



FORMER HUMBOLDT STANDARD PUBLISHER JACK COOPER PASSES AWAY

Jack Cooper, 85, of Humboldt, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018, at the Colonial Acres Nursing Home in Humboldt.

John 'Jack' Robert Cooper was born December 5, 1932.

Cooper was the longtime owner of the Humboldt Standard newspaper. He sold the paper in December of 2017. Jack purchased the Humboldt Standard on April 1, 1975, and had received many awards during his newspaper career including the Nebraska Press Harpst Award in 2014.

Funeral arrangements are pending. Updates will be posted at www.fcjournal.net.

CITY COUNCIL WAIVES IN LIEU OF TAX PAYMENTS

During its meeting on Jan. 2nd Falls City's City Council on a vote of 7-0 (with Councilperson Roubidoux absent) waived the requirement that an "In Lieu of Tax Payment" be made by the Falls City Housing Authority from net income on its Eastview facility. The action was taken after Anthony Nussbaum, Executive Director of the Housing Authority, told the Council the payment has amounted to about \$20,000 per year and the waiver would allow the Authority to make improvements to Eastview and to maintain the modest fees

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FALLS CITY BUSINESS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Photos and Story by Nikki McKim

A massive fire tore through the 1500 block of Stone Street in Falls City's downtown area last Wednesday, January 3, destroying one local business and forcing several businesses to shut their doors for the day.

No injuries were reported, but Potrillo's Mexican Restaurant at 1516 Stone Street sustained significant damage during the mid-morning fire.

The fire spread quickly from what was believed to be the basement of Potrillo's. Local business owner Grant Smith called the fire department at 9:03 a.m. when he observed smoke rising from the building that houses the Mexican restaurant.

"By the time we got set up there were flames coming out of the building about 15 feet tall," said Fire Chief Vernon Wisdom in an interview with the *Journal* on Friday. "They could see the flames clear in Rulo," said Wisdom.

Firefighters had to be called in from surrounding areas to help due

to some equipment failure.

"Our ladder truck failed, some hydraulics on our bucket, so we had to take it back to the station, so we brought in a city bucket truck, and we moved Hiawatha's aerial truck to the front." Said Jon McQueen, information officer, part-time truck driver and chaplain for the Falls City Fire Department.

The subzero temperatures played a significant roll in the equipment failure. "Our trucks froze up on us a couple of times, and we had to unthaw it," said Wisdom. The department's air packs also froze up throughout the morning.

Power was shut off throughout the day Wednesday in the two to three surrounding block area as a safety precaution. Some businesses such as Sapps and Midtown Service Center were evacuated as well.

Most of the damage was confined to Potrillo's Mexican Restaurant, but there was up to three feet of water in the basements of the

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Working together in 2018

By Governor Pete Ricketts



Happy New Year, fellow Nebraskans! With the start of a new year, the Unicameral Legislature convenes in January to work on priorities Nebraskans care about. In good times and in bad, Nebraskans work together to get things done and move our state forward. When we see a need, we go out and meet that need. Over the years, many of your State Senators and I have worked together on your priorities. You don't have to look any further than the work we did together in the 2017 session to see the power of working together. The bills we worked on are already making Nebraska an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Senator John Murante of Gretna and I partnered on a successful initiative to merge the Division of Veterans' Homes with the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA). Previously, the Division of Veterans' Homes had been housed in the Department of Health and Human Services. Nebraska is home to 133,000 veterans. These veterans have risked it all to serve their state and country. By merging Veterans' Homes with the DVA, we've created a more customer-friendly, one-stop-shop for veterans' services in Nebraska.

The Legislature and I also merged the Department of Roads and the Department of Aeronautics to eliminate overhead and form the Department of Transportation (DOT). The merger was accomplished with the help of Senator Curt Friesen of Henderson, chair of the Legislature's Transportation Committee. The team at DOT has already successfully streamlined agency operations, so we can invest more existing state revenues into roads and runways.

Senator John Kuehn of Heartwell brought a great welfare reform initiative to my desk, which I signed last session. Senator Kuehn's LB203 ended the practice of allowing people to voluntarily quit their jobs and still receive unemployment benefits. Nebraska was one of the last states that allowed for this to happen. This reform keeps our unemployment benefits system focused on those who need it most. It will also encourage Nebraskans to keep working and seek new employment rather than using taxpayer dollars.

During the 2017 session, I teamed up with several State Senators to reform Nebraska's professional licensing laws. For example, a bill by Senator John Lowe of Kearney ended an unnecessary licensing tax for car salesmen. Senator Merv Riepe of Ralston helped eliminate a duplicative requirement for audiologists. Removing dated and unnecessary regulation of bank officers was accomplished with the help of Senator Brett Lindstrom of Omaha. Senators Steve Erdman of Bayard and Carol Blood of Bellevue helped push through reforms that gave the spouses of military members more flexibility in transferring a professional license from another state. By bringing our professional licensing requirements into alignment with other states, we're making Nebraska a more attractive state for people across the nation.

Most importantly last session, State Senators and I worked together on a budget that cut spending, while still protecting important investments like K-12 education and Corrections and providing property tax relief for Nebraska's property owners. We reduced the growth of the budget to just 0.6 percent, a 90 percent decrease since I took office.

During the upcoming 2018 session, I look forward to working with State Senators on the priorities Nebraskans want. Once again, we'll be working on the budget. Due to a new revenue forecast lowering estimated tax receipts, I'll be making a budget proposal that cuts spending and balances the budget without raising taxes. This year, I will also be working with State Senators on a new tax reform proposal. Nebraskans continue to tell me that they need property and income tax reform. The Tax Foundation ranks Nebraska's property taxes as 11th highest in the nation and income tax as 26th highest. From residential homeowners to ag producers to job creators, Nebraskans need and want relief.

The teamwork we experienced in 2017 laid a great foundation for this year's legislative session. I look forward to working with State Senators to reduce government spending and deliver tax reform. Working together, we can accomplish great things.

In the coming weeks, I encourage each of you to support our work this legislative session with your input. Be sure to call your State Senators and let them know that you want to see a balanced budget and tax reform. Contact information for State Senators is available at www.nebraskalegislature.gov. You can also call my office with your priorities and concerns at 402-472-2244 or email us at pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov.



Budget and Taxes, Sound Familiar?

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

You can't have it both ways. Your parents told us that. We learned it from sometimes-painful experience. Yet, we often forget and think maybe this time it will be different.

The 2018 Legislature is back at work and the Governor is saying that he wants to provide meaningful tax relief for all Nebraskans while closing a \$200 million gap in the state budget. Pardon me while I ask, again, what is the largest source of state revenue? Taxes? Do you see my confusion here?

Perhaps there is a magic pill. Maybe a magic wand that is yet to be waved. Or maybe it's just the Kansas way, keep cutting the budget until it hurts really bad.

With his own tax plan trapped by a legislative filibuster last session – and still awaiting floor action – Governor Pete Ricketts said he'll be pushing for a revised version of that tax reduction package that would combine corporate and personal income tax cuts with reductions in the valuation of ag land for local property tax purposes.

Some state senators, frustrated by last year's less than successful effort, are sponsoring a bill to provide an estimated \$1.1 billion in annual property tax relief by reducing the local school property tax load by up to 50 percent. If that fails, they are mounting a petition drive to put the question to voters in November.

Ricketts has raised a warning flag about that, noting the cuts that would have to be made to cover the \$1.1 billion reduction. But proponent Sen. Steve Erdman of Bayard said state budget reductions could be accompanied by elimination of some sales tax exemptions. Erdman has suggested that state budget reductions could potentially be accompanied by elimination of some exemptions to the state sales tax as a dual means of supplying revenue needed to help fill the gap in tax support for schools.

The Governor doesn't like the potential option of attempting to increase revenue without hiking tax rates, a pathway that could be opened by elimination of some sales tax exemptions or business tax incentives. He said Nebraska is already a high-tax state. His option? Creating an environment that will cut red tape and create more job opportunities while controlling spending.

In his New Year's message to the state – it was a press release that you may have seen – the Governor said, "In good times and in bad, Nebraskans work together to get things done and move our state forward. When we see a need, we go out and meet that need."

That sounds like teamwork. Here's hoping that spirit will

prevail in the weeks ahead because the tax and budget concerns, while the biggest the state faces, aren't all the problems that need to be addressed.

Ricketts said he has been in extensive negotiations with tax reduction proponents along with Revenue Committee Chairman Sen. Jim Smith of Papillion. But he has vowed to work with all senators on the priorities Nebraskans want. It will be interesting to see how many of those "other" priorities can be addressed in a short session.

He spoke of the teamwork experienced in the 2017 session and said, "Working together, we

can accomplish great things."

Remember, this is an election year and half of the legislative seats (the even-numbered districts) and the governor are on the ballot. That changes the mood and the drama in the legislative chambers.

Let's hope that enough senators are on board with Ricketts' teamwork idea to make good things happen, without giving away the farm.

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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THEME: THE GRAMMY AWARDS

ACROSS

- Tucks away
- Coca-Cola's first calorie-free drink
- Draw _____
- Turkish bigwig
- Harry Potter's Hedwig
- Anatomical sac
- Bet everything
- Ancient Chinese dynasty
- *Grammy winners Billy or Frank
- *2018 Grammy Awards host
- *2018 Grammys location
- Boy
- State of irritation
- Auto unit
- Toy building block
- Between knees and ankles
- Paella pot
- *Artist with six 2018 Grammy Award nominations
- *Judd who won 5 Grammys as part of duo and one alone
- Long, long time
- "Encore!"
- Computer operating system
- Fat cat in the Orient
- Comrade in arms
- "By ____ of" or "by means of"
- Judges the worth of
- Bakery unit
- "To His ____ Mistress"
- Skilled in deception
- Tall tale
- *Childish Gambino's nominated record
- Gemstone
- Playing on the radio
- Executive's degree
- Egyptian falcon-headed deity
- Located
- Word of possibility
- Court order, e.g.
- Month before Nisan
- Wood-shaping tool
- Stinky

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- Resting place
- Locker room supply
- Capital on a fjord
- Move like a propeller
- Warm weather footwear
- Type of settlement
- Bowl over
- Russian pancake
- Actress Liu
- Milk's favorite cookie?
- Russia's 1917 abdicator
- Did like the Titanic
- a.k.a. dogfish
- Allergic reaction to bee sting
- Young newt
- Virtuously
- *Lin-Manuel Miranda movie nominated song
- Humble requests
- Clumps
- *"Million Reasons" Lady
- Data transmission rate
- Not Doric nor Corinthian
- Type of acid
- *2018 Grammys is number ____
- Dwarf buffalo
- Cylindrical building
- Spiral-horned antelope
- Same as a proverb
- Confession topic
- *2018 Spoken Word posthumous nominee
- Accepted as truth
- Horace's poem
- Parks or Luxemburg
- "Adventures of the Wishing-Chair" author Blyton
- Cyberattack target
- Hofbräuhaus offering
- *Artist with most 2018 nominations
- Between Ohio and Ontario
- Crowd of undistinguished people
- *Michael Jackson album of year nominee, 1988
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From the Journal Files

By Charlie Radatz

50-25-15 Years Ago

50 Years Ago - Jan. 10 - 16, 1968

As the Vietnam War continued, the U.S. Army issued a draft call for 39,000 additional men for March 1968, an increase from calls for 34,000 draftees in January and 23,300 for February.

A Condemnation Board of Appraisers came up with prices to be paid for the final three pieces of property required for the widening of U.S. Highway 73 from 19th Street to the North city limits.

Kansas State defeated Nebraska 78-62 in a rematch of teams in the Big 8 preseason tournament finals, a game won by the Huskers.

Safeway published a picture of a customer who won \$1,000 playing "Irish International Steeplechase Sweepstakes", a game played by picking up a "race ticket" at Safeway and watching KMTV at noon to determine if you were a winner.

Amie Foster, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Foster of Omaha, was the first baby of 1968 at Falls City Community Hospital, born Jan. 3rd.

As the world approached the 21st century, U.S. Sec. Of State Dean Rusk warned that population explosion rather than nuclear weapons posed a greater threat to world peace.

The Richardson County Medical Society, a group of 10 physicians, published an ad saying cooperation was needed between the hospital, city, and county officials to solve the ambulance service problem before one life was needlessly lost.

The Journal weighed in on the issue with a rare front page editorial suggesting a non-profit corporation be formed to provide a Community Ambulance Service with a board of directors consisting of representatives from City government, County government, the hospital, and community members selected at large.

The Poor Boys' Car Club was sponsoring a Teen Dance at Prichard Auditorium featuring "The Layaways". "Big Bob Dougherty" was entertaining at the Vets Club, "Bobby Layne and his Orchestra" was providing the dance music at the Elks Club, and you could dance to "Sammy Newton and His Orchestra" at Ye Ole Tyme Saloon in Rulo.

The Richardson County National Farmers Organization invited all farmers to attend an informational meeting on grain and livestock marketing in the District Courtroom of the Courthouse with the tagline "If you want \$1.50 for your corn please come".

Michigan Gov. George Romney, father to Mitt Romney, began a campaign seeking the Republican nomination for president but former Vice President Richard Nixon was considered the favorite.

The Girls Athletic Association had an Aerial Tennis Tournament and the winning team seen in a sports page photo included Sheri Prater, Marlee Fritz, Norma Schatz, Mary Steinman, Kris Heinzelman, and Donna Hersh. "Rosie" starring Rosalind Russell and Sandra Dee was a coming attraction at the Rivoli while a wildlife film was being shown at the KTNC Theatre. Phillips 66 Liquid Fertilizer was being advertised by Englehart Elevator.

Not quite the dominating team they have become in recent years, the Sacred Heart boys finished third in the Southeast Border Conference Tournament won by Tecumseh.

Tri-State Days prompted ads by businesses like J.C. Penney, Tobers, Hesteds, Appleoff Appliance, Davies Jewelry, Kinsey Hdwe., Marge's, Falls City Meat Co., Baker's Bakery, Frank's Jewelry, Gambles, Hackett's, and Falls City Truck & Implement.

25 Years Ago - Jan. 10th - 16th, 1993

A public hearing was scheduled Feb. 22nd at the Richardson County Courthouse to receive information on the qualifications of candidates to be considered for appointed as County Judge in the 1st Judicial District consisting of Richardson, Pawnee, Nemaha, and Johnson Counties.

Iraqis crossed into Kuwait for a second time in as many days in defiance of U.S. and United Nations warnings after confiscating armaments including anti-ship missiles a day earlier and the U.S. and its allies responded by bombing Iraqi targets.

Tiger wrestlers finished 4th in a Council Bluffs St. Albert Invitational with Brad Olberding at 103 lbs., Jeremy Vice at 119 lbs., and Paul Rue at Heavyweight all taking championships.

After four tie votes, Ed Harris became President of the School Board by a flip of a coin and the board then heard presentations about a possible bond issue for renovation of Falls City High School and from community clergy who agreed to sponsor a baccalaureate service so the District might avoid the possibility of a lawsuit if prayers were allowed at graduation exercises.

The Itha Krumme Memorial Arboretum received a \$35,000 grant from the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum and Grant Program and was given high praise for the community support evidenced by how quickly local matching funds were raised.

Southeast Consolidated recognized as its Students of the Month Senior Steve Grooms, Junior Teresa Ganger, Freshman Jed Jacobitz, and 8th Grader Janelle Haveman.

The spaceship Endeavor was launched into space with five astronauts aboard along with a 21 and 1/2 ton satellite to be placed into orbit.

The Journal's Athlete of the Week was Paul Rue of Falls City High who won the championship in the Heavyweight class at the Council Bluffs St. Albert Invitational.

A Journal photo showed Jeff Frenzel and his son showing off a 29-pound Bobcat that the elder Frenzel shot while coyote hunting south of Salem.

The Missouri River Basin finished its sixth consecutive year of drought in 1992 with the lowest runoff from rain and snow since a record low in 1988.

The mobile clinic for the WIC program moved from the G.A.R. Hall where it had been for 12 years to the lower level of the Blue Valley Mental Clinic at 116 W. 19th Street.

Michael Jordan was honored as Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year in part for his role as a member of the U.S. Olympic Mens Basketball Team.

"Home Alone" and "A Few Good Men" were playing at River Twin Cinema, "Split Decision" was performing at the Big Red N, and the Oasis had Karaoke on Friday nights.

After months of negotiations David Letterman agreed to a contract with CBS Television to host a late night show that would go up against the "Tonight Show" hosted by Jay Leno at 11:30 pm ET (10:30 pm CT).

15 Years Ago - Jan. 10th - 16th, 2003

Falls City and Richardson County emergency personnel responded to the city's southside when a Burlington Northern tanker car began leaking a potentially hazardous material. The tanker was sprayed down with water and a Burlington hazardous material crew pumped off some of the material before getting the train back on its way again.

Melanie Stauffer of Humboldt/Table Rock-Steinauer was honored as the NSAA Believers and Achievers award winner for the month of January.

The Journal honored Melanie and Matt Sells of Falls City Sacred Heart as its Athletes of the Week, Melanie for scoring 22 points and 21 points respectively in wins over Falls City Sacred Heart and Sterling, and Matt for averaging 22.8 points per game for the Irish.

A "homecoming" of sorts was planned for Peru State College men's basketball player Brian Lemerond of Sacred Heart and women's players Jennifer Easterwood of Dawson-Verdon and Sally Witt of Sacred Heart as the Bobcat men and women accepted an invitation to play a game with Haskell Indian Nations University at Prichard Auditorium, Falls City in February.

Women in leadership roles was no novelty in the Falls City Area Jaycees in 2002 or 2003 as during the "Passing of the Gavel" banquet the gavel was passed from Marcia Harmon to Ann Severin.

The Falls City School board elected Ed Harris as President and Kathy Bartek as Vice President and heard details on plans to air condition and replace the half-century old heating systems at both North and South elementary schools.

Commissioners continue discussion on salaries

During the Jan. 2nd meeting of the Richardson County Commissioners continued discussion was held on setting the salaries for the new terms of office of County officials for 2019 through 2022. County Officials who were available for this discussion were Clerk of District Court Pam

Scott, Assessor Pam Vice, Treasurer Amanda Bartek-Young, and County Attorney Doug Merz. The Board will continue their discussion of salaries at next week's meeting.

Sheriff Pounds updated the Board on the routine business within the Sheriff's Office and Jail during the past week. The Sheriff requested that the metal detector on the 3rd floor for the District Courtroom be secured to the ceiling. Sheriff Pounds also informed the Board that a letter had been sent to a vehicle owner regarding damages done to the "Boy Scout Road" on November 8, 2017.

Steve Darveau, Jr. Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week. Mr. Darveau introduced Tyson Vogt, representing Martin-Marietta who discussed with the Board the current availability of road aggregate and pricing. Also discussed with the Board was a meeting he had with Gary Jorn regarding the moving of a power

pole for an upcoming bridge project.

The Board also adopted a resolution to approve the applications for County Depository for county funds for the year 2018, set the rate for mileage reimbursement for county employees at .545 cents, voted to approve a subdivision for Lacey and Frank Karpinski, and approved all claims submitted.

Convening as a Board of Equalization, the Commissioners voted to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption applications from the following organizations: Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc.; Boy Scout Troop #387; Christ Church of Falls City, Inc.; First Christian Church, Falls City; Terry Campbell, Falls City; First Baptist Church d/b/a Valley Avenue Baptist Church, Falls City; Falls City Volunteer Ambulance; Good News Assembly of God Church, Falls City; Corner Stone Baptist Church, Falls City; Sacred Heart School; and Community Medical Center.

Council waives in lieu of tax payments

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it charges for rent and utilities of \$402 for a one bedroom apartment, \$486 for a two bedroom apartment, and \$605 for a three bedroom apartment.

The Council approved the purchase of a 2018 Ford Explorer from Hullman's Ford for the police department at a price of \$28,491 plus the amount required to purchase and install the additional accessories required for a police vehicle. An older police vehicle will be transferred for use by Animal Control.

Council officers elected for 2018 were Don Ferguson as President and Judy Murphy as acting president. All city officials were retained by 7-0 votes (with again Roubidoux absent) including Gary Jorn as City Administrator, Duane Armbruster as Police Chief, and Mike Dunn as City Attorney with Attorneys Richard Halbert, Chris Halbert, and Ryan Dorsey serving as his assistants.

Jorn announced that two long-time city employees were retiring, Sarah Smith after 45 years and Bob Olberding after 38 years. He also announced that interviews had been conducted for a dispatch position in the police department and an appointment would be determined in the near future. Mayor Jerry Oliver reported vacancies existed on a number of city committees and encouraged persons to contact him who are interested in volunteering to serve.

New Arrivals



JOHANSEN – Andrew and Kelsey Johansen of Rulo are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Harper Mae. She was born at Mosaic Life Care in Saint Joseph, MO on November 20, 2017 at 1:50 a.m. Harper weighed eight pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. She was welcomed home by her sisters, Madison (6) and Peyton (3). Grandparents are Mark and Jean Hodge, of Falls City and Steve and Rita Johansen, of Rulo. Great-grandparents are Carlota and the late Archie Hodge, Ray and Bev Koopman, the late Elias and Marguerit Bachman and the late Keith and Irene Johansen.

STUDENTS

SCC releases Dean's List
Southeast Community College in Nebraska has released its Dean's List for the quarter recently completed on the Beatrice, Lincoln and Milford campuses.

To be recognized on SCC's Dean's List, a student must complete at least six quarter credit hours of the term with a minimum grade-point average of 3.5. Classes with a grade of "P" (Pass) do not count toward the six-hour minimum.

The following students made the Dean's List: Rande Sarah Jean Tisdell, Falls City, Practical Nursing; Henry F. Wendtlandt, Falls City, Computer Information Tech.

Change of service location for Barada Church this Sunday

Sunday, January 14, 2018, Barada United Methodist Church and St. Peter's ELCA will worship at the Falls City Healthcare Community at 2800 Towle St. at 9:30 a.m.

No worship services will be conducted in Barada or Williamsville on that day. We invite you to join us for Worship and Communion. Any questions, contact Pastor Jerry Yount 402 883-2485

FC Journal office still at 1810 Harlan

The Falls City Journal office located at 1810 Harlan Street in Falls City is still housed at its current location.

When the Falls City Journal office moves in the future, the announcement will be made in the paper. We promise to let everyone know where we will be located and when we plan to move. We will remain at 1810 Harlan for the time being.



High-Tech Training for CMC ER Department

The CMC Emergency room staff of paramedics and registered nurses received enhanced training during their annual Emergency Room Skills day held earlier this fall on the campus of CMC.

The education was provided by the University of Nebraska Med Center's Simulation in Motion-Nebraska (SIM-NE), a statewide, mobile education system, which brings state-of-the-art, hands-on training, using high fidelity human patient simulators, to pre-hospital and hospital professionals throughout the state. Through a generous grant from The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable trust, SIM-NE aims to bring high-fidelity medical training to all EMS workers and critical access hospital personnel in the next two years.

The human patient simulators are some of the most technologically advanced training tools available to the medical community today. This unique program delivers quality education to providers with simulation training. SIM-NE provides standardized, high quality, training to ensure consistent outcomes, to rural EMS agencies, & critical access hospital emergency rooms across the state.

Teresa Mackey, Director of Emergency Services, for CMC's ER department stated, "Improving patient outcomes and quality of care in the ER is a continuous goal at CMC. Besides technology, the human touch and medical expertise of our staff is critical. Our team is always assessing on how to deliver the most efficient care in the ER. We're proud of our emergency room professionals and the highly efficient work we provide."

The SIM-NE mobile unit will be returning to Falls City in the spring to provide dual training with the Falls City Volunteer Ambulance squad. This team approach with ambulance and hospital

SOCIETY

Humane Society Meeting

The Humane Society held their regular monthly meeting at the Sun Mart Cafeteria on December 19.

President Ardis Ramsey called the meeting to order with six members present. Vice President Marian Vernon offered prayer.

The Secretary's report was given by Julie Phroper, it was approved as read.

The Treasurer's report was also given by Julie Phroper it was approved as read. Under unfinished business was the election of board members and officers for the upcoming 2018 year, it was voted the officers and board members stay the same. Ardis Ramsey will re-

main President, Vice President Marian Vernon, Sec/Treasurer Julie Phroper and Chairlady is Beverly Kimmel New business is the upcoming business and individual memberships for 2018. Also was the discussion of the Edward Jones investment. Bills were submitted and paid.

Under the animal report, Bonnie a sweet boxer joined us, and Abby an older black was adopted. A new Kitty from the 16th and Stone area, as well as a white male kitty from around high school, both were unclaimed so they joined us.

There has been a rash of missing kitties. Motion was made to adjourn, with the next meeting Jan. 16 at Sun Mart, all are welcome.

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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@scentco.net
4. The deadline is FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2018. WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO INCLUDE PHOTOS AFTER THIS DATE.
5. If the provided information does not fit the required space, an additional charge will be added.
6. ALL ADS MUST BE PAID FOR BEFORE THEY RUN



Elizabeth Embry
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Parents:
Kitty & Wyn Stafford
Falls City, NE

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Information will only include Parents name and residence.



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

Child's Full Name _____

Date Of Birth _____

Weight At Birth _____

Parents _____

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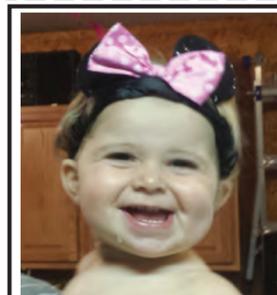
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Marjorie Hazelwood

Marjorie Ann Hazelwood 88, died Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at Halstead Health and Rehab in Halstead, KS. She was born March 7, 1929 at Reserve in Brown County, KS to Charles and Velma Babb.

On January 22, 1948 she married Vernon Hazelwood at Falls City, Nebraska and he preceded her in death on April 26, 2007.

Marjorie moved to Newton in 1992 from Goshen, Indiana to be closer to family. She was a faithful member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Newton. She appreciated the care and concern of her church and Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Halstead.

She had a love of all animals and felt a connection to St. Francis in her care of animals. She had many dogs, cats and birds through the years. Marjorie also loved to spoil the wild animals around her yard.

Marjorie was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and greatly looked forward to spending time with her loving family and many friends.

She is survived by her sons:

Dan and Billie Hazelwood of Lincoln, NE; Tom Hazelwood of Phoenix, AZ; and Jim and Renee Hazelwood of Aurora, CO; daughter: Sally Phillips of Newton, KS; nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Marjorie is preceded in death by her husband, parents, daughters Kari Calloway and Nancy Klaus, grandson Scott Phillips and 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

Funeral Mass was held at 9:00 a.m., Thursday morning January 4, 2018 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Newton, KS. with The Reverend Jeff Fashing Celebrant. Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be at 8:30 a.m. at the Church prior to the Mass at the Church. Burial was at 2:00 p.m. Thursday at the Catholic Cemetery in Falls City, with The Reverend Thomas Duvanav presiding.

There was be no public visitation. Memorials are suggested to Caring Hands Humane Society or Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in care of Petersen Funeral Home.

Martha Snethen

Martha Jean Snethen, 97, of Falls City, passed away January 2, 2018 in Falls City. She was born to Louis C. and Ola G. (Crook) Wittwer on December 29, 1920 at home on a farm in Richardson County, NE near Sabetha, KS.

She graduated high school from Honey Creek and attended Peru State. She was Assistant Clerk of District Court in Falls City prior to going to Stockton, CA where she married Guy Robert Snethen of Humboldt on January 16, 1943. While in California, she worked in the Motor Pool at the Stockton Ordinance Base until Guy was discharged in 1946. They moved back to Nebraska, where they farmed until their retirement.

She was a long time member of First United Methodist where she taught Sunday School, was a member of United Methodist Women serving in all offices. She was a 4-H leader and served on the 4-H Council, had been actively involved in the County Extension Club and had served as chairman. She was a past president and active member of Chapter CY P.E.O., Falls City.

Martha is survived by her daughter, Gay Sutter and her husband Harold of Lincoln, son, Jon Snethen and his wife Rita of Falls City, six grandchildren, Scott Sutter and his wife Darla, Lincoln, Kristy Snethen and her fiancé Tom Humm of Dawson, Tammi Snethen of Falls City, Heather Grell and her husband Brett of Omaha, NE, Cory Snethen of Falls City, Jason Snethen of Salem, two step-grandchildren, Abby Tipton and her husband Jeremy of Omaha, Carie Sapp of Arlington, NE, nine great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Guy on October 5, 2002, son, Tom on November 25, 1977, sister Marjorie Schneider and a brother Kenneth Wittwer.

Her funeral was held on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 10:30 AM at First United Methodist Church with Reverends Paul Weinert and Heather Grell officiating. Interment will be in Steele Cemetery.

The family received friends on Friday from 7-8:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Carolyn Kent

Carolyn (Gaffney) Kent, 84, Mound City, passed away on December 31, 2017. Carolyn was born on August 27, 1933 at the home of her grandparents, Hattie and Tom Nauman in Craig, MO to Benson and Lucille (Nauman) Gaffney.

On December 24, 1951, she married Gene Kent. Carolyn and Gene worked on the family farm, before his passing in 1984.

Carolyn was a parent, homemaker and continued work on the family farm with her son and grandsons.

Carolyn was a member of the Pleasant View Presbyterian Church, Mound City. In 1972, she was a founding member of the Holt County Missouri Historical Society and continued to be a valuable asset to many seeking an oral history of the area. Carolyn also co-authored 4 books on the history of Craig entitled Craig- Town, County, Country.

Survivors: son, Tom Kent, Mound City, MO; daughter-in-law, Pam Kent, Craig, MO; 2 daughters, Rosann Thompson

and Rita (Doug) Linhart, Cameron; six grandchildren, Shaun (Janah) Kent, Mound City and

Travis (Darcy) Kent, Craig, MO, Brian (Abbey) Thompson, Blair Thompson, Mary (Scott) Flanders and Abigail Linhart, all of Cameron; eight great-grandchildren, Hattie and Grant Kent, Colbie and Maylie Kent, Bailey, Reagan and Lincoln Thompson and Avery June Flanders; Teresa Wright-Fowler,

who was like a daughter to Carolyn; friend and caregiver, Lu Jackson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Gene; father and mother-in-law, Charles and Mary Kent; son-in-law, Kent Thompson.

Services were held Friday, January 5, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Craig Presbyterian Church, Craig. Visitation was 10-11AM, prior to the service.

Burial was held at New Liberty Cemetery, Craig. Memorial donations to Holt County MO Historical Society, P.O. Box 55, Mound City, MO 64470.



Donna Thames

Donna Marie Thames, 83, of Humboldt, was born on April 29, 1934 in Taylorville, Illinois to John and Iva M. (Edwards) Peters.

On April 15, 1960, Donna was united in marriage to Charles W. Thames in Peoria, Illinois. To this union four children, Charles, Rebecca, Margaret, and Andrew were born.

Donna was a homemaker most of her life and moved to Humboldt, Nebraska in 1997.

Donna passed away on Thursday, January 4, 2018, at the Colonial Acres Nursing Home in Humboldt, having reached the age of eighty-three years, eight months, and six days.

She treasured spending time with her family. Donna was an inherently open, warm-hearted and loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend who loved to cook, sew, read, laugh and just be silly. She was often the life of

the party; we will miss her.

Donna is survived by her loving husband Charles W. Thames of Falls City, NE; children: Charlie (Sherri) Thames of Humboldt, NE; Rebecca (Mark)

Thames-Simmons of Willow Springs, IL; Margaret (Mike) Meister of Oglesby, IL; and Andrew Thames of Wheaton, IL; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and one brother, Robert H. Peters of Colorado.

She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and two sisters.

Private Family Memorial Services will be held at a later date with inurnment at Oak Hill Cemetery in Taylorville, Illinois.

Memorial contributions will be designated according to the wishes of the family.

Online messages of condolence can be left at www.wher-rymortuary.com.



Maxine Hefty

Maxine Ann Hefty, 90, Wamego, formerly of Valley Falls, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018, at a Manhattan care facility. She was born Dec. 27, 1927, in Logan, IA, the daughter of Burdette and Alice Grinnell Kennedy.

Maxine retired as Assistant Vice President of Bank Operations at the Kendall State Bank in Valley Falls after 33 years of service. She had worked for the Citizens State Bank in Valley Falls up until the two banks merged.

She was choir director for the Valley Falls United Methodist Church for many years and was a member of United Methodist Women. She was Treasurer of the Delaware Township Board, and a member of Valley Falls Historical Society and the Valle-rian Study Club. Maxine joined the Order of the Eastern Star in 1949, at Valley Falls. She later joined OES No. 399 at Meriden.

She had served as Worthy Matron four times and had held 16 other offices in the organization.

She married Walton Hefty, Dec. 21, 1945, at Valley Falls. He died June 5, 2003. She was

also preceded in death by her son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Barbara Hefty, and brother, Roger Kennedy.

Survivors include her brother,

Robert Kennedy, and his wife, Bonnie, Aiken, SC; her three grandchildren, Lenn Hefty and his wife, Amy, Wamego, Kimberly Gudenkauf, and her husband, Wayne, Olathe, and LeAnne Hochstedler, and her husband, Joe, Havensville; eight great-grand-children; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 8, 2018, at the Valley Falls United Methodist Church with OES No. 399 services also at the church. Burial followed at the Valley Falls Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Valley Falls United Methodist Church or to the Valley Falls Historical Society, and sent c/o Mercer Funeral Home, PO Box 6, Valley Falls, KS 66088. Online condolences are welcome at www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.



Men and Women: A Different Outlook on Work and Cancer

(StatePoint) The challenges surrounding life with cancer, particularly in the workplace, are complex, and new findings show that male and female experiences can differ. In a recent survey commissioned by Cancer and Careers and conducted by Harris Poll, more women than men say they need to work for financial reasons and employed women were more likely to feel they had no choice but to work during their cancer treatment. The survey also found women are more likely to be concerned about health insurance.

When it comes to disclosing their diagnosis in the workplace, women were more likely to do so than men and said their flexibility at work improved and they experienced a decrease in levels of stress.

For more information about the survey and for resources on working with cancer, visit www.cancerandcareers.org.

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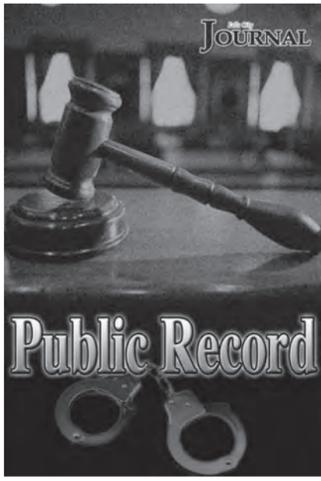
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DISTRICT COURT

Tobias P. Jochum, count one, attempted possession of a controlled substance; plead no contest, found guilty. Count two, operating a motor vehicle during time of suspension, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for Feb. 20, 2018.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

Frontier Bank vs. Kelly J. Genovese, judgment for Frontier Bank was entered for \$3,500, with a default interest rate of 3.2140 percent; judgment for Frontier Bank in the amount of \$37.63 for Court costs.

COUNTY COURT

Timothy J. Barber, of Humboldt, count one criminal mischief \$0-\$500, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count two, disturbing the peace, plead no

contest, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$125.00, plus \$55 in Court costs.

Skyler R. Wolfe, of Lincoln, count one, driving under suspended before reinstated-state license, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$100, plus probation for a term of 12 months starting January 3, 2018. Count two, speeding (21-35), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$200, plus probation for a term of 12 months starting January 3, 2018, and \$58 in Court costs.

William M. Jones, of Hiawatha, count one overweight on axle or group of axles, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes overweight fine of \$325, plus \$50 in Court costs.

Jimmie D. Randolph, of Hamburg, IA, count one, overweight on axle or group of axles, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes overweight fine of \$150; count two, overweight on axle or group of axles, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes overweight fine of \$150, plus \$50 in Court costs.

Marlen Y. Garcia, of Hidalgo, TX, speeding (16-20), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$125 and \$49 in Court costs.

Ann M. Wingert, of Omaha, speeding (16-20), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$125 and \$49 in

Court costs.

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

Leigh A. Lade, of Lincoln, speeding (11-15), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$75 and \$49 in Court costs.

Jared J. Butler, of LeCompton, KS, speeding (11-15), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$75 and \$49 in Court costs.

Whitney T. Rawlings, of Euless, TX, speeding (16-20), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$125 and \$49 in Court costs.

Shan Zhong, of Empira, KS, speeding (11-15), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$75 and \$49 in Court costs.

Donald K. Bombeck, of Grand Island, speeding (16-20), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$125 and \$49 in Court costs.

Ernest D. Harrigfeld, of Jackson, NE, speeding (21-35), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$200 and \$49 in Court costs.

Erik P. Pleshek, of Omaha speeding (6-10), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25 and \$49 in Court costs.



SIGNING DAY-Front, L-R: Michelle Milam, Noah Milam, Max Milam. Back, L-R: Coach Kory Huppert, Coach Josh Oltmans, Coach Jake Bartek

Milam signs on to be a Doane Tiger

Noah Milam, a senior at Falls City High School, signed his letter of intent December 8 to play baseball for the Doane University Tigers. Noah, a left-handed pitcher, will be working with Coach Josh Oltmans and his staff at Doane.

According to Coach Oltmans, "Noah is a hard working, high character athlete that fits the mold of Doane baseball recruits. We think he will grow and develop in our program and we look forward to watching him compete."

Going into his senior season, Noah has been a three year varsity starter for The Falls City High School Tigers and a three year starter for the Falls City Blue Storm Senior Legion. He currently holds the single season strikeout record (53) and the career strikeout record (110) for the Tigers.

According to Coach Kory Huppert, the Falls City Tigers Head Baseball Coach and Blue Storm Baseball Head Coach, "Noah is a young man who loves to compete and bring his best on the field and in the classroom, and he'll do very well at the next level because of that."

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Theo Rohrer gets by the Griffin defender for two.

Irish boys improve to 9-1

Story and Photo by Brian McKim

The Sacred Heart Irish boys took on the Griffins from Diller-Odell on Friday night. The Irish got on the board with just over a minute gone by when Sean Arnold got a steal and a layup. Arnold kept SH close in the first quarter knocking down a three from the top of the key to get within one at 6-5.

Drew Bippes hit 1-2 FTs to make it 8-6 Diller-Odell with just over 3:00 to play in the period. Then with :20 remaining in the quarter, Arnold hit his second three of the game to give the Irish a 9-8 lead after the first eight minutes. Arnold was on fire in the first quarter scoring 8 of the Irish's 9 points.

The second quarter started off with Bippes knocking down a shot in the lane and Theo Rohrer getting a bucket off a Tristan Keithley assist to make it 13-8 SH.

The game was back and forth until the Irish used an 11-0 run in the final five minutes of the half to extend their lead to 26-16. Bippes had the hot hand in the second period with eight points while Rohrer added four.

The two teams played pretty even in the second half with Diller-Odell owning 15-12 advantage in the third quarter, but the Irish came right back and outscored the Griffins 17-12 in the final eight minutes to take a 55-45 win. Bippes had five third-quarter points while Rohrer added four and Drew added 10 in the final quarter, including 6-6 from the foul line.

Bippes led all scorers with 24 points on 8-18 shooting and hitting 7-9 shots from the charity stripe. Rohrer, Keithley and Jarrot Simon all had five rebounds for the Irish. Simon, getting the start in place of leading scorer Tyler Witt who was out with the flu, had all his rebounds on the offensive end. Rohrer was next in scoring dropping in 10 points to go along with three blocks.

Arnold had eight points, all in the first quarter and five steals. SH finished the game making 21-52 shot attempts, 5-18 from behind the three-point line. Diller-Odell converted 17-41 attempts and out rebounded the Irish 28-27. Sacred Heart finished the game with 11 steals and committed just five turnovers.

With the win, the Irish improved to 9-1 for the season while the loss dropped Diller-Odell to 6-5. The two teams will turn around and play each other in the opening round of the MUDECAS tournament in Beatrice next week. The Irish will be the top seed in the A division while the Griffins are the #8 seed.

Lady Tigers win two of three

By Brian McKim

The Lady Tigers took on Ashland-Greenwood last Tuesday, January 2nd, at Auburn High School. The two teams were dead even after the opening quarter at 13 points apiece. The Blue Jays outscored the Tigers 10-6 in the second frame to take a 23-19 halftime lead. FC came out with a solid third period scoring 13 points and allowing just five to take a four-point lead, 32-28 into the final period. The Blue Jays outscored FC 7-5 down the stretch but held on for a 37-35 win. Falls City was led by Rylee Scholl with 10 points and Meredith Poppe with nine. Poppe also pulled down 10 rebounds and had three steals.

On Thursday night the Lady Tigers hit the road again and took on the Eagles from Johnson-Brock. Once again the Tigers played an even first quarter with each team scoring nine points. Scholl led FC in the first quarter with six points. Johnson put up seven points to FC's five in the second quarter to take a 16-14 lead into the locker rooms. The third quarter was tight, but FC again was outscored 10-8 to trail 26-22 heading into the final period. The Lady Tigers fought back but came up just a little short in falling 37-35 to the Eagles. Scholl led the Tigers in scoring with 13 points and five rebounds. Hannah Clary added six points, four rebounds, five steals, and three assists. Elle Findlay also had six points and two rebounds for the Tigers.

On Saturday, January 6 the Tigers took on the Broken Bow Indians. Falls City held a slim 6-5 lead after the first period with Hannah Kirkendall leading the way with four points. Falls City increased their lead to 20-9 at the half again with Kirkendall leading the way with six points. The two teams were fairly even in the third frame with FC holding a slight edge 9-8 to extend the lead to 29-12. The Tiger defense then brought the win home holding the Indians to just two fourth-quarter points while scoring 11 of their own on the way to a 40-19 final.

The win improved the Tigers to 4-9 for the season. Hannah Kirkendall led the Tigers on Saturday with 17 points, 10 rebounds, and five steals. Hannah Clary added eight points, six rebounds, and three steals. Rylee Scholl fed the Tigers scorers often with a team-high six assists to go along with six rebounds and seven points.

"We are playing more as a team now, making better decisions, scoring at a higher percent when we work it inside out," said Coach Max Milam. "Still need to cut down on our turnovers, but weren't having the ones that lead to easy points. Looking forward to the second half of the season. We need to play with confidence and keep working hard every day to improve," said Milam.

The Tiger girls will be in action Friday, January 12 as they travel to Maryville, MO with the JV set to play at 4:30. On Saturday the varsity will host Elmwood-Murdock with tipoff scheduled for 2:00.

Tigers drop a pair of heartbreakers

By Brian McKim

The Falls City boys basketball team stayed on track after the LeBlond Tourney with a win against Ashland-Greenwood on Tuesday, January 2, in Auburn.

The Tigers led the Blue Jays 14-10 after the opening quarter. 6'5 senior Brandt Chapple hit for 10 of his game-high 23 points in the first eight minutes.

A big second quarter burst the game wide open for FC as they outscored Ashland 21-10 in the period to take a 35-20 halftime lead. Rudy Vrtiska had the hot hand in the quarter dropping in nine points for the Tigers. Falls City kept its momentum in the third period increasing its lead to 55-33 heading into the final quarter of play.

The Tigers put up 12 points in the final period and held the Blue Jays to 10 to secure a 67-43 win and improve to 7-4 on the year.

Chapple's 23 points put him over the 1000 point mark for his career. He also finished the game with 10 rebounds and four steals. For the season Chapple is averaging 22.5 points and 10 rebounds per game.

Vrtiska added 14 points, and two assists and Jake Craig finished with a double/double with 11 points and 10 boards. FC shot 41 percent from the field and out rebounded the Blue Jays 38-16. Ashland was led by Bryce Kitrell with eight points.

"We played good at times. Been a strange holiday break. Take five days off (moratorium) play three games in a row and then take two days off and play another game," said Coach Don Hogue.

On Thursday, January 4, the 7-4 Tigers traveled to Johnson to take on the 7-2 Eagles. The two teams were neck and neck in the first half with Falls City leading 17-16 after the opening eight minutes and 27-26 at intermission.

The Tigers then exploded for 23 points in the third quarter and held the Eagles to 12 to take a twelve point lead into the final quarter. Johnson-Brock returned the favor in the fourth quarter as they outscored the Tigers down the stretch 22-7 to hold on for a three-point win over Falls City 60-57. Each team hit at a 45 percent click from the field and FC converted 8-17 from behind the arc.

The Tigers also owned a decisive rebounding edge 34-21. However, FC turned the ball over 12 times to just five for the home team. Chapple led the way again for FC with 21 points, eight rebounds and one blocked shot. Collin Cook added another 13 points, seven rebounds, and a team-high five assists.

Kade Bredemeier dropped in eight points, going 2-2 from behind the three-point line. Johnson-Brock was led by T. Hahn with 18 points and seven rebounds and K. Glynn with 18 points, eight rebounds, and four assists.

On Saturday the Tigers traveled to Crete to take on Broken Bow at Doane University. The game was billed as the "Battle on the Blacktop" with Coach Don Hogue and the Tigers taking on Broken Bow which is where his brother Ryan is the athletic director.

The Tigers got out to a 15-12 lead after the first quarter and held on to a slim 26-25 lead at the break. Broken Bow came out in the third period and grabbed the lead 41-35 heading into the final eight minutes. Grayson Carey of Broken Bow hit a clutch three with just :08 left on the clock to give Broken Bow a 50-48 win. Brandt Chapple again led FC with 25 points and 10 boards. Mason Crawford added eight points, Collin Cook had seven, and Jake Craig dropped in six. Chapple also had three steals and was 4-4 from the foul line. Garey led Broken Bow with 11 points on 3-4 from behind the arc. When asked about the losses last week Coach Don Hogue said, "Tough losses are hard to forget. Both teams were good teams and well coached. But, I feel we should have won them both. Tough 4th quarter against JB and we just didn't play as a team vs. Broken Bow. Our kids will get better as a



Lauren Parrish goes up high and battles for the rebound.

Irish start slow but finish strong

By Brian McKim

Looking to avenge last season's only loss, a 42-32 setback in the Pioneer Conference Championship game, the Sacred Heart Irish girls traveled to Odell to take on the Lady Griffins Friday January 5.

The game didn't start well for SH and had all the makings of an upset with Diller-Odell leading 4-3 after the first quarter. The Irish made their first field goal of the game when McKenzie Witt led a fast break and hit Abby Fiegenger for a layup with under 3:00 to play in the quarter.

The Irish converted just 1-11 shot attempts in the first quarter, many right at the hoop. The second quarter went a little better with the Irish using an 8-0 run to outscore the Griffins 11-7 in the period to take an 14-11 halftime lead.

The Irish used a full-court press to begin the second half and broke the game wide open. Diller-Odell finally hit 1-2 free throw attempts at the 2:55 mark to end a 15-0 SH run that saw the Irish grow their lead to 29-12. A layup by Fiegenger and back to back baskets by Ahren Ebel gave the Irish a 35-14 lead after three quarters.

The fourth quarter began the same

team and have a great practice Monday and be ready for Auburn on Tuesday." With the loss, FC fell to 7-6 for the season.

Falls City will be at Maryville, MO on Friday, January 12th with the JV set for a 4:30 tip-off. On Saturday the Tigers will host Class C-2 #2 Elmwood-Murdock with action beginning at 2:00. The Tigers will have to be on their game against Elmwood. "We have some improving to do no doubt. I like this team a lot when we play as one and not try to do too much," said Coach Hogue.

way for the Irish with Fiegenger getting a steal and going coast to coast for a bucket. Four quick points by Lauren Parrish gave SH a 41-16 lead.

The Irish outscored the Griffins 16-9 in the final period and 37-12 in the second half to stake a 51-23 win. The win gave SH their 11th win of the season against no losses.

The loss gave Diller-Odell, last year's class D-1 runner-up a 5-6 record heading into the MUDECAS tournament. When asked about the difference between the first and second halves Coach Luke Santo responded, "Our defensive pressure picked up and led to some easy scores. There's times where our focus isn't where it needs to be. We just challenged them at half-time that we had to come out and finish shots. They responded really well, but we have to get more consistent."

SH used a balanced attack on offense with Lauren Parrish leading the way with 12 points, seven rebounds, and two blocked shots. Abby Fiegenger was next with 10 points and a team-high eight steals. Sara Wertenberger added seven points, six boards, and two blocks. As a team, the Irish held Diller-Odell to just 23 percent from the field while shooting 37 percent themselves.

SH also converted just 12-26 free throw attempts. The Irish out rebounded the Griffins 34-23 but really pulled away by forcing 29 turnovers in the game.

The two teams also played a three quarter JV game with the falling Irish 25-21. Leading scorers for the Lady Irish were Elizabeth Keithley and Danielle Bippes with six points apiece.

SH will begin play next week in Beatrice at the MUDECAS tourney where they earned the top seed.

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The Nebraska Master Gardener program is a horticulture related volunteer training program based in many counties throughout the state. It has been part of University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension since 1976. Master Gardener volunteers are trained by UNL Extension faculty and staff. They contribute time as volunteers working with their local Extension office to provide horticulture-related information to their community. Participants are required to complete 40 hours of training and 40 hours of volunteer service throughout the first two years of their involvement in the program. Master Gardener volunteers retain their certification through 10 hours of annual training and 20 hours of volunteering each year.

Volunteer hours can be completed through a number of various options. Volunteer hours can be gained by: planting and maintaining demonstration gardens, collecting data on research projects, helping with county and state fair activities, speaking to community groups, leading garden tours, collecting plant samples, answering phone questions at the extension office, and teaching youth programs.

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For cost information and more, contact the Gage Co. Extension office. If you are outside the Beatrice or Wilber area and would like to become a Master Gardener, please contact Nicole or your local Extension Office.

If you would like to be a part of this training contact the Gage County Extension office at (402)223-1384 by January 25, 2018.

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3. is the _____ largest in population
4. physically includes Greenland, the world's largest _____
5. has Lake Superior, the world's largest freshwater _____
6. has a mainland made up of _____ countries.

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2. has gold, copper and _____
3. has _____ countries
4. has the Sahara, the world's largest _____
5. has Mount Kilimanjaro as its highest _____
6. has the _____ passing through it
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Notice is hereby given that on December 29, 2017, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Kody Hall, whose address is 10215 Margo, LaVista, Nebraska 68128, has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before March 26, 2018, or be forever barred.

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FALLS CITY ONE ACT: Four Falls City One Act members received Outstanding Actor Awards this past season. Elkhorn South selected Sheldon Thompson, Brody Bindle, and Kaley Santora, and the awards at Districts went to Emily Ernst and again Sheldon Thompson and Brody Bindle. Although the team did not place as high as hoped, they had an undeniable successful year.

The success of this program ultimately came with the number of participants (32) and the amount of fun had throughout the season. In addition, the students, staff, and community were very supportive. There was an extensive turn out for the annual public performance and the FC actors appreciated the gracious donations received. Back row left to right: Sheldon

Thompson, Dillon Ebel, Helen Walker, Gabby Frasier, Gracie Frederick, Franklin Fields, Brody Bindle, Marcus Liberty-Elder. Third row: Maggie McNeely Aubrey Davis, Josie Crowford, Lily Sailors, Josie Hollens, Jordan Bomar, Hailey Buchner. Second row: Kaley Santora, Laney Feek, Sam Wissman, Chloe Thompson, Heaven Norton, Brooklyn Romine, Emily Ernst, Keara Kelly. Front row: Jennifer Rider, Kylie Nutt, Abby Harms, Zoe Ebel, Eva Morgan, Ashlynn Strauss, Alexis Sutton. Not pictured: Michelle Beer, Jack Findlay

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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 venue to the highest bidder for cash:

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Edward E. Brink, Successor Trustee

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Notice of Annual Meeting of Members

The annual meeting of the members of the German Mutual Insurance Association of Nebraska will be held at the Arbor Manor, 1617 Central Ave., Auburn, Nebraska, on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at one o'clock (1:00 p.m.) for the purpose of election of one Director and review of the prior year's business. A light lunch will be served prior to the meeting beginning at 12:00 p.m.

Clint Swanson, Secretary
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REQUESTS FOR BIDS / INVITATION FOR BIDS (Advertisement)

City of Falls City, Nebraska
Wilson Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of Kirkham, Michael & Associates, Inc., 411 South 13th Street, Suite 101, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508 until 2:00 PM CST on February 7, 2018, for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment and performing all work necessary on the:

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Copies of the bid documents including project drawings and technical specifications are on file and may be inspected at:

Kirkham, Michael & Associates, Inc., 12700 West Dodge Road, Omaha, Nebraska 68154
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Owner Falls City Utilities, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355

Contract documents may be examined at the above addresses. Digital contract documents are available on QuestCDN for \$10.00. (Ebid #5487865). Paper copies may be procured from the office of the Engineer, Kirkham Michael, 12700 West Dodge Road, Omaha, Nebraska 68154, upon fee payment of \$50.00, none of which will be refunded. Bids will only be accepted from bidders receiving contract documents directly from QuestCDN, Planrooms or Kirkham Michael. Questions regarding bids shall be directed to Kirkham, Michael & Associates, Inc. at the above address in writing no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the bid opening.

Each bid must be accompanied by a bid guaranty in the amount of five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid. The bid guaranty may be by certified check or bid bond made payable to the City of Falls City, Nebraska.

Bids may be held by the City for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of evaluating bids prior to award of contract.

All work called for in the specifications and drawings for project shall be furnished in strict accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by Kirkham Michael, for the City of Falls City, Nebraska and now on file in the office of the City Clerk, City of Falls City, Nebraska.

The proposals for the work shall be made on the forms furnished for each specific contract by Kirkham Michael, and must be accompanied by a certified check on a bank whose deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or a bid bond in the amount of 5% of bid for the specific contracts made payable to the City of Falls City, Nebraska, which shall be considered as liquidated damages and shall be forfeited to the City of Falls City, Nebraska, if said proposal or bid is accepted and the bidder fails to execute the contract and file the required bonds and insurance certificate as provided in the Contract Documents within ten days from award.

The right is reserved as the City of Falls City, Nebraska, may require to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the bids received.

The successful bidder of the project, will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Payment Bond on the form included in the Contract Documents and each in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, said bonds to be executed by a responsible corporate surety approved by the City of Falls City, Nebraska, and shall guarantee the faithful performance of the contract and the terms and conditions therein contained and shall guarantee payment for all labor and materials used in connection with the work.

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Blue Rivers Area Agency

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging will meet in regular session at 1:00 p.m. on January 22, 2018, at Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, 103 Eastside Blvd., Beatrice, NE. The meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for such meeting is kept continuously current and is available for public inspection at the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, 103 Eastside Blvd. The agenda may be modified to include items of an emergency nature only.

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THINKING ABOUT HEALTH
By Wendell Potter, Rural Health News Service
Medicare and drug coverage: some good news, some bad

One of the benefits of the Affordable Care Act to Medicare beneficiaries has been the gradual closing of a big and costly gap called the "doughnut hole" in the prescription drug (Medicare Part D) program. By the end of 2020—if the ACA is not repealed or altered substantially by Congress—the doughnut hole will be completely closed.

In 2010, people hit the doughnut hole coverage gap when the total amount they and their plan had paid for prescription drugs reached \$2,800 in a coverage year. At that point, people had to pay the full cost of their prescription drugs until they had reached the out-of-pocket spending limit established by the law. In 2010 that limit was \$4,550. After someone paid that much, their plan paid 95 percent of the cost of their drugs for the rest of the year.

The gap has been shrinking a little every year since the ACA (Obamacare) was enacted in 2010. This year, those enrolled in the Part D program personally paid 40 percent of the cost of brand-name drugs in the doughnut hole and 51 percent of the cost of generic drugs. Next year, the percentages will drop to 35 percent and 44 percent, respectively. In 2020 and beyond, Medicare Part D beneficiaries will pay 25 percent for both brand-names and generics.

While that's good news, the amount of money Part D enrollees have to pay out of their own pockets before their coverage kicks in has been going up every year. In 2010, people with Part D paid 100 percent of their drug costs until they had spent \$310. In 2018, they'll have to pay until their costs reach \$405.

Despite that, Part D beneficiaries next year will get more coverage after they meet their deductibles and before they reach the doughnut hole: at the point that the individual and his or her plan has spent \$3,750.

Yes, it's complicated, but that's because of the way the Part D program, which went into effect in 2006, was established. The doughnut hole was ostensibly created to save the government money, but it quickly became the program's most unpopular feature—along with the often-bewildering choice of plan options.

During the first year of the program, the standard Part D plan paid 75 percent of the prescription drug costs until the beneficiary's drug costs reached \$2,250. The beneficiary was then on the hook for all their drug costs until they had spent \$5,100 for a total of \$2,850 out of pocket. In 2018, that amount will drop to \$1,250.

The not-so-good news is that because the law that established the Part D program did not set a hard cap on total out-of-pocket spending—and does not allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies for lower costs—an increasing number of Medicare beneficiaries are now facing higher out-of-pocket costs overall than in years past.

After Part D enrollees get past the doughnut hole, they automatically get what is called "catastrophic coverage." Their plan will then pay at least 95 percent of the cost of their drugs. But for the growing number of people on high-cost medications, that remaining 5 percent can add up to a substantial sum.

A recent study by the Kaiser Family Foundation found that in 2015, 3.6 million Medicare Part D enrollees incurred that substantial sum. While most of them received low-income subsidies to help cover the costs, 1 million of them did not. Those enrollees spent on average more than \$3,000 out of pocket on their prescriptions in 2015; one in 10 spent at least \$5,200.

The reason for the spike in out-of-pocket spending: the eye-popping cost of drugs for conditions such as hepatitis C, multiple sclerosis, leukemia and HIV/AIDS.

While those high drug prices have hit beneficiaries the hardest, they have also been very costly to the federal government—meaning, of course, taxpayers. A January report by the U.S. Office of Inspector General found that federal payments for catastrophic coverage exceeded \$33 billion in 2015—more than triple the amount paid in 2010.

The OIG warned that if policymakers did not address high drug prices, the Part D program could be at risk: "The dramatic growth in federal payments for catastrophic coverage and the underlying issue of high drug prices must be analyzed and addressed to secure the future of the Part D program," the report concluded.

Among the OIG's solutions: Allow Medicare to negotiate prices for certain drugs. That has been proposed numerous times since the Part D program was created and has had bipartisan support. It has never become law, however, because the pharmaceutical industry, one of the most influential in Washington, has been able to block it.

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Falls City business destroyed by fire

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 two buildings north of the restaurant. That water was pumped out during the night Wednesday to try to keep the damage to a minimum. Some significant water and smoke damage was done to the attached Chaney Furniture building and the H&R Block building as well as some of the apartments housed on the block. The fire was mostly contained by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday. Seven departments in total were needed to contain the blaze including, Falls City Fire, Falls City Rural, Hiawatha, KS, Morrill, KS, Shubert, Rulo, and Humboldt. In all four hydrants were used and an estimated 250,000 to 280,000 gallons of water were used to put the fire out. Firefighters were still on the

scene along with the State Fire Marshal. Some firemen were on the scene 35-40 hours keeping an eye out for hot spots so another fire wouldn't flare up again. According to McQueen, it will be up to the insurance companies to determine if the building is a complete loss. The fire is still under investigation.
A Community Rallies
 Falls City has always had a history of coming together during tough times. When one of its own is in need, the town steps up and provides support, and Wednesday was no different. As 64 firefighters from Falls City and surrounding areas battled a raging fire in subzero temperatures, local business owners and members of the community

once again stepped up. Businesses surrounding the area of the fire provided a haven for firefighters to warm up and catch their breath. Some business owners took from their inventory and provided coats, hats, and gloves, while others brought food, coffee, and water to the tired and weary men and women at the scene. The donations came as the firefighters battled flames and continued into the next day. As the community watched helplessly at the nightmare that was unfolding for the business owners on that block, they did what they could to help. From simple Facebook messages of hope and thanks to homemade goodies and donations.

Tigers hit mat in Ashland

By Brian McKim

After a long layoff, the Falls City wrestling team traveled to Ashland on Friday, January 5th to compete in the Jack Murry Wrestling Invite.

At 138 lbs Lane Burns came home in fifth place. Burns fell to Gocke of York in the first round and to Barcel of Columbus Lakeview in round two before beating Weston Beeson of Maple Valley-Anthon-Oto Hs. He then received a bye in the consolation bracket and won by fall over Beeson again in the fifth-place match.

In the 145 lb division, Alex Rathje fell to Mues of Arlington in the first round, then to Kolton Koubsky of Mount Michael Benedictine in round two. Rathje then fell to Clay Allington of Ashland-Greenwood in the third round.

In the consolation bracket, Rathje fell to Lucas Thatcher of Columbus Lakeview by default due to injury. At 152 Shane Campbell finished in sixth place. Campbell fell to Gerkenmeyer of Columbus Lakeview in the opening round then he won by fall over Alex Luttig of Arlington in the second round.

In the third round, Campbell was defeated by Jayden Turner of York. Aidan Pace of Mount Michael then beat Campbell by fall at 4:18 to take fifth place. In the 195 lb division, Keegan Hunzeker fell to Remington Gay of Arlington by fall at 1:12 in the first round.

Kobe Lyons then won by fall over Hunzeker at 5:47 in the second round. Hunzeker fell to Brian Maguire of Ashland in the third round and to Robert Khorrm of Mount Michael in round four.

In round five Zac Ellingson of Seward won by fall over Hunzeker at 1:44. At 220 Geoffrey Zimmerman fell to Austin Rollman of Columbus by fall at 2:44 in round one. In round two Zimmerman fell to Pike of Ashland by fall at 1:25. He then defeated Douglas Lazo of York by fall at 1:36 but then lost by fall to Jordan Kavulak of Seward at :58. Brandon Bank was the best finisher of the day as he brought home third place in the 285 lb division.

Banks got things started with a win over Dalton Abbott of Seward in round one. Banks then came back in round two with a win over Ty Buckley of Arlington by fall at :16. Banks then fell to Noah Stafursky of York in round three by fall at 3:07.

In the championship bracket, Banks fell to Cody Thompson of Columbus by fall at :20 but rebounded nicely with a win by

decision over Lucas Powels of Yutan 10-9 to take third place.

The Tiger JV also competed at Ashland on Friday with Jace Heckenlively taking second place at 126. Jace won by fall over Gnann of Mount Michael in :53 but then fell to Alex Clark of Arlington by fall at 2:24 in the first place match. At 145 Kyle Black lost by fall over Cristian Ramirez of Columbus at 1:06 but then came back to beat Dylan Jones of Seward by fall at :52.

At 182 Jacob Craine won by fall at 2:16 over Isaiah Kotich of Seward but then fell to Cole Scalf of Arlington by fall at 4:16. Finally, at 285 Braden Oliver defeated Austin Lewis of Maple Valley in 1:29 and then fell to Jackson Warren of Seward in 3:15.

The Tiger wrestlers will be in action at home on Thursday, January 11th. The matches will begin at 5:30, and it is Parents Night. Falls City will then compete on Saturday the 13th at Nebraska City.

'Snow Angels' January 10, 1953



Making angels in the snow is a traditional childhood delight in many regions, but little known in others, such as Florida and Southern Cal. It is not to be confused with another northern tradition, shoveling snow. It is a kindlier delight than socking one another in the eye with snowballs; besides, the snow in John Falter's scene is too dry to pack. When the clothing of angel makers is wet enough, they go indoors, but are not immediately associated with angels in their mothers' minds. Still, the mothers usually calm down, drawing strength from the memory that in the good old days, their mothers usually calmed down. Was it the philosopher Aristotle who exclaimed, "Pshaw! What are snow and kids for but to get together?"
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