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OBITUARIES

The following is the list of obituaries that appeared in the Falls City Journal in 2017:

January

- 1 James Ramsey, 84; Frank Pagnano, 82, Wilmington, CA.
- 4 Linda Fouraker, 68, Salem.
- 7 Denise Sailors, 65, Falls City; Edwin Fouraker, 74, Tucson, AZ; Larry Scott, 77, Sprindale, AZ.
- 8 Janelle Pilkenton, 76, Rayton, MO.
- 9 Elva Eickhoff, 103, Falls City; Lale 'Stevie' Hall, 67, Falls City.
- 13 Dale Hanika, 88, Lincoln; Carolyn 'Cookie' Strasil, 73, Falls City.
- 14 Betty LaVerna Stukenholtz, 78, Nebraska City.
- 16 Ivan Hinrichsen, 83, Dawson.
- 17 Dale Hanika, 88, Lincoln; Ernest Werner, 95, Falls City.
- 18 Vera Duerfeldt, 101, Nemaha; Lester Nelson, 91, Falls City.
- 19 Ila Mae Arnold, 87, Verdon.
- 20 John B. Nixon, 71.
- 25 Ruth Titus, 92, Falls City.
- 27 Nancy Kyle, 76, Sabetha, KS.
- 28 Shirley Duran, 83, Highland, KS.

February

- 1 Kathryn Fiegenger, 72, Dawson.
- 4 Mildred Peterson, 93, Pawnee City.
- 6 Jacquelyn Donoghue, 74, Holdrege.
- 7 Archie Hodge, 88, Falls City.
- 8 Ramona Chesson, 57, Falls City.
- 9 Ralph Tackett, 53, St. Joseph; Joann Rose, 75, Kansas City, MO.
- 11 David Reavis, 75, Falls City.
- 12 Pamela K. Sikora, 66, Falls City.
- 15 Melody Thompson, 40, Ashland.
- 16 Phyllis Tubach, 83, Omaha.
- 19 Harold Vollmer, 84, Falls City; Rev. David Manning, Sr., 85, Sabetha, KS; Fred Wittrock, 92, Humboldt.
- 20 Louis 'Jay' Stalder, 67, Clanton; Betty Banzhaf, 87, Humboldt.
- 21 Gregory Platter, 47, Westminster, MD.
- 22 Philip Woods, 88, Falls City.
- 26 Jim Sheets, 80, Lincoln; Henry Menze, 88, Kansas City.

- 28 Gayle Gordon, 70, Chillicothe, MO; Phyllis Taylor, 95, Humboldt; Barbara Ramsey, 81, Dawson.

March

- 1 Byron 'Barney' Meinzer, 82, Falls City.
- 9 Diana S. Davidson, 59.
- 7 Clayton Campbell, 73, Atchison, KS.
- 12 Denretta Nolte, 81, Humboldt.
- 15 Joe Heineman, 88, Lincoln.
- 16 David Speers, 98, Graylake, IL.
- 17 Marvin Vinsonhaler, 82, Harlingen, TX; Sharon Krickbaum, 77, St. Joseph, MO; Helene Lawrence, 76, Fairfax, MO.
- 19 Apollonia 'Loni' Inglis, 79, Falls City.
- 24 Nelda N. Borrego, 68, Shubert.
- 25 Ed Bivans, 74, Humboldt; Allyn Strecker, 52, Urbandale, IA.
- 26 Marvin Zimmerman, 91, Omaha; Rosaline 'Rosie' Lochmann, 78, Falls City.
- 27 Caroline Gerdes, 81, Falls City; Richard Moore, 82.
- 31 Mary Elizabeth (Casey) Cyr, 68, Taftville, CT.

April

- 1 Arlene Rogers, 92, Kansas City, MO
- 3 Jane Wenz, 84; Violet Coolidge, 77, Bayard, NE.
- 4 John Haney, 52, Falls City.
- 6 Lynne McCullough, 78; Gale Harvey Marsh, 88, Falls City; Duane Tubach, 87; Vickie Schmid, 61, Littleton, CO.
- 11 Loretta Severin, 81, Falls City.
- 16 Richard Liberty, Sr., 85, Falls City; Trenton Stutheit, 29, Omaha.
- 17 Pearl May Wathor, 89, Princeton, NE.
- 18 Gene Osborne, 81, Nebraska City.
- 24 Gayleen Zentner, 84, Falls City; Evelyn Wissmann, 91, Falls City.
- 28 Mary Louise Grier, 57, Hiawatha, KS.
- 29 Marlan Downey, 85, Dallas, TX.
- 30 Alberta Cander, 71, Humboldt; James Schuetz, 79, Verdon.

May

- 1 Ronald Cook, 45, Sioux, S.D.
- 2 Judith Herbster, 62, Falls City.
- 4 Wilbur Dean, 84, Hiawatha, KS.
- 5 Joy Ruth Davis, 86; Marjie Mackey, 59, Falls City.
- 7 Tom McGinnis, 91, Falls City.
- 8 Wilbur Nitzsche, 88, Rulo.
- 10 Charles Fouraker, 78, Pacific, WA.
- 11 William Woodruff Jr., 62, Stella.
- 12 Larry Godwin, 83, Falls City.
- 14 Mary Nauman, 62, White Cloud, KS.
- 15 Sean Coy, 20, Falls City; Edna Witt, 99, Falls City.
- 22 Russell 'Dean' Horner, 79, Troy, KS; Ted Phroper, 57, Courtland.
- 24 Jessie Clark, Jr., 80, Falls

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Hoffmann says goodbye to Postal Service after nearly 37 years

Story by Kaylie Ractliffe; Photo by Margret Meyer

One of Falls City's beloved postal workers rang in the New Year with the start of his retirement on Jan. 2.

Steve Hoffmann's first day as a postal worker was Jan. 10, 1981. In 1984, Hoffmann was assigned a regular route, where he spent the next 33 years serving the same customers and becoming a familiar face in the community.

"It's a really good job to have in Falls City," Hoffmann said. "I had been looking for a steady job just to pay the bills, and it ended up being very fulfilling."

Hoffmann says he has seen many changes in the Postal Service throughout his tenure, many of which include the integration of technology.

"When I started, we didn't do things too much differently from what postmen did when Benjamin Franklin set up the postal service," Hoffmann said. "A lot has changed [lately]—it seems like we went right from the 19th century into the 21st."

One of the big changes Hoffmann has seen is a service many people now rely on: Shipment tracking.

"We have scanners now, and back then we didn't have anything like that. We're now on our third generation of scanners, which upload wirelessly in real-time so people can check to see right when a package was delivered," Hoffmann said.

Although technology has changed the way Hoffmann has done his job over the years, he says it has not simplified his duties as much as others might assume.

"It's a different type of work, but it still takes effort," Hoffmann said. "I suppose there's not quite

as much walking. I think when I started we put in about 12-15 miles on a route, and we'd have to walk up to houses and onto porches. Now we can do most of it from the curb without even getting out of the vehicle. It's easier on my joints at this age."

The physical demands of postal workers played a large role in Hoffmann's decision to retire.

"I'm ready to get off the streets. I'm at the age when it's starting to get to be a strain. I'm just ready, physically, to be done," Hoffmann said.

Hoffmann says his plans for retirement include continuing his favorite hobbies, especially those that involve being outdoors.

"I'll be doing more of what I already enjoy doing now, like gardening," Hoffmann said. "I've got an old house to work on. I've got my reading program. I'll have plenty to keep me busy in retirement. I'm looking forward to it."

The Falls City post office released the following statement regarding Hoffmann's retirement:

"The United States Postal Service would like to express their grateful appreciation to Stephen Hoffmann for more than 36 years of dedicated and honorable service to the Government of the United States. Steve started with the Postal Service on January 10, 1981, and retired January 2, 2018. He was placed onto a regular route and served the same customers since 1984. Steve enjoyed working outdoors. He enjoyed his customers and co-workers that he worked with through the years. The Postal Service is built on the loyal service of people like Steve. Steve's coworkers and friends wish him well in his retirement."



Sheriff seeks additional staff for Courtroom duty

During their Dec. 26th meeting Richardson County Commissioners received an update from Sheriff Don Pounds on the routine business within the Sheriff's Office and Jail during the past week. Sheriff Pounds informed the Board that the District Court Judge as well as the County Court Judge are requesting security during court proceedings and that this will involve about 28 additional hours per week of staffing. Pounds requested that the Board approve the hiring of additional staffing within the Sheriff's Department for courtroom security as providing this many hours will decrease the time available for investigations and calls.

Sheriff Pounds also informed the Board that CBM Managed Services had sent an amendment to the renewal agreement to provide the meals to the inmates at the Jail for 2018 in which the price of the meals has increased slightly from \$4.67 to 5.04 for 15-19 inmates; \$3.69 to \$4.045 for 20+ inmates. The Board gave approval for the Sheriff to sign the renewal agreement/amendment for the price increase to be effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

Sheriff Pounds offered information regarding

the setting of the salaries for the Sheriff for the new term of office.

The Board also reviewed with Sheriff Pounds the damages that were done to the Boy Scout Road south of Humboldt in early November by a driver that was pulling equipment and the report that needs to be completed before a ticket can be issued.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week. He also introduced representatives from SAPP Bros. who attended the meeting to present information to the Board on delivering fuel to the county shops.

County Treasurer Amanda Young, presented to the Board replacement of pledge securities. Commissioners approved replacement of a security pledge from F&M Bank in the amount of \$155,000 with pledges of \$145,000 and \$10,000 and voted to release a previous security pledge from American National Bank.

Commissioners also approved the weekly claims and discussed in executive session two general assistance claims.

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Growing Nebraska in 2017

By Governor Pete Ricketts



Growing our state is key to creating opportunities for the next generation. That's why I've made the vision for my administration "grow Nebraska." Throughout 2017, Nebraska experienced great successes and signs of growth.

This year, Nebraska won the Governor's Cup for the most economic development projects per capita. Forbes magazine ranks Nebraska as the fourth best state for business in the nation. Nebraska added over 12,000 new people for a record high population of over 1.92 million. And Nebraska improved seven spots in Chief Executive Magazine's 2017 Best & Worst States for Business.

Nebraska's national standing is helping attract new business, job opportunities, and investments. In 2017 alone, Facebook broke ground on their ninth data center in the world with a \$300 million investment in Papillion. Cargill unveiled a new cooked meats plant in Columbus with a \$111 million investment. In Blair, Novozymes announced a \$36 million expansion project. Kawasaki cut the ribbon on their first North American aerospace division, a \$12.5 million investment in Lincoln. In October, Agri-Plastics announced a \$4.5 million investment in Sidney. And Costco selected Nebraska for their first chicken processing project, a \$300 million investment. These are just a few of the investments which are creating opportunity across our state.

This year, I led my second trade mission to Japan and the first-ever Governor-led trade mission from Nebraska to Canada. Trade missions helped bring investments from Agri-Plastics, Novozymes, and Kawasaki. They have also given us an opportunity to support national efforts to open up new markets. This year, China reopened their market to American beef. Argentina opened to American pork. Vietnam lifted a ban on dry distillers grains. And Japan is set to allow American ethanol producers to export starting early next year. Just a couple weeks ago, we learned that Nebraska is exporting more beef to China than any other state!

These successes would not be possible without the great teams working together at the Department of Agriculture and Department of Economic Development. Both teams have been doing great work in the areas of business recruitment and international trade to help grow our state.

Working with the Legislature has also been key for our growth. Over the past few years, the Legislature and I have worked together to cut the rate of growth in spending from 6.5 percent to 0.6 percent, a 90 percent reduction. This year, Senator Curt Friesen of Henderson and I worked together to merge two state agencies to create the Department of Transportation, so we can spend less on overhead and put more money back into roads and runways. Senator John Kuehn of Heartwell brought a bill to my desk to end the practice of letting people quit their job and receive unemployment checks. Senator John Murante of Gretna and I worked to create a one-stop shop for Nebraska's veterans by merging state agencies serving them. Numerous senators stepped up to help reform onerous professional license requirements to help create more opportunity for Nebraskans.

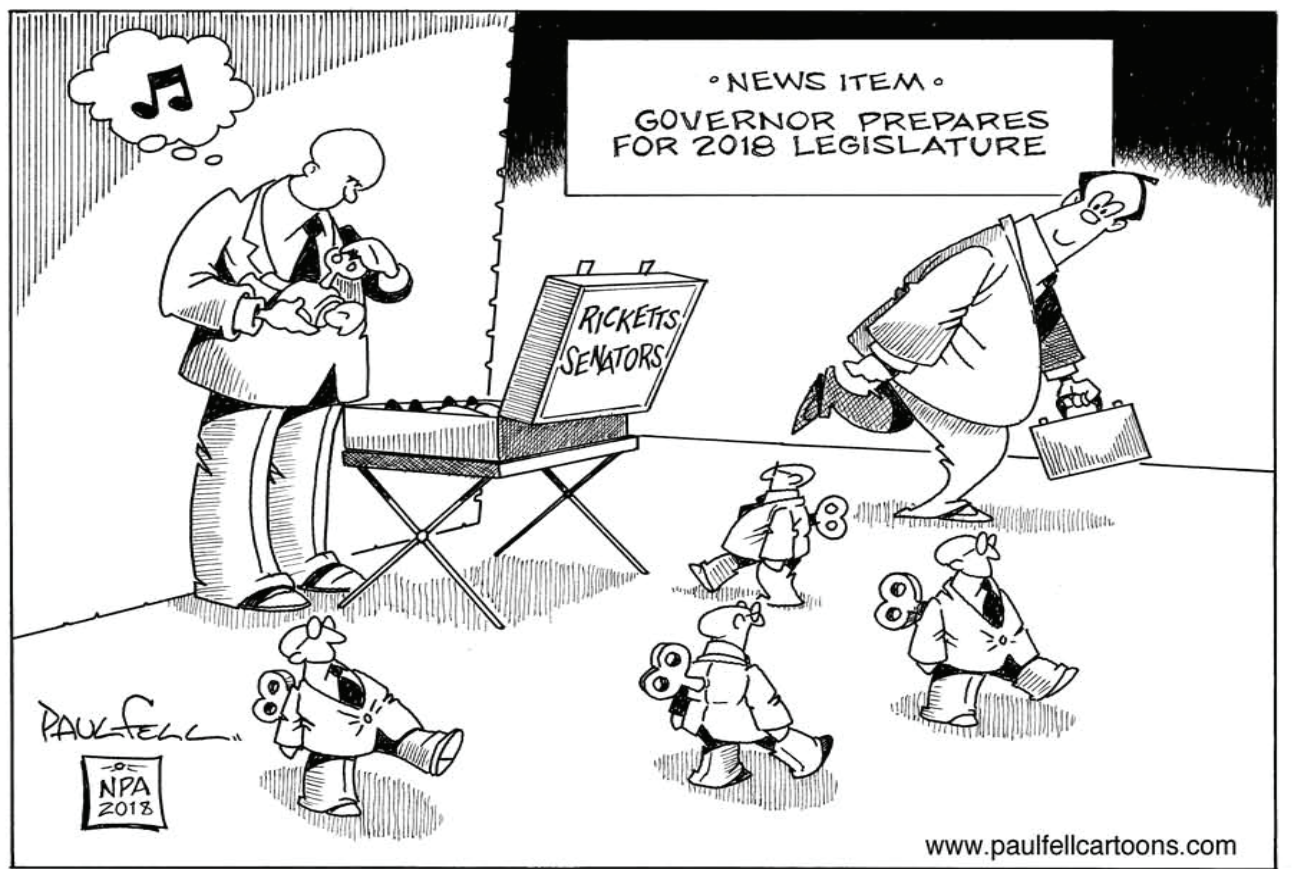
My team is continuing to work on additional initiatives to spur private sector growth.

This year, I ordered a freeze on state regulations and a review of all red tape by my agencies. An analysis this summer found that Nebraska's Administrative Code consists of 7.5 million words with more than 100,000 restrictive words. We'll be coming back with plans to roll back regulations based on the review. Building a regulatory climate with the customer in mind is helping grow our state by bringing new investments here.

In addition to cutting red tape, we've been working to run state government like a business. To achieve this, we have trained over 12,500 of our teammates in process improvement skills. Skills that will help them identify waste and build better government that puts the customer first. With this philosophy, we are delivering professional licenses more quickly, turning around environmental permits within a single day, and reducing backlogs for tax credit applications.

Running government like a business also means we've been changing how we run traditional entitlement programs, so we help Nebraskans get back to work more quickly and find greater financial independence. Two years ago, we changed our state's unemployment program into a reemployment program. Under the reemployment model, job seekers are required to go through coaching sessions, post a searchable resume in the state's jobs database, and search for work more often. This has been so successful, we're now offering the same services to families receiving food stamps. After piloting the program in Grand Island, families we helped saw an average of a \$6,900 increase to their annual income, and many are reducing or eliminating their need for state food assistance.

These are just a few of the great stories we've seen in 2017. We've got great momentum, and my administration will keep working every day to grow the state. If you have any suggestions on how we can continue to grow Nebraska, email me at pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov or give my office a call at 402-471-2244.



They're back. But not for long.

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

The 105th Nebraska Legislature, Second Session, convened today with 32 Republicans (one brand new), 14 Democrats, 2 Independents and a Libertarian. They'll be meeting for 60 days so the ones who are facing re-election can get home and campaign. The preliminary calendar says the nation's only nonpartisan one-house legislature meets from January 3 to 18.

As many as 12 of those Republicans could be on Governor Pete Ricketts watch list to see if he'll need to find and fund opponents in the May primary and November election. It's a short session for the officially nonpartisan body, due to end before the primary.

Six senators – four Republicans, one Democrat and one Independent – will be serving their last year because of term limits which were approved by voters some years ago. Republicans Lydia Brasch, Tyson Larson, Paul Schumacher and Jim Smith were first elected in 2010 and will meet the two-term limit. Democrat Burke Harr and Independent Bob Krist (he was a Republican last session) will also term out.

There is some speculation that Smith might seek another elective office. Krist has announced an Independent bid for the Governor's office, risky business in an overwhelmingly partisan Republican state. It would take support from dissident Republicans and Democrats to support the state's growing nonpartisan base to make a Krist bid successful. State Democratic Chairwoman Jane Kleeb has already announced that the Democrats will field a candidate.

Lawmakers will have the traditional 10 days to introduce new bills and resolutions. They'll be added to the load that includes 447 bills and 10 resolutions carried over from the first session. That's a lot of work to be woven into a calendar that includes 14 recess days and two holidays – Martin Luther King Day on January 15 and President's Day on February 19.

Speaker of the Legislature Jim Scheer of Norfolk has stated publicly that he hopes to avoid a rules fight. Debate over a proposed change to the filibuster rules lingered for 30 days last session. In fact, the Rules Committee met before Christmas in an effort to pave a smooth path into the next session.

The dean of the Capitol Press Corps, Don Walton of the Lincoln Journal Star, said committee members expressed concern about the "startling lack of experience now prevalent in terms of service on legislative committees." Walton noted that committees are the funnel "through which legislative bills must pass and some knowledge or experience dealing with what can be some very complicated issues and subject matter like tax laws is important in reaching legislative results."

According to the discussion, the average time a senator serves on a specific committee has shrunk to roughly two years. Next year, Walton noted, at least five of the eight members of the tax-writing

Revenue Committee will be gone.

Krist blames that partly on "a political agenda that decided to stack the committee" last January. He noted that the same thing happened when a brand new gubernatorial appointee, Sen. Rob Clements of Elmwood, was immediately awarded a seat on the budget-writing Appropriations Committee.

There will be one new face in the chamber. Theresa Thibodeau, a LaVista pre-school owner, was sworn in October 19 to replace Senator Joni Craighead in Omaha's District 6. Craighead resigned September 1. Thibodeau will have to run for the seat in the May pri-

mary and November election along with other senators representing even-numbered districts.

One can expect the six short-timers to freely speak their minds this session, with the exception of Krist who is running for a different office and Smith (and maybe others) who may also be running for an elected state position. The dozen Ricketts' targets might also be a little less vocal.

The circus is back in town. Let the drama commence.

J.L. Schmidt has been covering Nebraska government and politics since 1979. He has been a registered Independent for 19 years.

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- 100%
- More painful
- It's often wreaked
- Cardinal 3
- Figure with vertex and rays
- *Pop icon-painting pop icon
- *Jackie O's first husband
- "You betcha!"
- Off-color
- Like TV's Randall/Klugman couple
- Genealogy "plant"
- No, it doesn't crawl in one's ear
- *World-famous yellow cartoon boy
- Kuwait, e.g.
- Tarzan's swing
- Indian nursemaid
- Gardener's pipe, pl.
- Overeat
- Last European colony in China
- Surfer's stop
- Bone-dry
- Choose by divine intervention
- Police informer
- Hi-_____
- Chihuahua-Pug hybrid
- By means of
- *Norma Jean's pseudonym
- *His Airness
- Naked protozoa
- Not an amateur
- Type of wave
- Surrendered land
- What iodine and quinine have in common
- Like unbagged tea
- *Kentucky's Fort _____, named for first US Secretary of War
- Aye's opposite
- English homework?

DOWN

- Wildfire remains
- *Famous American clarinetist, Artie _____
- Cher or Mariah Carey, e.g.?
- Poacher's ware
- Prestige
- Get-out-of-jail money
- *Cassius Clay
- Like Mary-Kate and Ashley
- Capital of West Germany, 1949-1989
- Push for something
- Mix together
- Mouse to a snake
- Footwear to match toga
- *Queen of All Media
- Bo Peep follower
- Renting
- *2009 Nobel Prize for Peace recipient
- Israeli statesman Moshe
- Famous Slytherin member
- Aphrodite's son
- Semis
- Australian horse
- Accustom
- *Man behind Windows
- Bangkok inhabitant
- Between Phi and Kappa
- Aussie gas station
- Without clothes
- Olden day "your"
- Middle Ages garment
- Remove from Google Maps
- Dora the Explorer's farewell
- *Baseball Hall of Famer, Connie _____
- End of grace
- Redecorate, e.g.
- Wild goat
- *Actor Bishop or punk rocker Ramone
- Fusses
- *Neil Armstrong's employer
- Ribonucleic acid
- Grazing land

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From the Journal Files

By Charlie Radatz
50-25-15 Years Ago

50 Years Ago - Jan. 3- Jan 9, 1968

The mayor and city council of Falls City sitting as a board of adjustment voted to expand the area for business development despite receiving a petition opposing the change signed by about 50 property owners in the affected areas.

Bernard Kreifels announced he would erect a Mr. Swiss drive-in restaurant on property at 12th & Harlan.

Mayor Dick Baker and the city council approved final plans for construction of Phase II of the Falls City sewage treatment plant estimated to cost a total of \$528,000.

Below zero weather was reported across Nebraska with the coldest reading 25 below zero at Alliance.

The Rivoli Theatre was showing "Spartacus", winner of 4 Academy of motion pictures awards, and Mr. Music and His Men of Note were providing dance music at the Elks Lodge.

Mrs. Delmar Scholl, the retiring president of the Falls City Camp Fire Council, was presented the Luther Halsey Gulick award for administrative volunteers.

Farmers were attempting to organize to demand higher prices for commodities and an NFO meeting was scheduled Jan. 5th at Merz Farm Equipment.

U.S. command in Saigon disclosed that 1967 was the deadliest in the Vietnam war with 9,353 American soldiers killed increasing the total American war casualties to over 16,000.

Assistant Falls City High School basketball coach Reynold McMeen announced that the Falls City Jaycees planned to sponsor a pair of Saturday basketball leagues open to youths in grades five through eight. One-hundred-one signed up.

Three members of the Dallas Cowboys and Green Bay Packer Linebacker Ray Nitschke suffered frostbite in the National Football Championship game at Green Bay, but Nitschke said his frostbitten toes weren't bothering him because the Packers' 21-17 victory advanced them to the Superbowl.

South African doctors successfully separated Siamese twins conjoined at the head following a five and a quarter hour surgery involving pediatric, neuro, and plastic surgeons.

The Sacred Heart Irish won their fourth game of the season defeating Omaha Sacred Heart 91-55 in a game taken over by the Hill boys, Bill and Tom, who scored a combined 60 points.

The writer of the "Hangin' Out the Wash" column ("Warsh came later) extolled the virtues of the school spirit exhibited at Prichard Auditorium by the about 100-member Tiger Pep Club, the Tiger Pep band, the six Tiger cheerleaders, and the Tiger mascot "Dudley".

The Falls City and County governing bodies were standing pat on their decisions to furnish ambulance service only in emergencies prompting Dr. Richard Gentry to call an ambulance out of Omaha to transport a Sunny Court resident to an Omaha Hospital.

The Falls City Tiger Wrestling team recorded the first victory of its initial season defeating Tecumseh 46-7.

Nebraska's seven full-time assistant football coaches were granted \$500 pay raises. End Coach Tom Osborne's salary was \$15,500 a year. Head Coach and Athletic Director Bob Devaney was making \$25,500 a year.

Sacred Heart had a new basketball and track coach, Dan Armstrong who was graduating from Peru State College and completing student teaching at Auburn.

Peter Kiewitt Sons Co. received a \$2.738 million contract for excavation, sheet piling, dewatering, and backfilling for the Cooper Nuclear Plant's foundation and was to start work Feb. 1st.

25 Years Ago - Jan. 3- Jan 9, 1993

The size of farms across the country was growing with the average farm in 1940 totaling 168 acres expanding to 467 acres in 1991, a trend that continues today.

Precipitation in the year just past (1992) was 20 inches above normal at 55.34 inches, but that was not a record. That mark, 57.33 inches, was set in 1973.

President-elect Bill Clinton reported that he had received an invitation to meet with Russian President Boris Yeltsin, but he said that meeting would have to wait as he and Congress would need to focus first on America's problems.

Interest rates paid on savings were far better than today with First Federal Lincoln paying 4.5% on a 6-month CD and 5.0% on a 12 month CD.

The City Council authorized City administration to advertise for a new pumper truck for the Fire Department. The engineer's cost estimate was \$100,000.

More freezing rain was in the forecast after similar conditions produced many weather-related injuries.

Retiring Richardson County Commissioner Gerald Bucher, who for 12 years had represented District III on the Board, was presented a plaque by his fellow commissioners recognizing his outstanding service to the County and to the Nebraska Association of County Officials.

Honored as Richardson County Athlete of the Week was Jenny Findlay of Southeast Consolidated who scored 42 points in the finals of the Wy-more Southern Holiday Tournament.

The Falls City Tigers held on to defeat Savannah 53-51 after Scot Hartman sank a field goal that tied the game with 32 seconds left, then put in two free throws to give the Tigers a 50-48 lead.

The Falls City Rotary Club honored as Junior Rotarians of the Month two Falls City High seniors: Abby Novak, daughter of Joe and Pat Novak, and Amanda Prosser, daughter of Delano and Billie Prosser.

Reggie Jackson was inducted into major league baseball's Hall of Fame, receiving 396 of the 423 votes cast.

People were standing in line at the Falls City Post Office when the first Elvis Presley stamps went on sale with retired postal employee Lloyd Bindle buying the first sheet of 40 stamps.

Humboldt High School and UNL graduate Anne Duryea-Sweet was named "Nebraska Young Artist of the Year" by the Nebraska Wesleyan University Art Council and the University Place Center.

Nebraska running back and all Big 8 player Derek Brown, to the surprise of his coaches, decided to end his college career and enter the NFL draft.

15 Years Ago - Jan. 3 - Jan 9, 2003

The drought of 2002 was judged by the Journal to be the biggest story of the year with only 18.11 inches of moisture recorded at Brenner Field making the driest ever in modern times, and far below the average of 34.32 inches.

Another big economic blow to the community occurred in February when the Mickelberry plant, that employed 90 persons with a payroll of \$2 million, moved its operations to Kentucky.

Construction was underway on the ground level entrance at the north end of the courthouse.

Showing at the River Twin Theatre were "Lord of the Rings the Two Towers" and "Star Trek - Nemesis".

4-H was celebrating its Centennial Year and families with 4 and 5 generations of 4-Hers were recognized including those of Elmer Finck, Clara Eickhoff, Anna Bierman, Clifford Duerfeldt, Christine Fischer, Mary Duder, and Helen Merz.

Local National Guardsmen were among 150 members of the Guard called upon to report for duty in mid-February to provide additional security at Air Force bases in the Lincoln and Omaha metropolitan areas.

Community Medical Center's first baby of 2003 was Natalie Lorene Keller, daughter of Michael and Rachele Keller, born at 7:40 a.m., Mon., Jan. 6th.

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Lincoln.
13. Betty Brzon, 80, Falls City.
14. Vincent Becker, 90, Odesa, TX; Betty Bird, 87, Falls City; Ardene Bartlett, 85, Crete.
19. Harry Fritz, Jr., 67, Falls City.

June

1. Keith Wheeler, 84, Stella.
2. Pauline Magdalena Braun, 91, Nampa, IA.
6. Gary Kammerer, 74, Falls City.
8. Marjorie Emmert, 83, Topeka, KS; MSGT Patrick L. Reichert, Ret., 63, Rulo.
9. Delbert Cochran, 74, Verdon; Deloris Georges, 84, York.
12. Melvin Campbell, Jr., 72, White Cloud, KS.
13. Margaret Arnold, 97, Falls City.
14. Gwendolyn Miller, 71, Lincoln; Thomas Rose, 63, Potter, KS.
17. Deborah Brite, 76, Wichita, KS.
17. James Weaver Jr., 74, Bartlesville, OK.

July

5. Robert Ludwig, 89, Lincoln; Betty Jean Hersh, 88, Falls City.
8. Allen Donigan, 86, Rulo.
11. Lester Penkava, 100, Omaha.
13. Victor Fee, 58; Irene Gerweck, 78, Falls City; John Kentopp, 59, Falls City.
14. Carolyn Johnson, 74, Falls City.
16. Donna Cockerham, 65, Verdon.
17. Easton Vonderschmidt, 16, Rulo.
21. Alan Wheeler, Cheyenne, WY.
25. Helen Jean Parsons, 90, Falls City; Luella Cummins, 95, Falls City.
31. Judy Monahan, 71, Roanoke, VA; Robert Blain, 68, Falls City.

August

12. Leola Green, 78, Wellington, FL.
15. Charles Slagle, 98, Lincoln.
17. Col (Ret.) Lawrence W. Ketter, 78, Shalimar, FL.
18. Michael Nigus, 71, Hiawatha.
26. Martha Lucas Morrison, 97 Lincoln.

September

5. Donald Ankrom, 88, Falls City.
7. Lorelei Foster, 76, Omaha.
8. Francis Kean, 90, Omaha.
10. Denis Seerley, 64, Falls City.
12. Mary Ann Steinman, 70,

13. Betty Brzon, 80, Falls City.
14. Vincent Becker, 90, Odesa, TX; Betty Bird, 87, Falls City; Ardene Bartlett, 85, Crete.
19. Harry Fritz, Jr., 67, Falls City.
20. Vicky Low, 66, Rulo.
21. Richard 'Rick' Oberle, 67, Falls City.
23. Marie Wheeler, 58.
28. Ronald Johnson, 78, Olathe, KS.
30. Jacklynn Ricardo, 63, Falls City.

October

1. Terry Brennan, 79, Falls City.
3. James 'Jim' McCormick, 82, Neosho, MO.
7. Wanda Jones, 77, Norcross, GA; Steve Spinner, 46, Falls City.
9. Audrey Bennett, 89, Falls City.
13. Marcella 'Marcy' Varga, 48, Falls City.
14. Lavern Bowman, 99, Falls City; Francis Seid, 93, Falls City.
15. Dennis Neal Nussbaum, 69, Wichita, KS.
18. Dorothy Kerl, 90, Hiawatha.
19. Anna McCaul, 92; Don Wenz, 74, Falls City.
23. Sheila Whalen, 78, Falls City.
26. Richard 'Dick' Harold Warkins, 69, Lawrence KS.
31. Jeff Bek, 56, Palm Bay, FL; Sandra Shafer, 65, Hiawatha.

November

1. Joyce Appelseth, 81, Enterprise, KS.
2. Nancy Kennedy, 73, Ottawa, KS; Donna Meyer, 86, Falls City.
5. Cecil P. Duryea, USAF Colonel (Ret.), 92, Humboldt; J. Audrey Ege, 92, Council Bluffs, IA.
7. Steven Hilgenfeld, 38, Dawson.
10. Dallas D. Jaros, 81, Falls City; Verna Parriott Hall, 97, Elmwood.
13. Cynthia Zachek, 63, Falls City.
18. Virgil Jones, 89, Falls City.
19. Josephine Merchant, 98, Hiawatha.
26. Anna Whittington, 101, Auburn.
30. Larry Nedrow, Waverly; Fred Cash, 78, Humboldt.

December

1. William 'Bill' Jones, 83, Falls City.
2. Carl McGinnis, 90, Lincoln.
5. Margaret Scholl, 91, Falls City.
6. Ernest 'Bill' Gaede Jr., 66, Falls City.
7. Brian Hall, 62, Stella.
9. Michael Schaible, 64, Falls City.
11. Eric Kelz II, 24, Lincoln
15. Linda Marrs, 58, Reserve, KS; Vinton Kimberling, 82, Imperial, NE.
16. Kathy Lee Gregory-Kelly, 69.
18. Marcella Niedfeldt, 94, Lincoln.
19. Mary K. Huppert, 67, Falls City.
20. Richard P. O'Grady, 84, Topeka, KS.
21. John Rakestraw, 69, Nebraska City.
22. Donna Rue, 58, Falls City.
24. Margaret Sue Steffen, 91, Humboldt.
26. Philip Dean Hauptman, 73, Nebraska City.
31. Allen "Bub" Brown, 77, Shubert; Carolyn Kent, 84, Mound City, MO

Dulcimer Club established in Falls City

A new dulcimer club has been established in Falls City. Members meet from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. in the Falls City Library.

Interested persons do not need to read music or play by ear - there will be "loaner" instruments available for your use, all materials and instruction will be provided at no cost.

Several members recently performed at the Thanksgiving Day dinner in St Paul's Lutheran Church and have been invited to play again next year.

The fellowship and fun enjoyed and shared by a dulcimer club becomes a real asset to the community.

If you have any interest, please check out the next meeting on Thursday, January 11 at 6 p.m.

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Third and fourth grade students from Falls City Sacred Heart visited Falls City Nursing and Rehab, Jonesbrook Estates, and Falls City Healthcare Community on December 18 and 19. The students helped share their Christmas joy by singing, visiting, and playing Bingo with the residents

Heritage Needle Work Guild Donates the gift of warmth to SENCA Head Start children

What better way to welcome in the winter season than by snuggling in your very own warm and cozy blanket! Each of SENCA's (Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership's) 151 pre-school children from the Head Start locations of Auburn, Falls City, Nebraska City, and Table Rock were provided with the gift of warmth this holiday, courtesy of the Heritage Needle Work Guild.

The look on each of the children's faces tells the story of how excited and happy they were to receive such a special treat.

This year the Guild selected the SENCA Head Start preschool students as their Non-Community Annual project. They raised money to purchase the blankets by selling raffle tickets for a handmade quilt during Nebraska City's Apple Jack Festival in September along with admission fees from their quilt show.

The 80 member Guild is composed of individuals from local and area communities such as Auburn, Humboldt, Nebraska City, Talmage, and Weeping Water in addition to those who participate from the neighboring states of Iowa and Missouri.

The Guild meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Nebraska City to share in their love of sewing.

For more information about the Guild, please contact Sew Enchanting in Nebraska City at 402-873-1009 or Fabric Fairie at 402-274-4454.

For more information regarding Head Start Preschool or other SENCA programs and services, please contact your local SENCA office or the SENCA Central Office located in Humboldt, 402-862-2411. You can also visit SENCA at www.senca.org or like SENCA at www.facebook.com/Senca1.

SOCIETY

Tri-State Corners Genealogical Society

Members of the Tri-State Corners Genealogical Society met for their December meeting on Thursday, November 30 in the Pioneer Plaza meeting room. Shared goodies were enjoyed during the meeting which Norma Thompson called to order.

In the absence of the secretary, the report of the previous meeting was read from the newspaper. Richard Zentner gave the treasurer's report. No changes in projects were noted, and no new business conducted. Newsletters were shared from the Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society. Queries were received for the Noyes family and a Zion Church picture. A discussion was held about viaduct construction in Falls City and items in the Holt County, MO newspaper reprint volume from the early 1900s. The annual heirloom show 'n' tell concluded the evening. One item shown was a Chinese painting on silk.

The next meeting will be 7:30 Thursday, Jan. 4, in the Pioneer Plaza Meeting Room.



Willa Cather in 1930

Willa Cather's personality

Willa Cather is sometimes remembered by biographers as cantankerous and reclusive. While acknowledged to be accessible to close friends and family members, she was nevertheless regarded as somewhat isolated and eccentric.

Casual acquaintances who recorded their memories of Cather shortly after they encountered her often present a favorable picture. For example, Josephine Frisbie of Red Cloud, who met Cather during the Christmas holidays in 1927 at a tea given in Cather's home, was unprepared for the "nicely dressed, cordial hostess who greeted us." Frisbie described Cather as about medium height with a slight tendency toward plumpness and dark fluffy hair simply dressed. She noted Cather's clothing, two-piece dress, black pumps with one strap, and sand-colored hose but observed, "When you talk to her you notice her vigor and herself, not her clothes." Frisbie also emphasized the extreme alertness with which Cather spoke: "She talks as she writes, clearly and deliberately."

The Superior Express of January 12, 1928, reported a visit Cather had recently paid to the new Brodstone Hospital in Superior, Nebraska. It illustrates the spontaneous admiring response Cather often received from contemporaries: "It is not difficult to understand, after meeting her, why Miss Cather is so popular and beloved by her friends and acquaintances. Despite her literary successes her personal charm is augmented by her democracy, and her easy gracious commonness. In her presence one realizes that the greatest source of charm in her delightful novels and sketches lies in her pleasant and versatile personality."

Helena Acre Homegrown Scholarship Program

Helena, Chemical, Falls City Branch is excited to announce the recipient of the Helena Homegrown Scholarship. Gayle Kennedy is the winner of a \$1,000 scholarship dedicated in their name to an eligible student attending Falls City Public or Falls City Sacred Heart School.

The Helena Homegrown Scholarship will be awarded to a 2018 graduating high school senior pursuing a degree in agriculture or science.

Helena is committed to supporting the next generation of agriculture through the Helena Homegrown Scholarship. We want to help our local custom-

ers and communities grow more than crops. Whether through the Homegrown Scholarship or our industry-leading intern program, Helena is committed to growing the future generation of ag leaders and professionals.

Graduating seniors at Falls City Public or Sacred Heart School can apply for the Homegrown Scholarship by visiting www.helenahomegrown.com. Applications are due February 2, 2018 and winners will be announced by March 1, 2018.

We would like to congratulate Gayle Kennedy and thank them for their commitment to Helena.

The Babies of 2017

Attention Parents And Grandparents Of 2017 Babies:

Whether you live near or far, The Falls City Journal would like to show off your new baby of 2017. We will publish a special section in the FEBRUARY 14, 2018 edition of the Journal. The rules are simple:

1. The baby must have been born in the year 2017. The baby does not have to be a resident or have been born in Falls City.
3. Send or bring in the form below along with a recent photo to: (A digital file is preferred) The Babies of 2017, C/O Nikki McKim, 1810 Harlan St., Falls City, NE 68355 or email to nikkifcj@sentsco.net
4. The deadline is FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2018. WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO INCLUDE PHOTOS AFTER THIS DATE.
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Macaulay Connor

September 15 - 6 lbs. 5 oz.

Parents:
George & Mary Bailey
Grandparents:
Stephen & Mary Haines
Bert & Mildred Pierce

1x3 1/2 - \$35

Information will only include Parents name and residence; Living Grandparents names only.

Twins may require additional space depending on the amount of information provided.

Please Print Legibly **Babies of 2017** *Per Baby

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Parents Residence _____

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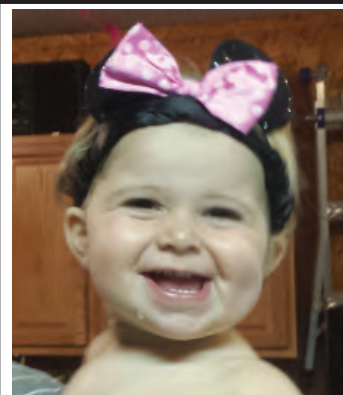
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After the edition has run, pictures may be picked up at The Journal or include a self-addressed stamped envelope.



Scarlett Katharine

January 1 - 8 lbs. 10 oz.

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Falls City, NE
Grandparents:
Nick & Nora Charles
Prof. & Mrs. Bertram Potts
Great-Grandparents:
Rick & Isla Blaine

2x2 or 1x4 - \$40

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Obamacare deadline fast approaching

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

By Gordon Hopkins, Rural Health News Service

Open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act (aka: Obamacare) ends on Friday, Dec. 15, of this year. Previously, open enrollment lasted until the end of January, so the enrollment period for this year has been cut half.

But if you miss the December deadline, you may still qualify to enroll.

For example, you are eligible if you have lost your healthcare coverage. If you lost your job and your employer-sponsored healthcare plan, or you are recently divorced or legally separated or your spouse has died and you are no longer covered under your spouse's insurance plan, you will usually have 60 days from the date of that loss to sign up.

Other life-changing events may also qualify you to enroll after the original deadline: getting married, moving, having a child, adopting a child or placing a child in foster care.

According to a Kaiser Family Foundation poll, only 5 percent of uninsured persons know when the enrollment period ends, so it seems quite likely that many of those who need to sign up with ACA for the first time will miss the official deadline.

If that happens to you, don't assume you are out of luck. While the special enrollment period is usually 60 days, you should contact HealthCare.gov or the Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596 to make certain, as well as to ensure that you qualify.

The Dec. 15 deadline is also important for those already on one of the ACA policies. If people do nothing, they will be automatically re-enrolled in their current plan if it is still offered. However, many of those plans have been changed, and premiums may be higher. Once the Dec. deadline has passed, enrollees will not be able to make changes, so they need to be sure they are on the policy that best meets their needs. There are some new, alternative plans, and some may actually be less expensive.

The Trump administration authorized insurers to sell bronze plans in 2018 that pick up less of the overall healthcare cost because of lower premiums but higher out-of-pocket costs.

Also, despite the name, do not assume that all gold plans are more expensive than the silver plans.

Some insurance carriers have pulled out of the ACA exchanges altogether. Many enrollees have received notice that their 2017 policies will no longer be available in 2018.

Someone whose plan has been discontinued will be automatically enrolled in a similar plan but premiums may have increased, and covered services may not be the same. So it is important for enrollees to verify the new policy is the one they want.

As a result of insurance carriers leaving the exchanges, many counties are now left with only one insurance option. In Nebraska and Iowa, the Minnesota based health insurer, Medica Health, is now the only insurance provider available on the ACA exchange. In Missouri, 25 counties were at risk of having no carrier at all, until Centene announced earlier this year that it would fill the gap left by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City.

This lack of insurance providers willing to participate in Obamacare has a disproportionate impact on rural areas. Currently, there are 454 counties across the country where there will be only one ACA insurer available in 2018, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. Of those counties, 86 percent have fewer than 50,000 residents according to current census data.

Gordon Hopkins is a native of Nebraska and a graduate of Creighton University. He is a member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and has worked as a professional insurance investigator.

He now writes an award-winning column for *The Fairbury Journal-News*.



Donna Rue

Donna Marie (Brackhahn) Rue, 58, died Dec. 22, 2017, in Falls City, due to complications from pancreatic cancer. Donna was born July 8, 1959, to Donald Ford Brackhahn and Roxie Ann (Edgmon) Brackhahn in Wichita, KS.

Donna spent her childhood in the Wichita area. In 1974 her family moved to Perry, OK where she lived for a year before moving to Falls City where she lived the remainder of her life. Donna earned her GED in 1979.

Donna was married to Terry Rue Nov. 5, 1977, and divorced Nov. 1, 1978. Donna's only child, Heather, born Oct. 6, 1978, died from ALS Dec. 15, 2010.

Donna's hobbies included painting ceramics, reading, and "collecting junk" (knick knacks which she had artfully displayed about her home.)

Donna is preceded in death by her parents, her daughter, Heather, and several well-loved dogs.

She is survived by her brother Jim Brackhahn of Benten, KS, three nieces, cousins galore, a smattering of very good friends, and one sweet dog named "Joy."

Services will be held at a later date.

Allen 'Bub' Brown

Allen "Bub" Brown, 77, of Shubert, passed away December 31, 2017 in Lincoln. He was born June 11, 1940 in Eagle, NE to Charles and Mary (Bowers) Brown.

Bub was raised in the Shubert area and graduated Shubert High School in 1960. He worked at Frontier Homes, Circle Steel and was an over the road truck driver for Keim Trucking for 21 years, retiring in 2008. He was a member of Shubert Christian Church.

He married Beverly Kuker on October 23, 1960 in Shubert.

Bub is survived by his wife, Beverly of Shubert, sons, Mark and his wife Naomi of Lenexa, KS, Bruce of Shubert, sister, Bobbi Shubert and her husband Alan of Shubert, sister-in-law, June Brown of Shubert, grandchildren, Rachel, Brandee and Ethan. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Eldro "Blaine", James "Toad" and Howard "Bud" and 1 in infancy, sisters Betty Gerlt, Bethel Philpi, and Carleen Dettmann.

His funeral will be held on Friday, January 5, 2018 at 10:30 AM at Shubert Christian Church with Reverend Gene Rowell officiating. Interment will be in Harris Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Thursday from 7-8:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

OBITUARIES

Margaret Sue Steffen

Sue Steffen, 91, of rural Humboldt, passed away on Sunday, December 24, 2017, at her home in rural Humboldt. Margaret Sue Steffen was born on April 20, 1926 to Halley and Hazel Fishwood in Dawson.

After graduation from University of Nebraska in 1948, she taught Home Economics in Albion, NE, for two years. Sue married her college sweetheart, Richard Steffen, on June 23rd, 1950. They farmed at Diller, NE, for seven years before moving to Humboldt in 1957. Richard and Sue raised four children, established their family farm, and cared for their church, community, and each other deeply.

Sue was a faithful and active member of the United Methodist Church, playing piano and organ for over 50 years. She served on the Board of Education of Humboldt Public Schools and was a 50-year member of PEO. Sue was a tireless and devoted wife, mother, and friend.

Sue is survived by her four children: Joe (Jan) Steffen, Mary Gotlieb, Sarah Pineda,

and Ben (Paula Sue) Steffen; six grandchildren: Katie Jo and Samuel Steffen, Naomi (Eric) Rios, Hannah Gotlieb, Michelle and Patrick Pineda; and great-grandson: Logan Rios.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Richard, and a brother Homer (Ruth) Fishwood.

Graveside Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 29, 2017, at the Starr Cemetery east of Humboldt, Nebraska with Pastors Dorothy Smith and Jaclyn Hoy officiating.

A register book was available to sign from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Thursday, December 28, 2017, at The Wherry Mortuary in Humboldt.

A luncheon and time of fellowship was held immediately following the committal service at the United Methodist Church in Humboldt.

Memorials contributions may be given to the family's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.wherrymortuary.com.

Philip Dean Hauptman

Philip Dean Hauptman, 73, Nebr. City passed away Dec. 26, 2017.

Dean was born on October 29, 1944 south of Nebr. City (Otoe County); the son of Robert William and Rhobie Denica (Munson) Hauptman. He attended school and graduated from the Nebr. City High School with the class of 1963.

He entered the U.S. Navy in 1965 and served aboard the USS Bennington. He was honorably discharged in 1969.

He was united in marriage to Cheryl Kay Hoover on July 17, 1970 at the First Christian Church in Nebr. City.

Dean worked for 42 years at the Nebraska City Utilities Water Plant and was the Superintendent of the plant prior to his retirement.

He is survived by his wife Cheryl Hauptman of Nebr. City; children: Tammie Kay Mead and sig. other Tom Heller of

Syracuse, NE and Philip Dean Hauptman II and sig. other Lacie Bruns-Morris of Nebr. City; four grandchildren: Allison June Mead and fiance Lance Kernen, Aaron John Mead, Taylor Kay Mead and Lexis Marie Bruns-Morris; siblings: Richard Hauptman and wife Judy of Elkhorn, NE, Ron Hauptman and wife Jean of Nebr. City and Jean Wieckhorst of Nebr. City; sisters in law: Nancy, Linda and Lou Hauptman, numerous nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Funeral Services were held Saturday; (Dec. 30) at the Presbyterian Church in Nebr. City; burial was in the Cowles Hill Cemetery northwest of Nebr. City with military honors by the US Navy Funeral Honors Detail.

Memorials may be given to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Eosinophilic Disease Foundation, American Cancer Society, O.I. Foundation or First Presbyterian Church in Nebr. City.

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Rural Water District #2

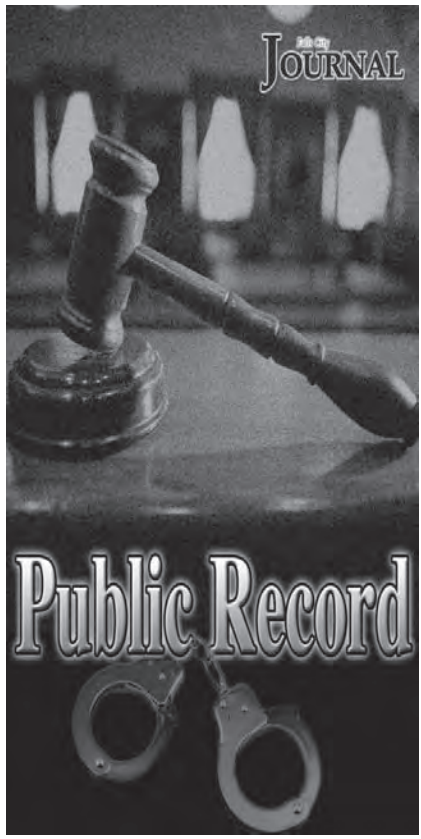
Rural Water District #2 will soon be in final engineering plans for the Falls City North to Indian Cave Water Service Project.

If there are any more interested people, now is the time to come forward. Once the main line is constructed, we will not have the opportunity to up-size it for future use.

An engineering plan is required starting with a \$250 Feasibility Study. Then a final engineering plan is submitted to Nebraska Health and Human Services Engineering Department for approval. We have received sixty \$250 Engineering Feasibility Studies. If you are interested, you may send your check for \$250 to Rural Water District \$2, PO Box 611, Falls City, NE 68355.

We appreciate the support we have received from the community and the land owners granting easements to lay water lines. If you have questions or are interested, call Paul Benitz at 402-245-5502.

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test, found guilty. Sentence includes jail sentence for a term of two days starting January 5, 2018; probation for a term of nine months starting December 22, 2017, drug testing fee of \$10; probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30, and restitution of \$224.00 and \$50 in Court costs.

Jacquelyn S. Reinhardt, Dakota Dunes, SD, speeding (6-10), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25 and \$49 in Court costs.

Anthony K. Domico, Lincoln, speeding (6-10), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25 and \$49 in Court costs.

Mike D. Olberding, Falls City, speeding (15-20), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$125 and \$49 in Court costs.

Nicholas L. Woosley, Plymouth, NE, speeding (11-15), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$75 and \$49 in Court costs.

Alyssa M. Roth, of Lincoln, speeding (21-35), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$200 and \$49 in Court costs.

Brandon M. Molenaar, of Chicago, IL, speeding (6-10), plead

guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25 and \$49 in Court costs.

Matthew J. McDugle, of Houston, TX, speeding (6-10), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25 and \$49 in Court costs.

Michael J. Roccaforte, of Omaha, speeding (11-15), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$75 and \$49 in Court costs.

John G. Spethman, of Topeka, KS, speeding (11-15), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$75 and \$49 in Court costs.

Christina N. Stasny, of Arlington, TX, speeding (11-15), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$75 and \$49 in Court costs.

Michael J. Thompson, of Omaha, speeding (16-20), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$125 and \$49 in Court costs.

Peyton A. Priest, Papillion, speeding (16-20), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$125 and \$49 in Court costs.

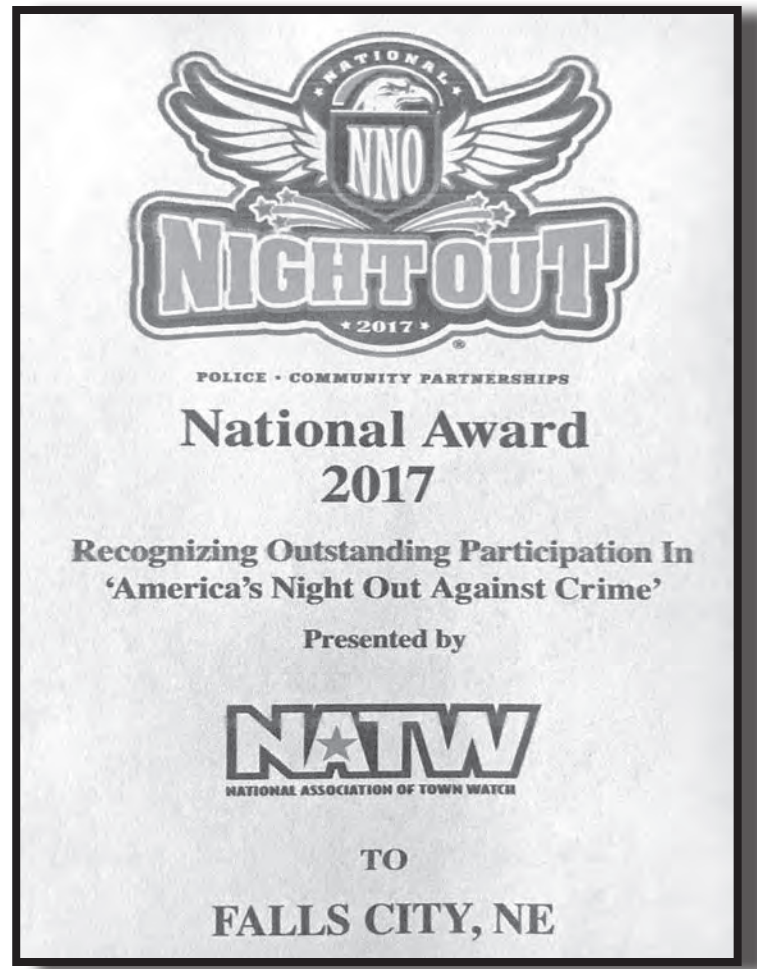
Charles D. Black, Topeka, KS, speeding (11-15), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$75 and \$49 in Court costs.

Taylor J. Fritts, of Falls City, count one, criminal mischief \$0-\$500, amended to, count dropped or dismissed, plead not guilty; count two, disturbing the peace, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$75, plus \$50 in Court costs.

Hailey N. Moyer, of Falls City, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$0-500, plead no con-



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Falls City only NE community to be nationally recognized for National Night Out event

On August 1, 2017 the Falls City Police Department and the City of Falls City hosted its second National Night Out event. National Night Out is a nationwide community policing event held every year in August. After Falls City's award-winning 2016 debut, they wanted to make 2017 just as special.

They are proud to announce that Falls City was selected as a National Award Winner for outstanding participation in the 34th annual National Night Out. Of the thousands of communities nationwide who participated, 179 received awards. Falls City was the only community from Nebraska to be nationally recognized.

National Night Out has already become a valuable tool in the community policing efforts and we plan to continue to participate in the years to come. These events would not be possible without donations from local businesses, in addition to volunteer efforts from several organizations and individuals.

Officer Zach Ractliffe hopes everyone will join him for the next National Night Out event in 2018.

Like the Falls City Police Department on Facebook to stay updated. (@fallscitypolice).

For the entire awards list visit: https://natw.org/award-winners

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ABOVE: Michelle Beer working hard on the defensive end against Rock Port. (Photo by Deena Beer)

Tiger girls take 5th place at LeBlond

By Brian McKim

On Thursday, December 28, the Tiger girls played in their first-round game of the LeBlond Tournament against Rock Port. The Blue Jays held Tigers scoreless in the first quarter, and the Lady Tigers could never recover.

Rock Port led 13-0 after the first period and led 29-12 at the half. FC outscored the Blue Jays 10-9 in the third and 13-7 in the final quarter but eventually lost 45-35 falling to 0-8 on the season. Hannah Kirkendall led the way for FC with nine points and six rebounds. Hannah Clary and Elle Findlay each added eight points to go along with six rebounds. Ellicyn Gilkerson added three steals and three assists. K. Gaines led the Blue Jays with 25 points.

The Lady Tigers turned right around on Friday and played St. Joe Christian. The Tigers got out of the gate quickly and never looked back, leading 14-6 after the first quarter and 29-21 at the half.

Meredith Poppe and Rylee Scholl each had six first-quarter points while Hannah Kirkendall took over the second quarter with eight points. The Tigers maintained the lead 40-33 after three quarters and the Tigers first win was within their sights.

FC outscored the Lions 17-11 down the stretch for a big 57-44 win. Poppe had the hot hand for FC with 17 points, including 7-9 from the foul line to go along with 10 rebounds and three assists. Hannah Kirkendall added 11 points, and 10 boards and Hannah Clary had 11 points, six rebounds, and two blocked shots. B. Miller led the Lions with 17 points. On Saturday the Tigers were looking for their second win in a row as they took on St. Michael in the fifth-place game. Falls City held a slim 10-8 lead after the first quarter with Poppe again leading the way with six first-quarter points. The Tiger defense came up big in the second period as FC cruised to a 21-11 halftime lead, giving up just three-second quarter points. FC led St. Michael back into the game in the third quarter as they were outscored 6-2 but held on to lead 23-17 heading into the final eight minutes of action.

The Lady Tigers again found their groove as they put up 16 fourth-quarter points to 12 from the opponent to secure a 10 point win 39-29. Hannah Clary led the Tigers with 14 points while Poppe added 10 and Rylee Scholl had eight. St. Michael was led by A. Maglich with a team-high 12 points.

The girl's team will be in action on Thursday, January 4 when they travel to Johnson-Brock with JV games set to tip off at 4:00. On Saturday, January 6th FC will take on Broken Bow at Doane University with the varsity set for a 4:00 start. FC will then travel to Auburn to play the Bulldogs on Tuesday, January 9th with JV action to begin at 4:30.

Irish boys fall for first time

By Brian McKim

The Falls City Sacred Heart boys participated in the 2017 Freeman Sportsman's Club Holiday Tournament on Friday, December 29 and Saturday, December 30.

On Friday the Irish faced the home team Freeman and suffered their first loss of the 2017-18 campaign. SH led after the opening quarter 9-7, but the Falcons led heading into the half 20-15. The Irish hit just 1-8 from behind the arc in the first half and was just 6-17 from the field altogether.

The Irish failed to make up any ground in the third period as they were outscored 9-7 and attempted just four shots in the quarter. The two teams played even in the final period with each team scoring 11 points, but the Irish converted just 4-16 shot attempts and fell to the Falcons by a final of 40-33.

As a team, the Irish hit just 3-18 three-point attempts and 9-19 from two-point range for 32 percent for the game from the field.

SH was also outrebounded by Freeman 26-23. Tyler Witt led the Irish attack with 16 points, eight rebounds, and three blocked shots. No other Irish player scored more than four points. Drew Bippes was the leading playmaker with four assists, and he pulled down four rebounds. Tyler Adams led Freeman's attack with 14 points, including 3-5 from three-point range.

On Saturday the Irish (7-1) took on Nebraska City Lourdes (4-4) for the third-place game. SH doubled up the Knights 8-4 after the first eight minutes with Jake Hoy leading the way with four first-quarter points.

The Irish continued to build their lead taking a 19-12 lead into intermission. Sacred Heart added to their lead by four in the third taking a 31-20 advantage into the final period.

Both teams got hot in the fourth with NC outscoring the Irish 16-15, but it was too little too late as SH held on for a 46-36 win. Again Tyler Witt was the only Irish player to score in double digits as he dropped 10 points to go along with 11 boards (5 offensive). Jake Hoy came up big adding 9 points, and Theo Rohrer had seven points and five rebounds.

Sacred Heart owned the boards, outrebounding the Knights 33-19 but committed 16 turnovers to 10 by NC. In the two tournament games, the Irish had 27 total turnovers.

The Irish hit on 41 percent of their shot attempts compared to 34 percent for the Knights. SH also hit 12-22 from the foul stripe to just 3-9 for the Knights. Thomas Ragland led the Knights with 12 points, and Quinten Vasa added eight.

The 8-1 Irish will travel to Diller-Odell on Friday, January 5th to take on the 6-4 Grifins with the girls JV game set to begin at 4:30. The following week the Irish will play in the MUDECAS Tournament in which they will be the #1 seed and take on #8 seed Diller-Odell again on Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30 P.M. at the Beatrice auditorium.

Falls City Tiger Boys stat information was not sent in time for this week's publication. All team information must be submitted no later than Sunday before the paper goes to print.



Kade Bredemeier shoots over the defender, (above). On Thursday, December 28, the Tigers fell to East Buchanan 73-64 in the opening round of the LeBlond tournament. On Friday, the Tigers fell 58-46 to St. Michael the Archangel. On Saturday, Falls City got back on track with a 58-45 win over East (Kansas City, MO). (Photo by Deena Beer)

Lady Irish cruise to Freeman Title

By Brian McKim

The Falls City Sacred Heart Irish girls again used stifling defense on the way to two more wins and a Holiday tournament crown. The Irish took part in the Freeman Holiday Tournament on Friday, December 29 and 30 and gave up a total of 41 points to Freeman and Lourdes Central Catholic combined.

On Friday the Irish began with the host team Freeman and led 8-5 after the first eight minutes. Rande Witt supplied most of the first quarter scoring netting six of her team-high 11 points in the first quarter. SH increased their lead to 16-8 by the half and continued to build it to 28-18 heading into the final period. The Irish defense gave up zero points in the fourth quarter but only scored two of their own to win 30-18.

The Irish offense only attempted four shots in the entire fourth quarter with Ahren Ebel dropping in the only points. Meanwhile, the Falcons were held to just five field goal attempts and no points. Sacred Heart was led by Rande Witt who finished with 11 points and four rebounds. Sara Wertenberger was next with seven points, four rebounds, and two blocked shots. Elizabeth Keithley led SH with seven rebounds while McKenzie Witt was the top playmaker with six assists.

The Irish shot just 35 percent from the field and hit just three of nine free throw attempts but held the Falcons to 30 percent from the floor and shot just 1-2 from the foul stripe.

With the win, the Irish moved on to the championship game on Saturday to take on 6-3 Lourdes Central Catholic. The Lady Irish got out of the gate quickly on Saturday running to a 13-6 first quarter lead. SH was led by McKenzie Witt, who was a perfect 4-4 from the field in the first quarter, with eight points followed by Rande Witt with five first period points.

Sacred Heart increased the lead to 10 by the half 24-14. The Irish continued to build their lead outscoring the Knights 11-4 in the third to take a decisive 35-18 lead heading into the final eight minutes. The Irish attempted just two fourth-quarter shots, making them both, on the way to a 39-23 final. The Irish had three players score in double figures with Rande Witt and McKenzie Witt each scoring 12 points and Sara Wertenberger adding 10. Wertenberger also led the Irish with four rebounds while M. Witt had five assists. Abby Fiegenger was a thief on the court getting nine steals to go along with five assists. The Irish shot much better hitting on 47 percent of their attempts to just 29 percent by the Knights.

The two teams were dead even in rebounds with each having 17, but the Irish held the edge in forced turnovers with 18 to 12 by Lourdes. SH also had 15 team assists to just four by Lourdes. This was the second win of the year by the Irish over Nebraska City. "Our defense is playing at a very high level right now and is carrying us. We're going to have to find ways to score it easier down the road. We feel happy to be 10-0, but we still have a lot of work to do, and we have a lot of areas we can still improve upon. January is going to be an important month for us," said Coach Luke Santo. With the win, the Lady Irish improve to a perfect 10-0 on the season.

Next up for the Irish will be Diller-Odell on the road Friday, January 5. The following week the Irish will travel to Beatrice to play in the MUDECAS tourney.

The Irish earned the top seed and will play Freeman again in the opening round on Monday, January 8th at 6:30 at the city auditorium. With a win the Irish would play on Thursday at 5:00 at the auditorium and the championship would be 8:15 on Friday night.

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Winter wellness tips

(StatePoint) A busy lifestyle and cooler weather can take a toll on the body, especially for those who suffer from chronic aches and pains. Whether the cause of your pain is due to injury, stress, or poor sleep, there are many ways to feel better while avoiding future pain.

To stay well this season and naturally manage muscle pain, consider these tips from professional ballroom dancer Tony Dovolani, who's no stranger to the subject of pain management.

- **Stretch.** Stretching is not just for before or after a workout. Stretch throughout the day to keep blood flowing, particularly if you have a job that keeps you sedentary.

- **Eat right.** Your diet should include lean protein and healthy carbs. "And I eat my vegetables, too!" says Dovolani. "Mainly spinach, string beans and broccoli."

Figure out which vegetables you like best, and be sure to incorporate them into your diet.

- **Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate!** Water is necessary for muscle repair. Drink water throughout the day and especially when you're active.

- **Apply heat.** Heat is a timeless remedy, and it's clinically proven to relieve pain associated with muscle tension and stress, helping to relax muscles and improve blood flow. The increased blood flow restores oxygen and nutrients to inflamed areas to help accelerate healing.

"After every rehearsal and performance, I use heat to soothe aches and pains and improve blood flow to my neck and shoulder muscles," says Dovolani, whose pain relief routine includes using The Sunbeam Renee Neck Wrap. "It's great for providing relief to the back of my head, neck and shoulders."

Because it features an adjustable neck collar that contours to the shape of the neck of the user, it can provide high-level, concentrated heat for targeted relief.

Don't let aches and pains set you back. With a healthy, active lifestyle and simple, natural remedies, you can feel your best.

Turn your weight loss resolution into a reality

(StatePoint) If you have a lot of weight to lose in the New Year, it may feel like an insurmountable challenge, especially if you have struggled with weight loss before. Here are a few ways to turn your resolution into a reality.

Get Moving: There are more ways than ever to get moving these days -- from video games that encourage movement to online portals that allow users to try out different local exercise classes commitment-free. The most important thing is to find activities you enjoy doing, so it never feels like a chore. Whether it's taking a dance class or going for a bike ride, you can stay motivated if it's fun and takes your mind off the fact that you are actually exercising.

Rethink Portion Control: Portion control is fundamental to weight loss; however, the typical diet can often leave you feeling hungry or dissatisfied. To adapt to healthier portion sizes, consider a weight loss balloon such as Orbera, which is placed inside the stomach during a short, non-surgical procedure and remains there for six months, doing what most diets cannot do. It helps you feel full and lose weight by taking up space in the stomach, and slowing the digestion of food, helping dieters lose up to three times the weight of diet and exercise alone.

"I was a heart attack waiting to happen and I knew I needed to do something long-term to change my life," says David Cox, an Orbera patient who lost 50 lbs with the device. "When I did the research, I could see people like me staying healthy for a long period of time, and I thought, 'that's going to work for me.'"

This weight loss aid was designed for those who tried other weight loss programs, but were unable to lose weight and keep it off. To learn more, visit Orbera.com.

Get Help: Most major endeavors gain momentum with help. Weight loss is no exception. Be sure to seek out resources and tools to aid your efforts, as well as support from friends, family and professionals.

Losing weight sustainably and for good can be simple with smart strategies and the right support. So, this year, don't just resolve to lose weight; actually do it.

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Kids: color stuff in!

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The Family Budget

There's a "bottom to every family's pocketbook." So, many families sit down and talk about money matters and ways they can work together to stay inside the family budget. One thing they talk about are the things the family **needs**: shelter, food, clothes and so on. After that, they can talk about things they **want** to have, but that are not truly necessary. They might put limits on spending any extra money or find ways to cut back a bit, if needed.

What things do families **need** to budget for? What things are nice to have or do, but are "extras" that they **want**? **Read each item and circle "W" for things a family might want and "N" for things they need.**

1. clothes	W	(N)	12. magazines	W	N
2. furniture	W	N	13. food	W	N
3. new toy	W	N	14. water	W	N
4. amusement parks	W	N	15. dinner out	W	N
5. transportation	W	N	16. family phone	W	N
6. electricity	W	N	17. computer	W	N
7. newer furniture	W	N	18. candy	W	N
8. shelter	W	N	19. extra car	W	N
9. heat	W	N	20. cable T.V.	W	N
10. savings	W	N	21. video games	W	N
11. vacation	W	N	22. (pay) taxes	W	N

Next, find and circle each word in the family's house.

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- rent a _____ instead of going to the theater
- toss your _____ into the laundry every other day instead of every day
- help your Mom and Dad by clipping _____
- update your card at your local _____ and take out books, DVDs, CDs
- dress sensibly so you can keep the _____ at a reasonable temperature
- help hand-wash your family _____ rather than taking it to the car wash
- make your own _____ rather than buying them from the school cafeteria
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Edward E. Brink, Successor Trustee

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For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Shirley Ann Bivans and Edmund D. Bivans, dated February 15, 2013, and recorded on March 4, 2013, in Book No. 252, at Page 115 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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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Carolyn Arnold and Grant Smith, Co-Trustees, have filed an accounting and Petition for Review and Settlement of Twenty-First Annual Accounting from October 28, 2016 to and including October 27, 2017. Hearing has been set to consider the accounting, petition and fees on January 17, 2018, at 11:00 a.m., Richardson County Court, in Falls City, Nebraska Dated: December 13, 2017.

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Nemaha N.R.D.

The Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold their regular meeting at *7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 11, 2018, 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.

City of Falls City

GENERAL CLAIMS AUG 2017 ADMINISTRATIVE

Table listing various administrative claims for August 2017, including payroll accounts, utility claims, and general claims with associated amounts.

FIRE

Table listing fire-related claims, including consolidated fleet services, fire department payroll, and street department payroll.

STREET DEPARTMENT

Table listing street department payroll and utility claims.

PARKS

Table listing parks-related claims, including payroll accounts, auditorium, and senior center building.

AUDITORIUM

Table listing auditorium-related claims.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Table listing animal control-related claims.

SENIOR CENTER BUILD

Table listing senior center building-related claims.

911 EMERGENCY SVCIC

Table listing 911 emergency service-related claims.

LIBRARY

Table listing library-related claims.

LIBRARY GRANT

Table listing library grant-related claims.

CEMETERY

Table listing cemetery-related claims.

CEMETERY TRUST

Table listing cemetery trust-related claims.

AIRPORT

Table listing airport-related claims.

Table listing utility claims for August 2017, including electric and water department claims.

HOUSING P.I. REUSE T

Table listing housing PI reuse related claims.

CAPITAL IMPROV. SINK

Table listing capital improvement sink related claims.

UTILITY CLAIMS AUG 2017 ELECTRIC

Table listing utility claims for August 2017, specifically electric claims.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Table listing water department-related claims.

MECHANIC SHOP

Table listing mechanic shop-related claims.

GAS DEPARTMENT

Table listing gas department-related claims.



The Shubert American Legion Auxiliary #222 took gifts to the Veterans in the Care Centers in the area. Each Veteran received a decorated Christmas tree and warm cover blanket for the season. Christmas cards and small gifts were taken to all the American Legion Members of the Shubert American Legion Post #222. One gift box sent overseas to Curtis Ramer. Pictured above, Unit Vice President, Linda Patchen.

Gutter Cleaning

By Gerri Hunter

Every autumn, I grab my lightweight aluminum ladder and climb to new heights to get the goop out of my gutters. I always say a couple extra solemn prayers before I start. I check to make sure my pant cuffs cannot get hung up anywhere on the rungs. I wear a smooth coat to make sure it cannot get caught on the gutters. I check my gloves, my insurance policy, my safety glasses, my good sense, and start climbing.

There is no good product on the market to help scoop the goop out of the gutters. Some of the goop is moist and some is dry. I invented my own contraption from a metal clothes hanger and a piece of pantyhose to scoop and flip the gunk into the air and hopefully not into my hair.

Squirrels love to watch me clean gutters. They sit in a nearby tree, or on another section of my roof and giggle. Last year a bully squirrel sat on shingles about three feet from me. When you have the unfortunate experience of being that close to one, you notice how pretty their fur is. You also get a good look at their sharp teeth.

Each time my feet safely reach the ground, I say thank you to my Creator, move the ladder and climb again. I know I should have a "ladder buddy" to spot me in case the ladder tips. It's tough to find people with spare time to do this. Relatives hate to be pressured to help. They have their own gutters and furry demons to face.

I know I can use the Yellow Pages to find someone to do this for me. How much would they charge? If they fall, I will pay dearly. If the squirrels bite them, I will pay dearly. If the squirrels bite me, the squirrels will pay dearly. Okay. I'll do it myself. Again.

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 February 12, 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.

District #56

Agenda for the Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM, Monday, January 8, 2018 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 1.9 Reorganization of the Board and Appointments

- 2.0 Informational Items/Reports: 2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Report: 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 Update 2.4e Policy Planning 2.4f Annual Report 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 Set Hiring Incentive Rate for New Teachers 3.4 Superintendent Contract 3.5 Set Date for Strategic Planning Workshop 3.6 Designate Superintendent for Federal Programs Representative 3.7 Other

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Thank you for the love and support the community has shown our family during this very difficult time. A special thanks to Pastor Howard Blecha for the heartfelt message, Todd Dierberger-Wherry Mortuary, for the care, understanding, & beautiful service, John Kanel for the special music, and for those that provided food. We greatly appreciate all of you! And thank you to those that continue to hold our family in prayer.
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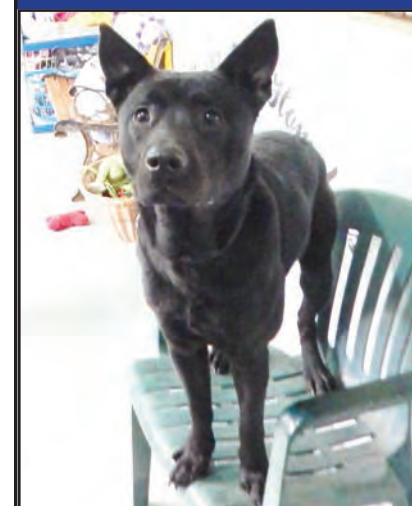
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Congressman Robert Aderholt and Charles W. Herbster on the steps of Capitol Hill after the historic house vote on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

Charles W. Herbster “In the Chamber” for Tax Reform Bill

Charles W. Herbster, the National Chairman of the Agriculture and Rural Advisory Committee for President Donald J. Trump, was in Washington D.C. at all three branches of Congress for the YES vote on the massive tax overhaul reform bill. The United States Congressional Bill passed the House with a 227-203 vote, passed the Senate with a 51-48 vote, and was ultimately signed into law by President Donald J. Trump on December 22, 2017.

Together with his long-time friend, Congressman Robert Aderholt (R-AL4), Mr. Herbster was “in the chamber” during the House and Senate vote on the GOP tax bill, known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, and also was in the Oval Office as President Trump signed the bill into law. The package hands President Donald J. Trump his first major legislative victory since he took office.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act will usher in steep rate cuts for American companies, double the deduction millions of families claim on their annual returns, and make a host of other changes as part of the biggest rewrite of the tax code since the 1986 Internal Revenue Code which was passed during the Reagan administration.

“This tax bill does the right thing. It doubles the child tax credit. It doubles the personal tax exemption. It keeps medical deductions and mortgage deductions,” said Congressman Aderholt in an official statement.

Congressman Aderholt, who has been a close personal friend of Mr. Herbster for the last 15 years, serves as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the powerful House Appropriations Committee. Congressman Aderholt is also a member of the Committee’s Defense Subcommittee, the Committee’s Commerce, Justice, and Science Subcommittee, and the Helsinki Commission.

Mr. Herbster is elated to be part of such a historic vote and believes the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is a great step forward for the American agricultural community. He is the Owner and Chief Executive Officer of Conklin Company Inc.; Herbster Angus Farms Inc.; Carico Farms Inc.; and North American Breeders Inc. Mr. Herbster, a life-long resident of Falls City, has invested his life in rural America, and is a respected leader in the arenas of agriculture, business, government, and philanthropy.



Terminally Hip to perform at FUMC

On Saturday, January 13, the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council will sponsor a jazz concert at the First United Methodist Church that will feature Terminally Hip from St. Louis. The group, which is comprised of two music teachers, one church music director, and an actor, includes Amalia (Morehead) LaViolette, one of Falls City’s native daughters.

The concert starts that night at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church is located at 1700 Harlan Street. The concert is open to the public.

The members of Terminally Hip have been singing together in various capacities for 15 years. At the concert on the 13th, they will perform standard jazz numbers, as well as various contemporary songs. There will be something for everyone to enjoy.

Amalia LaViolette was raised in Falls City by Amalia and (the late) John Morehead. She graduated from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln with a degree in music education, and has now lived in St. Louis for 20 years. She has been involved in numerous productions there, and currently sings with four different music groups. She is excited to bring her jazz quartet to Falls City.

Connie Mulch has been teaching music ever since she can remember. For the past 15 years, she’s been with the Lindbergh School District in St. Louis, teaching middle school students. She is a founding member of another group, The Jeweltone, which also includes Amalia. She is also a regular on the stage in community theater productions.

Steve Isom has been singing and acting on stage since he was nine years old. He is a proud member of Actors Equity Association and has performed all around the world on cruise ships, on stages in NYC, Chicago, California and in most of the theatres in St. Louis. Steve is the class clown of Terminally Hip, and if anything goes wrong, it’s probably his fault. Since moving to St. Louis in the mid-1990s, Chris Clausen has become one of the region’s premier drumming vocalists. He’s a studio musician, who has recorded vocals, drums and other instrumental parts for numerous St. Louis studio projects, including one Grammy-nominated album. Additionally, he has enjoyed performing with several local rock, pop and jazz groups such as Metro Dance Band and the Lynn Wellman Trio.

This talented group of performers would like to invite you to their Falls City concert on Saturday, January 13th at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact June Bowers at 402-245-0648.



No one who lives in a big-city apartment house has to be content with his own observance of New Year’s. He takes part willingly or not in parties above, below, and across the way. What interested John Falter was the possibility of showing the New Year’s arrival as it touched seven or eight homes, all in compact layers. He seems to have covered all ages, from the baby to old age, in the person of the old gentleman alone except for his hunting trophies. The scene is more or less based on Gramercy Park, New York, where Falter occupies a second-story apartment. It’s our opinion that at the hour in question the old gent’s moose head probably is making more sense than most of the more animate characters.

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