank you to the many members who participated in this process, demonstrated their role as member-owners and had a voice in the decision,” said Brad Hewitt, president and CEO of Thrivent. “This vote will allow us to strengthen our mission of helping more Christians be wise with money and live generously. Working together, we’ll be able to serve more people, meet more needs and strengthen more Christian communities.”

Hewitt continued: “One of the unique aspects of Thrivent is that our benefit members are our owners so they get to make these important decisions. We are certainly excited about the possibilities of serving more Christians. However, we are looking at this from a long-term perspective and changes will be gradual. Over the short and the long-term, one thing remains the same though: our commitment to serving Lutherans and strengthening the Lutheran community remains as strong as ever. We value our Lutheran members and our heritage and that will never change even as we move forward in a new chapter for the organization.”

In May 2012, the Thrivent Financial Board unanimously voted in favor of amending the Articles of Incorporation to extend the common bond and for submitting the proposed amendment to a benefit member vote for approval. Benefit members voted between March 1 and April 30. The vote was conducted by and certified by Election America, a third-party election services company.

Thrivent Financial is represented in the local area by Steve Stoller FIC at 109 East 16th St., Falls City, 402-245-4683, and Ken Knaus, CFP,ChFC,CLU at 109 East 16th St., Falls City, 402-245-3346.



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

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BANKRUPTCY: Low Rates, No charge for initial office conference. Contact Wm. VonSeggern Attorney at 105 East 17th St. Falls City, or call 402-245-3815. I help people file bankruptcy petitions under the United States Bankruptcy Code. 16-16P

Piano tuning by Norman Dority, Starting August 20th. Call ahead to Lincoln, 402-488-6000. 31-32

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CARD OF THANKS

For our 60th Anniversary, we enjoyed a trip with our children. We received many beautiful cards and flowers from family and friends. We want to thank each of you. Love and Prayers, Rosalie • Delmar Scholl 32P

IN MEMORY

Ann L. Marx
1-4-1954 – 8-13-2006
It has been seven years since God took you on that August night. Even though we cannot judge what happened, though tears and questions start, we only see what's visible. God sees into the heart. There are many things we cannot explain and I am sure it breaks God's heart to see us all in pain. Although we love you so much and you have left our present site, you have passed into a beautiful world of beauty and light. Rick, Maggie & Family
Chuck, Bobbee & Family
Pat, Eric, Jordan & Treyden 32

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Yearning to Fly

By David Martin

(These comments were made during the five day, *Fine Lines Summer Camp for Creative Writers*, June 10-14, 2013, at *Beveridge Magnet Middle School in the Omaha (NE) Public School District*.)

Welcome to “Camp Write On.” This is *Fine Lines*’ 14th consecutive summer camp for creative writers of all ages and levels of interest, and it is our largest one ever in attendance. Our registered campers are as young as third graders and go all the way up to senior citizens. We started our first camp in the year 2000 with eight elementary students, when we met at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore in the Crossroads Shopping Center at 72nd and Dodge Streets in Omaha. They were excited to play with words and “go to camp” each day, so we decided to try again the next year and the year after that. Each time we held a camp, our enrollment grew. This year, we have a combined total of 174 students, teachers, and presenters. It is wonderful that this dream is collectively supported by so many people.

Many “Angel Investors,” who do not want to be publicly recognized, helped in various ways to develop this “magical community without walls or a ceiling.” They gave their time, talent, money, and insight, so we can enjoy letting our minds and hearts celebrate the English language and everything that improved literacy means in this world. Some of these *Fine Lines* benefactors are Marty Pierson, Steve Gehring, Rod Markin, Cindy Grady, David Lavender, Michaela Jackson, Ruben Cano, Loren Logsdon, D. N. Simmers, Tracy Schimonitz, Ilka Oberst, and our camp co-director, Bill Schock, and Yolie Martin.

We are all little birds with broken wings, yearning to fly. Every time we pick up a pen or pencil to write, our wings stretch and get stronger. The more we write, the healthier we become. Our dream is to soar and climb high enough to see over the horizon. Our wings will feel the wind currents under them, and one day we will flap our feathers with enough confidence that we will lift off the ground. Into the air, we will go, our ideas traveling with us. Through years of trial and error, we will learn that the more we write, the more we have to say, and when we become “air-born,” we will notice other little birds listening to us. Let’s flap our wings, little birds, flap our wings. We write and fly to keep our hopes alive.

Isn’t writing fun? Every day, I want to write as much as possible. All my life I have been in love with words and books. As a young person, I moved often, and everywhere I travelled, my books were the last items I packed at the old home and the first boxes unloaded in my new place. Without words, paper, pens, and books, I would not be who I am today.

One day in a new town, in a new school, and in a new class, a precocious student asked me, “How do I improve my writing?”

I said, “Well, do you want the long or the short answer?”

“I have time, so I want the long one.”

“Every day, read as much as you can about everything you can. Read, at least, one newspaper a day. If you can read three newspapers a day, do that. Read magazines about topics you enjoy. Read magazines about topics you do not understand, so you learn more. Read one book a week for fun. Read all of your text books. Keep a daily journal. Write in it as much as you can, whenever you can, and remember the word “journal” comes from the Latin word “diurnalis” – a daily written record. Write letters to yourself. Write letters to characters in the books you read, and ask them to write you back about what they think is going on in the books where they live. Ask lots of questions. Ask your parents why they believe what they believe and if they ever changed their minds. Then ask them why they changed their minds. They will like to talk about those things. Ask teachers why they became teachers and if they made the right decisions. They will like talking about that, too. Ask questions about what you read. Keep those questions in your journal. Someday, you will write your way into the answers.”

The student said, “Maybe, I should have taken the short answer? What would that be?”

“Fine Lines. Small book. Big results.”

“Do you have another short answer?”

“Write on.”

The student said, “Sometimes, doing the writing is hard work, but I always love having done it.”

“I always keep paper and a pen in every room of the

house, so I can write down new ideas as they appear and before I forget them. Be prepared to capture thoughts before they fly away.”

Improved writing brings new opportunity, more change, and needed self-improvement. Good writing is a wonderful adventure, and no one is ever bored when searching for beauty and truth. Rational thought will take you from point “A” to point “Z,” but creativity is a magic carpet that carries us anywhere we want to go in the universe. “*Until we lose ourselves, there is no hope of finding ourselves*” (*Henry Miller, American author, 1891-1980*).

Answers are the end of searching, but questions are the beginnings of great journeys. Use creative writing to make metaphors and see the world with new eyes. Know your topics well, and sing your songs of discovery with meaning, insight, and pride. Work up to your potential, but only you know what that is. Flap your wings. Let writing unlock your soul and release your fervor, passion, color, and depth. Soar little birds. Go over the horizon.

Metaphors structure our lives. They are most important, and all good writers use them. Emblems and symbols used to apply to topics in unusual and artistic ways enlighten, deepen, and highlight different paths to understanding. One of the quickest ways to improve a writer’s effectiveness is to become comfortable comparing two unlike things and paint images into the minds of readers.

Eli, my almost four-year-old grandson, saw a large buffalo crossing the road in Colorado, where his family lives. He said to his mother who was driving the car, “Look at that large buffalo. I am going to call him Metro.”

His mother said, “Eli, why are you going to call that buffalo Metro.”

Eli said, “He is the size of a bus.”

Eli and his mother will always remember Metro. It is not enough to enjoy the stories that we hear. We must unfold our own tales of understanding.

Ernest Hemingway said, “We are all apprentices in a craft where no one ever becomes a master.” Writers dare to string sentences one after the other in hopes of rubbing ideas together, creating sparks of knowledge in the same way campers rub flint and stones together to start fires in the night.

“Where words leave off, music begins” (Heinrich Heine, German poet and critic, 1797-1856). This must be part of the understanding of the “Mozart Effect.” How wonderful it feels to write with music that carries us into the uncharted territory of the blank page. When music can help lift our wings, the writing is effortless, and we cover the most ground. When we hear the music of the message between the lines, we realize how important it is to ask all of our questions. Take the time necessary to ask every one.

“Fear is the cheapest room in the house. I would like to see you living in better conditions” (Hafiz Shirazi). The biggest fear for writers is the fear of the blank page, and every day we go to work in front of the computer screen or in front of the 8 ½ x 11 white page, to show the dragons in the shadows that we are not fearful of them anymore and can still place black ink on white pages. The more we write, the more they retreat. The universe is full of nourishment, and all we have to do is inhale, breathe deeply, and write on.

“Life is your art. An open, aware heart is your camera. A oneness with your world is your film” (Ansel Adams). Photographers understand what Adams means. Writers can use this collection of metaphors (art, camera, film) to appreciate their writing craft. Staying as close to the edge without going over allows artists of all kinds to envision things they cannot see from other perspectives. We must create our personal stories and use our lives as textbooks.

“Your heart is the size of an ocean. Go find yourself in its hidden depths” (Rumi). It takes courage to write. Some people want to write for fame, money, egotism, and to leave a record of their existence, but my favorite writers use words to learn about their characters, about the past-present-future, and about beauty-truth-grace. Writers want to know. They do not wait until tomorrow. Writers are not procrastinators. They write today. Let’s finish what we start! Dream. Create. Organize. Write.

When I stuttered as a youngster, I envied those who could talk easily in front of others. I found writing was a blessing, because I could say what I wanted without mixing up my words in my chaotic speech patterns. The more I wrote in clear, clean sentences, the better my thinking be-

came, and my thoughts were easier to speak. However, talking flies away with the wind, and if I want to keep an idea, I write it down. Anxiety is part of any artistic life, and writing about those concerns brings clarity to the confusion.

There are days when I wish I could call my mother. Even though she is gone, now, I know she will hear me if I play classical music at home and write to her. She always understood me, when no one else did or tried to. I want her to know how grateful I am, for helping me grow up and learn to deal with life’s questions. She could open an envelope and step into a quiet place surrounded by her busy world. With her garden, flowers, and smiles, she let peace find me. As I observed her silent ways, her wisdom showed me that we are in life together, but we have to live it by ourselves. Spending our lives in pursuit of worthy passions was her definition of “rich,” and it is rare to be called but even more special to answer.

When I was a boy in Falls City, NE, I often climbed to the top of my favorite tree after dinner and watched the sun go down. This 50 foot maple, right next to our house, was a beauty and displayed its magnificent colors every fall. After supper, Mother would come out of the back door and call for me to come inside and get ready for bed, but I did not answer her and hid quietly on the tree branches like a little bird surrounded by the leaves, while she searched for me. This game between the two of us was a friendly affair. Occasionally, as she stood on the back step with a dish towel in her hands, after calling me four times, each one a little louder than the last, I could see her smile to herself. She trusted me and went back inside, when I did not answer. Maybe she knew where I was, but she never let on that she did. She knew I would answer her in my own way. Mother kept opening doors for me, encouraging me to go through them and create myself, while she stayed behind and out of the way. “Mom” was her professional title, and she was good at her work.

After watching the birds fly in the sky, after I cleared my mind of the day’s puzzling times, after sorting out what my goals were for the next day, after the sun set, after I found a few moments of peace, I climbed down from the tall tree, went inside, washed up, and got into bed, all by myself. Mom was often surprised to find me asleep under the covers after she finished getting my brothers to sleep. She knew I was a little bird who liked to fly alone.

That special place of mine, high off the ground in my favorite tree, taught me a lot about the power of wings and who I was to become. I have always needed a special place and a lot of quiet time just to be me. Give me solitude, not loneliness. Give me quiet, not isolation. Give me beauty, not shadows and mirrors. Give me hope, not fakery. Give me grace, not buffoonery. Give me art, not lines drawn in the sand. Give me a smile, and help me fly.

“Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?” (*Mary Oliver, New and Selected Poems*).

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Richardson County Historical Society

Saturday, August 24 – 2 P.M.

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