



FC School District responds to Florida school shooting

By Kaylie Ractliffe

Richardson County Sheriff Don Pounds held active shooter trainings at Falls City High School and Falls City Middle School on Feb. 19, following suit with schools and businesses across the country that have held trainings in response to the school shooting that left 17 dead in Parkland, Fla., on Feb. 14.

In an email to parents on Feb. 15, Falls City superintendent Tim Heckenlively released a statement to assure that the school district has security measures in place to help prevent an active shooter situation. "Exterior doors remain locked during the school day and visitors are screened upon entry. All adults wear identification badges. Cell phones and two-way radio and networking capabilities are in place in each building throughout the district," Heckenlively said.

Heckenlively also stressed the importance of keeping "a sense of normalcy" with children and "being vigilant in your observations."

"Hearing about a tragic event may affect a child in many ways," Heckenlively said. "We suggest you listen to your children. If they seem to need to talk, answer their questions simply, honestly and possibly over and over again."

An ongoing analysis conducted by the *Washington Post* determined that over 150,000 students have experienced school shootings in the U.S. since 1999, the news of which can deeply affect children, parents

and teachers. In Dec. 2017, the FC school district hired licensed mental health counselor Jamie Jacobs, whom Heckenlively says will assist with the mental health needs of students and families in the school community.

"[Jacobs'] specific strategies include one-on-one individual counseling and/or group counseling sessions to address a large variety of issues; supporting student emotions and behaviors to increase students' success in the classroom and improve school attendance; teacher consultation and support; and family support services," Heckenlively said.

Parents are encouraged to contact their child's school

with any questions or concerns. Another active shooter training for Falls City Elementary School staff will be held in March.

The Nebraska State Patrol is also reminding Neb. schools, businesses and other organization that they offer civilian training for active shooter situations. The Civilian Response to Active Killer Events (CRAKE) program is designed to provide information on awareness and steps a civilian can take to increase their safety in the event of an active shooter situation. CRAKE presentations are free of charge and can be requested by reaching out to the Nebraska State Patrol Troop H office in Lincoln.

Commissioners add two deputies to Sheriff's Dept.

During their Feb. 13 meeting, Richardson County Commissioners adopted a resolution adding two deputies to the staff of the Sheriff's Department. The increase in staff came in response to a request for additional security from the Richardson County and District Court judges.

The resolution provides that the department will have one full-time Sergeant/Investigator, one full-time Patrol Sergeant, one full-time Sergeant to serve as Jail administrator, five full-time deputies, and one law enforcement dog.

It permits the sheriff to appoint one of the officers as his chief deputy. It also provides that the salary of one of the deputies be paid out of the Humboldt Law Enforcement Budget and that deputy shall have primary responsibility for law enforcement in the Humboldt area. Passage of the resolution followed the regular weekly report of Sheriff Don Pounds to the Commissioners.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau, Jr. presented to the board its preliminary review the proposed One and Six Year Road Plan for the County. Darveau also updated the Board on the maintenance

being done on county roads and bridge and discussed with them equipment maintenance and the hiring of additional personnel.

The Board met with the various department officials to review plans for Courthouse security including the installation of security cameras, and the possibility of dedicating one entrance of the Courthouse for use by the public. Ideas discussed will be reviewed by Commissioners for the next few weeks before any decisions are made.

A motion was passed rescinding approval of an agreement with Jeff Moyer doing business as 4 States Wireless due to the fact that the business name was not correct within the agreement document. A revised agreement will be considered at a later date.

Commissioners approved a subdivision of land owned by Terry Malcolm, Richard Malcolm and Betty Malcolm in Section 22, Township 2, Range 16. They approved providing notice to Lazy J. Farms and Bachman Farms regarding the planned closing of a bridge on 709 Road. Weekly claims were authorized for payment.

Madison Huppert to walk the runway at Omaha Fashion Week

Story and photo by Lori Gottula

Next week in Omaha, aspiring fashion designers will see their original creations on runway models in what has become the fifth-largest fashion show in the nation. It's Omaha Fashion Week. On opening night, (Tuesday, February 27th), Metropolitan Community College will host its annual Student Night, during which 13 high school students will model their own designs.

Falls City Sacred Heart senior, Madison Huppert, is one of them. She will walk the runway in a ball gown that she designed and created for last year's Richardson County 4-H fair.

"I'm super excited," she said, during a recent interview. "I didn't even think I'd be considered for Omaha Fashion Week, so I was surprised and thrilled when I was one of the winners."

Madison created her ball gown by merging two patterns into one original design. The finished product has a black satin bodice with a dusty-rose, taffeta underlay on the bottom. The whole dress is covered by a sheer, black rosette material. The belt is made of rose gold, and was tacked on.

Madison, who prefers the name Maddie, spent about 40 hours on the gown. She entered it in the Richardson County fair, but was extremely disappointed when she received a blue ribbon instead of purple. She knew that the applicants for MCC's Student Night had to be state-qualifiers. However, her 4-H sewing instructor, Jami Ankrom, encouraged her to apply anyway.

Maddie was glad she did. She received a call several months later informing her that the judges were baffled that the dress hadn't qualified for state, and were very impressed with her technical skills, and the dress's whimsical but elegant design.

"I can't thank Jami Ankrom enough," Maddie said. "She encouraged me not to give up, even when it looked like I'd been eliminated. But even more than that, she taught me how to sew, and has been my mentor with every creation. She has done everything she could do to help me succeed."

That success will come to fruition next Tuesday night when Maddie is dropped off at the

Omaha Design Center in downtown Omaha. She'll spend the afternoon in hair and makeup sessions, then will learn how to walk the runway like a professional model.

"I was really relieved that we were getting lessons," Maddie said,

"Because I'm terrified of falling down during the show."

Tuesday night, she will strut her stuff in her own creation as music beats, and the flashes of paparazzi cameras pop.

Her parents, Steve and Ruth Ann Huppert will be there, just as they have always been.

"This is so exciting for someone her age," Ruth Ann said, during an interview. "But Maddie has never been afraid to try new things."

Sewing wasn't something that she was really around when she was younger because I'm not a seamstress at all. If I have a glue gun and some duct tape, I'm good."

Well, Maddie was satisfied with a glue gun and duct tape at one time, too. One of her most colorful creations was a handbag made entirely of colored duct tape. The bag was so meticulously constructed, though, that no one would've ever known. It appears to be made of vinyl.

Where did her vision and creativity come from?

Maddie was just eight years old when she started exploring her talents. She attended a sewing workshop that the Richardson County 4-H hosted, and immediately discovered a passion for the craft. At first, she used a sewing machine provided by the workshop. Her first creation was a pair of pajamas.

"There was a hole in the bottoms," she said, laughing. "I had accidentally cut a hole in the wrong place, so when it came together, the pajamas had a hole in them. But I was proud of them anyway." So were her 4-H leaders, Stacey Duerfeldt and Jamie Frederick.

Maddie stuck with sewing despite the initial challenges, and improved with each effort.

After a few years, her parents bought her a sewing machine. From that point on, Maddie could be found in her sewing room, cutting and pinning patterns and material, and creating clothes, blankets, and accessories, like pillows for her room.



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Defining Corrections Reform

By Governor Pete Ricketts



Public safety and protecting Nebraska's families and communities are key to the quality of life that makes Nebraska the best place in the world to live, work, and raise a family. According to U.S. News and World Report, Nebraska has the 15th lowest violent crime rate in the nation. This is part of the reason why Nebraska has the 13th lowest incarceration rate in the country and the lowest among surrounding states.

While Nebraska has a low violent crime rate, there has been a lot of opportunity to ensure that our prisons and criminal justice system help bring that rate down. Over the past three years, state officials have been working to invest in our criminal justice system. This will help bring down the rate of reoffending and give our corrections officers a better work environment.

This work has been a three-branch, bipartisan effort focused on five major areas: sentencing reform, funding operations, building prison capacity, improving facility staffing, and expanding programming.

Over the past few years, all three branches of state government have worked on a series of justice reinvestment initiatives which we've successfully implemented. A key piece of this process was a comprehensive look at the state's sentencing laws. Working together, state government implemented a series of reforms to make better use of supervised release and parole for non-violent offenders. Over 90 percent of the inmates in our system complete their sentences and return to our communities. Better use of programming and supervised release support smooth transitions out of our facilities and ultimately can help reduce the rate of reoffending.

Successful outcomes for the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) also require proper funding for operations and facilities so we can deliver programming and give our corrections officers a secure work environment. Over the past three years, the Legislature and I have made investments in corrections. In 2015, we dedicated an additional \$37 million over two years to improve operations in the corrections system. In 2016, the Legislature and I agreed upon an additional \$26 million to expand our current prison facilities. In 2017, we worked together again to provide another \$75 million in housing investments to appropriately house and care for the needs of elderly inmates and to deliver better programming for those with behavioral health needs.

Staffing is another key focus. Corrections officers work on the front lines, and are key to protecting public safety and ensuring that inmates receive programming. Working with Senators, we have made investments in facility security upgrades, purchased new equipment, and given corrections officers pay raises. We continue to focus on implementing new strategies to ensure that facilities are fully staffed and that officers get the support they need to do their jobs.

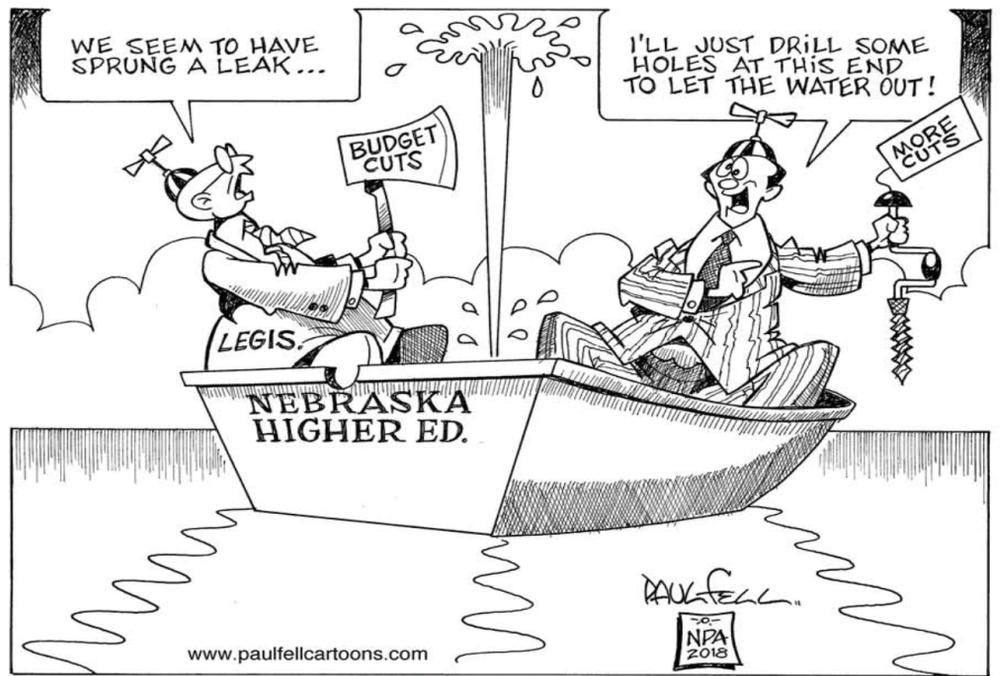
The final area of focus is programming, which is key to preparing inmates to return to our communities after completing their sentences. One such program is titled Thinking for a Change. It is helping inmates to recognize criminal thinking and replace it with constructive thinking and problem-solving skills. NDCS has also launched faith-based and business-oriented programming in partnership with non-profit organizations.

We're keeping the focus on moving NDCS forward this year. In my budget, I'm recommending building 100 new beds at the Nebraska State Penitentiary, so we can further expand our system capacity. My budget also includes a request to expand the number of authorized corrections officers, so we can hire more personnel in key facilities.

It's important to keep these areas of focus in mind. All of these initiatives are crafted with the aim of protecting the safety of Nebraska's families and communities. It's particularly important because some Senators at the State Capitol have been trying to repeal some of Nebraska's important sentencing laws in the name of Corrections reform. For example, Senator Ernie Chambers wants to repeal mandatory minimum sentences for meth, cocaine, and heroin dealers who sell significant quantities of drugs, use a firearm while dealing, or deal drugs near our schools and youth centers.

The Attorney General, local law enforcement officials, and my office are working with Senators to oppose these efforts. These changes are not "reform." We have already implemented comprehensive sentencing reform as a part of our work on corrections, and these new efforts pose a serious threat to Nebraska families.

While my team continues to work with Senators to make new investments in corrections, we will strongly oppose any efforts to weaken laws that protect Nebraska's families. If you feel strongly, I hope that you'll take the time to contact your State Senator and urge them to maintain our great public safety laws that are protecting our communities. You can find their contact information at www.NebraskaLegislature.gov. If you have any questions about our investments in our state's criminal justice system, we want to hear from you. Give my office a call at 402-471-2244 or email me at pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov.



State Budget: All Eyes on the University of Nebraska

Capitol View
By J.L. Schmidt
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Last year it was an upheaval in the athletic department that made the University of Nebraska a household word. The firing of an athletic director and a head football coach brought replacements and diverted attention away from what was an even bigger issue for the school, the loss of \$49 million in state aid and increased operational costs.

This year it has been a struggle with free speech issues on several fronts, including: complaints that a conservative voice is not tolerated on the Lincoln campus; scrutiny from at least three state Senators calling on the University to adopt policies to correct that perception; and a widely circulated video from an alleged white supremacist student which has been protested by a large group of students.

Oh, and there has been talk of another round of budget cuts brought on by lagging state revenues and a strong desire of Governor Pete Ricketts to provide property tax relief in the ag sector and income tax relief for some. That has led to talk of another \$34-plus million in cuts to the University and has brought a warning from University President Hank Bounds that said action would be detrimental leading to cuts in academic programs.

The Legislature's Appropriations Committee Chairman Senator John Stinner of Gering said the budget reality could have a "transformational impact" on the University. Proposed reductions of 2 percent this year and 4 percent next year are being discussed.

Bounds said the University has exhausted cuts in areas that don't affect academic programs and cuts in information technology; energy savings and service areas could potentially damage the university's daily operations. The school is dipping into cash reserves to cover losses for the rest of this fiscal year. Campus leaders have been coping, but the tough decisions lie ahead, Bounds said. That will include identifying academic programs, extension offerings and research enterprises the university can do without.

For the Legislature's part, Stinner - who has two degrees from the University of Nebraska - said there is no appetite to increase taxes for additional revenue to fund the university or other state-supported agencies or activities. Ricketts has also made it clear that he will not support tax increases, noting that Nebraska is already a high tax state. Both men are also running for re-election.

Stinner did tell the Lincoln Journal Star that he is open to a number of revenue-producing options such as the collection of state sales taxes already owed on internet sales, something that Ricketts opposes. The senator said he'd also look at possibly applying the state sales tax to some now-exempt services and taking a fresh look at the state's list of incentive programs. It's all about good tax policy.

Good tax policy is an oft-discussed subject with little action. There are a handful of property tax proposals on the table this year and the specter of a ballot issue to allow voters to adopt a property tax reduction plan in November.

In the short term, we need to look at the situation with the state's flagship educational programs. The nearly 150-year-old University of Nebraska now boasts 53,000 students with 11,000 new graduates

entering the workforce every year and more than 187,000 alumni living in the state.

The One Nebraska Coalition has been sponsoring a series of advertisements and commercials in support of the University's lobbying efforts. The group has provided some interesting statistics, such as the fact that more than 50 percent of doctors in rural Nebraska were trained at the University of Nebraska and nearly 75 percent of Nebraska farmers and ranchers have benefited from university research to boost animal and crop productivity.

The group also says that for every dollar invested in the university by the state, \$6 is added to the Nebraska economy. They foresee a loss of students, loss of jobs and closing down of some academic programs if the cutting continues.

Stinner said he knows that any

time you raise tuition, it has an impact on the number of kids who can go to the university or the state or community colleges. He promised that if state revenue begins to recover, that could somewhat ease the budget pressure. The Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board meets later this month. The Legislature and the University are both wishing and hoping for positive numbers on the state's tax receipts.

The One Nebraska Coalition has called for Nebraskans to reach out to the Governor and the Legislature and ask them to make the University a priority.

Consider it done.

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- Evian, backwards
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- *Stout, e.g.
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- Socrates' famous pupil
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50 Years Ago – Feb. 21–Feb 27, 1968

Two farm families, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Herr of Humboldt and Mr. & Mrs. Walter Kottich of Falls City, were honored for their outstanding contributions to soil conservation during the annual meeting of Richardson County Agricultural Extension.

The board of directors of Vision-17 held its monthly meeting at Prichard Auditorium in Falls City. The group of 17 southeast Nebraska counties was promoting industrial development in the area.

Mrs. Harry Albert, the first grade teacher at South school was given a life membership in the PTA at a Founder's day program at South School.

The Firestone store was holding its annual celebration and was inviting customers to come in and guess the weight of a Giant Dogpatch Ham. Safeway was advertising grapefruit for 10-cents each. And, Red Potatoes were being sold 20 pounds for 49-cents at Hinky Dinky.

A meeting was scheduled at Humboldt to discuss the possibility of consolidation of the Humboldt, Southeast Consolidated, and Dawson-Verdon School Districts. Invited were patrons and candidates for school boards of the three districts.

Muriel Siebert became the first woman ever to hold a seat on the New York Stock Exchange.

There were more area dairy farms at the time and the annual meeting of the Richardson County Dairy Breeders was scheduled Feb. 27 at the G.A.R. Hall at 15th and Lane, Falls City.

Maj. John A. (Jack) Hixson, son of Dr. R.W. Hixson of Falls City was awarded the Bronze Star medal. He earned the medal during his second tour in Vietnam from Nov. 1966 to Nov. 1967.

Already in 1968 according to a UPI article experts were predicting that the computer would result in the demise of traditional privacy as "Big Brother" was taking a nosy interest in the sex life, drinking habits and other "private" aspects of our personal lives.

It was quite a night for 6-5 Junior Tom Hill of Sacred Heart who poured in 45 points, more than any other Richardson county athlete, as the Irish defeated Elk Creek 83-71 in the semi-finals of the Class D District basketball tournament at Table Rock. The Irish, however, were defeated 76-66 by Lewiston in the Class D district final.

It was legal for those 18 and older to purchase beer in Kansas and a group of seven youths from Hamburg, IA were found to have alcoholic beverages in their possession when picked up by Falls City Police. Each was fined \$100 and court costs.

Howard's Grocery and Feeds at Barada advertised a free lunch and Open House on Feb. 29. Kreifels Building Center was having a Grand Opening Sale. City elections were dominated by two political parties, the "Action Party" and the "Citizens Party". Each had a party caucus on Feb. 27.

The City Council reversed an earlier vote and voted 7-1 to contract for 10 years with Omaha Public Power District for supplemental emergency power. During the same meeting the Park Board was authorized to purchase land for an additional diamond for the summer youth recreation program.

25 Years Ago – Feb. 21st – Feb 27th, 1993

U.S. Sen. Bob Kerrey made a visit to Falls City during which he said he would support President Clinton's proposed spending reductions but would oppose energy and corporate tax increases.

The Judicial Nomination Commission for County Judge conducted a hearing at the Courthouse to receive presentations on the nine candidates for County Judge. Four were recommended for appointment by Gov. Nelson: Allen Fankhouser and Curtis Maschman, both of Humboldt, Steve Brott of Falls City, and Louis Ligouri of Auburn.

Rehearsals were underway for the Falls City High production of "Nine Girls". Cast members included Abby Novak, Lisa Von Seggern, Molly McInteer, Jill Bachman, Kara Bachman, Angie Seeba, Tara Nelson, Allison Palmer, and Angela Backer.

Falls City sophomore Brad Olberding brought home the only 1993 State Wrestling Tournament medal for a school from Richardson County, finishing third in 103 pound class. He was recognized as the Journal's Richardson County Athlete of the Week.

Beth Herring-Hill was honored as the 1993 Young Careerist during the Falls City BPW Achievement Night. Other candidates for the award were Tracy Brantner and Beth Sickel. Halbert & Dunn was honored as the 1993 Business of the Year and Mildred Appleoff as the 1993 Woman of the Year.

Rep. Doug Bereuter recommended to Gov. Ben Nelson and State Highway Engineer Allan Abbott that the Dept. of Roads study upgrade of U.S. Highway 159 between Falls City and the Missouri River bridge at Rulo noting that the highway provided access to I-29, the economic front door to Falls City and Richardson and Pawnee Counties.

Seventy-six youngsters took part in the Jaycees "Super Shooters" competition for kids 7 to 13. Taking first place in each group from youngest to oldest were Katie O'Grady, Lucas Morehead, Lisa Palmer, Josh Rhodd, Michael Hillyard, Joe Buckminster, and Chip Martinosky.

The Quad County Golf Association was within \$40,000 of being able to begin construction of the Kirkman's Cove golf course.

Middle School Teacher of the Quarter Dennis Crawford was pictured in the Journal with members of the student selection committee: Nick Lip-pold, Maureen Jorn, and Mollie Armbruster.

Ten thousand Campbell Soup labels were presented by Hinky Dinky to Falls City and Falls City Sacred Heart Schools. A box was also located in the store where customers could donate additional labels to the schools that could be redeemed for purchase of school supplies.

The Kansas City Chiefs named former Husker Neil Smith as their franchise player and cornerback Dale Carter and nose tackle Dan Saleaumua as transition players under the NFL's free agency system.

15 Years Ago – Feb. 21 – Feb 27, 2003

Bernice Kopetzky of Falls City was the recipient of the 2003 Cor Christi (Heart of Christ) Award during the Celebration of Caring Banquet in Lincoln sponsored by Catholic Social Services. She was recognized for many acts of community service including organization of Respite for Falls City and Richardson County.

Falls City scored 11 points in the State Wrestling Tournament after all three of their qualifiers were defeated by wrestlers from Omaha Skutt Catholic. Qualifying from Falls City were Alan Kreifels at 103 lb., Jeremy But-trick at 112 lb., and Charlie Hanks at Heavyweight.

The third ranked Falls City Sacred Heart Lady Irish improved to 19-3 after defeating Lewiston 55-33 to claim the D1-1 girls' basketball sub-district setting up a rematch of the 2002 district final against Waterloo.

Richardson County Athletes of the Week were Melanie Stauffer of Humboldt who averaged 21.9 points and 15 rebounds per game in the 2003 season and Brett Druba who scored 21 points and grabbed 13 rebounds in each of two consecutive games.

Employees of Armbruster Motor Company announced they would again be offering two \$300 Scholarships in 2003 to Richardson County High School seniors planning to continue their educations.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at the then-new Dollar General store on east 14th Street.

The Nemaha Natural Resources District was scheduled to receive a report Mar. 6 on a feasibility of developing a large lake in the Pawnee City area. The public was invited to attend.

And, an advertising insert promoted the 21st annual KTNC Farm and Home Show Mar. 1 and 2.

Tecumseh hosts American Legion Auxiliary convention

American Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members met on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018 in Tecumseh for the 88th annual District 13 Convention.

Posts and Units making up District 13 include Tecumseh #2, Sterling #140, Shubert #222, Pawnee City #168, Johnson #330, Humboldt 3269, Elk Creek #370, DuBois #39, Crab Orchard #336, Cook #360, Burchard #156, and Auburn #23. Commander, Kevin McKinney, was in charge of the Legion meeting and President, Ruth Hietbrink was leader of the Legion Auxiliary.

President Ruth called the meeting to order. The color bearers Cheyenne Eden and Patty Harmon, advanced the District colors. District 13 Chaplain, Kay Ebeler, gave the invocation. A moment of silence was observed in memory of our dead. The Pledge of Allegiance, singing of the Star Spangled Banner, and reciting the Auxiliary's Preamble were done in unison. The POW/MIA ceremony was performed by President Ruth and Patty Harmon

Welcome was given by Amanda Washburn from the Cook Unit. District 13 Vice-President, Linda Patchen gave the response. President Ruth introduced the current Department Officers and Department Chairmen: Kathy Mazur, President; Elizabeth Paes, Historian; Barbie Meyer, Chaplain; Angie Foster, Membership Chairman; Deb Albers, NEC; Kay Ebeler, Legislative Chairman; Amanda Washburn, NW Division Junior Activities; and Barb Washburn, NW Division Poppy Chairman. Past District Presidents were also recognized: Kathy Gottula, Norma Arington, Lois Blinde, Bobbi Albers, and Jean Burns.

District 13 Secretary, Doris De-Jonge, read the roll call. There were 33 seniors and one junior member in attendance. Minutes of the previous year were dispensed with. A financial report was given. Reports were given by President Ruth and Vice President Linda. A Registration report was given by Barb Washburn.

The Little Red School House and VA & R coin marches were held. District Parliamentarian, Lois Blinde, provided the guidelines for the four county caucuses. The purpose for the caucuses was to nominate a 2018-2019 President and Vice President. Nominated for District President was Linda Patchen. Amanda Washburn was nominated for District Vice President. Department President, Kathy Mazur installed the following 2018-2019 officers with Chaplain, Barbie Meyer's help: President, Linda Patchen; Vice President, Amanda Washburn; Secretary and Treasurer, Doris De-Jonge; and Chaplain, Ruth Hietbrink. Kathy Mazur then presented Ruth with a District Past President's pin.

Dept. guests Kathy Mazur, Elizabeth Paes, Barbie Meyer, Deb Albers, Barb Washburn, Amanda Washburn, and Angie Foster spoke briefly on their respective jobs, due dates for various reports, Americanism Essay contests, poppy poster contest, scholarship applications, membership, Girls State applications, etc.

A joint meeting of the Legion and Auxiliary was held at 11 AM. Greetings were given by District Commander, Kevin McKinney and State Department Commander, Jim Costello. A Memorial Service was performed by the Cook and Elk Creek Units remembering those members who had died during the past year. District Chaplain, Jim Reid, gave the invocation before everyone enjoyed a catered meal by Scotty Gottula and his crew. Cheyenne Eden gave her Girls State report.

The Auxiliary reconvened at 12:43 PM. A Gold Star Program was performed by the Tecumseh unit. Awards were distributed and winners of the following were announced: History Book – 1st to Humboldt, 2nd to Cook, and 3rd to Shubert. Prayer Book – 1st to Burchard, 2nd to Shubert, and 3rd to Cook. Publicity Book – 1st to Shubert, 2nd to Cook, and 3rd to Humboldt. Poppy Centrepiece – 1st to Cook, 2nd to Burchard, and 3rd to Shubert.

Kathy Gottula read the Courtesy Resolution report. Chaplain, Kay Ebeler, gave a prayer for peace, God Bless American was sung, and the colors were retired prior to adjournment. Instead of door prizes, the Johnson County Units requested that members help fill baskets with cleaning products, personal items, paper goods, etc. for Homeless Veterans.

Madison Huppert to walk the runway at Omaha Fashion week

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She eventually discovered other creative talents, and because of her ability and determination, earned enough 4-H ribbons to fill a large corkboard in her sewing room. She has drawn and painted art work that fills the Huppert home. She's made curtains for her house, and blankets that she has donated to the nursery at the hospital.

When Maddie was 12, she started quilting, so she has made quilts for family members, and several that have been auctioned off at Sacred Heart's Fun Night (a fundraiser for the school).

In 2013, she created a Batik pillow that was displayed in the Hillestad Gallery in Lincoln. Last year, she drew a pencil drawing of a woman dressed in 1930s clothing and holding a vintage camera that won the Best in Show award at the student art contest sponsored by the local chapter of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. There were more than 600 entries in the contest.

Two weeks ago, her original pencil drawing placed third at the Pioneer Conference Art Show, and this past week was named the best in its category at the GFWC's 2018 district contest.

As if all of that wasn't enough, Maddie already has a resume that would stack up against most college graduates'. She is currently first in her class at Sacred Heart. She played volleyball for four years, basketball for three, and has participated in one-act and speech since her freshman year. Two years ago, she qualified for the state speech contest.

She is currently one of the co-

editors of Sacred Heart's year-book, and the school's student publication, The Spotlight.

In 4-H, she has been a member of the Country Clovers for 12 years, and has been vice president for the past two. In addition, she's involved in 4-H Teen Leaders, which is based entirely on service and volunteerism. She's been president of the organization for four years.

On Sundays, the busy and charismatic teen teaches Sunday School to kids in kindergarten through the third grade, at the Presbyterian Church. Yes, she's Catholic, not Presbyterian, but the church needed a Sunday School teacher, and the pastor asked her to take the position. She gave it a shot, and loved it.

Because of her passion for teaching and kids, she plans to become a speech pathologist. There's very little doubt that she will accomplish any goal to which she sets her mind.

Sacred Heart principal Doug Goltz agreed.

"Maddie is a great asset to Sacred Heart School," he said. "She is a terrific student and excels in many extra-curricular activities. She has a great work ethic and always has a smile on her face."

Next week, at the opening of Omaha Fashion Week, she'll be wearing that smile when she walks a professional runway wearing her own creation. But the model that most comes to mind when talking about Maddie isn't just the runway kind. The model that best applies to her is the one that truly matters most. Maddie Huppert is definitely a role model.

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SUN MART OF FALLS CITY RECENTLY DONATED \$1,000 to Falls City Sacred Heart School as part of its "Direct Your Dollars" campaign. Direct Your Dollars was launched in 2016 as part of Sun Mart's commitment to support the communities they serve. The year-round program replaces Support Our Schools in select locations. The store's general manager, Angie Phroper, presented the check to students at Falls City Sacred Heart, Front row, L-R: Olivia Santo, Madelynn Cluskey, Bryn Taft, Mia Lemerond, John Casey, Franklin Sikora. Back: Angie Phroper, Hadlee Georges, Ashlyn Ahern, Mr. Doug Goltz, Oakley O'Grady and Julie Stice, Preschool Teacher. Families from schools participating in the "Direct Your Dollars" campaign collect Sun Mart cash register receipts and the company makes a \$1,000 donation for every \$150,000 returned. (Photo by Chelsie Alexander)

FC Recreation 19th annual pancake feed

Falls City Recreation will be holding its 19th annual pancake feed on Sun., Feb. 25, 2018 in the commons area of Falls City High School. This will be a free will offering and we will be serving pancakes and sausage along with drinks from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Profits from this pancake feed along with the business fund drive done in early summer are our main public fund raisers for our programs.

On an annual basis, it takes over \$36,000 to run our current programs which consist of girl's softball leagues, boy's baseball leagues, a tee ball league for 4-6 year olds, swim team, Red Cross swim lessons, a soccer program in the spring, and a fall boy's flag football league. These various programs generally have over 1,300 participants each year. Of the cost to run the programs, approximately 55 percent comes from participant registrations with the City of Falls City providing approximately 15 percent. The balance comes

from donations by the public and other civic, church and fraternal groups and the local business community along with other fundraising events that Falls City Recreation undertakes. In addition to the annual program costs, Falls City Recreation, in conjunction with the City of Falls City, undertakes the improvements and upkeep of the ball facilities.

The soccer and flag football programs are in the spring and fall and these games will again be held on Thomas Field and we thank Falls City Public Schools for the use of their facility. This is all made possible by the generosity of everyone that has made a donation of money or time to our program, all of which benefit the youth of the Falls City area.

Please join us for pancakes and sausage on Sun., Feb. 25 at Falls City High School. Those unable to attend but are interested in making a donation can drop it off or mail it to F&M Bank.

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Farmers nominate our local school district Jan. 1 through April 1, 2018. Visit <http://www.americasfarmers.com/recognition-programs/grow-rural-education/> and click on "farmers nominate now" to vote. There is also a link available on Falls City Public School website.



On Feb 9, 2018 Airlanco hosted a retirement party for Ernie Craig, who retired after 41 years with the company. All the employees signed a Husker wall placard and enjoyed a catered lunch and cake. (Above, L-R) Sammy Sailors, Ernie, Randy Sailors.

SOCIETY

Humboldt Chapter 234 Order of the Eastern Star

Worthy Matron Nancy Nemechek presided over her first meeting of Humboldt Chapter #234 on Feb. 1, 2018, at The Meeting Place. The meeting began in regular form at 7:30 p.m. 13 members sang the Opening Ode, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," and joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved, and the Treasurer gave her report. Communications and bills were read. The 4-H Club at the Fremont Children's Home is holding their Annual Chili Feed on Sat., Mar. 3, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A donation of \$5 per person is requested.

Becky Baker of Bellevue is the District 1 Grand Supervisor and will hold a School of Instruction for the Chapter in the near future. Information was received concerning scholarships available for graduating 2018 high school seniors. The Humboldt Chapter voted to give one \$500 scholarship with the Nebraska Grand Chapter

of The Order of the Eastern Star. The Scholarship Committee will send information to the schools.

Thank-you notes were received from two children of the Fremont Children's Home for Christmas gifts given by the Chapter. Charlotte Nedrow sent a thank-you for memorial services given for her mother, Marcella Niedfeldt, along with memorial donations. John Kanel, last year's Chapter scholarship winner, sent an interesting update of his college experiences.

Information was received of the May 8-10 Nebraska Grand OES Session to be held in Kearney at the Younes Conference Center. Worthy Grand Matron Anita Sohm and Worth Grand Patron Jim Taylor will preside over their "God Bless the USA" Grand Session.

Edgar Bredemeier was installed as Associate Patron by Installing Past Matron Carolyn Bredemeier and Installing Marshall Trudy Fankhauser. There being no further business, Chapter closed with prayer by the Chaplain and all sang the Closing Ode, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Refreshments were served by Nancy Nemechek.

SOCIETY

Area Bridge

Nancy Wittwer, Myrt Arnold and Vi Heim won the prizes when Falls City Area Bridge met Feb. 13 when three tables of bridge were played.

The hostesses were Lorna Simon and Shirley W. Marilyn Stalder and Myrt Arnold will host the next session on Feb. 27, 2018.

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NOTICE OF HOME HEALTH AGENCY CLOSURE - As of Friday, February 16, 2018 Hiawatha Community Hospital's Home Health Agency located at 314 Oregon Street in Hiawatha, Kansas will no longer accept patient referrals. The agency will continue the management of current consumers that are receiving services from the agency until March 30, 2017. In the event a current consumer requires services after the March 30, 2018 closure date, the agency will assist in transitioning the continuum of care to another local agency.

Hiawatha Community Hospital is committed to ensuring past and current consumer medical records remain confidential. Dependent on the regulatory guidelines required by a consumer's insurer, your Home Health medical records will be maintained by the hospital a minimum of five (5) years and up to a maximum of seven (7) years. In the event you have any questions or need to request your home health medical record(s) please contact Hiawatha Community Hospital's Medical Records Department at (785-742-6245).

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Tri-State Corners Genealogical Society

Seven members of the Tri-State Corners Genealogical Society met in the Pioneer Plaza meeting room on Thursday, Feb. 1. Norma Thompson called the meeting to order, Jorene Herr took roll call and read the minutes, and Richard Zentner gave the treasurer's report, which showed no change.

Terry Stradtman, archivist, reported several added articles from the *Falls City Journal*. For the GenWeb project it was mentioned that Pawnee County is adoptable, a new Nebraska GenWeb link is available and links for the Heim Cemetery and the Humboldt Cemetery have been added to the Tri-State Corners page.

The 2017 necrology has been added to the *Falls City Journal* database, and plans were made to proof the data so another book can be published. Other projects remain unchanged.

Correspondence received included the Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society newsletter, and about a Wetmore and Sailors obituary. Upcoming events include the Nebraska State Genealogical Society conference in Columbus on April 27-28, and the SECC class Learning About Genealogy on Feb. 8. Queries were received about the Wolfe, Sailors, Kerns, Glen and Weddle families, and for the hotel in Salem (1930's) and Rulo and St. Joseph Cemeteries.

There was no other business. Following a show-and-tell time the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be the Annual Founders Day potluck. The meal will begin at 6:30 and each person is asked to bring their own drink and table service, and a dish to share for the meal, as well as an heirloom or interesting item for the program.

Village of Rulo Cemetery now taking sealed bids for 2018 mowing. Cut off date for submissions is March 2, 2018. Send to: Village of Rulo Cemetery Bids PO BOX 126 Rulo, NE 68431

FALLS CITY RECREATION, INC. Pancake/Sausage FEED Fundraiser Sunday, February 25, 2018 Serving 8 A.M.-1 P.M. Falls City High School Commons Area, Falls City, NE Freewill Donation



FRONTIER BANK OFFERING TWO \$1,550 SCHOLARSHIPS

Frontier Bank is pleased to announce that the applications for the Centennial Scholarships have been mailed to each of the county high schools. The applications are being sent to the attention of the guidance counselors at Falls City High School, Sacred Heart and Humboldt-Table-Rock-Steinauer.

The scholarship was established as a means to say 'Thank-You' to all of you who help make Richardson County a great place to live and work. The scholarship program is a way to encourage and assist area youth to further their education.

Two scholarships will be awarded; each scholarship is in the amount of \$1,550.00. The scholarships will be awarded this spring to graduating seniors from any of the three county high schools who plan to continue their education at an accredited four-year college or university beginning the fall term of 2018. One scholarship will be awarded to a student furthering their education in the business field and the other to a student majoring in the field of agriculture. The scholarship selection committee consists of a panel of five community leaders. Applicants are selected based on their personal achievements, academic success, recommendations and without regard to economic need.

Seniors are encouraged to submit an application for the Centennial Scholarships. Applications may be delivered or mailed to Frontier Bank at 1616 Harlan Street. April 1st is the deadline for submitting the applications.



THE FALLS CITY SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP traveled to Lincoln to assist with the Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach. Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach relies on teams of volunteers to provide meals for approximately 150 homeless or needy individuals and families twice a day. The Sacred Heart team provided the salads and desserts for Sundays meal as well as serving, washing dishes and cleaning-up the dining hall. 21 students and 13 adults made the trip to Matt Talbot. Back Row: Christina Wertenberger, Tanner Cromer, William Morehead, Jarrot Simon, Jack Fiegenger and Fr. Cole Kennet. Middle Row: Fr. David Oldham, Kim Schawang, Holly Westenguaard, Renee Kopf, Joe Bieker, Francis Fiegenger, Elizabeth Keithley, Danielle Bippes, Sara Wertenberger, Claire Niemeyer, Jake Hoy, Luke Schawang, Lisa Schawang, Johnette Niemeyer, Angela Simon, Ruth Ann Huppert, and Cathy O'Grady. Front Row: Cindy Santo, Teresa Morehead, Ahren Ebel, Emily Crouse, Madison Huppert, Jena Reeves, Evi Schock, Madison Littrel, Paige Stamper, Lexi Pokorny, and Mackensie Nelson.

American Legion National Commander to visit Nebraska

The American Legion National Commander, Denise Rohan (WI), will be visiting the Department of Nebraska on Thursday, March 8, 2018. Rohan was elected as National Commander at the 2017 American Legion National Convention in Reno, Nevada. She is the first woman to be elected as National Commander of the 2 million-member organization.

Rohan's visit will include stops in the Omaha area at Victory Apartments, Offutt Airforce Base, the Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home, and a banquet in her honor at Cascio's Steakhouse. The banquet is open to anyone who wishes to attend, and tickets can be purchased through Department Headquarters until February 28, 2018. For more information on Commander Rohan's visit please contact the above number.

Since its inception in 1919, The American Legion has been a key advocate for veterans' benefits, patriotic American values, instilling values in young people through numerous programs, and a strong nation defense with focus on quality-of-life issues for those serving in today's armed forces.

Nebraska American Legion Family to attend Washington Conference

Twenty-eight members of the Nebraska American Legion Family will make their way later this month to Washington D.C. to discuss the Legion's current legislative agenda with their U.S. Senators and Representatives.

The American Legion heads to Capitol Hill each February to speak to the elected officials and testify to Congress. The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 and each year they have to report on what the organization did to support its Four Pillars; Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth.

The American Legion's priority legislative agenda this year is to support the VA's suicide prevention efforts, to limit the outsourcing of the VA's programs, to fully fund a superior national defense as the global war on terror continues, to create lifetime electronic health records, to reclassify cannabis for medical research, to institute gender-specific health care for women veterans, to support those who care for wounded veterans, to defend veterans education benefits, to repeal unfair offsets that penalize disabled veterans and widow, to provide mandatory end-of-service exams for reservists, to ensure those returning from active duty retain re-employment rights, and to continue funding programs to end veteran homelessness.

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HTRS Speech takes championship plaque

The Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer Speech team won the Auburn Invite. HTRS scored 150 points for first place. Lourdes Central Catholic and Falls City Sacred Heart tied for second place with 124 points.

Medalists for HTRS were: Clarence Schuler, second in Persuasive and sixth in Extemporaneous Speaking; Grace Kanel, third in Humorous Prose; Lauren Nanninga, third in Poetry; Camille Frey, fourth in Informative and sixth in Entertainment; Anastasia Popham, fourth

in Persuasive; Cameron James, fourth in Serious Prose Katie Frey, fifth in Poetry.

In group events, the duet of Cameron James and Austin Herr finished fourth while the Oral Interpretation of Drama team of Bella Casco, Lauren Nanninga, Katie Frey and Austin Herr was fourth.

Austin Herr was also recognized with a top novice medal in Humorous Prose. The team is coached by Carl Linnerson and Mandy Bowen.

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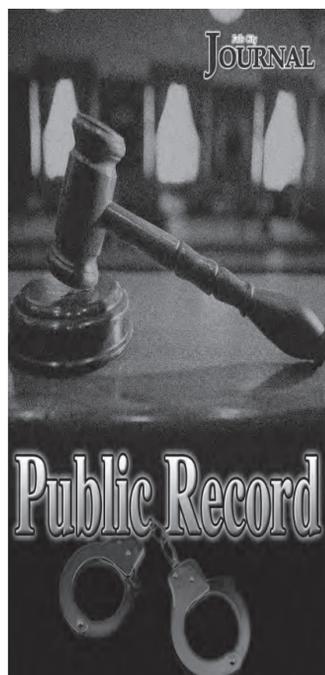
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COUNTY COURT

Jacob J. Holthus, of Table Rock, count one, willful reckless driving, plead no contest, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$200 and probation for a term of six months beginning Feb. 12, 2018.

Chelsea D. Yocum, of Falls City, count one, speeding (11-15), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$75; count two, failure to use seat belt, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state

fine of \$25 and Court costs of \$49.

Laura M. Evaristo, of Lincoln, count one, speeding (6-10), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25 and Court costs of \$49.

Secret N. Gillerson, of Tulsa, Okla., count one, speeding (11-15), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$75 and Court costs of \$49.

Qualls P. McGinnis, of Falls City, count one, speeding (20-35), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes city fine of \$200 and Court costs of \$49.

Cody T. Jones, of Falls City, count one, overweight on axle or group of axles, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes overweight fine of \$75 and Court costs of \$49.

Tami M. Smith, of Grapevine, Texas, count one, speeding (11-15), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$75 and Court costs of \$49.

Amy L. Archuleta, of Lincoln, count one, speeding (11-15), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$75 and Court costs of \$49.

Gabriel Jimenez, of Sioux City, Iowa, count one, speeding (6-10), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25 and Court costs of \$49.

Hector F. Leguillow, of Bellevue, count one, speeding (6-

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

Thomas J. Lunsford, of Falls City, count one, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes city fine of \$25 and Court costs of \$49.

DISTRICT COURT

Aaron Moore was granted a dissolution of marriage from Jessica Moore.

ACCIDENTS

One person was injured in a vehicle collision on Feb. 14, after a 2008 GMC Sierra driven by Theodore R. Rohrer, of Rulo, stopped at a stop sign at 17th and Nemaha streets and failed to look both ways before crossing the intersection, colliding with a 1989 Dodge 1500. Police estimate damages to Rohrer's vehicle to cost \$5,000 and the damages to the Dodge to cost \$2,000. The 15-year-old driver of the Dodge was taken to Family Medicine Clinic for her injuries and Rohrer was issued a citation.

CANDIDATE FILINGS

Judy L. Murphy, of Falls City, has filed as a nonpartisan candidate for the office of Mayor for a term of four years and will be placed on the official ballot for the primary election to be held May 15, 2018.

Douglas E. Merz, of Falls City, has filed as a Democrat candidate for the office of County Attorney for a term of four years and will be placed on the official ballot for the primary election to be held May 15, 2018.

Mary L. Eickhoff, of Falls City, has filed as a Republican candidate for the office of County Clerk Register of Deeds for a term of four years and will be placed on the official ballot for the primary election to be held May 15, 2018.

Donald L. Pounds, of Falls City, has filed as a Republican candidate for the office of Richardson County Sheriff for a term of four years and will be placed on the official ballot for the primary election to be held May 15, 2018.

Primary Election information

Preparation is underway at the Office of the Richardson County Clerk for the Tuesday, May 15, 2018, Primary Election. Approaching deadlines for candidates and voters to remember are detailed below.

Monday, 5:00 p.m., March 1, 2018, is the non-incumbent filing deadline. A complete list of candidate filings on record at the Richardson County Clerk's Office who will be considered for nomination at the Primary Election are listed below with the incumbents denoted with an *.

County Commissioner District 1 seat is up for a four-year term—no filings. District 1 serves the following precincts: Falls City Ward 2 south of 21st Street, all of Falls City Ward 3 and Falls City Ward 4.

County Assessor: Pamela G. Vice*; County Attorney: Douglas E. Merz*; County Clerk of the District Court: Pamela S. Scott*; County Clerk-Register of Deeds: Mary L. Eickhoff*; County Treasurer: Amanda Bartek-Young*; County Sheriff: Donald L. Pounds* and County Surveyor: Robert Tichy*.

School Districts 56 and 70 all have three positions up for election this year with up to six candidates being considered for nomination at the May 15 Primary Election to be voted upon at the November General Election. Persons who have filed for these positions are: School District 56 four-year term—John E. Martin*, Richard Malcolm*, Kevin L. Scheitel* and Joseph M. Jarred; School District 70 4 year term—Scott Ogle*, Neal A. Kanel*, Leah M. Reyes.

The City of Falls City and the City of Humboldt have both Mayor seats and Council Member seats up for election to a four-year term. Those persons filing for these positions are as follows: City of Falls City, Mayor—Judy Murphy; Ward I—Don Ferguson*; Ward II—no filings, Ward III—Terry Lee Stradtman, Mitch Merz*; Ward IV—Derrick D. Leyden*; City of Humboldt, Mayor—Dale A. Oehm; Ward I—Michael Arreguin, Jan Wilhelm, Doris De-Jonge*; Ward II—no filings.

The Airport Authority in the City of Falls City has 1 member up for election for a six-year term. Persons who have filed for

this position are: Ed O'Grady*.

Unlike years past, there will no longer be candidates on the ballot for delegates to the Republican Party County Convention. The law now states (NE Revised State Statutes 32-706) that anyone who wishes to attend the Republican Party County Convention as a delegate must register with the County Clerk by March 1, 2018. Those registering thus far are: Vincent Metzner, Pamela S. Scott, Gerald W. Bohling and Mary L. Bohling. Any questions or further information on the Republican Party County Convention should be directed to the Nebraska State Republican Party headquarters at 402-475-2122 or via their website at <http://negop.org>.

Other offices to be nominated at the Primary Election are: United States Senator, Representative in Congress-Dist. 3, Nebraska Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Auditor of Public Accounts, Public Service Commissioner, State Board of Education, Board of Regents-University of Nebraska, Southeast Community College Board Members for District 2 and At-Large, Nemaha Natural Resource Districts 8, 9, 10 and At Large. Filing forms for these offices can be obtained at the Office of the County Clerk, but the candidate filing must be made with the Secretary of State. Local candidates who have filed for the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board are: District 8—two year term: Eldon Snoke; four year term: Donald Siske; District 9—William Niefeldt; District 10—Alan Romine; At Large—Russel Moss.

The candidate filing deadline for Village Board of Trustees and Educational Service Unit #4 is July 16 for incumbents and August 1 for non-incumbents. Filings received thus far: Village of Barada: no filings; Village of Dawson: Michele L. Wendtlandt*, Charles B. Laux*, Lyndsay Maahs*; Village of Rulo: Norm Thompson*, Dion Grier*, Quincey L. Smith*; Village of Salem: no filings; Village of Shubert: Linda S. Patchen*; Village of Stella: no filings; Village of Verdon: Verna Shelton. ESU#4: no filings



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Ellicyn Gilkerson goes up for the shot. (Photo by Deena Beer)

Lady Tigers drop heartbreaker to Jeffs

By Brian McKim

The Falls City Tigers girls basketball team saw their season come to an end at the hands of the Fairbury Jeffs at Norris in the Class C-1 sub-district last Tuesday night.

The Tigers were slow out of the gate and had a hard time all night getting their offense on track. The Lady Tigers trailed the Jeffs after the first period of play 9-6. Ellicyn Gilkerson, Hannah Kirkendall and Elle Findlay each had two points to lead the Tigers attack.

The second quarter went much better for the Tigers as they dropped 15 points on the Jeffs in the quarter and surrendered just 12 to tie the game at 21 apiece heading into halftime. Sophia Gilsdorf had the hot hand for the Tigers nailing two three-pointers, and Gilkerson added five points in the quarter to lead the charge for FC.

Fairbury came out after halftime and doubled up the score in the quarter on Falls City 12-6 to take a 33-27 lead over the Tigers with just eight minutes left in the season. Gilkerson and Meredith Poppe each had a trey in the quarter for Falls City.

The Tigers got things going in the final period, but it was too little too late for the Tigers. Fairbury used a 7-0 run late in the quarter to take a 39-36 lead with just 1:25 to play. Hannah Kirkendall then got a hoop in the paint with 1:09 to play to get FC within

one point. After a free throw by Fairbury, Gilkerson nailed her third trifecta of the game to give FC a 41-40 lead with :28 to play. The lead was short live though as a bucket and a free throw by Eden of Fairbury seconds later gave the Jeffs the lead back at 43-41. After a jump ball was called, Eden of the Jeffs hit two more free throws to seemingly put the game out of reach at 45-41 with just :10 to play.

Not giving up the Tigers got the ball down court, and Hannah Clary made a hoop and was fouled with :05 remaining and the Tigers down by two. After a deliberate miss and rebound by Fairbury, the Tigers were sent home with a 45-43 loss.

Gilkerson led Falls City with 13 points and five rebounds. Clary was next with 11 points and five boards. Four seniors played their final game for the Tigers on Tuesday night. Poppe had three points; Gilsdorf added six points, Elle Findlay had two points, and five rebounds and Rylee Scholl had two points and four assists. The Tigers hit 16 of 32 shot attempts, including six of nine from behind the arc but made just five of 15 free throw attempts in the two-point loss. J. Eden led Fairbury with a game-high 18 points.

The Tigers finished the season with a 10-14 record while the win improved the Jeffs to 11-11. Falls City finished the season winning four of their last five games and 10 of their final 16 games.



Jake Craig splits two defenders for the basket (Photo by Brian McKim)

Tigers stay hot heading into sub-districts

By Brian McKim

Last Thursday the Falls City Tiger boys hosted the Fairbury Jeffs for the final regular season game and the last home game for the seniors. The Tigers were looking to continue their push into the postseason on a high note having won five of their previous six contests.

FC got off to a good start Thursday night with senior Rudy Vrtiska swiping the ball from a Jeff player and taking it to the hoop for a layup and a foul. After the free throw, the Tigers led 3-0 one minute into the game. Thirty seconds later Mason Crawford hit a cutting Collin Cook for a layup, and the Tigers led 5-0. After a pair of Cook free throws, the lead grew to 7-0 before Fairbury hit a basket with 5:30 on the clock to make it 7-2.

After a three by the Jeffs, Cade Schawang got an offensive board and put back to make it 9-5. Moments later Jake Craig hit Vrtiska for a bucket followed by a drive to the hoop by Crawford and the lead was now 13-6. Not done yet Vrtiska got another hoop on an assist by Kade Bredemeier followed by a trey from the top of the key from Crawford. The scoring closed out with Craig hitting a cutting Vrtiska for a layup and FC had a commanding 20-7 lead after the first quarter.

Crawford hit a pull-up jumper to begin the second quarter followed by a drive to the hoop by Craig. Crawford then drained another shot from the elbow to make it 26-9. A jump shot by Cook from the corner and two free throws a minute later closed out the scoring in the half with FC leading 30-11 halfway through the game.

Craig got things going for FC early in the third with a drive and a score. Cook drained a pullup to make it 34-13 and then Schawang got a steal and hit Vrtiska for a layup to give FC a 23 point lead. Schawang then hit for five straight points followed by an assist to Vrtiska to give the Tigers a 44-25 lead after three quarters.

The final period began where the third left off with Crawford hitting Schawang for a bucket. A free throw by Crawford extended the lead to 20 points with 6:30 to play. Fairbury got within 16 points, but the Jeffs

leading scorer Adam Wasserman fouled out with 2:38 to play and what little chance of a comeback was gone. The Tigers sealed the contest with free throws and a reverse layup by senior Jake Craig to close out the scoring as FC earned a 60-40 win.

Falls City was on fire all night hitting 57 percent of their shot attempts while limiting the Jeffs to just 34 percent. Falls City owned the boards pulling down 36 rebounds to only 12 by Fairbury.

Falls City used a balanced attack with four of their five starters scoring in double figures with Vrtiska leading the way with 16 points, five rebounds and two steals. Cook was next with 13 points, seven

assists, and a team-high 11 rebounds. Craig playing his final home game hit for 12 points and pulled down ten boards, and sophomore Mason Crawford added 10 points and four assists.

Cade Schawang just missed double digits with nine points, going 4-4 from the field.

With the win, the Tigers improved to 13-10 for the season while the loss dropped the Jeffs to 6-16. Falls City will take on 9-13 Johnson County Central at 7:45 on Tuesday night at Norris Middle School in the Class C1-1 sub-district. With a win, the Tigers will get a possible rematch with Auburn, a team that has beaten the Tigers twice this season, on Thursday at 7:00 at Norris Middle School.



Rudy Vrtiska goes in for the layup (Photo by Brian McKim)

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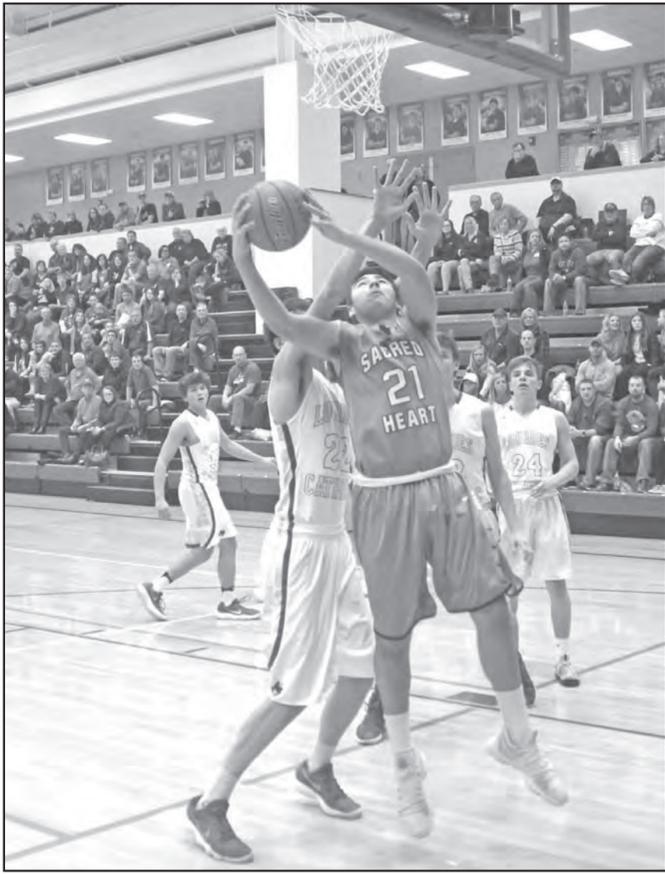
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Tyler Witt gets a late hoop over the Knights defenders. (Photo by Brian McKim)



Sara Wertenberger fights for the rebound. (Photo by Brian McKim)

Irish boys fall in season finale look to rebound in sub-districts

By Brian McKim

The Sacred Heart Irish boys looked to head into the postseason on a high note with a win against the Lourdes Central Knights at Nebraska City on Sat. night. Just two weeks ago the Irish beat the Knights 41-33 for the Pioneer Conference title, but the home team was out for revenge.

On the games' opening possession Sean Arnold drew a charge to the delight of the Irish fans. Tyler Witt then took a pass from Theo Rohrer and hit the bucket to give SH an early 2-0 lead. On the next Irish possession Witt, again with the help of a Rohrer pass, gave the Irish a 4-0 lead with 6:15 to play in the quarter.

The Irish then went almost four minutes without scoring before Witt knocked down a pair of free throws to make it 6-2. Witt then returned the favor to Rohrer hitting him under the hoop for the score with 2:00 to play. The Irish held on for a slim 8-7 lead after the first period.

With 7:15 on the clock in the second quarter the Knights took the lead at 9-8. Jarrot Simon went 2-2 from the foul line to narrow the NC lead to 12-10 with 6:00 to play in the half. That is where the score would stay until Rohrer hit a bucket from the left corner to tie the game at 12 with 3:20 to go before halftime. The Knights scored five straight points before Simon hit 1-2 free throws to end the run. A three-point bomb by Tristan Keithley from the corner and two Drew Bippes free throws got the Irish to within four at 22-18 at the half.

Arnold came out in the third period and drained a trey from the top of the key to get the Irish within one point. But the Irish offense went stagnant and didn't score again until Rohrer hit a jumper at the free line with 3:38 to play to make the score 27-23.

The defense for the Irish kept the score tight, then with 2:00 to go in the quarter Keithley dropped in a three from the

wing to make it 27-26. Nebraska City got a bucket before the quarter expired and took a 29-26 lead into the final period against the Class D-2 number one ranked Irish.

With 5:40 to go in the game Keithley again nailed a trey from the corner to get the Irish within two at 31-29. Unfortunately for SH that's as close as it would get. A steal by Bippes and a layup made it 36-31 with 1:20 to go and a free throw by Keithley got SH within four at the 1:00 mark. Things got exciting down the stretch as Witt hit a layup and was fouled with eleven ticks on the clock to make it 37-34. After the missed free throw the Irish got the offensive board and called timeout with :08 to play. After the timeout, the Irish struggled to get an open look at the hoop, and a Witt three-pointer at the buzzer was off the mark, and the Knights held on for a 37-34 win over the Irish.

The Irish shot just 30 percent from the field while the Knights hit at a 37 percent click. The two teams were even with 24 rebounds, and SH committed 20 turnovers to the Knights 18.

Tristan Keithley was the leading scorer for SH with 10 points, six rebounds, and three steals. Tyler Witt added eight points (six in the first quarter), and eight rebounds and Theo Rohrer had six points, two blocked shots, and four assists. Vasa led the Knights with 15 points, and Ragland added 10.

In the three quarter JV game, the Irish won convincingly 31-11. Jamie Stice had eight points, and Jake Hoy added five to lead the Irish.

The Irish JV finish the season with an 18-1 record.

The loss dropped the Irish to 20-2 for the season while Lourdes Central improved to 15-8. The Irish will be in action on Tues. Feb 20 at Lourdes Central vs. 3-12 Cornerstone Christian at 6:00.

With a win, the Irish will face the winner of Lewiston and Sterling on Thurs. at 7:00 at Lourdes High School.

Irish girls continue postseason run

By Brian McKim

The top-ranked Sacred Heart Irish girls continued their dominance with a pair of sub-district wins last week at Lourdes Central High School.

On Tuesday night the Lady Irish took on the Cornerstone Christian Cougars, who came into the contest with just one win in their first year of competition. The Irish set the tone early with McKenzie Witt dropping in six first-quarter points, as the Irish hit 11 of 16 first period attempts on the way to a 22-2 first quarter lead.

The second period did not fare any better for the Cougars as the Irish outscored Cornerstone 18-0 in the period to take a 40-2 lead into the locker rooms at the half. Danielle Bippes had the hot hand for the Irish in the quarter knocking down three of four shots for six points.

Coach Luke Santo was able to rest the starters the entire second half and get some younger players some playing time. The Irish were led by Elizabeth Keithley in the third period with four points as the Irish increased their lead to 49-6 heading into the final eight minutes.

SH used four points by Bippes and four from Emily Wertenberger in the final quarter to secure a 61-10 win. SH hit 52 percent from the field while allowing the Cougars to connect on just 13 percent of their shots. The Irish forced 27 turnovers in the game and had 19 steals.

Bippes led all scorers with 12 points, and Emily Wertenberger added 11. Bippes also had 11 rebounds and six assists.

On Thurs. night the Irish took on the 14-10 Sterling Jets. Ahren Ebel got the Irish on the board with a bucket two minutes into the game. Lauren Parrish got a hoop in the lane with just over 4:00 to play to tie the game at four apiece and with 3:30 to play Radee Witt hit a shot from the corner to give SH a 6-5 lead and that is where the sloppy first quarter would end.

The Jets bucket with four minutes to play in the quarter would be their last points until M. Whalen hit a three-pointer with 3:45 to play in the third period. At that point, the Irish had been on a 31-0 run in over 16 minutes of game action.

The second quarter began with R. Witt draining a three from the corner to give SH a 9-5 lead. A Parrish layup and two free throws by M. Witt gave the Irish a 14-5 lead with 3:28 to play in the half. With just under a minute to play in the half, Abby Fiegenger drove to the hoop and finished a three-

point play with a free throw. Thirty seconds later Fiegenger got the steal and hit Parrish for the layup to make it 25-5, and M. Witt finished the half with a steal and bucket to make it 27-5 at halftime.

The third period belonged to the Irish as well, increasing their lead to 45-11 by the time the fourth quarter came along. Sara Wertenberger dropped in six points to lead the attack for SH in the quarter. The final eight minutes were also controlled by the Irish as Lexi Pokorny exploded for nine points and the Irish ran away with a 59-17 win over the Jets.

"We know our sub was down this year, so we were glad to get the younger girls some playing time. Things will get a lot tougher from here on out," said Coach Luke Santo.

The Irish hit on 59 percent of their shot attempts while holding the Jets to just 12 percent. The Irish also outrebounded Sterling 33-12. Sara Wertenberger led the Irish with 11 points and five rebounds. Radee Witt and Pokorny each added nine points and M. Witt led the Irish with seven assists.

With the win, the Irish improve to 23-1 on the season and will take on the 21-5 Exeter-Milligan Timberwolves on Friday, Feb. 23 at 7:00 at Beatrice High School for the D2-1 District Final.

"Exeter plays in the competitive Crossroads conference to they're tested. All their losses are good losses," said Santo.

"Exeter is more of a half-court team like us. They'll try to get it inside, but they also have some dangerous shooters as well. They will play some man and play some different zones. Offensive execution will be a huge area of emphasis Friday night."

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Feb. Falls City Public School Superintendent District Update

The Falls City Public Schools held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 12, 2018. Here are the highlights of the meeting.

High Ability Learner Program – The District’s enhanced High Ability Learner Program is in its first school year under the leadership of high school mathematics instructor, Jason Vitosh. An informing presentation focused on aspects of student identification procedures, grade-level statistics, professional development, and the after-school and summer programs. The planned HAL learning opportunities combine students’ high abilities in reading, math, and/or science, including hands-on building and computer coding, as well as creative writing and reading. The program further provides for discussion opportunities on what it is to be a high ability learner, supporting a student’s unique needs in their educational experience.

Help Falls City Public Schools bring Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) together for a K-12 experience that will have our students “Soaring to New Heights using STEM”. Back for a seventh year, Monsanto’s America’s Farmers Grow Rural Education and School District #56 encourages farmers to nominate the Falls City Public Schools for a \$25,000 grant. Farmers will have the opportunity to keep rural schools growing by nominating Falls City Public Schools to demonstrate the community’s support and to strengthen our application.

Since 2011, America’s Farmers Grow Rural Education has awarded over \$14 million in grants to over 750 rural public-school districts. Falls City Public Schools has received three grants totaling \$75,000. Help Falls City Public Schools get funding for a fourth time. Farmers nominate our local school district January 1 through April 1, 2018. Visit <http://www.americasfarmers.com/recognition-programs/grow-rural-education/> and click on “farmers nominate now” to vote.

The Continuous School Improvement Cycle is now in year-2. The priority goal and action plan focus on improving academic success in the core area of Reading. The sub-goals include implementation of a district wide writing curriculum focusing on spelling and grammar, writing across the curriculum, reading, and the continuation of district collaboration for all faculty and staff. Additionally, the School Improvement Steering Committee analyzed the faculty and staff feedback from the January 3rd teacher in-service activity. Information from the analysis will now assist in driving district-wide school improvement efforts and professional development initiatives. Furthermore, documentation of progress is underway in an effort to evaluate our school improvement priorities.

The District 56 Board of Education acted on several items before concluding the regular meeting.

- 1) Approved on Second and Final Reading Policy Revisions 1) 4266 Data Breach Response; 2) 4250 Safety / Crisis Policy (Admin. Reg.); 3) 4270 Visitor / Parent / Spectator Conduct; 4) 4280 District Property; 5) 4290 Activities Program (Admin. Reg.).
- 2) Approved on First Reading Policy Revisions 1) 4260 (a) Internet Access; 2) 4260 (b) Internet Acceptable Use Policy; 3) 4261 Technology Protection Measure and Internet Safety; 4) 7410 Pregnant and Parenting Students.
- 3) Approved the School Calendar for 2018-2019: (school calendar includes a start date of August 15th, 2018 and ending date of May 23, 2019. The school calendar includes 179 student days and 186 teacher contract days).
- 4) Approved the Certified Faculty Master Contract for 2018-2019. Base Salary will be \$35,300.
- 5) Approved the Principal Contracts for 2018-2019.
- 6) Approved the purchase of a new 46-passenger, rear engine, yellow Blue Bird school bus at a cost of \$148,453.

The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for March 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, Tim Heckenlively.

STUDENTS

On Friday, Jan. 19, Falls City Middle School 8th graders, Abigail Boatright, Courtney McClintock, and Sara Gifford attend the UNO Middle School Honor Choir along with 125 students from across Nebraska.

The choir rehearsed from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and concluded the day with a concert for parents, family, and friends,

held in the Strauss Performing Arts Center at UNO. Under the direction of Dr. Derrick Fox, the Choir performed Jambo, Gloria in Excelsis Deo, Hine Ma Tov, Soldier, and Take Me Home.

Abigail is the daughter of Tim and Karen Boatright, Courtney is the daughter of Mike McClintock and Nick and Sonia Kirkendall, and Sara is the daughter of Dan and Katy Gifford.

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Lana Tuttle



Lana Tuttle, 64, of Lincoln, passed away in her sleep Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018 in Sterling, Alaska, due to complications from colon cancer. She was born Jan. 1, 1954 in Falls City, to Aileen and Lanthan (Blackie) Camblin.

Lana graduated from Falls City high school in 1972 and married Lester Tuttle on Oct. 4, 1976. They were later divorced.

Lana loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. Her other hobbies included drawing, crossword and sudoku puzzles, reading, and taking her beloved dog, Tuffy, for walks.

She was also known as Mama T to many of her children’s childhood friends.

Survivors include her five children: daughter, Christina (Marty) Feighner and their children Malorie, Dylan, and Madalyn of Denver, CO; daughter, Tabitha Tuttle and her fiancé Daiman Porter and her two children Kyler and Kaylee and their dad Shawn Kuchera of Lincoln; son, Adam (Cassie) Tuttle of Lincoln; son, Andrew (Kelli) Tuttle and their daughter Maeleigh of Sterling, Alaska; son, Alexander Tuttle and his seven children all of Lincoln; other survivors include her sister, Sher Kopf of Lawrence, KS; brother, Lanthan (Louise) Camblin of Cincinnati, OH; sister, Janet (Craig) Kipper of Lincoln; along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Lana was preceded in death by her parents.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to Tabitha Tuttle P.O. Box 5731, Lincoln, NE. 68505 to help pay for Lana Tuttle’s medical expenses.

Donna Harmon



Donna Kay Harmon, 74, passed away on Feb. 10, 2018, at College Station Medical Center, College Station, TX. She was born on Nov. 11, 1943, in Stella, to William Matthew and Pearl Elizabeth Harmon.

Donna married Donald Vanwinkle in 1961 and to this union her daughter, Kimberly Ann Martin was born. The couple later divorced.

Donna worked for several years at the Richardson County Treasurers Office before relocating to West Texas where she started her banking career. She moved back to Nebraska in 1981 and worked in the banking business until she retired and moved back to Texas in 2015. Donna was an active member of the DOES Drove #56 in Falls City.

Donna loved spending time at

the beach and was most happy when she was talking and telling stories with her family and friends. She enjoyed going to concerts and listening to music.

She is survived by her daughter, Kimberly Martin; granddaughter, Kayla Martin, both of Floresville, TX; grandson, Kyle Martin, Grand Island, NE; sister, Peggy Harmon, College Station, TX; brothers, Larry (Judy) Harmon, Kenneth (Donna) Harmon, both of Dawson; and many other family members and friends.

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

Memorials may be sent to family’s choice. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Fred W. Thomas



Fred W. Thomas, age 93, of York, NE, died Friday, Feb. 16, 2018 at York. He was born May 1, 1924 in Sabetha, KS to William O. and Ethel (McNary) Thomas.

Fred served his country in the Navy during World War II. On Oct. 3, 1947 Fred was united in marriage to Melva Vice in Seneca, KS. He worked as an auto mechanic and truck driver for Paul Geis and Nelson Buick. He also owned T&B Automotive and Thomas Auto Repair. He was an avid reader, enjoyed bowling and playing volleyball, as well as working with electronics.

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Thomas of Fairbury, NE, Warren (Laurie) Thomas of York and Ken (Cammy) Thomas of Galesville, WI. He is also survived by 23 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, his son Paul, two brothers, two sisters, and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018 at the New Life Church of the Nazarene, York with the Reverend Dave Martelle officiating.

Interment with Full Military Honors to follow at the Greenwood Cemetery, York. Visitation will be held from 1:00–8:00 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018 at the mortuary in York.

Memorials may be directed to the York County Veterans Association.

February is Heart Health Month

Feb. 1 marked the beginning of American Heart Month. Heart disease kills one in four Americans each year, and is the leading cause of death for men and women. The Southeast District Health Department is raising awareness for the promotion of heart health by offering information on how to prevent heart disease.

How do you know if you’re at risk for heart disease? Everyone is at risk for heart disease. But you are at higher risk for heart disease if you:

Have high cholesterol or high blood pressure, smoke, are overweight or obese, don’t get enough physical activity, and don’t eat a healthy diet

Southeast District Health Department urges everyone to lower their risk for heart disease by taking the following steps:

Get your cholesterol checked. It’s important to get your cholesterol checked at least every 4 to 6 years. Some people will need to get it checked more or less often.

Get your blood pressure checked. Starting at age 18, get your blood pressure checked regularly. High blood pressure has no signs or symptoms.

Know your family’s health history. Your family history affects your risk for heart disease. Eat healthy Eating healthy can help lower your risk of heart disease. A heart-healthy diet includes foods that are low in saturated and trans fats, added sugars,

and sodium (salt). Heart-healthy items include high-fiber foods (whole grains, fruits, and vegetables) and certain fats (like the fats in olive oil and fish). Drink alcohol only in moderation.

If you choose to drink alcohol, drink only in moderation. This means limiting your drinking to no more than 1 drink a day for women and no more than 2 drinks a day for men. Drinking too much alcohol can increase your risk of heart disease.

Get active: Getting active can help prevent heart disease. Adults need at least 2 hours and 30 minutes of moderate aerobic activity each week. This includes walking fast, dancing, and biking.

If you are just getting started, try walking for 10 minutes a day, a few days each week. Then add more activity over time.

Stay at a healthy weight: People who are overweight or obese are at an increased risk for heart disease, high blood pressure, and type 2

diabetes. If you are overweight or obese, losing just 10 pounds can lower your risk of heart disease.

Quit smoking and stay away from secondhand smoke.

Quitting smoking helps lower your risk of heart disease and heart attack. Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) for free support and to set up your plan for quitting.

Avoiding secondhand smoke is important, too – so keep your home smoke-free. If you have guests who smoke, ask them to smoke outside.

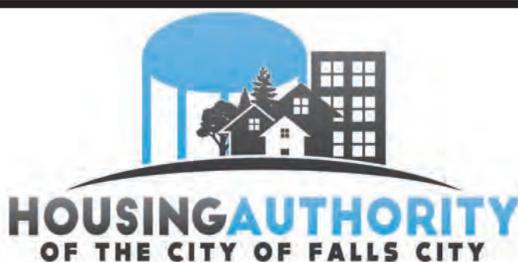
Manage stress: Managing stress can help prevent serious health problems like heart disease, depression, and high blood pressure. Deep breathing and meditation are good ways to relax and manage stress.

Southeast District Health Department offers free blood pressure screenings. For more information, contact the Southeast District Health Department, 877-777-0424 or www.sedhd.org.

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Helping kids find hobbies

Much like adults can benefit from participating in hobbies, children can reap rewards from engaging in hobbies. According to the Child Development Institute, hobbies give children a chance to express themselves. The CDI also notes that hobbies can play an important role in children's self-discovery and boost their self-esteem.

Some children may discover hobbies on their own, requiring little if any assistance on the part of their parents. For example, some kids may display an interest in music that parents, even those with no such musical inclination, can foster by purchasing certain instruments. But some children may need a little more prompting, and parents of such boys and girls can take certain steps to help their youngsters find rewarding hobbies.

- Involve kids in your own hobbies. Kids look up to their parents and often want to emulate what their mothers and fathers do. If possible, involve children in your own hobbies. Gardeners can teach their youngsters how to grow and tend to a garden, while painters can host family painting nights where everyone is encouraged to create their own masterpiece. Parents whose hobbies are more adult-oriented, like woodworking, can still involve their children. For example, work with children to design a new item, then show them how the item goes from paper to finished product; just avoid allowing them to use any unsafe tools or machines.

- Let kids choose an activity. While some children might take to hobbies their parents favor, others might need to be given some freedom to find their own activities. Afford youngsters this chance, recognizing that it might take some time before kids find an activity that genuinely sparks their passion.

- Be a source of encouragement. Some hobbies may prove more difficult than kids first imagined, requiring some perseverance before they can be enjoyed fully. In such instances, observe youngsters while they engage in the activity. If they appear to be enjoying themselves but are periodically frustrated, encourage them to keep trying. If kids appear to be disinterested in overcoming any struggles, then they might benefit by pursuing another hobby.

- Don't hesitate to focus on fun. Hobbies can teach kids valuable lessons and provide a sense of fulfillment, but it's important that parents not overlook the importance of fun in regard to their children's hobbies. Hobbies can provide children with the same respite from busy schedules that they do adults, and that break should be as fun as possible.

Hobbies can enrich the lives of children. Finding the right activity may require some patience on the part of parents and youngsters alike.

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Ice-cutting ships break the ice when rivers get jammed or ice-locked.

Read the clues to the right to fill in the crossword puzzle.

1. "safest ship in the world," sank after hitting an iceberg
2. glass tube with liquid that rises and falls with the temperature
3. a native people of Canada, Alaska
4. huge area of North Asia, Husky dogs
5. this country's name is "tricky" - it is actually covered in ice
6. the world's largest land meat-eater; lives in the Arctic Circle
7. chunk of a glacier broken off at ocean's edge; only 1/8 can be seen above the water
8. large cracks in the ice
9. over thousands of years, snow hardens into thick mass of slow-moving ice
10. North American nation
11. time periods during which a large part of Earth's surface was covered in ice
12. continent surrounding South Pole; has the largest sheet of ice in the world
13. _____ is the highest peak in North America; its temperature has plunged as low as -75° F
14. group that uses icebreakers to save icebound ships
15. flightless birds known for living in cold places

Eye + C Items!

There are lots of "icy" items. Can you help little penguin catch them? Find and circle them in the puzzle.

ice skates	ice cream	ice hockey	icebreaker
ice sheet	ice cave	ice fishing	iceboating
ice caps	iceland	iceberg	icehouse
ice pick	ice milk	ice pack	ice storm

On April 6, 1909, Robert Peary and his team were the first men to reach the North Pole.

Soon after, on December 14, 1911, Roald Amundsen, from Norway, and his team were the first to reach the South Pole.

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County Commissioners

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FEBRUARY 6, 2018 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2018. Roll call was answered by Frank, Davidson and Sichel. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sichel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Davidson. Chairman Sichel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2018, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

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

DOUG MERZ, EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion was made by Sichel to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 9:10 A.M. to discuss county litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Davidson to close the executive session at 9:15 A.M. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF POUNDS
Sheriff Pounds updated the Board on the business within the Sheriff's Department and Jail this past week.

The Sheriff discussed with the Board the possibility of adding additional certified deputies. The Board will consider a resolution to change the number of deputies at next week's meeting.

The plans to obtain a drug dog were discussed. The company that had been working to pursue a dog for the Sheriff's Department has informed the County that they are unable to get a dog at this time for training and will be sending the County a refund of the fees that have been paid in advance.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.
Steve Darveau, Jr. Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week.

Motion was made by Frank to authorize the sale of Road and Bridge Department surplus supplies which includes bridge planks, culverts and a 1985 Chevy Pickup (VIN #1GCG-D34J2F334110) at the Frederick Consignment Sale on March 3. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

FALLS CITY EDGE
Beckie Cromer of the Falls City Economic Development Growth Enterprise presented to the Board the quarterly report of the organization.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR
Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director met with the Board to review with them the repairs that need to be made to the underground fuel storage tank at the Courthouse.

Motion was made by Davidson to approve a quote from Cooper Equipment Company of Omaha for \$3,650.00 to repair the underground storage tank. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the January, 2018 monthly operating statement.

Fee Reports
Reports were approved for the following officials for fees they collected during the month of January, 2018:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk-Register of Deeds.....\$59,218.25
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk.....\$ 90.00
Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court.....\$ 888.00
Sheriff, Don Pounds, January fees.....\$9,979.80
Sheriff, Don Pounds, Dec. fees.....\$3,342.07

Subgrant Agreement for Child Support Enforcement Services with NE Dept. of Health and Human Services

Motion was made by Davidson to approve the subgrant agreement for Child Support Enforcement Services with the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Windstream Agreement
Motion was made by Sichel to approve an agreement with Windstream for the use of county road right-of-way on 713 Trail in S2, T2, R13. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 24, Page 23)

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

GENERAL FUND
Brite, supp.....3600.00
Cash-Wa, supp.....15.20
Cutting, Wendy, supp.....67.50
Das State Acctg., serv.....448.00
Datamax, serv.....196.78
Des Moines Stamp Mfg. Co., supp.....71.00
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv.....306.62
Falls City Journal, adv.....655.03

Falls City Sanitation, serv.....40.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv.....7914.01
James, Charles R., serv.....351.00
Kawres, supp.....525.00
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb.....93.74
Meyer Laboratory, supp.....351.63
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv.....110.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv.....30.00
MIPS, serv.....1306.73
Mr. Automotive, supp.....26.52
Pierce, Katrina, reimb.....44.98
Pounds, Don, reimb.....149.94
Pro Serv, serv.....110.00
Richardson Co. Clerk Petty Cash, reimb postage.....46.45
Richardson Co. Sheriff, fees.....860.58
Richardson Co. Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb.....98.11
SNC, serv.....1449.20
Tichy Land Survey, reimb.....165.46
UNL, serv.....3613.86
Verizon, serv.....370.29
Wolfe's Printing, supp.....189.81
TOTAL GENERAL FUND.....\$23,207.44

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND
Falls City Utility Dept., serv.....1578.54
NPPD, serv.....74.35
Newman Traffic Signs, supp.....2452.20
Northern Safety Co., supp.....15.98
Power Plan, supp.....71.68
Sapp Bros., fuel.....11614.60
SNC, serv.....205.79
Speece-Lewis Engineers, serv.....13860.00
Unifirst, supp.....34.93
Village of Verdon, serv.....24.19
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.....\$29,932.26

VISITOR'S PROMOTION FUND
Falls City Chamber of Commerce, adv.....1000.00
TOTAL VISITOR'S PROMO FUND.....\$1000.00

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv.....195.00
MIPS, serv.....268.68
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&M FUNDS.....\$463.48

ADJOURNMENT
Motion was made by Davidson to adjourn the meeting at 11:47 a.m. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

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

Village of Verdon

VERDON MINUTES REGULAR MEETING - FEB. 7, 2017 7:40 P.M. - VILLAGE HALL

Chairperson Denise Koso informed the room at large that the revised Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Denise Koso at 7:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present were: James Cockerham, Wade Lowe, Shannon Weinmann, Denise Koso, Brenda Streit and Clerk Brenda Daniels. Absent: None.

GUESTS: Tammie Bents.

MINUTES: Motion by Koso, second by Weinmann to approve, all the Trustees present voted YEA.

AGENDA: Motion by Weinmann, second by Koso to approve, all Trustees present voted YEA.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Cockerham, second by Lowe to approve, with all the Trustees present voting YEA.

FEBRUARY, 2018 CLAIMS: Motion by Weinmann, second by Streit to approve paying the claims after they were all checked by the trustees.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. The February, 2018 shut off notices were reviewed by the Board and there were only two and they had both been paid in time.

2. Time sheets for January, 2018 were reviewed by the Trustees and initialed.

3. A very informative annual Verdon Library report as prepared by Cindy Fritz was reviewed by the Trustees who appreciated all the information.

4. Clerk inquired about purchasing a new village seal stamp as the current one is 35 years old and needs replaced. Motion by Koso, second by Weinmann to order a new one, all the trustees voting YEA.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Copies of the written update reports for the Village from Maintenance Supervisor, Tammie Bents were passed out to each Board member. Various items were discussed that had occurred during the past month.

2. Water tower painting was discussed. A new primer that works great for older water towers is available now and Board would like to see this used when ours is repainted by Utility Service Co. as per contract. Tabled until the March meeting.

3. A new AVT EZ Valve is needed at the water tower and complete price for this plus installation was discussed. After discussion, this was tabled until the March meeting.

4. Tammie discussed options for what to do to keep the water tower from freezing up and all were expensive. This was tabled until the March meeting so more information could be obtained.

5. Due to an increase in water rates from R.C. Rural Water for the second time within a couple of years, plus the possible expenses for a valve and tank mixer, the Board discussed raising the basic rate for water for water but leaving the price for each 1000 gallons the same. Clerk is to type up an ordinance for this and bring it to the March meeting.

5. The trustees discussed Firemen using the new Community Center for meetings, etc.

6. Clerk requested that the Animal Clinic be



BUSINESS CONTEST: Approximately 450 students from twenty-nine Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas high schools competed for scholarships and awards at the 45th annual Peru State College Business Contest on Wednesday, February 7, 2018. Competitions were held in 16 different disciplines. First-place winners in each of the 16 categories were awarded \$500 tuition scholarships for on-campus classes to Peru State. Medals were awarded to first through fifth place winners. Medal winners for Falls City were Dakota Fisher (4th place-Advanced Accounting) and Bryan Bassett (5th place—Business Math). Donna Eickhoff is the business instructor at Falls City High School. (Pictured above are, L-R)—Dylan Frederick, Halen Farmer, Jacie Fisher, Sophia Gilsdorf, Bryan Bassett, and Dakota Fisher.

held at Village Hall instead of the new Community Center and was given the Board's permission to have it at the Village Hall.

She will contact the Animal Health Center about a date for the clinic.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tammie mentioned having a signed contract with both Verdon and Rulo, more information is needed about this so it was tabled until the March meeting.

2. Motion made by Koso, second by Lowe to pay for renewal of Notary license for Dawn Bennett who does all the Village and Cemetery notarizing free of charge. All the trustees voted YEA except for Weinmann who abstained from voting. Motion carried.

3. There are two trees at the School Park that are rotten and need to be removed.

Tammie said she could do the small one and she'll get estimates for the larger one.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

1. Resolution 2018-01 "One & Six Year Highway & Street Improvement Program for the Village of Verdon, NE was introduced and read by Trustee Streit, who motioned to pass the resolution with a second made by Koso and all the trustees present voting YEA.

Resolution 2018-01 was declared passed and approved this 7th day of February, 2018 by

Chairperson Koso who then signed the resolution with the clerk attesting thereto with her signature.

2. Ordinance 2018-100 "Nebraska Basic Code of Ordinances" passed the second reading with a motion by Weinmann and second by Koso. All the trustees voted YEA. Second reading passed and approved this 7th day of February, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Cockerham, second by Koso to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. All the trustees voted YEA. Meeting adjourned.

The next regular monthly meeting for the Village of Verdon will be on March 7, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Verdon Village Hall.

Brenda Daniels, Verdon Clerk/Treasurer.

VILLAGE OF VERDON JANUARY, 2018 CLAIMS

EFTPS, EX.....\$640.82
PETTY CASH, SE & SU.....\$29.98
BRENDA DANIELS, MI.....\$36.93
VERDON LIBRARY, EX.....\$25.00
AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISH CORP, SE.....\$650.00
BENNETT HTG/CLG/REFRIG, INC.,
SE.....\$120.00
FARM & CITY SUPPLY, SU.....\$236.89
R.C.R.W.D.#2, SU.....\$780.82
SENECA SANITATION SERV, INC, SE.....\$1,135.00
S.N.C., SE.....\$94.02
HOME LUMBER CO., SU.....\$378.00
NE DEPT. OF REVENUE, EX.....\$154.41
AARON DAVIS, SE.....\$210.00
JEFF LIBERTY, SE.....\$60.00
BRENDA DANIELS, RE.....\$43.85
UTILITY SERVICE CO., FE.....\$2,456.88
ACE-TECH COMPUTERS, SU.....\$185.00
ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC, FE.....\$9.84
NE DEPT. OF REVENUE, EX.....\$835.37
N.P.P.D., SE.....\$1,239.69
MIDWEST LABS, INC, FE.....\$151.00
ROBERT AITKEN, CPA, FE.....\$780.00
O.P.P.D., SE.....\$101.33
U.S.P.S., SU.....\$98.00
BRENDA DANIELS, SA.....\$501.27
TAMMIE BENTS, SA.....\$849.62
TAMMIE BENTS, MI.....\$74.67
N.P.P.D., SE.....\$31.99
BRENDA DANIELS, RE.....\$265.71
TAMMIE BENTS, RE.....\$266.05
FALLS CITY JOURNAL, SE.....\$47.52
NE PUBLIC HEALTH LAB, FE.....\$49.00
BRENDA DANIELS, SA.....\$501.27
TAMMIE BENTS, SA.....\$914.54
TAMMIE BENTS, MI.....\$87.20

EX=EXPENSE, FE=FEE, MI=MILEAGE,
RE=REIMBURSEMENT, SA=SALARY,
SE=SERVICE, SU=SUPPLIES

BRENDA DANIELS,
VERDON CLERK/TREASURER

Village of Verdon

VILLAGE OF VERDON MINUTES

1 & 6 YEAR STREET PLAN - FEBRUARY
7, 2018 - 7:30 P.M. - VILLAGE HALL

Chairperson Denise Koso informed the room at large that the Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall of the Village Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Denise Koso at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present were: James Cockerham, Wade Lowe, Brenda Streit, Denise Koso and Shannon Weinmann. Absent: None Clerk Brenda Daniels was present.

GUESTS: Tammie Bents.

BUSINESS ON HAND:

1. The Trustees reviewed the One & Six Year Street Program as prepared by Street Supt. Julie Vollmer. After reviewing the plan and a brief question and answer session and since there were no residents present to offer comments either for or against the plan, the plan was accepted with a motion by Weinmann, second by Streit, and with all the Trustees present voting YEA.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Weinmann, second by Streit and all the Trustees present voting YEA.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.
Brenda Daniels, Verdon Clerk

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Table with columns: County Name, Number, District, Sale Item, PARCEL, LEGAL, DUE, Multiple Year. Contains a comprehensive list of property tax sale entries for Richardson County, Nebraska, including parcel numbers, legal descriptions, and due amounts.

City Council

JANUARY 15, 2018

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 15th day of January, 2018, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Council President Ferguson called the meeting to order and City Clerk Jörn recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Bentley, Dougherty, Ferguson, Merz, Murphy, Robidoux, Wisdom. Absent: Leyden, Mayor Oliver. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Council President Ferguson publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council person Dougherty and seconded by Council person Murphy approve the Consent Agenda as printed: WHEREAS, certain business of the City Council (Council) of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE City Council that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the minutes from the January 2, 2018 meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the agenda for January 15, 2018 is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the Police Report for December 2017 is hereby approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the Treasurer Report for December 2017 is hereby approved. 5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the Consent Resolution for January 15, 2018 is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Bentley, Dougherty, Ferguson, Merz, Murphy, Robidoux, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

2016-2017 AUDIT REPORT

A motion was made by Council person Dougherty and seconded by Council person Wisdom to approve the 2016-2017 Audit Report as presented by Julie Bauman, CPA. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Bentley, Dougherty, Ferguson, Merz, Murphy, Robidoux, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION - SET JOURNAL AS THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL FOR THE CITY OF FALLS CITY PUBLICATIONS AND TO DESIGNATE CITY HALL, FRONTIER BANK AND F&M BANK AS THE LOCATIONS FOR POSTING MEETING NOTICES

A motion was made by Council person Robidoux and seconded by Council person Merz to approve the Falls City Journal as the official journal for the City of Falls City publications and to designate City Hall, F&M Bank and Frontier Bank as the locations for posting meeting notices. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Bentley, Dougherty, Ferguson, Merz, Murphy, Robidoux, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

CLAIM FOR FLOOD DAMAGE TO THE FLOWER CART IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,372.11

A motion was made by Council person Dougherty and seconded by Council person Bentley to remove from the table the claim from The Flower Cart in the amount of \$5,372.11. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Bentley, Dougherty, Ferguson, Merz, Murphy, Robidoux, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE BETWEEN THE CITY AND OLSSON ASSOCIATES FOR RING BUS AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS FOR \$261,345 WITH AN ALTERNATE BID OF \$71,500 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A motion was made by Council person Bentley and seconded by Council person Merz to approve professional services between the City and Olsson Associates for Ring Bus and Distribution System Improvements for \$261,345 with an alternate bid for \$71,500 as recommended by the Board of Public Works. Alan Romine and Ray Lühring, Utility Superintendent spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Bentley, Dougherty, Ferguson, Merz, Murphy, Robidoux, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

SPECIAL DESIGNATED LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - PRICHARD AUDITORIUM - MARCH 16, 2018

A motion was made by Council person Bentley and seconded by Council person Robidoux to give favorable comment to the Special Designated Liquor License Application submitted by Knights of Columbus, 2606 McLean Street, Falls City, Nebraska, for a Fish Fry Fund-Raiser at Prichard Auditorium, 312 West 17th Street, Falls City, Nebraska on March 16, 2018, as presented and to direct the City Clerk to notify the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission of the same. The Knights of Columbus are required to file a Certificate of Insurance with the City showing they carry Liquor Liability and the City of Falls City is an additional insured. Phil Froeschl spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Bentley, Dougherty, Ferguson, Merz, Murphy, Robidoux, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

SPECIAL DESIGNATED LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - ROH ACTIVITY CENTER - FEBRUARY 24, 2018

A motion was made by Council person Robidoux and seconded by Council person Wisdom to give favorable comment to the Special Designated Liquor License Application submitted by Knights of Columbus, 2606 McLean Street, Falls City, Nebraska, for a fundraiser at Roh Activity Center, 1820 Fulton Street, Falls City, Nebraska on February 24, 2018, as presented and to direct the City Clerk to notify the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission of the same. The Knights of Columbus are required to file a Certificate of Insurance with the City showing they carry Liquor Liability and the City of Falls City is an additional insured. Phil Froeschl spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Bentley, Dougherty, Ferguson, Merz, Murphy, Robidoux, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

VARIOUS BOARD APPOINTMENTS AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR OLIVER

A motion was made by Council person Dougherty and seconded by Council person Merz to approve the various board appointments as recommended by Mayor Oliver. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Bentley, Dougherty, Ferguson, Merz, Murphy, Robidoux, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2018-100 TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2016-104 TO SET NATURAL GAS RATES, FEES, CHARGES AND COLLECTIONS FOR NATURAL GAS

A motion was made by Council person Merz and seconded by Council person Bentley to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2018-100 as follows: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2016-104; TO SET NATURAL GAS RATES, FEES, CHARGES, AND COLLECTIONS FOR NATURAL GAS FROM AND IN THE CITY OF FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA; REPEALING ANY PRIOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM AND PROVIDE FOR EFFECTIVE DATE. Alan Romine and Ray Lühring, Utility Superintendent spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Bentley, Dougherty, Ferguson, Merz, Murphy, Robidoux, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

ON CALL AND PART TIME TRUCK DRIVERS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

A motion was made by Council person Dougherty and seconded by Council person Robidoux to approve the on call truck drivers stipend of \$5.00 per hour effective as of 8:00am on January 16, 2018. Jon McQueen spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Bentley, Dougherty, Ferguson, Merz, Murphy, Robidoux, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

CLOW FIT LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY

A discussion was held on the lease at Clow Fit. Chris Clow and Jessica Strecker both spoke. Council person Dougherty instructed Clerk Jörn to place this matter on the February 5, 2018 Council Agenda for further discussion and action.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:15pm.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council on January 15, 2018; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Gary Jörn City Clerk
Jerry Oliver, Mayor

Village of Stella

Village of Stella Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, February 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Stella Community Building

Present: Heath Stanley, Jim Owings, Jerry Joy, Jim Donahoe and Chasity Davis
Absent: None
Guests: Andy McMullen and Tracy Milke
The regular meeting was called to order at 7 P.M., roll call was taken and the posting of the open meeting act was noted.
Resolution to accept the proposed 1&6 Year Plan to Street Improvement for the Village of Stella was introduced by Jim Owings - who moved its adoption and seconded by Jim Donahoe. All voted yea. With no questions concerning the hearing, the board moved on with the business of the regular meeting.
Motion by H Stanley and second by J Owings to approve the minutes as presented. All voted yea.
Motion by J Owings and second by H Stanley to approve the treasurers report as presented. All voted yea.
Motion by H Stanley and second by J Donahoe to pay the claims and payroll. All voted yea.
Communications: Letter from County Clerk requesting use of the community building for a polling place. Motion by H Stanley and second by J Owings to allow this in May and November. All yea. Chairman noted he had a few complaints about running dogs and 1 complaint about trash not being picked up. The clerk has a toll free number to call if your trash is not picked up.
Committees: Streets - Ok. Lights - 2 out and reported. Park - Ok. W&S- Written report by Milke. Library -Written report by James. Maintenance Man - none. Planning -None Tree - none. Health - None Community Building - None. Main Street Improvement - None.
Committee Structure- John States has been added to Christmas lights and flags. H Stanley moved approval of this addition with a second by J Owings. All voted yea.
The lock at the sewer plant was fixed and keys handed out.
Discussion on Basketball goals at the big park. J Joy has talked to a few different companies and determined that further study is needed on the type of goal to have.
C Davis would like wood chips along the building at the mini park as there is quite a bit of broken glass which could be covered by the chips.
Water Shut-offs were signed.
Clean up day will be set in April. H Davis will communicate with American Recycling about a date.
Motion by J Owings and second by C Davis to adjourn at 7:55 P.M. All voted yea.

Vicki Owings, Clerk

FEBRUARY CLAIMS AND PAYROLL

NE Public Health Environmental Labs 53.00; Falls City Journal 24.30; Noha Vice 367.50; OPPD 503.26; Midwest Labs Inc 130.06; One Call Concepts 1.14; Vice Oil 5.00; Vicki Owings 550.00; Tracy Milke 350.00; Aaron Davis 300.00; NPPD 1355.05; Davis Plumbing 1236.75; Barco Municipal Products Inc 417.78; Vicki Owings 28.96; Tracy Milke 184.92; American Recycling & Sanitation 1040.00; SE NE Communications 21.80; Sue James 108.75; IRS 215.81; HTRS 20.00.

E.S.U. #4

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 held its regular meeting on Monday, February 12, 2018, at 5:15 p.m. at the Educational Service Unit 4 in Auburn, Nebraska. The following claims were paid for the month of February:
General Fund -- \$59,299.16
Payroll -- \$436,602.34
NCECBVI -- \$41,320.85
Federal Programs -- \$21,271.15
The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 will meet in regular session on Monday, March 12, 2018, at 5:15 p.m. in the conference room at the office of Educational Service Unit 4, 919 16th Street, Auburn, Nebraska. The Region 4 Pre-school Planning Team will meet on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at 11:30 am at the ESU 4 Office, 919 16th Street, Auburn, Nebraska. The Agendas for these meetings are kept current and are readily available for public inspection at the office of the Administrator during normal business hours.

Richardson	74	25	164	740170720	DAWSON METES & BOUNDS 22-14. 42A TRACT 2 F/K/A PT SW1/4NE1/4 (S BLK 20 OT)	109.58	*
Richardson	74	25	163	740090681	DAWSON HEIM BLK 31 LOTS 3-4-5 (3L)	95.23	
Richardson	74	25	166	740132091	DAWSON O T W1/2 OF BLK 3 (2L)	93.36	
Richardson	74	25	167	740090739	DAWSON HEIM BLK 36 N 66' LOTS 1 & 2 (.94L)	70.88	*
Richardson	74	25	168	740090283	DAWSON HAGADORN BLK 25 LOTS 11 & 12 & N 22 1/2' 13 (2.5L)	18.02	
Richardson	74	30	169	740091883	PRESTON O T BLK 15 W 70' LOTS 36-45-52 (1.5L)	31.84	*
Richardson	74	30	170	740091794	PRESTON O T BLK 8 N 44' LOT 27 ALL 28 (1.66L)	10.62	
Richardson	74	30	171	740091417	PRESTON O T BLK 1 LOT 29 (1L)	3.82	
Richardson	74	35	172	740092898	RULO O T BLK 29 LOTS 7-10 & PT VAC ST & ALLEY	657.4	
Richardson	74	35	173	740094815	RULO BEDARD BLK 23 LOTS 7 & 8 (2L)	290.44	
Richardson	74	35	174	740094513	RULO BEDARD BLK 5 LOTS 1-2-3 (3L)	433	
Richardson	74	35	175	740092375	RULO O T BLK 8 LOTS 7 & 8 (2L)	375.09	
Richardson	74	35	176	740093630	RULO O T BLK 48 LOTS 3-6 200X40 VAC 7TH ST & 8X200 ALLEY (.86A)	307.98	
Richardson	74	35	177	740093614	RULO O T BLK 47 LOTS 13-16 & 8X200 ALLEY (4.22L)	272.76	
Richardson	74	35	178	740094394	RULO BEDARD BLK 3 S 12.5' LOT 7 ALL 8-11 (4.25L)	268.59	
Richardson	74	35	179	740093558	RULO BEDARD BLK 36 LOTS 3 & 4 (.34A)	235.26	
Richardson	74	35	180	740093665	RULO O T ALL BLK 49 EXC PT LOTS 7 & 8 FOR HWY (2.31A)	199.18	*
Richardson	74	35	181	740093622	RULO O T BLK 48 LOTS 1 & 2 (.43A)	187.56	
Richardson	74	35	182	740094408	RULO BEDARD BLK 3 LOTS 12-14 (3L)	172.58	
Richardson	74	35	183	740094351	RULO BEDARD BLK 3 LOTS 1-3 (3L)	66.3	*
Richardson	74	35	184	740093703	RULO O T BLK 50 PT LOTS 3-12 & ALL 13-16 EXC HWY (.61A)	52.62	*
Richardson	74	35	185	740093428	RULO O T BLK 42 LOTS 13-16 (4L)	48.3	*
Richardson	74	35	186	740093673	RULO O T BLK 50 LOTS 1 & 2 (2L)	36.78	*
Richardson	74	35	187	740094106	RULO O T BLK 75 LOTS 2-16 (15L)	30.84	*
Richardson	74	35	188	740093277	RULO BEDARD BLK 35 LOT 1 & 40X140 CLOSING KENCELEUR ST (.28A)	27.24	*
Richardson	74	35	189	740093592	RULO O T BLK 47 LOTS 1-4 (1.05A)	21.76	*
Richardson	74	35	190	740092677	RULO O T BLK 24 LOTS 7 & 13; PT 1-6 & 14-16 & W 110' LOT 8 EXC PT LOT 16 FOR HWY (.95A)	18.66	*
Richardson	74	35	191	740093908	RULO O T BLK 66 LOTS 5-8 (4L)	16.08	
Richardson	74	35	192	740093916	RULO O T BLK 66 LOTS 9-12 (4L)	16.08	
Richardson	74	35	193	740093924	RULO O T BLK 66 LOTS 13-16 (4L)	16.08	
Richardson	74	35	194	740093657	RULO O T BLK 48 LOTS 12-16 80X250 ALLEY & 40X50 VAC 6TH ST (.9A)	14.9	
Richardson	74	35	195	740093894	RULO O T BLK 66 LOTS 2-4 (3L)	14.76	
Richardson	74	35	196	740095455	RULO BEDARD BLK 39 LOTS 1-4 (4L)	12.06	
Richardson	74	35	197	740094416	RULO BEDARD BLK 3 LOTS 15-16 (2L)	10.04	
Richardson	74	35	198	740095331	RULO BEDARD BLK 36 LOTS 1 & 2 (.34A)	6.78	
Richardson	74	35	199	740093886	RULO O T BLK 66 LOT 1 (1L)	6.7	
Richardson	74	35	200	740094092	RULO O T BLK 75 LOT 1 (1L)	6.7	
Richardson	74	40	201	740096427	SALEM O T BLK 37 LOTS 1-2-3 (3L)	429.86	*
Richardson	74	40	202	740099507	SALEM KINSEY 3-1-15 2.8A PT SUB B NE1/4SW1/4	155.88	*
Richardson	74	40	203	740099353	SALEM KINSEY 3-1-15 1.58A SUB L NE1/4SW1/4	152.56	*
Richardson	74	40	204	740096206	SALEM O T BLK 30 LOTS 1-4 (4L)	125.6	
Richardson	74	40	205	740098446	SALEM O T BLK 120 LOTS 20 & 21 (2L)	114.2	
Richardson	74	40	206	740166743	SALEM O T BLK 120 LOT 61 (1L)	106.46	
Richardson	74	40	207	740096443	SALEM O T BLK 37 LOTS 6-7-8 (3L)	89.2	*
Richardson	74	40	208	740099396	SALEM KINSEY 3-1-15 .297A N PT LOT M NE1/4SW1/4	82.24	*
Richardson	74	40	209	740098438	SALEM O T BLK 120 W 42' LOT 18 & ALL 19 (1.7L)	46.96	
Richardson	74	40	210	740098748	SALEM O T BLK 120 LOTS 58-60 (3L)	31.02	
Richardson	74	40	211	740098667	SALEM O T BLK 120 LOT 49-51 & VAC ROBERTS ST	17.14	
Richardson	74	40	212	740097067	SALEM O T BLK 62 LOT 7 (1L)	12.54	*
Richardson	74	40	213	740098152	SALEM O T ALL BLK 119 EXC N 70' & VACATED ROBERTS ST (4.5L)	12.54	*
Richardson	74	40	214	740098047	SALEM O T BLK 112 LOTS 4-8 (5L)	11.62	
Richardson	74	40	215	740098039	SALEM O T BLK 112 LOTS 1-3 (3L)	10.44	
Richardson	74	40	216	740098055	SALEM O T PT BLK 113 LOTS 1-4 & VACATED ROBERTS ST (.585A/4L)	10.26	
Richardson	74	40	217	740097709	SALEM O T BLK 88 LOT 8 (1L)	8.34	
Richardson	74	40	218	740098426	SALEM KINSEY 3-1-15 3.6A PT SUB F NE1/4SW1/4	7.52	
Richardson	74	40	219	740098144	SALEM O T BLK 119 N 70' LOTS 1-3	5.8	
Richardson	74	40	220	740099000	SALEM TISDAIS BLK 1 LOTS 1-2-3 & W 5' 6 INCHES OF 4 (.323L)	5.3	
Richardson	74	40	221	740099515	SALEM O T BLK 121 ALL LOT 1 EXC W 12' (.246A)	5.1	
Richardson	74	40	222	740098764	SALEM O T BLK 121 W 42' LOT 2 & E 25' 3 (1L)	4.34	
Richardson	74	40	223	740099035	SALEM TISDAIS BLK 1 E 18' 6" LOT 4 ALL 5 (1.77L)	4.1	
Richardson	74	40	224	740097199	SALEM O T BLK 66 PT S1/2 LOT 4 (4L)	3.4	*
Richardson	74	40	225	740098373	SALEM O T BLK 120 E 20' LOT 15 (1/3L)	1.38	
Richardson	74	40	226	740098756	SALEM O T BLK 121 W 12' LOT 1 & E 18' LOT 2 (.5L)	1.3	
Richardson	74	45	227	740100890	SHUBERT FIRST BLK 19 S 33 7/8' LOT 6 ALL 7 (1.74L)	307.2	
Richardson	74	45	228	740099949	SHUBERT O T BLK 6 N1/2 LOT 13 ALL 14-16 (3.5L)	278.84	
Richardson	74	45	229	740099558	SHUBERT O T BLK 1 S1/2 LOT 3 ALL 4 & 5 (2.5L)	209.92	
Richardson	74	45	230	740122940	SHUBERT SECOND BLK 10 LOTS 16-17-18 (3L)	129.24	
Richardson	74	45	231	740099663	SHUBERT O T BLK 2 LOTS 13-16 (4L)	128.1	
Richardson	74	45	232	740100548	SHUBERT O T BLK 13 73' W1/2 OF BLK (1L)	111.98	
Richardson	74	45	233	740099586	SHUBERT O T BLK 1 LOT 6 (1L)	81.62	
Richardson	74	50	234	740102796	STELLA CLARKS NORTH BLK 5 LOTS 1 & 2 (2L)	1635.72	
Richardson	74	50	235	740103059	STELLA CLARKS NORTH BLK 10 LOT 4 (1L)	599.14	*
Richardson	74	50	236	740102826	STELLA CLARKS NORTH BLK 5 LOTS 5-6-7 (3L)	506.92	
Richardson	74	50	237	740102389	STELLA O T BLK 14 LOT 3 (1L)	200.02	*
Richardson	74	50	238	740101951	STELLA O T BLK 10 LOT 2 (1L)	185.92	
Richardson	74	50	239	740102605	STELLA CLARKS NORTH BLK 1 E 93' LOT 6 (.75L)	98.16	
Richardson	74	50	240	740102397	STELLA O T BLK 14 LOT 4 (1L)	78.92	*
Richardson	74	50	241	740102486	STELLA O T BLK 15 LOT 3 (1L)	14.3	
Richardson	74	55	242	740105426	VERDON JORNS 11-2-15 1A PT SW1/4SW1/4 150' X 280'	1699.66	
Richardson	74	55	243	740104659	VERDON FIRST BLK 4 LOTS 1-4 (4L)	651.08	*
Richardson	74	55	244	740170102	VERDON O T BLK 5 LOTS 8-12 (5L)	410.56	
Richardson	74	55	245	740105140	VERDON CC HALLS BLK 6 LOTS 1 & 2 (2L)	101.74	
Richardson	74	55	246	740104829	VERDON SECOND BLK 4 LOTS 6-7-8 (3L)	19.82	
Richardson	74	55	247	740105167	VERDON CC HALLS BLK 6 LOTS 3 & 4 (2L)	6.02	
Richardson	74	60	248	740099264	SALEM TISDAIS BLK 10 PT BLK ALL W OF HWY (.36A)	815.96	**
Richardson	74	60	249	740096400	SALEM O T BLK 35 LOTS 3-6 (4L)	326.88	*
Richardson	74	60	250	740098288	SALEM O T BLK 121 E1/2 LOT 11 & W1/2 12 (1L)	145.44	
Richardson	74	60	251	740097172	SALEM O T BLK 66 N1/2 LOTS 3 & 4 (1L)	106.68	*
Richardson	74	60	252	740097377	SALEM O T BLK 35 LOTS 7 & 8 (2L)	87.18	*
Richardson	74	60	253	740098896	SALEM O T BLK 121 E1/2 LOTS 12 & 13 (1L)	73.82	*
Richardson	74	60	254	740098381	SALEM O T BLK 120 W 40' LOT 15 & E 20' 22 (1L)	55.38	
Richardson	74	60	255	740096419	SALEM O T ALL BLK 36 (8L)	41.28	*
Richardson	74	60	256	740096397	SALEM O T BLK 35 LOTS 1 & 2 (2L)	24.28	*
Richardson	74	60	257	740099450	SALEM KINSEY 3-1-15 .5A N PT SUB B NE1/4SW1/4	9.12	
Richardson	74	60	258	740098209	SALEM O T BLK 120 LOTS 6 & 7 (2L)	7.54	
Richardson	74	60	259	740098469	SALEM KINSEY 3-1-15 .34A N PT SUB A NE1/4SW1/4	6.98	
Richardson	74	60	260	740098918	SALEM O T BLK 121 PT W1/2 LOT 13 (.34L)	0.96	
Richardson	74	60	261	740098411	SALEM O T BLK 120 E 18' LOT 18 (.30L)	0.38	
Richardson	74	75	262	740170706	3-2-14 1.04A IRREG TR SW/C NW1/4NW1/4 LESS HWY	653.38	
Richardson	74	75	263	740270942	1-1-13 1.56A TRACT PT W1/2NW1/4	22.34	
Richardson	74	80	264	740003334	24-3-13 120A N1/2S1/2NW1/4 & N1/2NW1/4	551.5	
Richardson	74	80	265	740000012	5-2-13 109.66A N1/2NE1/4 S OF HWY & SW1/4NE1/4	3401.2	
Richardson	74	80	266	740007165	25-2-13 80A W1/2NE1/4	3093.62	
Richardson	74	80	267	740171096	27-3-13 2.5A PT SW1/4SW1/4 (400X272.33)	275.87	*
Richardson	74	100	268	740014900	32-1-17 118.3A E1/2NE1/4 & NE1/4SE1/4 LESS CO RD	3377.28	
Richardson	74	100	269	740121197	19-1-18 96.22A S1/2NE1/4 & S1/2NW1/4NE1/4	5050.52	
Richardson	74	100	270	740024647	14-3-16 80A W1/2SE1/4	3839.02	
Richardson	74	100	271	740022814	32-2-18 160A SW1/4	3740.8	
Richardson	74	100	272	740029193	18-1-18 41.6A LOTS 4 & 5 SE1/4	2364.34	
Richardson	74	100	273	740029207	19-1-18 60A N1/2NW1/4NE1/4 & NE1/4NE1/4	2216.1	
Richardson	74	100	274	740020366	14-3-16 40A SW1/4SW1/4	1995.2	
Richardson	74	100	275	740024639	14-3-16 80A E1/2SW1/4	1608.88	
Richardson	74	100	276	740029134	6-1-18 40A SE1/4SW1/4	906.04	
Richardson	74	100	277	740024655	14-3-16 40A SW1/4NE1/4	668.93	
Richardson	74	100	278	740027379	18-1-18 19A LOT 3 SE1/4SE1/4 & LOTS 1 & 2 SE1/4SE1/4	540.82	
Richardson	74	100	279	740167774	30-2-18 2.35A TR SW/C SW1/4SE1/4	326.64	
Richardson	74	100	280	740023551	27-1-18 .89A REYNOLDS & MCDERMOTT LOT 12 & W1/2 13	254.34	
Richardson	74	100	281	740034944	3-1-15 396A PT NW1/4SE1/4 SALEM MILL	64.58	
Richardson	74	100	282	740049844	3-1-15 .161A PT SW1/4SE1/4	26.26	
Richardson	74	100	283	740024620	14-3-16 3.75A LOT 1 SE1/4NW1/4	22.66	
Richardson	74	100	284	740034340	3-1-15 .35A PT NW1/4SE1/4	6.4	
Richardson	74	105	285	740020374	29-3-16 22A .57A SE1/4 EXC 5.43A TR SE/C, SE1/4SW1/4 & 20A OF IRREG TR NE1/4SW1/4	1209.17	
Richardson	74	140	286	740034588	3-1-15 9.82A SUB B & C SW1/4 & LOT 5 NW1/4	3214.38	
Richardson	74	145	287	740037609	36-1-14 4.75A TRACT NW1/4	692.5	
Richardson	74	145	288	740170913	30-1-15 16.09A PARCEL 2 F/K/A W 25A SW1/4NW1/4	857.46	
Richardson	74	145	289	740133608	26-1-14 10A NW1/4NE1/4SW1/4 E OF HWY	176.32	
Richardson	74	147	290	740036092	5-1-14 445.69A PT SE1/4; PT NW1/4 S OF DD & ALL SW1/4	9003.98	
Richardson	74	147	291	740036114	8-3-14 320A N1/2NE1/4; NW1/4 & N1/2SW1/4	8186.89	
Richardson	74	147	292	740270743	16-1-14 65.48A PT E1/2NE1/4	3128.1	
Richardson	74	147	293	740170641	27-1-14 2A IRREG TR S1/2SW1/4 (316.05 N 309.63 E 267.78 S & 229.2)	1898.8	
Richardson	74	147	294	740041487	33-2-14 80A S1/2NW1/4	1792.72	
Richardson	74	147	295	740148018	34-3-14 1.48A TRACT NW/C NW1/4	1591.4	

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Indian Cave State Park Temporary Positions (April-October). Looking for Wranglers, Grounds/Maintenance, Customer Service, Living History. Days, nights, weekends, holidays. OutdoorNebraska.gov/careers. 402-883-2575. 7-8

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GFWC: Several high school students entered pieces that were named "best of category." All of the winners qualified for state. Back row, left to right: Brianna Pfohl, watercolor/tempera; Jocelyn Foster, colored pencil; Sara Wertenberger, Best of Show/colored pencil; Emily Wertenberger, 3D/Mixed Media. Front row, left to right: Clary Schuetz, printmaking; Haylee Vice, Oil/Acrylic; Madison Huppert, Drawing/Pencil; Jordyn Curtis, Computer Generated. (Not pictured, Brookelyn Romine, 2D/Mixed Media.

General Federation of Women's Clubs art competition

Story and photo by Lori Gottula
The walls of the Stalder Art Gallery inside the Falls City Library and Arts Center are currently filled with art work, from ceiling to floor. The 67th annual student art competition, sponsored by the local chapter of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, has begun.

The contest and exhibition is co-sponsored by the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council. The two organizations held an open house and reception Wednesday, February 14, 2018, so the artists and their parents could view the art work. The show will hang through March 3, 2018, and can be viewed anytime during regular library hours. According to contest director Rita Seid, 682 student artists from Falls City public schools, Sacred Heart, and HTRS submitted pieces that were judged and then hung for display.

"The other volunteers and I were blown away by the number of entries," Rita said. "But the quality of the pieces improves every year, too, and that excites me even more."

Karen Crandall, the state president of the GFWC, attended the reception, and looked around the gallery in awe. She had driven all the way from Papillion because she had heard about the enormous number of entries in Falls City's show, and wanted to see it for herself.

"I have been to GFWC art contests throughout the state of Nebraska, and I've never seen anything like this," she said. "I am always concerned about school districts eliminating art programs, but seeing this display of amazing art work gives me hope that that will never happen here. This show is truly amazing."

Out of the 682 entries, 32 were chosen as winners, and will advance to the GFWC state contest in Grand Island, April 12 - 14, 2018.

Sara Wertenberger, a senior at Falls City Sacred Heart, won the Best of Show award with a diptych (double-paned), colored-pencil drawing of a man standing casually in a suit, then draping his suit jacket over his shoulder.

"I am honored to have received the Best of Show award," Wertenberger said. "There are a lot of

amazing pieces in this show. I have participated in this exhibition since kindergarten, so this is a great way to finish off my senior year."

The pieces submitted by high school students were divided into categories, and one student received the Best of Category award for each division. All of those artists qualified for state.

They are as follows: Colored Pencil, Jocelyn Foster, 12, FCHS; Drawing/Pencil, Madison Huppert, 12, SH; Oil/Acrylic, Haylee Vice, 12, FCHS; Watercolor/Tempera, Brianna Pfohl, 10, FCHS; 2D/Mixed Media, Brookelyn Romine, 12, FCHS; 3D/Mixed Media; Emily Wertenberger, 10, SH; Graphic Design/2D Design/Computer Generated, Jordyn Curtis, 11, FCHS; Printmaking, Clary Schuetz, 9, FCHS.

In the kindergarten through eighth grade classes, awards were presented by class, regardless of the medium submitted. The winners all qualified for the state competition. They are as follows: Aven Kearney, Kindergarten, North School; Brynlie Jones, first grade, SH; Arik Hernandez, second grade, North School; Paxton Armbruster, third grade, South School; Jack Holys, fourth grade, South School; Emilou Schulenberg, fifth grade, South School; Elizabeth Saul, sixth grade, FCMS; Hannah Collier, seventh grade, FCMS; Mason Wurtele, eighth grade, FCMS.

High school students who placed in various categories were as follows: Colored Pencil/Pastels/Crayon; 2nd place, Cydney Forsyth, 10, FCHS; 3rd place, *Max Froeschl, 10, SH; Honorable Mentions, Blake Frederick, 10, SH; Mazey McCullough, 10, FCHS; *Kailey Peeks, 9, SH.

Drawing/Pencil; 1st place, Lauren Parrish, 12, SH; 2nd, Brooklynn Romine, 12, FCHS; 3rd, *Madison Littrel, 10, SH; Honorable mentions, Brooklynn Romine, 12, FCHS; Haylee Vice, 12, FCHS; Emily Wertenberger, 10, SH; Jocelyn Foster, 12, FCHS; Ali Ivy, 10, FCHS; Sophia Gilsdorf, 12, FCHS; Danii Steves, 10, FCHS; *Chloe Schock, 11, SH; Rylee Scholl, 12, FCHS; Jena Reeves, 10, SH.

Oil/Acrylic; 1st place, Sophia Gilsdorf, 12, FCHS; 2nd, *Emily Crouse, 11, SH; 3rd, *Mazey McCullough, 10, FCHS; Honorable mentions; Ellea Monnier Ragaigne, 12, FCHS; Ali Ivey, 10, FCHS.

Watercolor/Tempera; 2nd place, *Ciara Catlin, 11, SH; 3rd place, *Ryker Hoy, 12, SH.

2D/Mixed Media; 1st place, Ellea Monnier Ragaigne, 12, FCHS; 2nd, Joe Bieker, 12, SH; 3rd, *Brookelynne Patnode, 11, FCHS; Honorable mentions, *Claire Neimeyer, 10, SH; Christiannon Ivey, 10, FCHS.

3D/Mixed Media; 1st place, *Brady Keller, 12, SH; 2nd, Sean Arnold, 12, SH; 3rd, Leslie Vitosh, 12, FCHS; Honorable mentions, Tristan Keithley, 12, SH; *Drew Bippes, 11, SH.

Graphic Design/2D Design/Computer-Generated; 2nd place, *Ali Ivey, 10, FCHS; 3rd, Bailey Furrow, 11, FCHS; Honorable mentions; Rylee Scholl, 12, FCHS, Heaven Norton, 1, FCHS, Kay-Lee Blunt, 12, FCHS; Brookelynne Patnode, 11, FCHS; Zachary Petry, 12, FCHS.

Printmaking; 2nd place, *Danii Steves, 11, FCHS; 3rd, *Jena Reeves, 10, SH; Honorable mention, Alyssa Frey, 9, HTRS.

Those placing by class in grades K - 12 were as follows: Kindergarten; 2nd place,

Raelynn Gruber, SH; 3rd, Sawyer Kafer, North School; Honorable mentions, DeLana Richey, North School; Gavin Dean, North School.

First grade; 2nd place, Leah Goff, North School; 3rd, Noah Howard, North; Honorable mentions, Liviana Buckminster, North; Cash Witt, SH.

Second grade; 2nd place, Adrian Coetzee, SH; 3rd place, Bella Johnson, North; honorable mentions, Callen Furnas, North; Madalynn Hawley, North.

Third grade; 2nd place, Wyatt Coonce, South School; 3rd, Madison Brown, South; Honorable mentions, Tucker Coupe, South; Hayden Clow, SH.

Fourth grade; 2nd place, Blakely Sells, South; 3rd, Brooklynn Denton, South; Honorable mentions, Carlea Dunkhas, South; Beata Clark, South.

Fifth grade; 2nd place, Peyton Brown, South; 3rd, Elsie Thompson, South; Honorable mention, Kenzie Johansen, South.

Sixth grade; 2nd place, Jolena Bassett, FCMS; 3rd, Wyatt Karpinski, FCMS; Honorable mentions; Nevada Wast, FCMS; Emily Vitosh, FCMS; Tatum Kile, FCMS.

Seventh grade; 2nd place, Christina Gilkerson, FCMS; 3rd, Kaydence Cattrell, FCMS; Honorable mentions; Reece McNeely, FCMS; Stephan Fields, FCMS; Macy Keller, SH; Gavin Lechtenberg, SH.

Eighth grade, all representing FCMS; 2nd place, Abigail Boatright; 3rd, Taryn Coronado; Honorable mentions, Elizabeth Selleck, Josh Frederick, Lindsey McNeely, Makayla Mason, Carson Simon, Dalton Helmick, Thomas Fields.

Prizes for 2018 were donated by: Lori & Randy Gottula, Schulenberg Bakery, Butch & Dobey Haws, Carrie Clark of Port Arthur, TX; Sonic Drive-In, American National Bank, (Humboldt & Falls City Branch), Frontier Bank, Thrivent Financial. Judges for the competition were Pat Steinman & Diane Rieschick

For more information, contact Rita Seid at (402) 245-7237.

"FROSTY IN THE FREEZER"

February 21, 1959



For a split second mother thought she saw a real man lying there, stark and grinning. Readjusting her senses (mothers get to be fast readjusters), she thought, Oh, come now, one doesn't find real men in freezers, does one? This is a snowman, I fear. Next thing on the agenda is to remove Mr. Smiley from his mausoleum. As mother icily summons her son and they messily lug sections of Smiley out the basement door, mother can reflect upon how funny this will seem to her week after next. Alternate plan: John Falter says there is a pile of displaced freezer food off stage at the left; why not lug that outdoors to keep cool and save funny Mr. S. for papa to enjoy, and remove, when he comes home? In that case, papa could reflect that a father's work is never done.

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