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SHERIFF'S DEPT. RECEIVES GRANT

During their regular weekly meeting Tuesday, Nov. 28th, Richardson County Sheriff Don Pounds informed County Commissioners that his department has been awarded a \$6,400 grant by the Nebraska Crime Commission. The grant will be used toward the purchase of hardware and software to implement the procedures for electronic tickets that will enable tickets written by officers to be filed with the County Attorney at the time of their issuance.

Sheriff Pounds also reported that the District Judge has requested additional security for his Court and that will require more time from deputies and Sheriff's Department staff reducing time spent on other projects.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau, Jr. Updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance. Darveau said equipment maintenance was being reviewed. He also reported that plans are being developed to provide heat to a shop area in Humboldt. The purchase of grader tires was also discussed.

Claims were approved and Commissioners briefly discussed the procedures and deadline for setting the salaries for the new terms of office for elected county officials for the period of 2019 to 2022. The deadline for setting those salaries is January 15, 2018.



Kinlee Jackson shows off all of her ribbons and trophies (Photo by Lori Gottula)

SCOTT FROST RETURNS TO LINCOLN

By Brian McKim

In what was possibly the worst kept secret in college football Scott Frost will take over the daunting task of leading the Huskers back to prominence.

Moments after Frosts UCF team won the American Athletic Conference 62-55 over Memphis in double overtime the message boards were lighting up with news of Frosts hiring. As reported by Wayne Staats of Land of 10 "It is a great honor and privilege to have the opportunity to return to Nebraska and lead the Husker football program," said Frost.

"I have been fortunate to be at a wonderful school the last two years, but Nebraska is a special place with storied tradition and a fan base which is second to none." Central Florida currently is 12-0 and ranked #14 in the country.

Many Husker fans will remember Frost for a few reasons in his playing days in Lincoln. Many will remember the drive he engineered against Missouri in 1997 that ended with "the catch" by Matt Davison, that saved the Husker national title hopes.

Some will remember the game in the same season against Central Florida, yes the same one, when Frost was

booed by his own fans. I was at that game that day, and yes I booed. I never fully jumped on board with Frost after he left the state after high school to play football for Stanford, only to return two years later.

However, my opinion of him has changed as of late after listening to remarks made by past players that spoke of his toughness and willingness to do whatever it takes to win.

Others will remember his plea to the media to give Coach Tom Osborne a split title after Nebraska won the 1997 Orange Bowl to finish the season a perfect 13-0.

Previously Frost was a grad assistant at Nebraska in 2002 and at Kansas State in 2006, an assistant coach at Northern Iowa in 2007-08 and at Oregon from 2009-15 before taking over at UCF two seasons ago. Frost will look to rebuild a Husker program that was 4-8 this past season and hasn't won a conference title since 1999.

KINLEE JACKSON IS OFF AND RUNNING

By Lori Gottula

On most weekends this past year, from April through November, Kinlee Jackson climbed up into her saddle and rode her horse, Sweetie Pie, in a variety of classes at horse shows sponsored by NEKSAG (Northeast Kansas Small Area Group). She and Sweetie Pie were competing for individual event ribbons and trophies, but Kinlee also hoped to accumulate the highest point total for the season.

For every event that she rode, she received a ribbon and points if she placed—six points if she won, five points for second, four for third, and so on. At the end of the season, the rider with the most points won a trophy for that event. Then the rider with the highest point totals overall won a champion belt buckle, the most anticipated award in equine sports.

Kinlee smoked most of the kids in her age group every weekend, and throughout the season won approximately 200 ribbons. The last weekend of November, she won five trophies, and the season-long high point award, for which she received her coveted buckles. (She now has five).

During the week throughout most of that time, Kinlee learned math, spelling, and all sorts of other things at school, then aced the hip-hop dance in her dance class on Thursday nights. You see, Kinlee Jackson just turned six years old, and she's in kindergarten.

Kinlee is the daughter of Mathew and Billie (Weaver) Jackson of Falls City. She stands 3'8" tall, and weighs 40 pounds. She has bright hazel

eyes, and long strawberry blond hair that is usually pulled back into a ponytail. And she loves horses, just like her mom does.

Billie herself grew up on horseback, and even competed in the world championships of barrel-racing in 2003 and 2005. She and her horse, Jake, knew each other backward and forward, so when it came time for Kinlee to start learning, Billie knew that Jake was the one to teach her. Kinlee was just two years old when she saddled up on Jake for the first time, and she competed in lead-line classes (where a parent or guardian leads the horse and rider in a pattern). She was three when she started riding Jake alone.

"I know that that sounds crazy and scary to moms and dads who aren't horse people,"

Billie said, during a recent interview with Kinlee and her parents. "But I'd had Jake for 21 years at that point, and knew every move he made, and everything there was to know about his disposition. I knew he would never do anything that would hurt her, and that he would take care of her as if she was me."

Every night when Billie and Mat got off work, one or both saddled up the horse and headed for the pasture with Kinlee. The little one became passionate about riding, and when the weather was good, wanted to be in the pen. Her mom taught her how to participate in events like poles, and goats.

"I love the goats class," Kinlee said, "Because it's fun. You ride in on your horse, stop where the goat is, jump off your horse, get the goat by the collar, and grab the ribbon off his tail. Then you

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SWEDE, NO LONGER IN THE HALLS BUT ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS

There's something missing at Falls City High School. A loving, compassionate friend is no longer greeting the students and staff as they walk the halls.

Swede, a golden-doodle, served as a therapy dog in the school and district, under the watchful eye of his owner Sara Barker. Swede graced the school for the last week in early November. Unfortunately, pets are susceptible to cancer just like people.

For the past eight years, Swede had been a part of the Falls City High School community. He and Ms. Barker would visit classrooms from time to time, but usually, Swede could be found hanging out near the guidance office.

Swede's skills included helping students to relax during the tough days and giving a connection when it was needed for staff and students alike. Sometimes he was just a comfy pillow to cuddle with for those who needed some love. His presence in the hall

of pats on the head and probably was talked to as much as any other person in the hall. After all, it would be rude to walk past him and not acknowledge he was there when he was always ready to care.

Ms. Barker's journey with Swede started in 2009 when he became part of her family at the age of 18 months. Up to that point, he had been training with the Nebraska Department of Corrections.

The connection between the two came with help from Domesti-PUPS, an organization out of Lincoln. This group trains and makes similar connections to serve multiple needs of our society. The dogs are trained to work in nursing homes, schools, hospitals, physical and speech therapy, church ministry opportunities, and also as service dogs.

The students collected pet food and toys for the Richardson County Humane Society in honor of Swede's loyal service. It's their hope to show some love to some animals that need a lot, from a group of students who have been shown so



Swede and his friend Mary a few years ago.

seemed to lessen stress for most passersby. He received plenty much by one very special dog.

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Promoting a Culture of Life

By Governor Pete Ricketts



A culture of life. It's part of what makes Nebraska the best place to live, work, and raise a family. This culture is evident in the way we care for each other and look out for our neighbors. You can see it in how Nebraskans step up and care for our most vulnerable citizens, including the elderly and disabled. It's manifested in the work of volunteers at crisis pregnancy centers and pro-life prayer vigils held across our state each year.

As Governor, I have worked to support initiatives that protect and strengthen the culture of life that Nebraskans embody. Life is precious, and public officials have a duty to stand up and be a voice for the unborn and most vulnerable.

This year, I had the privilege of signing LB46 into law. This bill was introduced by Senator Dan Watermeier of Syracuse to create the "Choose Life" license plate. This license plate bill is the first pro-life legislation signed into law in years. This plate is a specialty license plate, which Nebraskans can choose to purchase as an alternative to our standard license plate. The "Choose Life" license plate gives Nebraskans the opportunity to express their values as they travel around Nebraska and across the nation.

This week, Senator Watermeier and I unveiled the design for the plate. The plate depicts a mother and her child walking into a Nebraska sunrise. I know that the design will spark fond memories of parents and their loved ones. With the creation of the plate, Nebraska joins twenty-nine other states that offer "Choose Life" license plates. You can see the design by visiting www.Governor.Nebraska.gov and access information about how to order one of the plates.

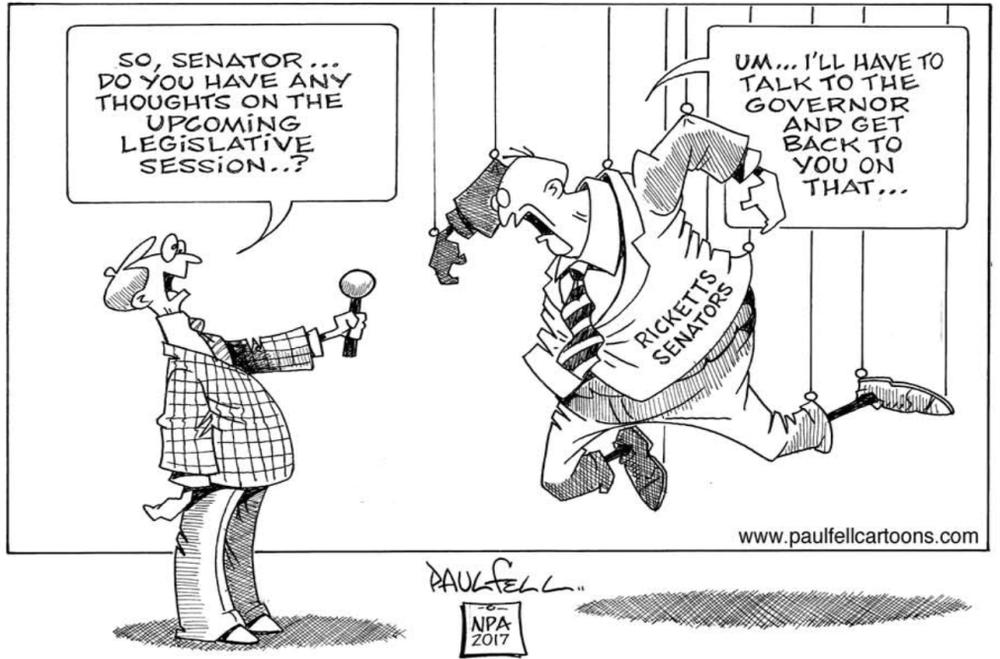
This year, I also signed another pro-life bill into law. LB506 introduced by Senator Joni Albrecht of Thurston adopted the "Compassion and Care for Medically Challenging Pregnancies Act." This legislation is helping provide essential information regarding perinatal hospice care to pregnant women who are diagnosed with a lethal fetal anomaly. Before this legislation, many parents were provided minimal options when given a serious medical diagnosis during the early stages of a pregnancy. Unfortunately, most women and their families are not aware of the compassionate care available to them through perinatal hospice services. Nebraska is the first state to pass legislation requiring information on hospice to be provided at the time of diagnosis.

In addition to these legislative initiatives, my administration has also worked to build a more effective and efficient state government that delivers a high level of customer service. How we deliver a service communicates a respect for the dignity of the people we serve and makes a real difference in the quality of life for our most vulnerable Nebraskans.

In the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), we have made great strides in improving the level of service for our customers. Our call centers for Medicaid services and economic assistance have reduced call wait times from 24 minutes to an average of just five minutes. Why does this matter? Imagine being a low-income Nebraskan with a prepaid phone that has 45 minutes on it. Now imagine spending over half of those minutes on hold. What does that do to your quality of life? Faster response times not only improve the customer experience, but are also helping ensure that we are serving only people who qualify and need our help.

Serving Nebraskans with developmental disabilities is another one of DHHS' key responsibilities. Under my administration, we have reduced the amount of paperwork families have to complete to determine eligibility for the state's developmental disability services. We streamlined the application from 14 pages to three pages. Additionally, we have accelerated the process for approving new providers who help deliver these services. Originally, it took 163 days to review prospective providers, and now we're completing approvals in 49 days.

These are just a few examples of how we are working to support and protect Nebraska's culture of life. We aren't finished—there is more work to do. Whether Nebraskans are expressing their pro-life values through their license plate or volunteering at a local pregnancy clinic, we're always working to grow our respect for life here in the Good Life. If you have a story about how your community is promoting a culture of life in Nebraska, call my office at 402-471-2244 or email me at pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov.



Ready or not, here they come

Capitol View
By J.L. Schmidt
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Nebraska Press Association

With a shorter than normal football season – sorry Huskers, a four-win season won't get you a bowl game – that awkward time between football and the Nebraska Legislature convening is a lot longer this year.

But, while the distractions are few, the state's 49 senators have already met officially to get a glimpse of what lies ahead when the 105th Legislature Second Session convenes January 3, 2018. That retreat is even more important before the "short" session because lawmakers have only 60 days to get things done.

There is always the possibility that the Gang of 27 Republicans who got together before the start of the last session to unofficially decide how things were going to run, will pull the same stunt again before year's end. I will once again remind all of you that while it's not illegal to do so, it's pretty darned disgusting in what is supposed to be a nonpartisan legislative body. Remember, there are 32 Republicans, 14 Democrats, 2 Independents and 1 Libertarian on record as senators.

There is also the possibility that the acrimony, which delayed permanent rules adoption, could once again rear its ugly head. The big sticking point last session was open voting on leadership positions and proposed changes to filibusters. The voting is a moot point during a second session but a matter of pride for those lawmakers wishing to do the bidding of the Republican governor.

To his credit, Speaker of the Legislature Sen. Jim Scheer of Norfolk has served notice that his colleagues can suggest rule changes until the first day of the session and the Rules Committee will have a hearing on those proposals on the second day. Debate on the committee's recommendations will begin on Day 4.

With all that said, what's on the Senator's plates is a pretty familiar meal of tax cuts, education funding, corrections reform, Medicaid expansion and whatever new bills they can come up with during the first 10 days of the session.

Outside the legislative chambers is the drama of the governor and attorney general pushing for the state's first execution of a death row inmate since 1997. You'll remember that a kinder and gentler Nebraska Legislature repealed the death penalty in 2016 and overrode a gubernatorial veto. But, with a petition drive largely funded by the governor's personal funds, the matter went on the ballot and was voted back into law.

Don't expect a full-on legislative debate over the death penalty, but the topic will likely come up during discussions on other corrections issues as lawmakers look at reports from a troubled prison system that deals with staff shortages, contraband, unsolved inmate deaths and an escalating number of inmate-on-staff and inmate-on-inmate assaults. A lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union on overcrowding issues – Nebraska has the second most overcrowded system in the country – will also factor into those discussions.

The perennial issue of school funding will face more scrutiny. Education Committee Chairman Sen. Mike Groene of North Platte addressed the issue with colleagues

during the afore-mentioned retreat. He cited 2015 figures, which show what the state spent on more than 315,000 public school students with an average of nearly \$13,000 per student. He said the resultant \$973 million in direct school aid that year, combined with property tax relief, adult basic education, special education and other requirements and funding to the state Department of Education, actually brought that figure to \$1.7 billion.

Health and Human Services issues will include child welfare, managed care for Medicaid recipients and children and efforts to combat opioid abuse and prescription drug monitoring. Some of this discussion will be driven by issues from the Legislature's Planning

Committee which has discovered that the state's population is: becoming more concentrated in a few counties (Lancaster, Douglas and Sarpy have 55 percent); getting older; becoming more racially and ethnically diverse.

With continuing revisions downward by the state Economic Forecasting Advisory Board, it's highly probable that budget adjustments will be in order as well.

So, be patient Nebraska friends. The legislative session is less than a month away.

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STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: HOLIDAY MOVIES

ACROSS

- Big ___ at 7-Eleven
- Plays for pay
- Not counterfeit
- Largest continent
- Field worker
- Eagle's nest
- Shade-loving plant
- River in Bohemia
- Choice or delicious dish
- *Vince Vaughn's title role, 2007
- Research facil.
- "Colorful" announcement
- Humor magazine
- Sherlock Holmes' esteemed friend
- Wedge-shaped
- "Fat chance!"
- Ancient liturgical hymn
- Jet black
- Like Bushmills' whiskey
- *"Jingle ___ the Way," 1996
- Speak like Pericles
- Cleopatra's necklace
- They're often bolt action
- Tucker of "Modern Family"
- Football play, pl
- *Nicholas Cage's "The ___ Man," 2000
- Egg cells
- "The Metamorphosis" author
- Nursery rhyme old woman's home
- *Kevin McCallister's story, 1990
- Opposite end of alpha
- "It's beginning to look ___ like Christmas..."
- Like desert climate
- Apple leftovers
- Container weight
- *"Trappd in Paradise" with Jon Lovitz and ___ Carvey
- Matured
- "C" ___ la vie!"
- Big Bang's original matter

DOWN

- Fishing pole
- Olympic castaway?
- Pre-euro money
- Bamboo forest dwellers
- *Like Express to the North Pole
- Overthrow by argument
- Miners' bounty, pl.
- *Clarice, e.g.
- Spans of time
- Not a word?
- Type of Christmas lights
- Helen in France
- Type of deadly flu
- LamÉ or serge
- "___'s the word"
- *Like Bing Crosby's Christmas
- Packers' quarterback
- Like Hitler's Reich
- Reject
- Olden day calculators
- The whole amount
- *Henry F. Potter in "It's a Wonderful Life," e.g.
- Oration station
- *Will Ferrell's 2003 role
- *Based on "A Christmas Carol," 1988
- Port city in Japan
- Ribonucleic acid
- Affected or pretentious
- Part of eye containing iris, pl.
- Unwellness
- Trees producing caffeine-containing nuts
- Like a duel in France, usually
- Smoke plus fog
- At this point
- Antonym of love
- Unwritten exam
- Number of baseball fielders
- Dutch cheese
- Edible tuber

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50 YEARS AGO - Dec. 6th - 12th, 1967

By a 5-3 vote the City Council turned down a proposed 10 year contract for purchase of power from the Omaha Public Power District, a move seen by proponents as a means to assure sufficient power during peak demand periods and as a backup in case of loss of local power production capability.

Ebel Seed Company was conducting an Open House at its new facility on W. 14th Street.

A total of 313 men were reclassified by the local draft board and 32 who were classified 1A were considered likely to be drafted to serve in the military.

Mrs. Margaret Lorenzen was named the first director of the Falls City Housing Authority.

The Sheriff's Department was seeking public help in identifying the parties responsible for uprooting 21 state and county road signs and placing them in a field on the Gordon Loening farm in the Humboldt area.

The Falls City Tigers new Wrestling Team was defeated in its first outing at Crete, 36 to 16. Winning their individual matches were Dan Kopf, Lyle Bachman, Gary Jones, and Jim Stephenson.

"To Kill a Mockingbird" was showing at the Rivoli. "Mr. Music and His Men of Note" were providing dance music at the Elks Lodge.

One-hundred student projects were available for public viewing during a Falls City High School "Science Night".

The "Top Brands Discount Center" was a new business opening at 1508 Stone Street and was selling a Polaroid Swinger camera for \$12.97. Zenith console stereos were being advertised by Appleoff Appliances.

Shown in Sports Page photos were Falls City High and Sacred Heart cheerleaders. Leading cheers for the Tigers were Becky Schatz, Jean Lin-scott, Vicki Furnas, Pam Tubach, Karen Scribner, and Laurie Schock. The Irish cheerleaders were Mary Ann Kean, Marilyn Santo, Mary Kay Sul-livan, and Patty Weber.

The County owned the toll bridge across the Missouri River at Rulo, there was enough money to pay off the last of the bonds, and Nebraska and Missouri roads departments offered to take over and maintain the bridge if the County would paint the structure and make other repairs estimated to cost \$101,900.

Mike Gibson sank a bucket at the buzzer at the end of a second overtime period as Sacred Heart defeated Nebraska City Lourdes 81-79.

Richardson County Commissioners voted to hire a Kansas City firm at a cost of \$65,400 to do a complete re-appraisal of all real estate in the County.

A crowd estimated at 1,500 persons attended the 2nd annual Christmas Carol Sing at Prichard Auditorium sponsored by the Area Fellowship of Churches.

And, 8,000 feet of plastic pipe was being installed to replace an old greens watering system at Falls City Country Club.

25 YEARS AGO - Dec. 6th - 12th, 1992

Union Pacific's famed Challenger steam locomotive arrived in Falls City 2 1/2 hours late after experiencing mechanical problems on its way from Kansas City as part of a 17-state tour and plans to load school children here for a trip to Nebraska City had to be scrubbed.

Previously unreleased White House tapes showed that President Nixon wanted to use the attempted assassination of George Wallace to discredit George McGovern's 1972 Democratic presidential campaign.

Nebraska freshman quarterback Tommie Frazier ran for three touch-downs and threw for another as the Huskers defeated Kansas State 38-24 to clinch the Big 8 title and a trip to the Orange Bowl to play #3 Florida State.

Taking office were four new members of the city council: Susan Sipple, Marvin Pethoud, Bill Palmer, and Don Ferguson.

Every-Bodies Fitness Club had just added an indoor heated swimming pool and suggested a membership would make a great Christmas gift.

The 25th ranked Husker men's basketball team, coached by Danny Nee, smothered the Citadel in Lincoln, 86-46.

Santa's sleigh made a stop in Falls City to kick off the Christmas season and 261 kids and adults took a sleigh ride with the man in red. Santa's visit to the Rulo library on Dec. 17th was sponsored by the Iowa Tribe and merchants of Rulo.

Terry Backer, president of American National Bank, was elected president of the Falls City Chamber of Commerce.

It was officially announced that England's Prince Charles and Princess Diana would separate but not divorce and would continue to participate fully in the upbringing of their two sons, William and Harry.

Carmen Luthy of Humboldt High was honored as an Athlete of the Week by the Journal after pouring in 25 points in the Cardinal's opening game of the season.

A local group of stamp collectors used cancelled stamps from 1957 to 1992 to create a unique work of art, a rendering of the American flag.

Coach Roger Windle named Jarrod Chapple Falls City High wrestler of the week after Chapple went through the first week of the season undefeated, winning all four matches by pin and taking the championship in the Wymore Southern tournament.

Nebraska's Will Shields, who won the Outland Trophy as college football's outstanding interior lineman, also was named to the AP's All-America Team.

The Dec. 13th performance of Handel's Messiah at Prichard Auditorium sponsored by the Area Fellowship of Churches and directed by Mildred Appleoff was a huge undertaking as the chorus featured 27 sopranos, 29 altos, 10 tenors, and 15 basses backed by a chamber orchestra consisting of 2 violins, a viola, cello, oboe, 2 trumpets, a timpani, organ, and piano.

Pioneer Hall, a 20-bed Alzheimer unit located within Falls City Care Center, began operations there on Dec. 28th.

15 YEARS AGO - Dec. 6th - 12th, 2002

Richardson County Bank & Trust Co. (now Frontier Bank) announced that Dana Rathje had been named President of the bank.

The Nebraska Supreme Court affirmed the award in Richardson County District Court of \$98,223 in damages to JoAnn Brandon of Lincoln in a wrongful death suit brought against Richardson County and former sheriff Charles Laux in connection with the murder at a Humboldt area residence of Brandon's daughter, Teena.

An attorney for death row inmate John Lotter of Falls City argued before the Nebraska Supreme Court that Lotter was either entitled to a new trial or resentencing to life in prison based on a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that juries, not judges, should decide whether the death sentence should be imposed in first degree murder cases.

Falls City High School senior Jeff Grady was named as the punter and junior Brett Druba was named as a linebacker on the Class B-3 All-District Football Team.

Sunglass-wearing Logan Scheitel and Austin Malone struck a pose reminiscent of the Blues Brothers in a Journal photo taken at the Sacred Heart elementary Christmas program.

Casino White Cloud was celebrating its 4th Anniversary and was awarding a Honda 4x4 and \$4,000 in cash in a drawing to be held Dec. 14th.

The Falls City School Board hired an engineering firm to explore the possibility of both installing air conditioning and also replacing the heating systems at the district's two elementary schools built in the 1950's.

KINLEE JACKSON IS OFF AND RUNNING

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have to run to the finish line."

Kinlee started competing on Jake at shows and rodeos just after her fourth birthday. In the six-and-under classes, she usually won. But she also competed in eight-and-under classes, and sometimes even thirteen-and-under! She either won or placed in all of them.

Then, last year, she wanted to start running barrels, so her mom led her around three barrels in their pasture, to help her learn. However, Kinlee couldn't ride Jake in a show. The horse had competed for over a decade with Billie, and knew that his job was to run the pattern as fast as he could, even though he was 29 years old. Since Kinlee was only four, she needed a horse that would run at her speed. So, in March of 2016, they found Sweetie Pie.

"We fell in love with her," Billie said. "She looked just like Jake, had his temperament, and was reportedly great with kids."

"Sweetie Pie's not a lover, though," Kinlee said, with her cute little smile. "She won't let me kiss her on the face at all. I just say, 'Sweetie Pie, you're so difficult'." (Yes, Kinlee is very precocious.)

Kinlee and Sweetie Pie competed in their first barrel race two days after the Jacksons brought the mare home. And they won. And they continued winning.

"That first year, their time dropped from 30 seconds down to 24," Mat said. "Then this year, they improved by at least five seconds again."

"Yeah," Kinlee said. "A few weekends ago, I ran a 19 in Lincoln."

In barrel-racing, one one-hundredth of a second can be the difference between first and last place. But here's some information that might help make this clear. In that Lincoln show, Kinlee rode the standard barrel pattern that adults ride, (a cloverleaf pattern around three barrels set in a triangle), and she ran it in just over 19 seconds. On a 900-pound horse. By comparison, the winner of the adult division finished in 15 seconds.

In other words, this little girl is a pretty big deal.

Next year, the Jacksons plan to have her compete on the Fremont Youth Rodeo circuit.

The events are more difficult, and the competition stiffer.

"She may not win as many trophies and ribbons," Billie said, "But Kinlee is a competitor. If she wants to be the best, she needs to compete against the best."

And make no mistake, Kinlee wants to be the best.

This past summer, she was in a show where points were accumulated for each event throughout the weekend. On the second day, she was in the lead by five points after the timed events like barrel-racing. An eight-year-old boy was in second place, right behind her. He and she still had to compete (with all the others) in foot races like the stick horse race, where the competitors raced stick horses down to a barrel, around it, and back to the finish line. The day before, the boy had smoked her in that race.

"That night, when I went to check on Sweetie Pie in her stall, I saw Kinlee and her dad out in

the arena, and Kinlee was running that stick horse ragged," Billie said. "The next day, she cut the boy off at the barrel, and beat him on the back side." Kinlee won the overall buckle for the weekend.

As her mom told the story, Kinlee kicked a soccer ball around her living room, and giggled, just like little girls do when they've one-upped a boy.

Although this little spit-fire has enjoyed the competition side of equine sports, (even at her tender age), her mom has most enjoyed the bond that Kinlee has developed with her horse.

"I had my Jake for 23 years, until he died this past summer," Billie said. "He was my world until Kinlee came along. Now, she has Sweetie Pie, and I see the same relationship developing with them."

Kinlee stopped at the kitchen table, and looked at her mom lovingly.

"Jake was a good horse," she said. Then she bopped off to shoot a tiny basketball into an indoor hoop. There's only one thing left to say about this six-year-old phenomenon. She's a little sweetie pie.

SOCIETY

Falls City Drove #56 met Monday, November, 27th, at 7 pm at the Elks Lodge. President, Marlene McKim, called the Round Table meeting to order. Chaplain, Phyllis Kreutzer, led in prayer. Secretary, Mary Wiltse, read the minutes of the previous meeting, and they were approved.

Marlene gave the Treasurer's report for absent Treasurer, Linda Frost. Committee reports were presented. The Courtesy committee sent a Get Well card to Linda Frost. Communications included a Thank You from Mary Ann Wenz for her husband's memorial. The "Bakeless Bakesale" is still underway. All members are asked to help the Drove with their donation.

The Christmas Social will be Monday, December, 11 at the Elks Lodge. Cocktail hour begins at 6 pm. Dinner will be served at 7:00. The 2018 Installation of Officers will be Monday, January 8, 2018, at 7:00 at the Elks Lodge. Officers should wear their white dresses.

The Coin March was held and Happy Birthday was sung to Marlene. Marlene thanked Susan Wilhelm, refreshment Chairman. The next meeting is the Christmas Social.

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Restrospective: The Life Works of Richard Moses Art Exhibition and Gallery Talk
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New Arrivals



MOYER-Lucas and Brandy Moyer, Gretna, NE, are the proud parents of a son, Chase Lucas, born at 7:56 AM on October 21, 2017, at Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha. He weighed seven pounds, one ounce and was 21 inches long. He is welcomed at home by big brothers Brogan, 8, and Graham 3. Maternal grandparents are Stephen and Sharon Eubanks of Bellevue, NE. Paternal grandparents are Nancy and the late John Moyer of rural Humboldt.

R.C. Sheriff 'Click it or Ticket' Mobilization

The Richardson County Sheriff's Office participated in the Click It or Ticket Mobilization from Nov. 20-16, 2017.

During that time, Sheriff's Deputies conducted 117 traffic stops, 74 citations were issued and 43 warnings. Two citations were given for drug violations.

A total of four arrests were made from the department including three for Driving Under the Influence and one for an outstanding warrant.

The department answered 25 calls for service and responded to a one vehicle accident (non-injury). During the holiday weekend a total of eight Driving under the influence arrested were booked into the Richardson County Jail.

Free food for seniors

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) distribution clinic will be held in Humboldt at 624 3rd Street on Wednesday, December 20, 2017. An appointment is suggested.

CSFP provides nutritious foods to seniors who are age 60 or greater who live in Nebraska and are under the program income guidelines.

Foods given through CSFP include canned fruits and vegetables; bottled juice; one percent liquid and non-fat dry milk; hot and cold cereals; canned meat; peanut butter and dried beans; cheese; pasta or rice.

To schedule an appointment or obtain information on how to qualify for CSFP, please call Blue Valley Community Action at 402-729-2278.



Cast: L-R-Sami Berry, Director; Austin Martin, Roger Lampe. Front Emily Ernst, Cheri Ernst, Karen Rowen. (Photo by Lori Gottula)

It's a Wonderful Life

By Lori Gottula

The Place Between theatre, a local company started by Falls City native, Sami Berry, will produce *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* during this Christmas season. The play will be held at Christ Church of Falls City, 701 Stone Street, on December 15 - 17 (Friday through Sunday). It starts at seven p.m., and tickets are \$10 each.

"Although we are holding the play at a church, it is not a faith-based show," Sami said. "It is based on the Christmas classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*, but is an old-time radio production of the story."

The movie, which starred James Stewart, was produced in 1946. It's about a frustrated businessman, George Bailey, who wishes he had never been born. He gets his wish when an angel gives him the opportunity to see what life would have been like in his community if he had never existed.

The play, written by Joe Landry in special arrangement with Playscripts Inc., is a play-within-a-play because the audience is allowed to peek in on WBFR's radio production of the story. The actors on the radio show sit at microphones and read their

parts, and also add sound effects for their radio audience.

"The sound effects are my favorite part," Sami said. "During the golden age of radio, if one character punched another, the sound effect was created by an actor punching his hand. Our actors take it a step further, and punch a baseball glove. We have so many sound effects, and we hope that people who come to the play are amazed by the fun ways that we've created them."

The radio show also has sponsors, and the commercials for their products will thrill the audience as well.

The cast of six includes: Keegan Hunzeker in the lead role of George; Cheri Ernst as George's wife, Mary; Roger Lampe as Mr. Potter, the old man who owns everything in town; Austin Martin as the angel and various other

voices; Karen Rowen as Mrs. Bailey and other voices, and Emily Ernst as Violet Bick, and various voices.

"This show includes a lot of characters who just appear once or twice," Sami said, "So one actor on the radio show will play several different characters. I have really enjoyed helping our actors explore and create different voices for the characters they play."

For tickets to the show, contact Sami Berry at tpttheatreboxoffice@gmail.com.

The next production by The Place Between will be in March. Sami's company will also hold its second annual Youth Theatre Workshop during the summer, for kids K - 12.

STUDENTS

Bryan College of Health Sciences announces the graduating class of December 2017. Twenty-six will be graduating with a Master of Science in Nursing, forty-nine with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, nine with a Bachelor of Science in Health Professions, and two with a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences. Graduation commencement speaker is Erin C. Duggan Pemberton, JD, MSN, Partner at Wolfe Snowden Hurd Luers & Ahl, LLP, and current chairperson for the Bryan College of Health Sciences Board of Trustees. Graduation will be held on December 15, at 5:30 p.m. at Saint Paul United Methodist Church.

Alexis Ann Lewis of Humboldt, will be graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

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Click it or Ticket Mobilization in FC

The Falls City Police Department participated in a statewide 'Click It or Ticket' Enforcement effort between November 20 and November 26, 2017. The enforcement was designed to help reduce injuries from accidents through voluntary compliance with traffic laws.

The 36 overtime hours worked by officers was paid for by the Nebraska Department of Roads Highway Safety Office.

During the enforcement effort,

37 citations were issued with 21 for speeding, nine for stop sign violations, three for seat belt violations, two for driving with a suspended license, and two miscellaneous traffic citations.

Officers also issued 44 written warnings for various offenses. Ten for speeding, four for seat belt violations, two for stop sign violations, 14 for defective equipment and 14 for registration/driver's license/insurance off.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Falls City Library & Arts Center, 1400 Stone St. Hours: 10 a.m.-8p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.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.

January's Book Discussion: The Magician's Assistant, by Ann Patchett. When Parsifal, Sabine's husband of more than 20 years and the magician of the title, suddenly dies, she begins to discover how she's glimpsed him only through smoke and mirrors. He has managed to keep hidden the existence of a family in Nebraska. Wednesday, January 25 at 2 pm

Creative Night: Pinwheel Stars! December 13 at 5:30 pm Bring \$5.00 for supplies. Must be signed up by Dec. 11

Come and laugh and watch it with your whole family! Watch ELF on Thursday, December 7 at 6:00 pm. It's a good, old-fashioned story, and you can watch it in a theatre atmosphere!

Stalder Gallery Retrospective: The Life Work of Richard Moses Gallery Talk: George Neubert, Friday, December 15 at 7:00 pm. The Gallery will be open at 6:30 pm to receive guests. The Exhibit on Richard Moses will continue through December 31. Sponsored by Richardson Coun-

ty Arts & Humanities Council

Come check out our family holiday movies that are on display!

Story Time for the Little People! (Ages 3-5) Every Thursday at 5:30 pm. We read books, play games, and do a project! December 7: Cookies. December 14: Reindeer. December 21: Winter. December 28: Snow.

LEGO CLUB! Theme: Christmas, K-2nd grade. December 18: 3:45-4:45 pm. or 5:00-6:00 pm. 3rd-5th grade. December 11: 3:45-4:45 pm. Please call 245-2913 to sign your child up. Spaces are limited!

Lapsit Story Time for Babies and toddlers! Every Friday at 11:00 am. We sing songs, read books and do a little project! December 8: Cookies. December 15: Reindeer. December 22: Winter. December 29: Snow.

December 12 at 3:45 -4:45 pm. Christmas Art Projects.

December 19 at 3:45-5:30 pm. Christmas Movie! Come find out what movie is showing! There are so many to choose from!

Christmas Movie! Tuesday, December 12, 6:00-7:30 pm Who doesn't love Christmas movies? I'll have a variety to choose from, so get here a little early so we can get your vote!

YALA Book Club: Graceling by Kristin Cashore, Tuesday, December 19, 6-7:30 pm. We'll have a book discussion and play a game to go along with the book!

Big Kid Lego Club, Tuesday, December 21 6:00-7:30 pm. It's time to bring out the games! Let's see who will be the winner!

New Year's Eve Party! December 28, 6:30-8:00 pm. It's time to par-tay! Come have fun and see what kinds of games Allie has in mind! Bring your midnight fun!

MAKE IT RIGHT

The Falls City Journal dated Nov. 29, 2017 in the Sez-I titled 'National Right to Life Month,' by Shirley George, some information was omitted by the author: Caroline Ruhl, 26, adopted a baby with Goltz Syndrome, and has fostered 28 children.

The sentence 'These young parents rely on God, the first adopted Father, Citizen,' should have read: "These young parents rely on God, the first adoptive Father, Citizen."



Above, (l-r) Emma Killingsworth, Delainey Kaster, Ashleigh Kirkendall

FCMS November Students of the Month

The students of the month for November at the Falls City Middle School were: Emma Killingsworth, eighth grade, Delainey Kaster, seventh grade, and Ashleigh Kirkendall, sixth grade. Each student received a T-shirt printed with the Student of the Month logo. The shirts are compliments of Stripes and Signs. The Elks Club will sponsor a complimentary meal during Youth Week for all of this year's student of the month recipients and their parents.

To receive student of the month, students must first be nominated by one of their teachers. The criteria for nomination this year once again focuses on the 212 degree message. The teachers are continuously looking for the students that give the extra degree. This is a student that demonstrates extra effort by being an exemplary student. Someone who internalizes the truth that is "Not enough to be good when you have the ability to be BETTER!" Each month the teachers choose an individual from each grade that were identified as a 212 degree student and met the criteria. This includes: turning work in on time, exemplary behavior everywhere, goes out of their way to help peers, good grades and/or improvement; always showing effort, active and/or involved in the community, leadership accomplishments: academic, athletic, or in the community, school attendance, positive attitude toward others, honest and trustworthy, cooperative and dependable, helpful to teachers, positive attitude toward school, and considerate of other's feelings.

Teachers vote by private balloting. To win student of the month, one student must receive a majority of the votes. Those students who don't win are given honorable mention and are eligible in future months.

Ashleigh is the sixth grade student of the month for November. She is the daughter of Laura and Jeremy Kirkendall. Ashleigh is described as a student that comes to class prepared and is helpful to her classmates. Her focus is to do her best everyday! Ashleigh has been a regular on the honor roll and is an active member of the band and chorus. She served as a student manager for the high school volleyball team and has recently joined the middle school's Clown Troupe. Outside of school, Ashleigh is very active in sporting activities.

Delainey is the seventh grade student of the month for November. She is the daughter of Elizabeth and Michael Kaster. Delainey is described as a student that works extremely hard in the classroom. She is an awesome contributor during class discussions and works to keep her project partners on task.

Delainey has received recognition for honor roll and perfect attendance. She participates in band and chorus. Outside of school, De-

lainey participates in softball and is extremely active in Girl Scouts.

Emma is the eighth grade student of the month for November. She is the daughter of Nicole and Frank Killingsworth. Emma is described as a wonderful role model for others to follow. She is active in class discussions and takes pride in her work. Emma is a regular on the honor roll. She also participates in chorus, show choir, volleyball, basketball, track, Circle of Friends, and FCA. Outside of school, Emma participates in summer softball.

The students who received honorable mention for November: Emily Vitosh, Jordan Wilcox, Hannah Berger, Lucas Schuetz, Wyatt Olberding, Bryson Butrick, Reece McNeely, Kaydence Catrell, Emily Thrash, Jon Garcia, Nia Crawford, Madilyn Scholl, and Grace Holys.

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State Fire Marshall Prevention & Safety Director 10AM - 2PM - available for questions and info.

Southeast Nebraska Gun Club OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, December 10, 2017 • 1 PM to 4 PM
Falls City Area Jaycees Community Field 65203 703 Loop, Falls City, NE
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Christmas Open House
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Annual Community Wide Carol Sing

At 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, the public is invited to attend a community-wide carol sing to be held at the Falls City High School Auditorium.

The FC Area Fellowship of Churches, over 50 years has presented this concert in an effort to bring the Christmas spirit to the community.

Admission is free and the public is encouraged to attend this hour of special music of the season. A free will offering will be collected and all monies are used to help area youth attend church summer camps.

Groups performing: Falls City High School Choir, Falls City High School String Ensemble, Sacred Heart third and fourth, Cool Yule Kirby Show, The Clefsmen, The Treble Clef Chime Choir, Zion UCC Chancel Choir, Bethel UMC Choir, St. Paul's Lutheran Choir (20th & Towle), Carol's by Audience Participation, Invocation and Benediction by Pastor Judith Dye of the First Methodist and Trinity UMC of Rulo.

Questions about the concert may be directed to Doug Kirkendall at 402-245-3108.

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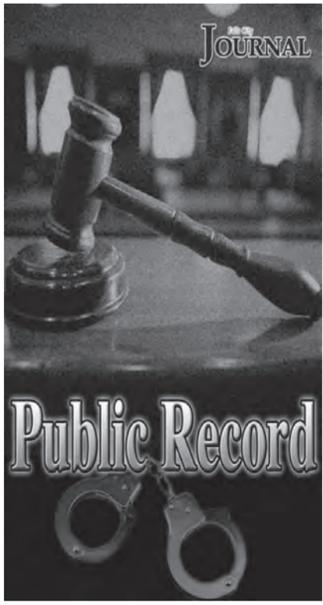
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Joshua L. Carpenter, of Falls City, count one, no operator's license, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$75, plus \$49 in Court costs.

Tobias Jochum, of Falls City, count one, parking: unauthorized parking, post parking lot. Plead no contest, found guilty, sentence includes city fine of \$15, plus \$49 in Court costs.

John D. Fail, of Verdon, count one, no operator's license plead guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$75; count two, no registration in vehicle, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25, plus Court costs of \$49.

Joshua L. Carpenter, of Falls City, count one, no operator's license, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$75, plus \$49 in Court costs.

Eric S. Hestermann, of Humboldt, count one, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead not guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25; count two, unlawful/fictitious display of plate/renewal tab, plead not guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$50, plus Court costs of \$49.

David B. Cooper, of Falls City, count one, DUI - alcohol (first offense), amended to

willful reckless driving, first offense, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$500 and probation for a term of six months starting November 29, 2017, evaluation/treatment, \$15; probation administrative enrollment fee, \$30; probation fee, \$150; count two, possess/consume open alcohol container, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count three, violate stop or yield sign, amended to count drop/ dismissed, plead not guilty; count four, fail to use seat belt, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty, ordered to pay \$50 in Court costs.

Joshua L. Carpenter, of Falls City, count one, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty, found guilty, sentence includes city fine of \$100, plus \$50 in Court costs.

Tobias Jochum, of Falls City, count one, disturbing the peace, plead no contest, found guilty, sentence includes city fine of \$50, plus \$50 in Court costs

Chelsea B. Yocum, of Falls City, count one, unlicensed dog, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes city fine of \$50, plus \$49 in Court costs.

Dawn L. Hasley, of Falls City, count one, animal running at large, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes city fine of \$25; count two, dogs and cats, unlicensed, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes, city fine of \$10, plus \$50 in Court costs.

Tobias Jochum of Falls City, driving under suspended/before reinstated licensed, plead no contest, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$100 and Court costs.

Danny Thompson, of Paris, TX, count one; speeding (16-20), found guilty and fined, \$125; count two, fail to use child passenger restraint, found guilty and fined, \$25, plus \$49 in Court costs.

Colton Witt, of Falls City, count one; speeding (6-10), found guilty and fined, \$25; count two, fail to use child passenger restraint, found guilty and fined, \$25, plus \$49 in Court costs.

Ryley Haas, of Colby KS,

speeding (11-15), found guilty and fined, \$75 plus \$49 in Court costs.

Jhon A. Arana Giraldo, of Omaha, speeding (11-15), found guilty and fined, \$75, and \$49 in Court costs.

Travis L. Abel, of Topeka, KS, speeding (6-10), found guilty and fined, \$25 plus \$49 in Court costs.

Taylor W. Botkin, of Emporia, KS, speeding (6-10), found guilty and fined, \$25 plus \$49 in Court costs.

Adam C. Dicke, of Glendale, AZ, speeding (16-20), found guilty and fined, \$125 plus \$49 in Court costs.

Vernalisa L. Fowler, of Lincoln, speeding (11-15), found guilty and fined, \$75 plus \$49 in Court costs.

Courtney P. Greeve, of Topeka, KS, speeding (11-15), found guilty and fined, \$75, and \$49 in Court costs.

Dawn E. Gutzmer, of Table Rock, speeding (6-10), found guilty and fined, \$25 plus \$49 in Court costs.

Melissa Henry, of Omaha, speeding (11-15), found guilty and fined, \$75, and \$49 in Court costs.

Douglas Krasser, of Lincoln, speeding (6-10), found guilty and fined, \$25 plus \$49 in Court costs.

Ian Lang, of Denver, CO, speeding (16-20), found guilty and fined, \$125 plus \$49 in Court costs.

Trevor McLain, of Celina, TX, speeding (21-25), found guilty and fined, \$200 plus \$49 in Court costs.

Skyler Mick, of Holton, KS, speeding (6-10), found guilty and fined, \$25 plus \$49 in Court costs.

Rachel Proffitt, of Topeka, KS, speeding (6-10), found guilty and fined, \$25 plus \$49 in Court costs.

Mechelle Raina, of Eagan, MN, speeding (6-10), found guilty and fined, \$25 plus \$49 in Court costs.

Jared Rice, of Atchison, KS, speeding (16-20), found guilty and fined, \$125 plus \$49 in Court costs.

Devin Rollins, of Omaha, speeding (11-15), found guilty and fined, \$75, and \$49 in Court

costs.

Frederick Sheridan, of Lincoln, speeding (11-15), found guilty and fined, \$75, and \$49 in Court costs.

DISTRICT COURT

Charlene Y. Hill has been granted a dissolution of marriage from Michael A. Hill.

Jessica L. Sweetwater, count one, attempted possession of a controlled substance, was found guilty and sentenced to probation for a period of (20) months, ordered to pay a \$30 probation admin. enrollment fee, \$260.03 Court costs or sit out costs in the Richardson County Jail, given credit at \$150 per day toward costs until paid. Restitution \$160 to Neal Russell, chemical testing \$100, probation programing fees of \$200, probation admin. Enrollment fee, \$30 and ten hours of community service per week until employed.

Drew T. Miller, count one, attempted possession of a controlled substance, was found guilty and sentenced to probation for a period of (20) months, ordered to pay a \$30 probation admin. enrollment fee, \$143 Court costs, \$100 chemical testing, \$500 probation programing fees; the following terms of confinement in Richardson County jail, 15 days beginning May 25, 2018, 15 days beginning Nov. 25, 2018, 15 days beginning May 25, 2019.

Brandon F. Whorton, count one, possession of a controlled substance, found guilty and has been sentenced to serve 18 months in the Nebraska Dept. of Corrections with 134 days credit for time already served. Following release, sentenced to term of 12 months probation, and ordered to pay \$296.15 Court costs, chemical testing, \$60, post-release admin. enrollment fee, \$30, post-release probation programming fee of \$120.

Logan D. Last, attempted possession of a controlled substance, found guilty and sentenced to serve 360 days in Richardson County Jail, given credit for 163 days previously served and ordered to pay Court costs of \$165.50.



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SCHEDULE & HOURS

The Journal office will close early on Friday, Dec. 22 at 11:00 a.m.

DEADLINE FOR THE DEC. 28 PAPER WILL BE 10:00 a.m. ON WED., DEC. 22

The week of Christmas the paper will be delivered on Thursday, December 28.

The Journal office will close Friday, Dec. 29 at 1:00 p.m. per usual

DEADLINE FOR THE Jan. 4 PAPER WILL BE Noon ON Friday, Dec. 29

The week of New Year's the paper will be delivered on Thursday, January, 4.

PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY!



Brandt Chapple scores two for his team high, 16 points. (Photo by Deena Beer)

Tigers open season with close win

By Brian McKim

The Falls City Tiger boys basketball team avenged two losses to the Syracuse Rockets last season by holding on for a thrilling 47-46 win. Falls City fell behind early to the Rockets, trailing 17-11 after the first quarter.

The Tigers kept fighting though and went into intermission trailing by just five points 27-22. FC then proceeded to outscore the Rockets 14-9 in the third quarter to draw even entering the final period and eventually hanging on for a one-point win to open the season. Falls City outshot the Rockets 44 percent to 38 percent, including going 6-19 from behind the arc.

The Tigers, however, hit on just 3-9 free throws including 2-5 in the 4th quarter, while Syracuse converted on 7-8 attempts. Falls City held the rebound edge with

25, including nine offensive, with 19 rebounds for the Rockets. The Tigers had ten assists, 11 steals but committed 12 turnovers.

The Tigers were led by Brandt Chapple who clocked in with a double/double to begin the year. Chapple led FC with 16 points and ten rebounds. He also added two steals and three blocked shots. Rudy Vrtiska chipped in 13 points for FC to go along with three steals. Mason Crawford added eight points, including 2-4 from downtown and Collin Cook added eight points, four assists, and two steals. Syracuse was led by Jr. Ben Nannen who had 18 points.

The Tigers will be in action again on Thursday, December 7th when they host rival Auburn. JV action will get underway at 4:30 on Thursday.

FC wrestling season gets underway

By Brian McKim

The Falls City Tigers wrestlers hit the mat this past weekend for the first time, taking part in a Tournament/meet in Wamego, Kansas. Keegan Hunzeker and Lane Burns each took home 4th place medals to lead the way for the Tigers. Mick Craine brought home a 5th place finish, Michael Wickham, and Brandon Banks each took 6th place and Terry Rath, Alex Rathje, Dillon Ebel and Braden Oliver all placed 7th.

Head wrestling coach Nick Kraft currently has 17 wrestlers on this year's squad. The Tigers are young this year and lack experience, however, they have some athletic and strong boys that will continue to improve throughout the course of the year.

Kraft may have to be a little shrewd and move some guys around to fill as many weight classes as possible this season. The District meet will be held in

Beatrice this season with a little luck the Tigers will have a few wrestlers qualify for the state meet.

"I'm very excited about the upcoming wrestling season. The majority of our team are young, underclassmen with little experience.

However these guys are strong, athletic student-athletes that will work during practice and continue to get better throughout the season. Our ultimate goal is to be wrestling our best in February for Districts and State, and we have a lot of time to get our entire team to the point where they can compete with any team on the mat," said Coach Kraft.

The Tigers lost a big group from last year's team including two State Meet qualifiers.

The Tiger wrestlers will hit the mat again when the JV travel to Syracuse on Friday, December 8th and the varsity will compete again in the Crete Invite on Saturday, December 9th.

Tiger girls have improvement on their minds

By Brian McKim

The Falls City Tigers girls' basketball look to improve upon last season's 7-15 mark. Head Coach Max Milam will have his work cut out for him as he will have to replace leading scorers Alyssa Frederick and Molly Brown from last year's squad.

Milam will be entering his eighth season as head coach of the Lady Tigers and will be joined by assistant coaches Kim Vrtiska and Julie Frederick. Milam has a career record of 73 wins versus 103 losses for over the past seven years. Coach Milam has a total of 23 girls out this winter between the varsity and junior varsity teams. "We lost a lot of experience from last year's team.

Meredith Poppe, Rylee Scholl, Sophia Gilsdorf and Elle Findlay need to play well and be leaders early in the season and allow some of our younger girls to adjust to the speed of varsity basketball," said Coach Milam.

Returning this season in the starting lineup for the Tigers will be a pair of seniors and two-time letter winners. 5'9 guard Meredith Poppe averaged six points and five rebounds per game last season and was an honorable mention All-State selection last season. 5'9 forward Rylee Scholl averaged five points and five rebounds per contest. "We will need great leadership from the seniors and will need to have our younger players step up to the challenge this year," said Coach Milam.

Milam will look for seniors Elle Findlay a 5'11 center and Sophia Gilsdorf a 5'4 guard, juniors Hannah Kirkendall a 5'10 forward, Ellicyn Gilkerson a 5'8 guard and Jessica Burns a 5'6 guard and 5'11 sophomore forward Hannah Clary to step up and contribute on both ends of the court this season.

Without a lot of scorers returning the Lady Tigers may look to take as many shots as they can, hoping to be able to outscore their opponents.

Falls City will host their first home game on Thursday, December 7th against the Auburn Bulldogs; the Tigers fell twice last season to their rivals 53-23 and 57-28. That starts a string of five consecutive home games for the Tigers with "Parents night" being on Monday, December 11th vs. Southern, a team the Tigers fell in overtime last season 53-48.

Falls City won't hit the road again until December 28th, 29th and 30th when they travel to St. Joseph to play in the Leblond Holiday Tournament. Last season the Tigers went 2-1 in the Holiday tournament. After the Leblond tourney, the Tigers will hit the road for five straight games before returning home on Saturday, January 13th vs. Elmwood-Murdock.

Falls City will be at home again on Tuesday, January 30th vs. Hiawatha and will play their final regular season and, home ballgame on Thursday, February 8th vs. HTRS with the JV beginning at 4:15.



Hannah Clary drive past the Rocket defender for two points. (Photo by Lori Gottula)

Lady Tigers fall to Rockets

By Brian McKim

The Falls City Tiger girls basketball team traveled to Syracuse on Friday evening to take on the Rockets to open the 2017-18 season.

Falls City got behind early on and could never quite recover. Syracuse jumped out to an early 12-8 lead after the first quarter of play and went into the locker room holding a 23-13 advantage. The Tigers made just one field goal in the second quarter. That lead grew to 39-23 after three quarters and 50-35 by the time the final horn blew.

The Tigers made 12 of their 34 shot attempts for 36% from the field, all two points shots. Falls City also converted 11 of 18 shots from the charity stripe for 61 percent accuracy.

The Rockets meanwhile connected on 14 of their 29 two points attempts and also hit on six of 16 three-point shots. Syracuse only attempted nine free throws, hitting just four of them.

The Lady Tigers and the Rockets each ended the game with 21 rebounds, and each team committed 21 turnovers as well. "We can't be successful this year turning the ball over 21 times," said Coach Max Milam.

Hannah Clary led the Tigers

making five of 10 attempts and two of two free throw attempts for 12 points and four rebounds. Meredith Poppe added another 10 points, four rebounds and came up with six steals. Rylee Scholl tossed in eight additional points and pulled down four rebounds as well.

"I thought we did some good things most of the game. Syracuse runs an aggressive 1-3-1 press, and we lost our composure at times. T.O.'s allowed them to get a couple of five and six point runs that we could not recover from, a two -minute stretch in the 2nd and 3rd quarters really put us in a hole," said Coach Milam.

"It's early in the season, and I know our team will work very hard to improve on the mistakes and get better every day." S. Moss led the Rockets with 14 points making four of five two points shots and two of five shots from behind the arc.

The Tigers also fell to the Rockets in the JV game 35-27. Tayler Davis led FC with eight points and Michelle Beer threw in six points of her own.

The Lady Tigers will be at home on Thursday night to take on the Auburn Bulldogs with the JV game tipping off at 4:30.

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 Wednesday, Dec. 13, 4-6 pm at Community Medical Center
 Friday, Dec. 22, 4-6 pm at Brown's Shoe Fit

CHRISTMAS FAIR
 Sunday,
 December 10
 2:30-5:00 PM
 Falls City Elks Club
 Various Vendors

TWILITE CONSIGNMENT AUCTION
Thursday, Dec. 7 at 6:00 p.m.
 Cummings Auction Barn - 1015 Harlan St. Falls City, NE

HOUSEHOLD: 3+ REFRIGERATORS, STOVES (ONE ALMOST NEW SMOOTH TOP), MICROWAVES AND CARTS, NICE DINETTES, NICE END OAK TABLE AND 4 CHAIRS, WASHER AND DRYERS, TWO CHINA CABINETS, CURIO CABINET, LEATHER SOFA, AND MATCHING LOVESEATS, NICE ASST. OF SOFAS, LOVESEATS, RECLINERS, KING, QUEEN AND FULL SETS, THREE PIECE B/R SETS, GOOD ASST. OF DRESSERS AND CHESTS, NICE NEWER TV STANDS, COMPUTER DESKS, NICE OFFICE CHAIRS, COFFEE, END AND ASST. TABLES, SEWING STAND, CEDAR CHESTS, CLOTHESHANGER, BOOKCASES, TWO EXERCISERS, LOTS NOT LISTED. AON AIR AIR CONDITIONER (NEW), TWO STACK TOOL BOXES AND ASST. TOOL BOXES, DELTA AND SAW, MCCULLOUGH POWER WASHER, 135PST AIR COMPRESSOR, CRAFTSMAN RAMER/JOINER (COMMERCIAL), ROCK TUMBLER STIHL AND POU-LAN CHAINSAWS, BENCH GRINDER, LARGE ASST. SOCKET SETS (AMERICAN), AIR POWER TOOLS, ALL POWER TOOLS, BRASS FITTINGS, 10+ PIPE CLAMPS, LARGE P/UP TOOLBOX, ENGINE STAND, CAR STANDS, OLD SIZE AND ANVIL, MOTORCYCLE JACK, LARGE ASST. OF YARD TOOLS, PULL BEHIND SPRAYER, LADDERS, BIKES, LARGE SMOKER AND BBQ GRILL, STIHL, GAS WEED EATERS, SET OF GOLF CLUBS, LOTS OF TOOLS AND GOOD SMALLS OUT BACK, 2 ORNATE ANTIQUE ROCKERS, ASST. OLD CHAIRS AND FERN STANDS, CHILD'S STOVE W/ PANS, OLD CABINETS, OLD PRINTS, 6+ PIECES OF STONWARE, LARGE ASST. OF OLD COMICS, OLD TOYS, OLD CLOCKS, OLD SCHOOL ALBUMS, SILVER ITEMS, GUITARS, VERY OLD ACCORDION, GOOD ASST. OF COLLECTABLE GLASSWARE FROM ESTATES, CHRISTMAS ITEMS, LOTS OF OLD COLLECTABLES NOT LISTED. 40" FLAT SCREEN TV, SOLID OAK SET OF KITCHEN CABINETS WITH TOP AND SINK (SUPER NICE) ASST. LAMPS AND ROUND ONES, SET OF AMERICAN FOSTORIA, PRECIOUS MOMENTS, SOME STERLING ITEMS, POCKET WATCHES, LOTS NOT LISTED AT THIS TIME.

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District #56

FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Minutes of the November 13, 2017 School Board Meeting

The Falls City Board of Education met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 13, 2017 in the Central Office at the Middle School in Falls City, Nebraska.

1.0 BUSINESS ITEMS
1.1 ROLL CALL AND OPEN MEETINGS
ACT NOTICE – School Board members present were: June Bowers, Richard Malcolm, Ed Harris, John Martin, Scott Hollens and Kevin Scheitel. President Richard Malcolm presided at the meeting. President Malcolm announced that the open meetings act notice is posted on the wall of this meeting room.

1.2 APPROVAL OF ABSENCES – None
1.3 VERIFICATION OF ADVANCED PUBLICATION – It was moved by Ed Harris and seconded by June Bowers that it is hereby determined that these public hearings were preceded by publicized notice in the Falls City Journal and are hereby declared to be duly convened in open session. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Martin, yes; Bowers, yes; Malcolm, yes; Hollens, yes; Scheitel, yes. Motion was declared passed and adopted and the following proceedings were had and done at said hearings in open session.

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

- 1.0 Business Items:
 - 1.1 Roll Call, Open Meetings Act Notice, and Pledge of Allegiance
 - 1.2 Approval of Absences
 - 1.3 Verification of Advanced Publication
 - 1.4 Approval of Agenda
 - 1.5 Approval of Previous Minutes
 - 1.6 Audiences
 - 1.7 Approval of Treasurer's Report
 - 1.8 Approval of Claims
 - 1.9 Standing Committees (Projects, Negotiations)
 - 2.0 Informational Items/Reports:
 - 2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Reports: a) State Assessment Perfect Score Student Recognition
 - 2.2 Principal's Reports: Annual Reports on Multicultural Education
 - 2.3 Board President's Report:
 - 2.4 Superintendent's Report:
 - 2.4a Legislative & Organization Update
 - 2.4b Building and Grounds Update
 - 2.4c Continuous School Improvement & Strategic Plan Report
 - 2.4d Negotiations Planning
 - 2.4e Policy Planning
 - 2.4f Superintendent Meetings
 - 2.4g Board Member Meetings
 - 2.4h Other
 - 2.5 Board Committee/Member Reports:
 - 3.0 Old/New Action Items:
 - 3.1 Final Reading on Policy Revisions
 - 3.2 First Reading on Policy Revisions
 - 3.3 Accept the 2016-2017 Annual Audit
 - 3.4 Licensed Mental Health Professional
 - 3.5 Teacher Resignation
 - 3.6 Other
 - 4.0 Executive Session: Requested by member, approved by majority, as per statute
 - 5.0 Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 11, at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings to be determined.

1.5 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – It was moved by John Martin and seconded by Scott Hollens to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2017 regular Board meeting; the voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Scheitel, yes; Malcolm, yes; Bowers, yes; Hollens, yes; Martin, yes. Motion carried.

1.6 AUDIENCES: None
1.7 APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT: It was moved by John Martin and seconded by June Bowers to approve the October 31, 2017 treasurer's report which shows a balance in the General Fund of \$2,619,335.90; in the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund of \$218,044.32; in the Student Fee Fund of \$9,230.00; in the ICI Fund of \$193,886.47; in the Special Building Fund Investment Account of \$643,653.55; in the Special Building Fund of \$29,860.65; in the High School Bond Fund of \$485,420.90. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Scheitel, yes; Malcolm, yes; Bowers, yes; Hollens, yes; Martin, yes. Motion carried.

The Board received a written High School Current Cash Balance Report, a Middle School Activity Account Report, an Elementary Activity Account Report and a School Lunch Account Report.
1.8 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS – It was moved by Ed Harris seconded by June Bowers to approve the claims as presented. Discussion was had by the board on various claims. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Scheitel, yes; Malcolm, yes; Bowers, yes; Hollens, yes; Martin, yes. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/REPORTS
2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Report: State Assessment Achievement
2.2 Principal Reports:
2.2a GALE DUNKHAS: Mr. Dunkhas reported the Veterans Day Program was held in the High School Gymnasium on November 10th with E4 Crystal Scrivens, National Guard as the guest speaker. College Access Day took place on November 8th with 17 sessions for students to participate in.
2.2b RICK JOHNSON: Mr. Johnson reported the 8th grade class did a fine job researching and presenting this year's Chautauqua. Mr. Munford set the theme this year as "Hollywood Walk of Fame Stars". The event raised \$1,107.10 and was donated to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.
2.2c JPHOLYS: Mr. Holys reported the DARE Graduation is set for December 7th at 2:00 p.m. at South School.
2.2d SHELLY LEYDEN: Mrs. Leyden reported after researching Advanced and the Nebraska Frameworks school improvement models, it is the recommendation of the school improvement team to move to Nebraska Frameworks Model.
2.3 BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None
2.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:
2.4a Legislative & Organization Update: The NASA/NASB State Education Conference is November 15-17 at the La Vista Conference Center. Registration is complete for board members attending. Board Member John Martin will serve as the District 56 voting delegate at the delegate assembly held on November 19 at 8 A.M. Educators Health Alliance Approves 0% Increase in Rates - There will be no increase in premium rates next year for the health insurance plan used by nearly every Nebraska school district, following action by the Educators Health Alliance (EHA).
2.4b Building & Grounds Update: The school district received two quotes for the replacement of the steel roof on the maintenance building. The low bid is KMW Construction, LLC, at \$5,978. Furthermore, the hot water heater in Jug Brown stadium will be replaced by Meyer Home Center, and the North School fence replacement is complete.
Array Environmental, Inc. is providing a cost estimate to install a twinned monitor well adjacent to one of the original monitoring wells at the bus barn. High water levels have often kept well screens drowned, preventing groundwater sampling. The monitoring wells were to be tested on October 17, 2017 and the well screens were again drowned. After the new well is installed, Array personnel will gauge the groundwater for their summary report to NDEQ. The cost estimate is \$5,605.75, and will be completed once the NDEQ approval process is complete.
2.4c Continuous School Improvement & Strategic Plan Report: The recommendation from the Continuous Improvement Team comes after researching Advanced and the Nebraska NDE Frameworks school improvement models. It is the recommendation of the school improvement team to move to the Nebraska Department of Education Frameworks Model.
2.4d Negotiations Planning: The negotiation committees representing the Board of Education

and the FCEA will be scheduling the first negotiations meeting in the coming weeks. A negotiations planning session will be scheduled prior to the first meeting.

2.4e Policy Planning: The following policies are up for review on Second and Final Reading:
 1) 6318 Employee Conduct and Appearance: No changes recommended, review only.
 2) 6319 Professional Boundaries between Employees and Students: No changes recommend, review only.

3) 7110 Admission: This revision simplifies the admissions analysis and brings the policy up to date with state statute.
4) 7137 Student Health and Immunization Checkups: This policy tracks the state statute requirements for each.
5) 7112 Work Permits: This policy is being revised to follow state statute for 14 and 15-year old students.

The following policies are up for review on First Reading:
 1) 4240 Textbook Loan Program: This policy has been updated to reflect amendments to Rule 4 of the Nebraska Department of Education. The biggest change is that the Department has adopted a very broad definition of "textbook."
 2) 7113 Admission of Students That Reside outside the State of Nebraska: Policy 7113 is used to deal with Admission of Non-Resident students. The policy has been renamed and revised to address transportation requests.
 3) 7143 Restraint and Seclusion: No changes, review only.

2.4f Superintendent Meetings: NASB/NASA Annual Conference, La Vista, November 15-17; NCSA Legislative Preview Conference, Lincoln, Dec 6; NASA Region I, Lincoln, January 10; NCSA Legislative Committee, Lincoln, January 19; NASB Legislative Issues Workshop; January 28-29, Lincoln; NRCSA Legislative Forum, Lincoln, February 21.
2.4g Board Member Meetings: NASB/NASA Annual Conference, La Vista, November 15-17; NASB Legislative Issues Workshop; January 28-29, Lincoln; NRCSA Legislative Forum, Lincoln, February 21; NSBA Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX, April 7-9.

3.0 ACTION ITEMS
3.1 FINAL READING ON POLICY REVISIONS: 1) 6318 Employee Conduct and Appearance; 2) 6319 Professional Boundaries between Employees and Students; 3) 7110 Admission; 4) 7137 Student Health and Immunization Checkup; 5) 7112 Work Permits. It was moved by Ed Harris and seconded by Scott Hollens to approve the final reading. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Scheitel, yes; Malcolm, yes; Bowers, yes; Hollens, yes; Martin, yes. Motion carried.

3.2 FIRST READING ON POLICY REVISIONS: 1) 4240 Textbook Loan Program; 2) 7113 Admission of Students That Reside Outside the State of Nebraska; 3) 7143 Restraint and Seclusion. It was moved by June Bowers and seconded by John Martin to approve the first reading. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Scheitel, yes; Malcolm, yes; Bowers, yes; Hollens, yes; Martin, yes. Motion Carried.

3.3 LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL: It was moved by John Martin and seconded by June Bowers to approve a part-time position for a Licensed Mental Health Professional in partnership with the Falls City Community Medical Center and Falls City Sixpence Program. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Scheitel, yes; Malcolm, yes; Bowers, yes; Hollens, yes; Martin, yes. Motion Carried.

3.4 TEACHER RESIGNATION: It was moved by June Bowers and seconded by John Martin to accept the resignation of Elementary Librarian and Reading Intervention Teacher Gail Froeschl. Mrs. Froeschl taught for 30 years in District 56. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Scheitel, yes; Malcolm, yes; Bowers, yes; Hollens, yes; Martin, yes. Motion carried.

4.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION
 It was moved by Scott Hollens and seconded by Ed Harris to move into executive session at 8:22 P.M. to discuss 2018-2019 negotiations and the Superintendent Evaluation. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Scheitel, yes; Malcolm, yes; Bowers, yes; Hollens, yes; Martin, yes. Motion carried.

It was moved by John Martin and seconded by Ed Harris to exit executive session at 9:35 P.M. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Scheitel, yes; Malcolm, yes; Bowers, yes; Hollens, yes; Martin, yes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Ed Harris and seconded by June Bowers to re-enter open session at 9:35 P.M. reporting the following planning for negotiations year 2018-2019 and the Superintendent Evaluation. The voting was as follows: Harris, yes; Scheitel, yes; Malcolm, yes; Bowers, yes; Hollens, yes; Martin, yes. Motion carried.

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

The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 11, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings to be determined.

FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOVEMBER 2017 CLAIMS

ABK Fire & Safety, maintenance	\$360.00
AGCO Plus, grounds	\$46.64
Armbruster Motor, car lease	\$300.00
AssetGenie, technology	\$155.00
Blick Art Materials, HS art	\$449.59
Brown & Saenger, HS art	\$169.92
Capital Business, copier exp	\$3,600.19
Central Office, mileage, exp	\$4,154.11
Central Office	\$368.87
Central Office, Sixpence, misc	\$1,895.31
Central Office, postage	\$689.50
Central Office, payables	\$46.96
Cintas, mop/rag services	\$376.92
Clayton Paper & Distribution, custodial	\$197.36
Comfort Inn - Kearney, Sixpence	\$199.90
Control Depot, maintenance	\$214.76
Daktronics, Inc, maintenance	\$825.00
Das State Acet - Central, internet	\$234.93
Demco, MS lib	\$249.89
Dioch Technologies, technology	\$75.00
Dostals Construction, Sixpence	\$2,550.00
E.S.U. #2, workshop registration	\$50.00
E.S.U. #4 Co-op, registrations	\$125.00
E.S.U. #4 Contracted, SPED	\$3,532.08
E.S.U. #5, PowerSchool	\$6,606.25
E.S.U. #6, Tech Services	\$25.32
Falls City Activity Fund, HS travel	\$1,669.88
Falls City Auto Supply, bus barn	\$312.86
FC Elementary - North, supplies	\$528.19
Falls City Journal, HS Library	\$40.00
Falls City Mercantile, custodial	\$61.69
Falls City Sanitation, waste removal	\$770.00
Falls City School Lunch, meals	\$1,923.55
Falls City Truck & Trailer, bus barn	\$377.96
Falls City Utilities, dist. utilities	\$24,150.11
Farm and City Supply, maint	\$2,902.99
Five Points Bank of Hastings, lease	\$1,260.50
Foley Equipment, bus barn	\$4,523.75
Follett School Solutions, Inc., library	\$300.79
Gills Sales, bus barn	\$129.50
Grimm's Gardens, grounds	\$211.99
Grainger, maintenance	\$80.18
Hampton Inn - Kearney, technology	\$101.00
Heartland Roofing Consultants	\$3,900.00
HireRight, background checks	\$29.40
Home Lumber, HS art	\$64.56
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, books	\$3,855.30
Hullman's, bus barn	\$83.54
Interstate All Battery Center, maint	\$132.72
Jim Hill's, bus barn	\$65.00
Jones Air Conditioning, maint	\$24.50
Jones & Jones, maint	\$35.00
Julie Bauman, CPA, audit	\$7,381.69
JW Pepper, chorus	\$360.98
Kenneth Arnold Electric, maint	\$301.11
Kriz-Davis, bus barn	\$170.77
Mary Malcolm, SPED	\$5,454.55
Mechanical Sales Parts, maint	\$437.95
Meyer Home Center, maint	\$685.00
Mr. Automotive, maint	\$1,705.32
NASB, registration	\$992.00
NCECBVI, SPED	\$14,822.10
NCSA, registration	\$160.00
NE Central Equipment, bus barn	\$183.32
NE Dept. of Labor, maint	\$240.00
Parent-Child Center, lunch reimb	\$621.00
Pest Control Services, Pest control	\$125.00
PGH&G, legal services	\$1,500.00
Phillips 66 CO/SYNCB, bus barn	\$104.13

PRTS, LLC, SPED	\$3,506.24
Quill, SS Equipment	\$255.30
Ray Martin, maint	\$60.00
Region V Services, SPED	\$327.60
Schmitt Music, band	\$784.20
School Specialty, supplies	\$211.64
Shopko Stores, sixpence	\$94.94
SNC, main, & phone	\$1,191.31
SE Comm. College, SENCAP	\$3,543.68
SSummit Truck Group, bus barn	\$72.39
Supplyworks, maint	\$585.26
SYNCB/Amazon, supplies/misc	\$1,313.73
Teaching Strategies, Sixpence	\$3,300.00
Towle Realty, rent	\$1,187.52
Tri State Truck & Tractor Repair, bus	\$163.42
Truck Center, bus barn	\$1,187.52
True Value, maint	\$47.96
Unite Private Networks, internet	\$727.26
UNL - Extension, wages	\$1,872.83
US Bank, travel/misc	\$5,294.81
Verizon, Striv/Sixpence	\$99.57
Vocabulary Spelling City, curriculum	\$596.25
Water Engineering, maint, agreement	\$237.32
Wolfe's Printing, Sixpence	\$99.15
Total	\$137,005.76
General total	\$827,130.39

Payroll - November 2017	
GRAND TOTAL	\$964,136.15
SPECIAL BUILDING FUND	
CCS, Inc, grounds work	\$1,560.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,560.00

City Council

NOVEMBER 6, 2017

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 6th day of November, 2017, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Oliver called the meeting to order and City Clerk Jörn recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Bentley, Dougherty, Ferguson, Leyden, Murphy, Robidoux, Vaughn, Wisdom. Absent: None. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Oliver publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Oliver told the city council that the first lift of asphalt was down for the Aquatic Park parking lot. He stated we have removed the curbs to create 3 to 4 more parking stalls. Mayor Oliver said the dumpster will be moved toward Old Hwy 73 and will be fenced in. Lastly, Mayor Oliver said he had been working on specifications to bid out the park building.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve the Consent Agenda as printed: WHEREAS, certain business of the City Council (Council) of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly ease the meeting time. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the minutes from the October 16, 2017 meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the agenda for November 6, 2017 is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the Claims for October 2017 of the City of Falls City are hereby approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the Consent Resolution for November 6, 2017 is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Bentley, Dougherty, Ferguson, Leyden, Murphy, Robidoux, Vaughn, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO PLACE FLASHING SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS ON FULTON STREET ON THE NORTH SIDE AND SOUTH SIDES OF EACH SCHOOL

A motion was made by Council member Vaughn and seconded by Council member Bentley to approve the placing flashing school zone signs on Fulton Street on the North and South side of each school. Fourth Ward Council Person Derrick Leyden spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Bentley, Dougherty, Ferguson, Leyden, Murphy, Robidoux, Vaughn, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO RENT PRICHARD AUDITORIUM - NEW YEAR'S EVE FUND-RAISER ALLOW ALCOHOL TO BE SOLD - DECEMBER 31, 2017

A motion was made by Council person Bentley and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve the request to rent Prichard Auditorium for a New Year's Eve Fund-Raiser on December 31, 2017 and to allow alcohol to be served. Jackie Knobbe and Phil Froeschl spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Bentley, Dougherty, Ferguson, Leyden, Robidoux, Wisdom. "NAY" Murphy, Vaughn. Motion carried.

SPECIAL DESIGNATED LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - PRICHARD AUDITORIUM - DECEMBER 31, 2017

A motion was made by Council member Dougherty and seconded by Council member Wisdom to give favorable comment to the Special Designated Liquor License Application submitted by Knights of Columbus, 2606 McLean Street, Falls City, Nebraska, for a New Year's Eve Fund-Raiser at Prichard Auditorium, 312 West 17th Street, Falls City, Nebraska on December 31, 2017, as presented and to direct the City Clerk to notify the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission of the same. The Knights of Columbus are required to file a Certificate of Insurance with the City showing they carry Liquor Liability and the City of Falls City is an additional insured. Jackie Knobbe and Phil Froeschl spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Bentley, Dougherty, Ferguson, Leyden, Robidoux, Wisdom. "NAY" Murphy, Vaughn. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO RENT PRICHARD AUDITORIUM - WEDDING RECEPTION - ALLOW ALCOHOL TO BE SOLD - APRIL 21, 2018

A motion was made by Council person Robidoux and seconded by Council person Leyden to approve the request to rent Prichard Auditorium for a Wedding Reception on April 21, 2018 and to allow alcohol to be served. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Bentley, Dougherty, Ferguson, Leyden, Robidoux, Wisdom. "NAY" Murphy, Vaughn. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS TO HIRE RAYMOND LUHRING FOR UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Robidoux to approve hiring Raymond Lühring for the Utility Superintendent Position as recommended by the Board of Public Works. Ray Lühring spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Bentley, Dougherty, Ferguson, Leyden, Murphy, Robidoux, Vaughn, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION OF THIRD WARD COUNCIL PERSON JOHN VAUGHN

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Wisdom to approve the resignation of Third Ward Council Person John Vaughn. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Bentley, Dougherty, Ferguson,

Leyden, Murphy, Robidoux, Wisdom. "NAY" None. "ABSTAIN" Vaughn. Motion carried.
THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:21 pm.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council on November 6, 2017; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Gary Jörn, City Clerk
 Jerry Oliver, Mayor

Board of Equalization

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION NOVEMBER 21, 2017 CALL TO ORDER

The Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, November 21, 2017. Roll call was answered by Commissioners Frank, Davidson and Sichel; Assessor, Pam Vice and Clerk Eickhoff.

Chairman Sichel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.
 Motion was made by Davidson to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

TAX LIST CORRECTION
 Motion was made by Sichel to approve 4 tax list corrections as presented by Assessor Vice. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT
 Motion was made by Sichel to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 a.m. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.
 David D. Sichel, Chairman
 Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk



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OBITUARIES

William 'Bill' Jones

William "Bill" Jones, 83, of Falls City, passed away December 1, 2017 in St. Joseph, MO. He was born January 20, 1934 at Falls City to Moss and Maude (Odom) Jones.

Bill was called for active duty in U. S. Army on August 1, 1956 from the National Guard. He was honorably discharged from active duty on May 30, 1958.

He married Mary Ann Bacacos on May 26, 1956 at Falls City.

Bill was raised at Falls City and graduated Falls City High School 1953. Following graduation he worked for his father in construction. He then became

employed by Bohrer Brothers Construction and in 1981 he worked construction on his own for several years until he retired.

Bill is survived by his wife, Mary Ann of St. Joseph, daughters, Judy Gerdes and her husband Marvin of St. Joseph, grandchildren, Dakota and Montana Jones, Matthew Gerdes and Emily Hendricks, great-grandchildren, Levi and Zane Gerdes, Kason and Aidan Ferguson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, David, a sister and seven brothers.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 2-4:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home. Inurnment will be in Steele Cemetery.

Carl McGinnis

Carl Fredrick McGinnis, Lincoln. He was born in Dawson, on June 28, 1927 to Anna and Ernest McGinnis.

He passed away on Dec. 2, 2017

Carl attended both Catholic and Public schools in Dawson. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Oct. 5, 1950 where he served two years, part of that time in Germany near his Mother's hometown where he met her brothers and sisters.

Carl married Jean Hartung on May 12, 1956 at St. Mary's Church in Dawson. Two children were born to this union, Charles Ernest on May 8, 1958 and Gregg Anthony on Jan. 29, 1964.

Carl worked in construction mainly as a Heavy Equipment Operator all of his married life, first with Meredith Drilling in Denver, CO, Capitol Bridge, Olson Construction Co. 12 years and Constructors Inc 15 years all of Lincoln.

He is survived by his wife Jean of Lincoln and son Chuck of Denver, brother Michael McGinnis of Council Bluffs, IA and Margaret Weagel of Falls City.

He was preceded in death by one son, Gregg, two sisters, Anna Lou Farnsworth and Rosemary Inglis. Five brothers, Qualls, Joe, John, Tom and Jim.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dawson on Wed. Dec. 6 at 11:00 am. Condolences may be left on line at trumpmemorials.com. Trump Funeral Services, 1600 West "O" Street, Lincoln are handling the arrangements.

FCMS Basketball

The FCMS BB team participated in the Johnson Co. Central Tourney on December 2. The seventh grade 'B' team got first place. In the first round FC won, 51-41 against Auburn. Everett McCullough had 26 points and Bryson Butrick had eight. In the championship, Falls City won 38-23 against Freeman. Jaxyn Strauss had 10 points and Bryson Butrick had nine. The eighth grade 'A' team finished in fourth place. In the first round they lost to Auburn 48-27. Carson Bredemeier had 13 points. Consolation, they lost to Freeman 39-32. Carson Bredemeier and Carson Simon each had 10 points.

Larry Nedrow

Larry E. Nedrow, of Waverly, NE, passed away on November 30, 2017. He was born in Falls City, to the late Mildred R. (Grush) (Nedrow) Fritz and Dale L. Nedrow.

Larry was raised in Falls City, and graduated from Falls City High School, Peru State College and attained a Master's of Social Work degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

He is survived by wife, Charlotte (Hershberger) Nedrow, daughters, Stephanie (Kevin) Swanson, Syracuse; Heather (Marvin) Rubenking, Waverly; grandchildren: Caden and Carley Rubenking, Waverly; Quincey and Kaleb Swanson, Syracuse; brothers, Drs. James Nedrow, Beatrice; Donald (Lloya) Fritz, Lincoln; nieces, Brooke, Kara and Michelle;

nephew, Tyler; mother-in-law, Marcella Hershberger Niedfeldt, Lincoln; brother-in-law Larry (Jan) Hershberger, Tecumseh; cousins and numerous friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents and step-father, Leonard Fritz; father-in-law, Charles Hershberger; sister-in-law, Sandy Nedrow; uncles and aunts, Ward (Jean), Glenn (Hazel), Robert (Marjorie) Grush; nephews, Blake Nedrow and Michael Hershberger; childhood friend, Sam Thomas.

Per Larry's request, there will be no funeral service. Private inurnment service will be held at graveside.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Nebraska Polio Survivors' Association, 5809 South 107th Street Omaha, NE 68127.

Anna McCaul

Anna Elizabeth (Baker) McCaul 92, of Lowell, and Cedar Springs passed away on October 19, 2017 in Grand Rapids. Anna was born in Falls City, to the late Frank and Ida (Van Benthem) Baker on December 1, 1924.

Anna graduated Falls City Sacred Heart High School in 1942. She married James B. McCaul on January 20, 1974 in Ada, Michigan. She worked for Clipper Belt Lacer Company in Grand Rapids for many years.

Anna will be lovingly remembered by her stepchildren James (Karen) McCaul III and Paula (Mike) Trigg; her four very special grandsons, Dustin McCaul, Stuart (Johanna) McCaul, Christopher Trigg and

Patrick Trigg; her brother Father Nicholas Baker, sisters Rose and Monica. In addition, she is survived by many nieces and nephews and her friend Annette Raymor.

Anna was preceded in death by her loving husband, James her parents, Frank and Ida, her sisters Emma and Mary, and her brother Francis.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 10:00 AM at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church with Father Nicholas Baker as the presiding priest.

Inurnment will be in Falls City Catholic Cemetery. A Rosary will be recited on Friday, December 8, 2017 at 7:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Fred Cash

Fred Eugene Cash, 78, of Humboldt, Nebraska was born on January 28, 1939, in

Kearney, Nebraska to Walter and Dorothy (Kersting) Cash.

He grew up in Kearney and attended school there. After his schooling, Fred enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served his country from August 29, 1960 until being honorably discharged from Camp Pendleton, California on November 30, 1963.

Fred was united in marriage to Cheryl Hathaway on May 11, 1970. The couple lived in Dunbar, Nebraska before moving to Otoe in 1979 and later in 1986 moved to Humboldt. Fred and Cheryl divorced in 1996, but were later rejoined in marriage on January 6, 2014. Fred worked for 17 years and retired from the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Fred passed away on Thursday, November 30, 2017, at the Community Medical Center in Falls City, Nebraska having reached the age of seventy-eight years, ten months, and two days.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister LeeEtta Winslow, a brother Ken Cash, and brother-in-law Bruce Grimes.

Fred is survived by his loving wife Cheryl Cash of Humboldt, NE; children: John Cash and wife Karla of Humboldt, NE; Charlotte Jordan and husband Chris of West Plains, MO; Dan Cash of Humboldt, NE; Michele Veltrop and husband Troy of Earling, IA; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother Robert Cash and wife Julie of Calimesa, CA; a sister Bev Grimes of Chambers, NE; half-brothers: Gary Clevinger of Lincoln, NE; Steve Clevinger of Kearney, NE; Rick Clevinger of Kearney, NE; half-sister Connie Lawn of Hastings, NE; and many other relatives and friends.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the family's choice with a later designation.

Online messages of condolence can be left at www.hallfuneral.net

Services are entrusted to Hall Funeral Chapel-2403 Harlan St. Falls City, NE (402) 245-3131

Shopping Carts

By Gerri Hunter

People hate shopping for good reasons. They get into the wrong grocery store line behind a lady who suddenly produces forty-five coupons at the cash register. Not only are most of the coupons expired, but the lady also wants to yell at the clerk about why one coupon does not include the twenty-four ounce bottle of liquid detergent she is waving in the air.

My bad luck involves lousy shopping carts in big box stores. A bad wheel on my cart is usually the reason for my temporary insanity. I have a shopping cart rating system I have in my head. Most carts I touch are a seven or below on a scale of one to ten.

What happened to the fix-it man that I thought repaired these carts nightly?

Isn't he on the payroll of the stores that make billions in annual profits?

I imagine this man (I must be a sexist, as I always imagine this person being male) working the midnight shift at the store. He sits in a back room, with the distinct odor of axle grease in the air, humming to a song on the radio. This guy is devoted to his job and can fix any shopping cart. He knows

he brings joy to shoppers each day. He loves his job.

So, where is this fix-it guy?

Until this cart crisis ends, I will be stalking the shopping cart storage area at the store entrance. I have a tiny flashlight attached to my key ring and I will use it to examine cart wheels. Just try to stop me, management! I will find a cart that's rated a seven. (I will probably never find a perfect ten, and I know it). When I find a cart that deserves a rating of seven, I am going to put one of those free mailing labels I get from charities on a piece of steel near the bottom of the cart. No one else will know it's there. As I find and label worthy carts, I will eventually create a fleet.

Imagine the joy I will feel knowing that I can walk in that store and find a cart that moves in a straight line. If I ever find a ten, I'm going to glue blue and white metallic streamers, used on bicycles, to the cart's handle.

I'll take a picture of it on my cell phone and put the picture on Facebook. This kind of accomplishment would be like scaling Mt. Everest. I'll probably never find that primo cart, but I'll keep searching. Stand up, America. You deserve a cart that doesn't send you to a psychiatrist's office.

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How to find the ideal holiday gift for her

(StatePoint) A holiday gift is much more than a simple present. It's a reflection of the relationship being celebrated. While finding the perfect gift may seem intimidating, it doesn't have to be.

To help make this the most successful holiday season yet for gift-givers, Laurie Kosarik, vice president of Merchandising at Jared the Galleria Of Jewelry, is sharing a few tips.

Focus on Style: It seems obvious, but one thing many holiday shoppers forget is to focus on a recipient's individual style and taste. If you aren't sure, do a little research.

Checking out what she may have pinned on Pinterest is often a helpful reference. Another option is to look at the latest on-trend styles as a jumping off point.

"We are seeing a lot of excitement for the trends of stacking and layering this holiday season," says Kosarik.

Whether stacking rings with different colors of gold or layering necklaces and bracelets by mixing and matching bolder pieces with those that are more delicate, there is no shortage of beautiful options available that are on-trend this year.

Make it Meaningful: The gifts that are most remembered and appreciated are those that carry extra meaning -- whether they reflect unique appreciation of the recipient or commemorate a cherished memory.

For example, you can show how much you love her style with a gift from the Le Vian or Earthly Treasures Smithsonian collections from Jared, which feature exciting color combinations. A selection from either collection can dress up an everyday look or add a bold touch to a more formal ensemble.

If you are looking for a gift that delivers a special message, the Ever Us collection offers a selection of styles, each featuring two diamonds -- one for your best friend and one for your true love -- for the woman who is both. New this holiday is Interwoven, a collection featuring two intertwined rows of diamonds coming together at a single diamond to celebrate the belief that wherever life takes us, we go together.

Ask for Help: It's perfectly natural to feel a little stuck when you really want to wow someone with the perfect holiday gift. When you find yourself in that predicament, don't be bashful about seeking assistance. Family and friends are always a great resource but a good sales associate will also always be more than happy to lend a hand.

"Our sales associates love collaborating with guests to really understand the feelings behind the gift, and to help them find the perfect piece for a recipient. It's truly one of the most rewarding parts of our job."

For more gift-giving inspiration, visit Jared.com.

With a little extra effort, you can make the holidays sparkle for that special woman on your list.

We have just enough time before... ...the holidays to make our presents. Kids: color stuff in!

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Chatter and I are teaming up to make all of our holiday gifts this year. I'm using my computer to help. I will write stories and recipes, draw pictures and then print out my work. Next, Chatter will decorate the pages and bind them into books or make other fun items. We can't wait to start!

Gifts You Can Make

Fill in the missing vowels to name items that you can use to decorate or make your gifts:

ST _ CK _ RS Y _ RN
R _ BB _ NS
SP _ RKL _ S B _ TT _ NS
C _ L _ RD P _ P _ R

Gifts to make - by computer or by hand:

- if you have photos or postcards from a trip, you can make a travel _____
- think of a theme (like 'winter fun'), make a crossword or word search _____; roll it up and tie it with a ribbon
- make _____ for photos or drawings
- tie together pieces of cardboard or buy a _____ in which to put photos, school papers
- write tales and make drawings, print them out and make them into a book of _____

The Gift of Giving

stationery scrapbook
stories coloring
journal puzzle
frames bookmarks
calendar

I make wrapping paper by decorating paper bags!

I'm going to paint, glue and make a big, fun mess on the kitchen table!

I'm making all of my gifts by hand.

- decorate any plain paper to create writing paper or _____
- make your own pictures for each month (or find printable forms on your computer) to make a yearly _____
- create _____ by decorating paper or cardboard strips with cartoons, stickers or poetry so friends can track their reading
- write your family's favorites on index cards, put in a small box or bind together to form a _____ file or book
- draw "outline" pictures to make a _____ book for a younger brother or sister; add markers or crayons to this gift

Some items you might need:
pen
glue
ruler
string
pencils
photos
scissors

Kinds of Gifts

Hey Chatter, how about this idea?

Gifts show joy and caring. It takes time to think about gifts and to make, buy and wrap them. A present tells people that they are important to you. It also makes you feel good when the people receiving your gifts smile as they open or enjoy them! 1

There are many kinds of gifts! Read the clues to fill the puzzle:

- ask a new classmate to an event
- offer to sew, repair items or to shovel walks
- tell jokes, amusing tales, share comics
- listen, talk, put groceries away, have tea
- sing or play an instrument
- water plants, help with pets
- thoughtful items that people need
- lets someone choose his own gift

No More Stuff! Gifts in Name Only!

Some people just don't want or need any more **stuff**. So, think about giving them a gift in "name only." You can let them know about the gift with a card! This list will get you thinking. **Can you match up my ideas?**

- to be planted in a schoolyard or park
- money for kids to go to school or college
- to pantries or soup kitchens
- to families in need in other countries to feed themselves or start businesses
- donation to keep people warm
- to children's hospitals

A. money for research and health care
B. food or groceries
C. cows, chicks, goats
D. tree, bush, flowers
E. heating oil
F. scholarship or fund

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder on the first floor of the Richardson County Courthouse, located at 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, NE, 68355, on the 19th day of December, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.:

Lots 18, 19, 20 and 21, Block 7, Evergreen Heights Addition to Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska;

and The North 15 feet of Lot 1 of Kreifel's Addition to the City of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska.

The physical address of the trust property is 1518 Nemaha Avenue, Falls City, Nebraska 68355.

The terms of the sale will be cash, payable on the date of sale, except this requirement is waived if the high bidder is the beneficiary. The sale will remain open for 15 minutes, but may be extended if active bidding is taking place. Conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed, and such conveyance shall be made subject to:

- 1. Real estate taxes whether delinquent, due or accruing;
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Additional announcements may be made at the time of sale, and any such additional announcements will take precedence over published information.

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By: /s/Steven P. Vinton
Steven P. Vinton, #17817
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Attorneys for the Trustee

8-15-22-29-6

Notice of Informal Probate and Notice to Creditors

In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska
Estate of Wanda S. Jones, Deceased.
Estate No. PR17-58

Notice is hereby given that on November 13, 2017, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Deceased and that Kimberly S. Shaver, whose address is 5703 Denton Circle, Norcross, Georgia 30092, has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before January 16, 2018 or be forever barred.

Curtis Maschman
County Judge

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22-29-6

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

Notice is hereby given that BeSt Service Group, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 222 W 12th Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355. The initial agent for service of process for the Company is Benjamin K. Simpson, 222 W 12th Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355. This Company is member managed, pursuant to its Operating Agreement. The nature of the Company is to engage in the general business, operation, control, and oversight of residential and commercial maintenance, repair, and property management services, consulting, and product installation. The Company commenced existence as of November 13, 2017, the date of filing with the Nebraska Secretary of State.

29-6-13

LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

CASE NO. UIC 17-11: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BOP WEST, LLC, FOR APPROVAL TO COMPLETE THE NO-LA FRITZ NO. 2-1, LOCATED SE NW SECTION 2, T. 2 N., R. 15 E., SHUBERT WEST FIELD, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AS A SALT WATER DISPOSAL WELL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 4 OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE OF THE NEBRASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 22, 2017, the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission received the above-entitled application requesting authorization of said salt water disposal well, pursuant to Chapter 4 of the Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

In the event no PERSON, or the COMMISSION itself, files a written objection to said application within ten (10) days of the date of this notice, the application shall be granted. If any PERSON, or the COMMISSION itself, files written objection within ten (10) days of this notice, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, pursuant to said application, will hear the entitled matter on:

DATE: December 19, 2017

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Office of the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation

Commission, 922 Illinois Street, Sidney, Nebraska

Written objections must contain the name, address, and telephone number of the person objecting and the reasons for such objection and may be filed by delivering personally, or mailing to, the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, 922 Illinois Street, P.O. Box 399 Sidney, Nebraska 69162.

The application in the above-entitled matter may be inspected at the office of the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, 922 Illinois Street, Sidney, Nebraska.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEBRASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

By: /s/Stan Belieu, Deputy Director

DATED at Sidney, Nebraska, November 27, 2017.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Dennis D. Payne and Tammie S. Payne, dated June 8, 2007, and recorded on June 14, 2007, in Book No. 228, at Page 355 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Richardson County, Nebraska, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on February 1, 2018, at 10:00 AM, at the main lobby of the Richardson County Courthouse, Falls City, Nebraska, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

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Edward E. Brink, Successor Trustee

First Publication: December 6, 2017

NOTICE
In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska.
Case No. PR17-51
In the matter of the Guardianship for Brantley Jordan, a minor child.
Notice is hereby given that Cheryl J. Cash has filed a Petition for Appointment of Guardian for a Minor and that said Petition will be heard in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, 1700 Stone St. Rm 205, Falls City, Nebraska, 68355, on December 13, 2017, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard. Cheryl J. Cash, Petitioner

Kelly J. Werts, #20509
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Falls City Journal

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bid will be received by the City of Falls City, Nebraska, Gary Jorn, City Clerk at the City Building, 2307 Barada street, until 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on December 15th, 2017, at which time and place all bids will be opened and read in the presence of the bidders for the Repairs to Sewer Main from the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center.

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

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

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

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The City of Humboldt is issuing a Request for Proposals for the services of a Construction Manager at Risk to facilitate the restoration of the Historic Humboldt Auditorium. Interested parties may obtain the complete RFP document by contacting Carol Glathar, Humboldt City Clerk, P.O. Box 156, Humboldt NE 68376-0156, phone 402-862-2171, email ccc2863@windstrem.net. Proposals must be received by 3:00 PM, December 28, 2017. 6-13

County Commissioners

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 21, 2017
CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 21, 2017. Roll call was answered by Davidson, Frank and Sichel. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sichel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Davidson. Chairman Sichel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2017, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr updated the Board on the routine maintenance that is being done on county roads and bridges this week. He reported that a supply of motor oil was purchased from Merz Farm Equipment after all quotes were received from local suppliers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Davidson to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into a Board of Equalization at 10:30 a.m. to review a general assistance claim #1041. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye, Frank-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Davidson to go out of executive session at 10:45 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

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

GENERAL FUND

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes entries like Aetna, insur (51431.42), Armbruster Motor Co., serv (473.85), Julie D. Bauman, CPA, fees (510.00), Blue Valley Behavioral Health, serv (1990.00), Cash-Wa Distributing, supp (7.24), Catering by Marlin's, Inc., serv (10848.37), Community Medical Center, serv (3369.99), Consolidated Plastics, supp (479.40), Elliott, Brent, reimb (117.70), Falls City Mercantile Co., supp (179.83), Farm & City Supply, supp (9.99), First Concord Benefits Group, med, reimb (4267.02), Galls LLC/Quartermaster, supp (123.99), Garcia Clinical Laboratory, serv (98.00), Harmon's OK Tire & Auto, serv (175.71), Humboldt Standard, adv (252.00), Hunzeker, Greg, serv (600.00), Iowa Tribal Police Dept., rent (630.00), Johnson County, fees (46.06), Kirkendall, Brian, reimb (115.56), Kollasch Law Office, fees (850.00), Kuler, Frances, serv (850.00), Leak Specialist Inc., serv (1780.00), Meyer Laboratory, serv (216.39), Miller-Monroe, insur (15941.00), Multicity Information Programming, serv (1783.43), Mr. Automotive, supp (10.24), NE Assoc. of Co. Official, reg fee (750.00), Office Depot, supp (461.58), OPDD, serv (63.37), Ram Exterminators, serv (45.00), Ramada Kearney, serv (267.00), Retirement Plan Ameritas, retire (8120.68), Richardson Co. Clerk, postage (7.20), Richardson Co. Sheriff, costs (455.68), Richardson Co. Vendor, FICA (8681.53), SNC, serv (31866.00), Stripes & Signs, serv (30.00), Travelodge, serv (660.33), VonSeggern, William, contract (4000.00), West Payment Center, serv (229.00), Windle, Tylene, reimb (110.75), Payroll Expense (73128.96), TOTAL GENERAL FUND (\$226,034.27)

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

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INSTITUTIONS FUND

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes Dept. of Health & Human Service, serv (279.00), TOTAL INSTITUTIONS FUND (\$279.00)

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes Protocol, serv (1400.00), TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND (\$1,400.00)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by FRANK to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 a.m. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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

Nemaha N.R.D.

The Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold their regular meeting at *7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 14, 2017, at the NRD headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska. Individual committee meetings begin at *6:00 p.m. An agenda is being kept current at the office - 62161 Hwy 136, Tecumseh, NE 68450. 6

District #56

Agenda for the Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM, Monday, December 11, 2017 at the Central Office at Falls City Middle School

The agenda sequence is provided as a courtesy. The board reserves the right to consider items in the sequence it deems appropriate. Therefore, we encourage patrons to attend the meeting from the beginning.

- 1.0 Business Items:
1.1 Roll Call, Open Meetings Act Notice, and Pledge of Allegiance
1.2 Approval of Absences
1.3 Verification of Advanced Publication
1.4 Approval of Agenda
1.5 Approval of Previous Minutes
1.6 Audiences
1.7 Approval of Treasurer's Report
1.8 Approval of Claims
2.0 Informational Items/Reports:
2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Report: a) District Audit and Financial Report for 2016-2017, Julie Bauman, CPA, P.C.
2.2 Principal's Reports:
2.3 Board President's Report:
2.4 Superintendent's Report:
2.4a Legislative & Organization Update
2.4b Building and Grounds Update
2.4c Continuous School Improvement & Strategic Plan Report
2.4d Negotiations Planning
2.4e Policy Planning
2.4f Superintendent Meetings
2.4g Board Member Meetings
2.4h Other
2.5 Board Committee/Member Reports:
3.0 Old/New Action Items:
3.1 First Reading on Policy Reviews
3.2 Second Reading on Policy Reviews
3.3 Accept the 2016-2017 Annual Audit
3.4 Withdrawal from AdvancED Network
3.5 Other
4.0 Executive Session: Requested by member, approved by majority, as per statute
5.0 Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings TBD.

B.O.P.W.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
November 8, 2017
2307 Barada Street
Falls City, Nebraska

A special meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street in said City on the 8th day of November, 2017, at 1:00 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: Bartek, Koopman, Veigel, Absent: Albu, Murphy, Alan Romine recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairman and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairman and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairman publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Veigel and seconded by Bartek to approve the November 8, 2017 agenda as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Bartek, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

TOUR OF RULO WATER PLANT

No action was taken.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:25PM.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairman and Board on November 8, 2017; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Gary Jorn, City Clerk
Tom Bartek, Secretary
Merle Veigel, Chairman

Nemaha N.R.D.

Public Hearing-Public Recreation Area Rules & Fees

The Nemaha Natural Resources District will hold a public hearing Thursday, December 14, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at its headquarters, 62161 Hwy 136, Tecumseh, Nebraska. The purpose of this hearing is to provide information and receive testimony regarding changes to the District's Recreation Area Rules and Regulations, including changes to vehicle entry permit fees. A copy of the proposed changes is available on the NRD website, www.nemahanrd.org, or by contacting the NRD at (402) 335-3325.

District #70

Public Meeting Notice
Board of Education District #70

Notice is hereby given that a regular board meeting of the Board of Education of the Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer School District #70 will be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, December 11, 2017 in the Music Room in Humboldt, which meeting will be open to the public. The purpose of such meeting is to do regular business. A current agenda is available at the Superintendent's Office.

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CUSTODIAL POSITION – SOUTH SCHOOL

The Falls City Public School has a Custodial position starting December 18th. Full time, includes benefits, salary negotiable. Applications are available at the Central Office or on the District website @ www.fctigers.org
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NOTICE

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Doris Weaver
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Thank you to all who helped in any way with the 9th annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20th and Towle. This wonderful community service event was again a HUGE success thanks to volunteers from St. Paul's, other area churches, and surrounding community. You put the "giving" in Thanksgiving. Thank you also to Thrivent Action Team for their support. 48

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Sara Wertenberger goes high over the Jet defenders for two. (Photo by Brian McKim)

Irish girls begin 2017 with win

By Brian McKim

The defending Class D-2 state champion Sacred Heart Irish began their quest for a repeat with a win at Prichard Auditorium on Friday night against the Sterling Jets 39-29. The Jets kept it close early as the Irish held a slim 12-10 advantage after the first quarter. The lead grew to 25-16 by

halftime as the Irish defense allowed just six-second quarter points. Neither team shot lights out in the second as SH was out scored 6-8 in the third period to make the score 31-24 entering the final quarter of play. The Irish closed things out out scoring Sterling 8-5 in the fourth quarter to hold on for the win.

The Irish struggled shooting the ball all night as they finished the game making 13 of 41 shot attempts for 31.7%. The Jets converted on 12 of 43 for 27.9% for the game. The Jets were 1-11 from three-point range while the Irish didn't attempt a shot from behind the arc. SH held a decided edge at the free throw line converting 13 of 17 attempts while the Jets made just 4 of 9. Its early in the season and the Irish are replacing much of the scoring from last season so I wouldn't worry too much about the shot percentages. SH held a 33-22 rebound edge, had three blocked shots, five steals, but had 13 turnovers.

The Irish were led by Lauren Parrish who finished the game with a double/double. Parrish finished the game with 13 points, including going 5 of 6 from the charity stripe, 13 rebounds, and two blocked shots. Sara Wertenberger was next with seven points, five rebounds, and two assists.

The two teams also played a two quarter JV game in which the Lady Irish won 21-17. The Irish were led by Teresa Morehead with eight points and Danielle Bippes who tossed in six points of her own.

The Lady Irish will be at home again next Friday, December 8th as they host the Friend Bulldogs with varsity action set to begin at 6:00.

Irish look to defend crown

By Brian McKim

The Falls City Sacred Heart Irish girls begin their quest to return to Lincoln. The defending Class D-2 state champs are coming off a 27-1 campaign, with their only loss coming to Diller-Odell in the Pioneer Conference Championship.

Head Coach Luke Santo is entering his twelfth season as head coach of the Irish and sports an impressive 261 wins to just 40 losses. His teams won state championships in both 2015 and 2017.

The Irish will have much to replace as they lost Jade Hill, Alexis Barnes and Haylee Heits (now a forward on the Doane women's team) who combined to score 33.5 of the teams 49.7 points per contest last season. The Irish will need to figure out where the scoring will come from this season.

The Irish will return two starters from last years' squad in 6'0 senior Sara Wertenberger and 5'7 senior Abby Fiegenger. Wertenberger averaged five points and almost six rebounds per game last season while Fiegenger added 2.6 points per game and 2.5 rebounds. According to Coach Santo Wertenberger has the potential to be a double-double player, while Fiegenger will be looked at to be more aggressive and score more this season.

SH will also look to 6'0 Lauren Parrish who sat out last season with a knee injury but started two years ago as a sophomore. Other returning contributors are 5'5 junior Ahren Ebel, 5'7 junior Randee Witt, 5'6 sophomore McKenzie Witt and 6'0 junior Elizabeth Keithley.

"We graduated three important seniors last year, but we have some key players returning. We should be solid again defensively, but we're going to have to develop our guards and find some consistent shooting and scoring. These girls have played in big games, but in the past, they were more role players. This year we will need some new leader to emerge," said Santo.

As a team, the Irish out scored their opponents 49.7 to 29.8 last year. The Irish shot 42.5 percent from the field last year while holding opponents to just 25.1 percent. Barnes led the team last



Joe Bieker skies for a tip in. (Photo by Brian McKim)

Irish soar over Sterling Jets

By Brian McKim

The Sacred Heart Irish survived a shaky second quarter to begin the season with 65-47 win over the Sterling Jets.

The Irish came out of the gate quickly jumping out to a 21-14 lead after the opening quarter. The Jets came storming back in the second period out scoring the Irish 17-12 to make the half-time score 33-31 SH. The Irish put together a strong second

half defensively out scoring the Jets 17-8 and 15-8 in the third and fourth quarters. The Irish were out shot by the Jets 46% to 44% from the field. However, SH converted 13 of 15 free throw attempts compared to 8 of 11 for Sterling. Sacred Heart also held a 34 -21 rebound edge with 17 offensive and 17 defensive boards. The Irish also had two blocked shots and 13 steals while committing just eight turnovers.

Tyler Witt led the way for the Irish with 17 points, including five for five from the free throw line. Witt also led the Irish with nine rebounds, six on the offensive end, one steal and two assists. Tristan Keithley tossed in another 12 points for Sacred Heart, including hitting on two of three attempts from behind the arc.

Theo Rohrer added 10 points on five of six shooting from the field. Rohrer also added eight rebounds, two blocked shots, three steals and five assists. Drew Bippes was right behind with nine points, including five of six from the charity stripe. Bippes also had eight total rebounds, five steals, and three assists. Sterling was led by Ben Hier with 12 points and Treygan Keeler with 11.

The Irish boys will be at home on Friday, December 8, to host Friend. The first game will tip off at 6:00 at Prichard Auditorium.

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