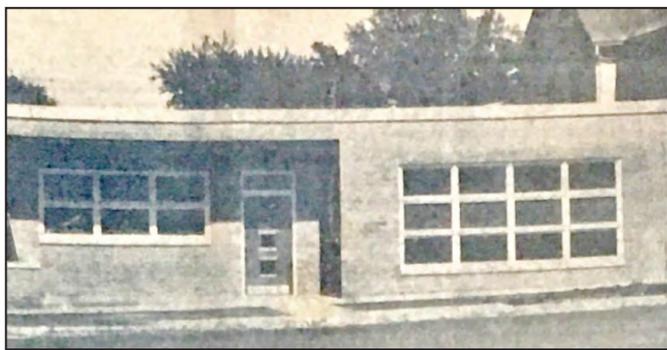


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Journal File Photo: The Falls City Journal building at 1810 Harlan St. (July 1956)

Falls City Journal to operate from new location beginning May 1

By Kaylie Ractliffe and Nikki McKim

The Falls City Journal will soon have a new home on Stone Street after nearly 62 years of operation at 1810 Harlan St.

Beginning May 1, 2018, the Falls City Journal will be located at 1709 Stone St. The building formerly housed Clow Fitness, and neighbors the Schulenberg Bakery and F&M Bank. The main level of the building will be office space for the Journal staff, while the lower level will be the workspace for collating and labeling newspapers on delivery days.

In July 1956, the Journal reported that it would be moving to Harlan Street, its first relocation since 1903. The task included moving type setting machines, casting equipment, a strip-casting machine, saws, type cases and fonts and other machines and equipment; it also required the expertise of a factory specialist from Chicago

to dismantle the newspaper press so that it could be moved in parts and re-assembled in the new building.

The Journal's move to Stone Street will hardly be as tedious, as modern technology has taken the place of many machines and processes. After page design and editing is complete, the paper is now electronically sent off for printing in Mound City, Mo., and delivered back to the Journal office for collating and mailing address labeling. Now, the largest piece of equipment the Journal uses is perhaps the string-tying machine used to bundle papers before delivery to stores and the post office. Aside from that and each employee's computer, the only other items to move will be shelving units, office furniture and an archive of physical files from before the Journal's transition to digital filing in 2010. The decision to move was largely due to the amount of unused space in the 7,000 square-foot Harlan Street building, as well as the new ownership of the business by attorney Richard Halbert, which went into effect Sept. 1, 2017.



In-Home Health Care administrator Carol Hamilton, left, and director Diana Yoesel, right

In-Home Health Care to close after 35 years of service

Story and photo by Lori Gottula

Carol Hamilton is facing the toughest decision she has ever had to make, so forgive her if she appears confused and preoccupied.

For the past 35 years, she and the employees of her three businesses—In Home Health Care, Inc., Home Care and Hospice, and Special Services, Inc.—have been on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The parent business, In Home Health Care, has cared for patients with health care needs that required a nurse or therapist, the second has provided care for the terminally ill, and the third has helped patients with daily personal hygiene tasks, like bathing.

All three have operated as one, with the same staff, in the same building, so the administration and employees became a family. And now, that family is hurting. As of April 27, 2018, all three businesses will stop offering in-home health care services. Carol hesitates to say that she is closing because she hopes that a miracle is around the corner for all home health care operations. But she fears that the writing is on the wall.

To understand how difficult this decision has been for Carol, one has to know the history.

In 1983, Carol was teaching public health courses at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO. As a health care instructor with a Master of Nursing degree, she saw the need for in-home health care in her hometown of Falls City.

She left her job at NWMSU, formed a board that included Dr. David Borg as a physician consultant, and then applied for and received a state license in home health care. She also became certified to treat insurance patients, and those on Medicare or Medicaid.

Carol then hired several RNs, LPNs, and nurses' aides, some of whom were full-time, some part-time, and some on-call. She contracted with local therapists to provide occupational, physical, and speech therapies to her pa-

tients. Then, in October of 1983, she opened the doors of In Home Health Care Inc.

"From the very beginning, it was more than a business to me," Carol said, during a recent on-site interview at 116 West 19th Street. "My children were raised here. This was my baby. The patients were my friends. The employees were my family."

Those employees numbered between 10 and 14 at any given time. But over the course of 35 years, only about two-dozen names were on the payroll.

"Employees came here and wanted to stay," Carol said.

Janice Goltz, one of the nurses' aides, has worked for Carol for 31 years. Diana Yoesel, the director of the three businesses, has served for 30 years. Among other things, she has controlled day-to-day operations, coordinated every patient's care, supervised the employees, communicated with doctors, and done the billing.

Jan Birdsley, one of the secretaries, has worked for Carol for 23 years, and Tami Simpson, the other secretary, worked there for 21 years before resigning to care for her husband, Kenny, who recently suffered a stroke.

Several of the other employees have been with Carol for more than 10 years. Some, more than 20. Margie Bromen has served the shortest time, and she has been with the company for five years.

Diana Yoesel, who was also interviewed for this article, said, "Once employed, people just didn't want to leave here. We have been very family-oriented, so employees have been able to attend their kids' events, and take off for family functions. We've all covered for each other." Cindy Kirkpatrick, who has been with In Home Health for 13 years, said that she stayed for one reason—because she loved it.

"Carol has been great to work for," she said. "And everybody here is kind and supportive."

Just like one big, happy family. That family has also included the

patients. Over the 35 years, countless patients have received care. The illnesses and injuries have ranged from diabetes to broken limbs; from heart failure to cancer. The nurses have treated the patients in their own homes. They've seen how their patients lived, and have helped many adjust to their environments after suffering life-changing illnesses. They've listened to their problems, met and counseled spouses and children, and attended weddings.

Many of the patients were healed. Some were made as comfortable as possible until they passed on. And some were still patients until a few weeks ago, when Carol and Diana started transitioning them to other businesses, like the in-home health program offered by the Good Samaritan Society of Auburn.

"Good Samaritan contracts with Personal Care, Inc., which has provided therapy for our patients for decades," Diana said. "That means there will be continuity for our patients who transfer their care to Good Sam."

And what about those patients? If so many people have loved and used In Home Health Care, then why is the business ceasing its home care?

"We just can't continue under the new Medicare regulations, and under Obamacare anymore," Carol said. "It has become increasingly difficult to claim reimbursements from Medicare. There have been many times when we have paid our employees to treat patients, but have not been reimbursed for our services. No business can survive that way, and we've done it much longer than some."

According to a recent article in the Omaha World Herald, Methodist Hospital in Omaha recently closed its home health and hospice programs, affecting more than 40 employees. The hospital in Syracuse (NE) just discontinued its home health operation, and so did the hospital in Hiawatha (KS).

So it sounds like In Home Health

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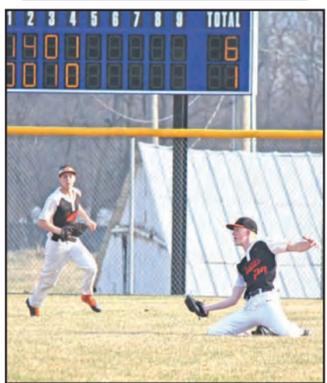


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Man killed in Nemaha County train crash

April 10, 2018 – At 8:46 a.m., the Nemaha County Sheriff's Office received a report of a train/vehicle crash on the east edge of Auburn on Highway 136. An eastbound 1999 Ford Ranger, driven by Donald Kruger, age 86 of Auburn, was struck by a northbound Union Pacific train. Kruger was pronounced dead at the scene as a result of injuries sustained in the crash. There were no other occupants in the truck and the train crew did not sustain any injuries.

The crash is being investigated by the Nemaha County Sheriff's Office and Union Pacific Railroad. Auburn Fire and Rescue responded to the scene.

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A Balanced, Pro-Life Budget

By Governor Pete Ricketts



Balancing the budget without raising taxes has been a top priority this legislative session. We started the session with a \$200 million gap between budgeted spending and projected state revenues. In January, I made recommendations on how to cut the budget along with new pro-life budget language. Last week, I received and signed the budget bills, which achieve our goal. Thanks to the hard work of many, we have a balanced budget that constrains spending, puts in place new pro-life budget language, and contains

several other important priorities.

During the four legislative sessions I have been Governor, senators and I have worked to constrain spending. Our collaboration has brought great results. When I entered office, government spending was growing at 6.5 percent a year, which was simply unsustainable. After years of hard work we have been able to cut the rate of growth in state spending by over 90 percent. With these new budget adjustments, state spending will grow at just 0.5 percent.

Nebraska's time-honored tradition of balancing our budget has earned our state national distinctions. Nebraska ranks among the best states for having the lowest debt supported by state taxes per capita. The Mercatus Center at George Mason University ranks Nebraska as having the sixth best fiscal condition in the nation. We have also consistently maintained a AAA credit rating.

The new budget also contains important new pro-life budget language. Nebraska is a pro-life state and our budget should reflect those values. This year, senators and I worked together on new budget language to ensure that your taxpayer dollars do not directly or indirectly subsidize abortion services in the Title X program. The pro-life language in the budget ensures that Title X taxpayer dollars do not fund abortion services, including abortion referrals, at clinics in Nebraska. It is important to note that the budget maintains the existing level of Title X funding, which provides reproductive healthcare for thousands of Nebraska women and men.

As we balanced the budget, we also made important investments to address challenges our state is facing. The budget I signed increases funding for child welfare services to address a significant increase of children coming into our child welfare system. The budget contains an additional \$2.7 million in funding for Nebraskans with developmental disabilities. We have been working to take care of these Nebraskans. In 2017, the Division of Developmental Disabilities made more service offers than the last five years combined. This funding will allow the state to provide an even higher level of service to one of our most vulnerable populations.

The budget also makes a new investment in our Corrections system. The Legislature adopted my recommendation to fund an additional 100 beds at the Nebraska State Penitentiary. This builds on three other capital construction projects the Legislature and I have agreed upon in the last two years. Together, these investments are helping transform our Corrections system. It's important to remember that 93 percent of inmates who come into our prisons eventually reenter society. We are working to build a Corrections system that protects public safety by delivering programming for inmates that helps reduce the rate of re-offense when they finish their sentences.

Getting these budget adjustments done was not easy. Many senators played a role, but I want to especially thank Speaker Jim Scheer of Norfolk and Appropriations Committee Chairman John Stinner of Gering for their leadership in guiding these adjustments through the legislative process. Additionally, Senator Mike Hilgers of Lincoln and Senator Dan Watermeier of Syracuse deserve major thanks for their work on the pro-life budget language.

As we move forward, my administration continues to work to make state government more effective and more efficient. We are working every day to be a good steward of your taxpayer dollars by identifying ways to eliminate waste and deliver better service. If you have ideas on how we can continue to make state government work for you, we want to hear them! Call my office at 402-471-2244 or email us at pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov.



Unicameral Progress Hijacked by Partisan Politics

Capitol View
Commentary by J.L. Schmidt
Statehouse Correspondent

I want my nonpartisan Legislature back.

In the end it boiled down to three big things. The budget, property tax relief and corrections. Somewhere along the way, politics got in the way.

The budget was sidetracked by a so-called pro-life provision to regulate Title X funding for women's health care by eliminating any clinic that also performs abortions. The governor and his Republican supporters on the floor of the nonpartisan Legislature fought to keep it in the bill. That caused lengthy debate that slowed progress on the all-important measure.

Opponents argued, rightly so, that the measure should have been introduced as a separate policy bill. Since it's in the budget, it will have to be debated and renewed every year with the budget. That opens the door to continuing acrimony and delays.

Appropriations Committee member Sen. Anna Wishart of Lincoln was one of several who worked to find a compromise in the Title X language, to no avail.

"This budget process has been one of the most painful lessons I have had in my short time as a senator on the growing political nature of our Legislature," she said.

Property tax relief was sidetracked by a plan from the governor that was fiercely defended by its introducer, Revenue Committee Chairman Sen. Jim Smith of Papillion. It was one of several ideas offered by at least four other senators. Attempts to amend those bills into the governor's proposal were rebuffed at all turns. Even so, the bill stalled during first-round debate. Attempts to strike a last-minute compromise also failed.

Sen. John Kuehn of Heartwell said he was amazed, frustrated and annoyed at the process. "In the final days we are trying to cobble together some sort of property tax plan. It'll disappear, we'll all go home frustrated and nothing will happen again," he said.

"Voters don't have any confidence in us anymore," Kuehn said, "and they shouldn't."

Sounds like a man who has decided not to run for a second term and sheds some light on the reason why.

Corrections measures apparently were hamstrung through the process because Judiciary Committee Chairperson Sen. Laura Ebke of Crete switched from the Republican Party two years ago after Republican Gov. Pete Ricketts lashed out at Republican senators for not following the party line. Ebke registered as a Libertarian. She and Independent Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha are the two outliers in a partisan mash of 31 Republicans and 16 Democrats.

Further complicating the matter is the fact that Lt. Gov. Mike Foley, who regularly presides over the Legislature as the official

president, is campaigning against a sitting senator. He has appeared at rallies for and endorsed Ebke's Republican challenger.

Chambers has criticized Foley for that activity during floor debate this session. Foley is expected to adhere to the Unicameral's nonpartisan traditions and rules as the presiding officer.

Nathan Leach, the founder of Nonpartisan Nebraska, noted that on March 22 several lawmakers stated that Foley reset the speaking queue (the list of senators to speak) to grant an advantage to one side of an issue, giving members with his political viewpoint more time to speak.

"If true, this would be a gross

display of partisan favoritism and has no place in our nonpartisan Unicameral," Leach said.

In 2017, when presiding on the first day of the session, Foley made an unprecedented ruling that nonpartisan floor ballots for committee chairs are "unconstitutional." It took a motion to appeal and a majority vote of the Unicameral in order to stop the lieutenant governor from unilaterally removing a key provision that keeps Nebraska's Unicameral nonpartisan, Leach said.

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

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1. Can become herniated, pl.
6. Jump key
9. Popular last name in East Asia
13. "I love you" or "J" _____
14. International workers' group
15. Like famous rock-n-roll shoe
16. DNA half
17. Will Ferrell's Christmas character
18. Item on a cell phone bill
19. *Ed's title
21. *TV dolphin
23. Coach's talk
24. Gravy holder
25. Hot tea amount
28. Serengeti antelope
30. Single-celled microorganisms
35. Call status
37. Karate blow
39. Marconi's wireless telegraphy
40. Opposite of home
41. High fidelity sound systems
43. CISC alternative
44. Edible biblical rain
46. One of deadly sins
47. Ship's final destination
48. Like broken promise
50. Bring home the bacon
52. Message in a bottle?
53. Sound of laughter
55. Promise to pay
57. *Michael Jackson's chimp
61. *Marlon Bundo
64. Be of one mind
65. Author of "The Star-Spangled Banner"
67. Opposite of gregarious one
69. Flash of light
70. Bard's before
71. *Like Garfield's lasagna when he's done
72. Surfer's stop
73. Past tense of "be"
74. Mouthlike opening

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1. Morse T
2. Footnote word
3. Songs for one
4. Like a potato chip
5. The Brady Bunch children, e.g.
6. Wedding cake layer
7. "_____ the President's Men"
8. Very successful
9. Intersection of two arcs
10. Great deal
11. Drop-off spot
12. _____do-well
15. Bachelor on "The Bachelorette," e.g.
20. Historical period
22. Skedaddle
24. Renewable energy source
25. *Sea World's long-running attraction
26. Des Moines native
27. Yoga class core exercise
29. *Punxsutawney seer
31. Persian backgammon
32. "Bye" to Banderas
33. Popular '70s music genre
34. *The Clintons' cat
36. Unit of force
38. Leaning Tower city
42. Parallel grooves
45. App alternative
49. Driver's aid
51. Court figures
54. Off kilter
56. German destroyer
57. Tea servings
58. Tangerine-grapefruit hybrid
59. *Gromit of "Wallace and Gromit"
60. "Good" to Sophia Loren
61. Whiskey grain, pl.
62. "He's Just Not That _____ You"
63. Swarm like bees
66. _____ of Good Feelings
68. Genetic initials

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50 Years Ago - April 18 - April 24, 1968

Roy Orbison starred in "The Fastest Guitar Alive" at the Rivoli Theater and Den Martin had the lead role in "Rough Night in Jericho" at the Breezy Hill Drive-In.

The Journal published an 1895 photo of the Stephen Miles residence at 21st & Stone along with a photo of 10 1/2 year old Phil Froeschl, Jr. next to a recently fallen tree from that property.

A near tragedy was averted at Humboldt Lake when Mrs. Edith Lafferty fell into the Lake while trying to land a fish. Her fishing companion, Mrs. Irene McKee, held Mrs. Lafferty's head above water until help arrived.

Ninety-seven rural extension homemakers were entertained at Hotel Stephenson by the Chamber of Commerce including women from both Southeast Nebraska and Northeast Kansas.

Bill Hill pitched a no-hitter as the Sacred Heart Irish opened their baseball season with a 6-0 victory over Table Rock. Hill struck out 13 batters. Only three Table Rock players reached first base.

The Falls City high two-mile relay team consisting of Don Smith, Gary Jones, Lyle Bachman, and Gayle Swisegood set a school and Twin Rivers Conference record with a time of 8:38.6 but finished second in a meet at Fairbury.

Norma Kay Schatz, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Schatz of Verdon, was the purple ribbon winner in the senior division of the Richardson County 4-H public speaking contest.

Glenda Biaggi, an 8th grader from Southeast Consolidated, finished second in the Midwest Spelling Bee held at Omaha. She was eliminated by a Mullen girl on the word "ordinance."

Thirty-eight attended the founder's day program of the Iota chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma at Hotel Stephenson.

Richard Robinson and his father, W.A. Robinson, combined to win the Pinewood Derby for Cub Scouts and Webelos of Pack 392.

The Senior Class Play at Falls City High School was "Dear Diary."

25 Years Ago - April 18 - April 24, 1993

Honored with Proficiency Awards at the annual FFA Banquet were Jennifer Mumm, Mark Cromer, Don Wickham, Brian Kuker, and Ken Fritz.

The Dawson-Verdon girls captured the championship of the Iowa School for the Deaf Invitational track meet. Danna Yocum finished first in four events.

During the "Week of the Young Child" Nebraska Gov. Ben Nelson paid a visit to the Falls City Public School's Parent-Child Center to read a book to the youngsters in attendance.

Richardson County Bank & Trust Company announced that seniors Jason Castle of Falls City High and Heath Stanley of Southeast Consolidated were winners of its \$500 scholarships.

Maryann Thomas was named the Nebraska Business and Professional Women's Club's Young Careerist for 1992-93.

The Nemaha United Methodist Church dedicated its new Education/Fellowship Building. Pastor Paul Weinert said the congregation expected the \$51,327 cost to be fully funded by the end of the year.

Dana Kottich finished first in the high jump and Paul Rue captured a first in the shotput in a track invitational hosted by the Falls City Tigers.

Paul Rue was honored as Richardson County Athlete of the Week for a toss of 52 feet, 10 inches to take first in the shotput at the Syracuse Invitational.

Journal readers were treated to front-page photos of a fox and four pups making their home in a hay barn and of a ewe owned by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Bruhn with her quadruplet lambs.

"Huck Finn" and "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" were being shown at the River Twin Cinema and "The Rumbles" were entertaining at the Oasis.

The Falls City Elks Lodge announced it would host the Nebraska State Elks golf tournament at Falls City Country Club.

The first check in Hinky Dinky's "Labels for Learning" program was presented to the Falls City Middle School.

15 Years Ago - April 18 - April 24, 2003

Richardson County Commissioners were informed that Nebraska Congressman Doug Bereuter had been successful in obtaining \$600,000 for the Preston Road project, a project for which the Congressman had sought \$2 million.

Andy Horn, a junior at Dawson-Verdon High School, was selected to attend Cornhusker Boys State in Lincoln.

According to Census Bureau estimates, Richardson County's population declined by 437 since the 2000 Census and was estimated to be 9,094 in 2002.

Northwest Missouri State University at Maryville awarded a scholarship to Jamie Eickhoff to provide her full in-state tuition and full room and board.

Falls City High School senior Carrie Dunn accepted a Board of Trustees Scholarship to attend Chadron State College.

The Journal "Athletes of the Week" were Falls City High junior Kathy Lock, who established a new school record 33-3.5 in the Triple Jump, and Sacred Heart sophomore Jeremy Kearney, who claimed gold medals in two meets with jumps of 12-0.

The Sacred Heart Boys edged Pawnee City by three points to win the Lewiston Track Invitational. The Irish girls with 109 points finished second behind Pawnee City.

Falls City High School art students Kevin Duerfeldt and Brandy Maddox finished first and second, respectively, in the Senior Division of the 19th Annual DeSoto National Wildlife Art Contest.

Eleven Falls City women completed Southeast Community College licensed practical nursing classes in Falls City.

Hilary Koso of Verdon was appointed as Peru State College's student representative to the Nebraska State College system Board of Trustees for 2003-04.

Falls City High School junior Charlie Hankins shot a season-low 77 to win individual honors and lead his team to first place at the Horton Invitational Golf Tournament.

Laura Young was selected to sing Alto 1 with the Sound of America Honor Band and Chorus on a tour of Europe.

In-Home Health Care to close after 35 years of service

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Care isn't the only business that has been affected.

"The new Medicare and Obamacare regulations have very little to do with patient care," Carol said. "They have everything to do with paperwork. The regulations have become so tedious and stringent that we would have to hire two more administrators just to handle the paperwork. We just can't do that."

"None of us wants to leave this place," Diana said. "We love our jobs and the people we work with. But the regulations and lack of reimbursements have made it impossible for us to continue offering home health care."

Carol said, "We have even provided other services in recent years just to earn more revenue. We've offered DNA tests for paternity cases. We've done long-term care assessments for insurance companies, and we've also conducted blood collections for

research studies. We had to courier the blood to the airport in Kansas City, and have it flown to universities for research studies. So we've done everything we could do to increase revenue so we could continue to treat our patients. But it's just not enough."

In other words, the businesses—collectively as one—have become the patient. The administrator, director, nurses, doctor, chaplain—everyone on the patient's team have done everything they could do to save it. They resuscitated it for a while, but now, it's on a ventilator, struggling to breathe.

As owner and administrator, Carol must decide whether to turn the ventilator off, or not.

The status of that decision is this: All of the employees have been notified that In Home Health will cease operations on April 27th. Most have already found other jobs. Carol and two employees will remain on staff to

finish up paperwork, and to make sure that the lifeblood of activity continues to pump through the business's veins. Carol hopes that a skeleton staff can keep the business alive, while she waits for a miracle. If no miracle comes—if the regulations that now govern Medicare and Medicaid are not changed—she will have to pull the plug on In Home Health Care.

If she must, she will. But it is the toughest decision she has ever had to make.

If In Home Health Care is ultimately laid to rest, the spirit of the business will still live on. The friendships that were formed, the laughter that was shared, the memories that were made—those are the things that made In Home Health Care and its subsidiaries a family. And Falls City became a better place when that family made this community its home.

Godspeed, In-Home Health Care. We'll be thinking of you.

Commissioners discuss courthouse updates, road and bridge maintenance

By Charlie Radatz

During their Tues., Apr. 10 meeting, Richardson County Commissioners received their regular weekly report from Sheriff Don Pounds. A discussion was held on when the County would begin making the south entrance to the Courthouse the single public entrance to the building but no decision was made on a date. Commissioners conducted their quarterly jail inspection and found the facility to be in good order.

Joe Buckminster gave the Board a report on progress made on installation of security camera equipment within the Courthouse and surrounding grounds. Sheriff Pounds, Building and Maintenance Technician Tyler Cooper, and Emergency Management Agency Director Brian Kirkendall were in attendance for the presentation.

During his report, Kirkendall presented the Board information on an agreement with AES of the Midwest, Inc. for maintenance of the Courthouse generator. The agreement is for a five year period with annual billings to be submitted to the County for inspection service and/or repairs.

Commissioners met with Todd Crawford, constituent service representative from the office of Nebraska Congressman Adrian Smith. Mr. Crawford discussed with them current legislative issues and concerns they have about legislative matters.

Commissioners opened sealed bids they had received for the purchase of culvert materials. The bids were referred to Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau, Jr. for further review. Bids were received from Ace/Eaton Metals, Kearney, Neb.; Contech Engineered Solutions, LLC, Lincoln, Neb.; Midwest Service & Sales, Schuyler, Neb.; and Metal Culverts, Inc., Jefferson City, Mo.

Following his weekly report on routine maintenance of road and bridge maintenance, Darveau and commissioners discussed a proposed driveway culvert policy but no action was taken at that time.

County Treasurer Amanda Bartek-Young met with the Board and requested approval to purchase a computer for her office needed for updates to the Motor Vehicle Department software program that will be implemented by the state within the next year and the request was approved.

Veterans Service Officer Mona Godemann informed the Board that Odis Field had been hired as the Veterans Service Office

Assistant. Field replaces Steve Sherrow who resigned effective May 1.

Dennis and Della Meyer presented to the Board a petition asking the county to vacate a portion of the road from the west part of a bridge on 706 Road that is temporarily closed going West to the SW corner of Section 12, Township 1, Range 15, approximately 1/4 mile west. The petition was signed by the required number of electors. The Board took no immediate action on the petition.

Commissioners approved an agreement with Omaha Public Power District for use of highway right-of-way for installation of OPPD lines one mile north and 2 3/4 miles west of Stella on 719 Road east of Highway 75. They accepted a quote in the amount of \$4,536.00 from Froeschl Floors to seal the north entry sidewalk in an effort to correct a water leakage problem in the lower level tunnel area. Weekly claims were also approved.

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New Arrivals



DUSTIN AND ANNE ELLIOTT of Verdon, Nebraska announce the birth of their daughter. Lena Marie Elliott was born at 3:14 AM on April 3, 2018 at Bryan East Hospital in Lincoln Nebraska. She weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20 inches long.

The maternal grandparents are Dan and Marilyn Gerdes of Auburn, Nebraska. The paternal grandparents are Dwight and the late Susie Elliott of Dawson, Nebraska.

Great grandmother is Marie "Tikie" Santo of Falls City, Nebraska.



Pictured L-R: Margaret Bader, State Historian; Jack Munford, Nebraska D.A.R. Outstanding Teacher of American History; Glenda Nelson, Regent of Reavis-Ashley Chapter

Falls City history teacher honored at state conference

Jack Munford was named the Nebraska Daughters of the American Revolution Outstanding Teacher of American History at their state conference in North Platte on March 24. Mr. Munford has taught 7th and 8th grade social studies at the Falls City Middle School since 2006. Before beginning his teaching career he served in the United States Air Force for 21 years. He was honored for

his professionalism, high expectations of students, and promotion of history. Jack Munford has taught his students to learn their own history as well as American history. He takes an interest in his students and has activities in his classes to encourage them to be informed citizens. He was nominated by the Reavis-Ashley Chapter of the D.A.R.

MAKE IT RIGHT

In the Apr. 11 issue of *The Falls City Journal*, an individual was incorrectly identified in an article entitled "Sophomore Pilgrimage event for

tenth graders." The individual was identified as Christy Pokorny, but should have been Lexis Pokorny.

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Society

HUMBOLDT CHAPTER 234 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Humboldt Chapter #234 Order of the Eastern Star met for a stated meeting on Thursday, Apr. 5 at The Meeting Place in Humboldt. Worthy Matron Nancy Nemechek presided in the East at 7:30 p.m. Fourteen members and a guest were present for the singing of the Opening Ode, "Have Thine Own Way Lord." All united in Pledging Allegiance to the American flag.

The Conductress, Phyllis Kreutzer, escorted the Grand Sentinel of Nebraska OES to the East where he was introduced and welcomed. Grand Sentinel David Wetrosky is a member of Queen Esther Chapter #1 of Nebraska City.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Minutes from the School of Instruction meeting were approved as corrected. Correspondence was read by the Secretary. Nebraska OES News included information of the Nebraska Grand Chapter Service and Therapy Dog Project and information of the Grand Chapter Session to be held in Kearney in May.

A thank you was received from District 1 Grand Supervisor Becky Baker of Bellevue for courtesies extended her at the joint school of Instruction with Guild Chapter #16 of Pawnee City on March 24. Ten officers from the Humboldt Chapter had participated.

Invitations to receptions for the incoming 2018-2019 Grand Officers of Nebraska OES were announced. They will be held on Friday, May 18, at the Tangier Shrine Center in Omaha from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and on Saturday, May 19, at the Kearney Masonic Center in Kearney from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The Colonial Acres Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon is sched-

uled for Wednesday, April 18, at 11:30 p.m. Humboldt Chapter will be providing Bingo for the residents there on May 3.

The Hour Glass brochure from the Nebraska Masonic Home stated a need for a new sound system and video equipment for their residents. The chapter voted to send a cash donation to this cause.

A memorial service was held for Past Grand Matron Betty Mabon. She served as the Worthy Grand Matron of Nebraska in 1982-1983. The charter was draped in her honor.

JoAnn Koso gave the treasurer's report and George Ketner reported for the scholarship committee.

The Grand Sentinel Wetrosky gave closing remarks, inviting all to attend Grand Chapter on May 8-10 in Kearney. Chapter closed with prayer and singing of the Closing Ode, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Refreshments were served by Trudy Fankhauser.

FALLS CITY BPO DOES

Falls City Does Drove #56 met Monday evening Apr. 9, 2018, at the Elks Lodge. President Nancy McKim called the meeting to order. Chaplain Phyllis Kreutzer offered the prayer. Past presidents who were in attendance were recognized. They included Sheila Kirkendall serving as president in 1963; Marlene McKim 1964, 1979, 2008, 2014, and 2017; Kenna Nixon 1999; Linda Frost 2005 and 2013; Ruth Arms 2002 and 2009; Phyllis Kreutzer 2011 and 2015; Mary Wiltse 2012; and Nancy McKim 1992, 1993, 1997, 2007 and current president.

Secretary Marlene McKim read minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved as corrected. Treasurer Linda Frost gave her report. Thank you notes were read from Mary Ann Wentz, Kim Oliver and the Richardson County Cancer Foundation.

Deb Witt reported on the Back

Pack Program for grade school children. Lunches are provided for children over the weekends. She said it takes \$13,000 annually to sponsor the program. This year there were seventeen individuals/organizations providing soups and this event netted \$4,600.

The Does will continue their project with Adopt-A-Highway. Plans are to pick up trash on Saturday, May 19. Our organization will again sponsor the "Super Market Sweep" at Sun Mart during Cobblestone.

Refreshments and entertainment were provided by hostesses Deb Witt, Kenna Nixon and Ruth Arms. The next meeting will be May 14. Sheila Kirkendall will be chairman of the serving committee assisted by Kim Oliver and Rita Bahr.

AREA BRIDGE

Nancy Wittwer, Lorna Simon, Sandy Boatman and Dennie Dixon won the prizes when Falls City Area Bridge met April 10 when four tables of bridge were played.

The hostesses were Nancy Kelley and Sandy Boatman.

Shirley Weber and Merry VonSeggern will host the next session on April 24, 2018.

THE SHUBERT AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY #222

sponsored their annual Easter Egg Hunt Friday, March 30th in the Shubert Park with approximate 55 kids in attendance. The golden eggs were found by, Keagan Alexander, Payton Georges, and Hadley Stanley.

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THE STELLA COMMUNITY CHURCH Youth Sunday School group recently collected 365 pounds of food items plus some monetary donations for the food bank at SENCA. Pastor John States, Penny States and Laura Gossman directed the collection process.



SUN MART OF FALLS CITY recently donated \$1,000 to second-grade students at Falls City Sacred Heart 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 Propper, presented the check to students. Front row left to right: Rylee Littrel, Milayna Crofford, Joah Anderson, Brandon Collier, Alvin Sikora. Back row left to right: Ryann Westengaard, Taytum Maddox, Mya Dougherty, Adrian Coetzee, Reid Wustrack, Griffin Sikora, Austin Bangert. Back row: Doug Goltz, Principal, Angie P, Fr. Thomas Dunavan CAO. 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.

Library Events

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Community Clean Up April 20-21
 Matinee: Murder on the Orient Express, Wednesday, April 18 at 2 p.m. When a murder occurs on the train he's travelling on, celebrated detective Hercule Poirot is recruited to solve the case. Starring Kenneth Branagh, Penelope Cruz, Willem Dafoe.

April's Book Discussion: The Big Four, By Agatha Christie. Thursday, April 26 at 2 p.m. Framed in the doorway of Poirot's bedroom stood an uninvited guest, coated from head to foot in dust. The man's gaunt face stared for a moment, then he swayed and fell. Who was he? Was he suffering from shock or just exhaustion? And what did the number on his body mean?

To read in April.... Maybe in Another Life, by Taylor Jenkins Reid. We are starring a new Book Club! It's focused on anyone who is interested in reading CHICK LIT or is wants to be a part of creating a fun, new, relaxing club so you can make friends! Join us in May!

Stalder Gallery Images from the Atmosphere and Beyond April 13-May 25, Gallery Talk with Jeremy Bower April 13, Time TBA "Years of experience living and storm chasing in the plains have provided a robust collection of sunrises, storms and sunsets."

Family Earth Day! Sunday, April 22 at 1-3 p.m. Itha Krumme Arboretum/Stanton Lake Cabin FUN RUN at 12 p.m. Lots of Activities! Live Music! Ice Cream Social!

Story Time for the Little People! (Ages 3-5) Every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. We read books, play games, and do a project! April 12: Flowers April 19: Earth Day April 26: Rain.

LEGO CLUB! Theme: Earth

K-2 grade: April 23 at 3:45-4:45 p.m. 3-5 grade: April 9 at 3:45-4:45 p.m. Please call 245-2913 to sign up!

Sidewalk Poetry, Thursday, April 19 at 6:30-8 p.m. We will be heading out to decorate the sidewalk with our favorite poems!

Game Night! Tuesday, April 24 at 6-7:30 p.m. Games are always fun especially with friendly competition!

Movie Matinee: The Lion King, Friday, April 27 at 1:30-3:00 p.m. An early out from school with snacks and pillows!

April 24, at 3:45-4:45 p.m. Planning Projects We will decorate recycled plastic bottles to grow our seeds in!

Lapsit Story Time for Babies and toddlers! Every Friday at 11:00 a.m. We sing songs, read books and do a little project! April 13: Flowers April 20: Earth Day April 27: Rain

Creative Night! Wednesday, April 25 at 5:30 p.m. Making Pinecone Flowers. Please call 245-2913 to sign up

Learn to Play Bridge! Using the Charles Goren method. Thursday, April 19 at 6 p.m., with John Huber Please call 245-2913 to sign up!

During the month of April, recommend your favorite book and enter your name to win a prize! See the Front Desk for details.

Celebrate National Library Week, April 15-21, 2018: Random Acts of Poetry All Week! What is random acts of poetry? Expression. Inspiration. Passion. All in the form of handwritten poetry. Sidewalks, windshields, typewriters. Are you feeling it?

Tuesday, April 17: SENCA Town Hall Meeting from Noon-1:00 p.m. Discussion of community strength, weaknesses and identifying needs. Your input is needed! A light lunch will be served.

Poetry Reading at 5:30 p.m. One Book— One Nebraska! Poetry Reading Jan Wright and Friends



THE SACRED HEART JUNIOR HIGH QUIZ BOWL team competed and won the Mudecas Quiz Bowl Tournament held on Monday, April 9th at Johnson County Central. The quiz bowl team is coached by Mrs. Angie Taft and Mrs. Julie Froeschl. Pictured L-R: Zachary Keithley, Chloe Knobbe, Taylor Frederick, Derek Schawang, Tyler Catlin, and Emma Frederick.

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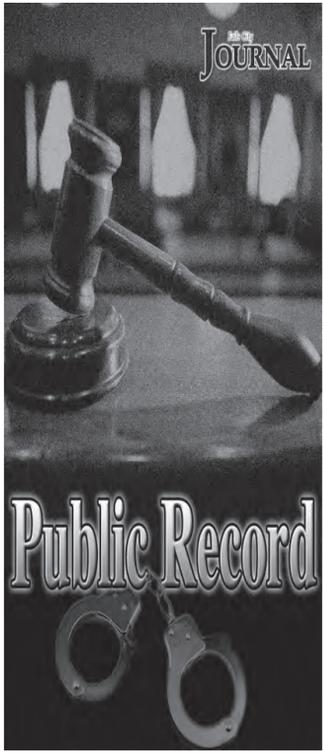


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Nick J. Schuetz, of Skidmore, Mo., count one, criminal trespass (2nd degree/hate crime), plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for May 2, 2018, at 11:15 a.m.

Nicole B. Hollands, of Falls City, count one, disturbing the peace, plead no contest, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$50 and Court costs of \$50.

Jeremy M. Patnode, of Falls City, count one, driving under suspension/before reinstatement, plead guilty, found guilty; count two, no valid registration of car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for May 2, 2018, at 10:45 a.m.

Shawn D. Schiefelbein, of Falls City, count one, exhibition driving, sentence includes state fine of \$150 and Court costs of \$50; count two, speeding (21-35), plead no contest, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$200.

Candace A. Chandler, of Salem, count one, theft of lost property (\$0-\$500), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$50, restitution of \$10 and Court costs of \$50.

Rachel E. Schawang, of Falls City, count one, theft by shoplifting (\$0-\$500), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$100 and Court costs of \$50.

Brandt T. Chapple, of Falls City, count one, minor in possession (2nd offense), plead no contest, found guilty; count two, improper/defective vehicle lighting, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for May 9, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.

Robert B. Carrier, of Falls City, count one, no proof of insurance, plead no contest, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$100 and probation for a term of 12 months beginning Apr. 9, 2018; count two, driving under suspension/before re-

instatement, plead no contest, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$100 and Court costs of \$50.

Jacob J. Holthus, of Table Rock, count one, driving during revocation/impound, plead guilty, found guilty; sentence includes state fine of \$250, probation for a term of 12 months beginning Apr. 11, 2018, five days in jail beginning Aug. 1, 2018, and Court costs of \$50.

Raymond D. Scarberry, of Dawson, count one, third-degree domestic assault, plead no contest, found guilty; sentence includes 14 days in jail beginning Apr. 11, 2018, probation for a term of nine months beginning Apr. 11, 2018, drug testing and probation fees totaling \$35 and Court costs of \$50.

Dillon M. Lotter, of Falls City, count one, attempt of a class 4 felony, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, possession of marijuana (1 oz or less - first offense), plead no contest, found guilty; count three, possession or use of drug paraphernalia, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for June 12, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

Vincent C. Bennett, of Falls City, count one, speeding (6-10), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes city fine of \$25 and Court costs of \$49.

Hannah E. Carroll Altman, of Lincoln, count one, speeding (11-15), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$75 and Court costs of \$49.

James R. Inglis, of Falls City, count one, failure to use turn signal, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25 and Court costs of \$49; count two, failure to use seat belt, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25.

Terry R. Pelletier, of Falls City, count one, speeding (6-10), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25 and Court costs of \$49; count two, failure to use seat belt, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25.

Christopher R. McRae, of Offutt Air Force Base, count one, speeding (16-20), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$125 and Court costs of \$49.

Brandon R. Sells, of Falls City, count one, speeding (11-15), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$75 and Court costs of \$49.

Mitchell L. Neemann, of Tecumseh, count one, speeding (6-10), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25 and Court costs of \$49; count two, failure to use seat belt, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25.

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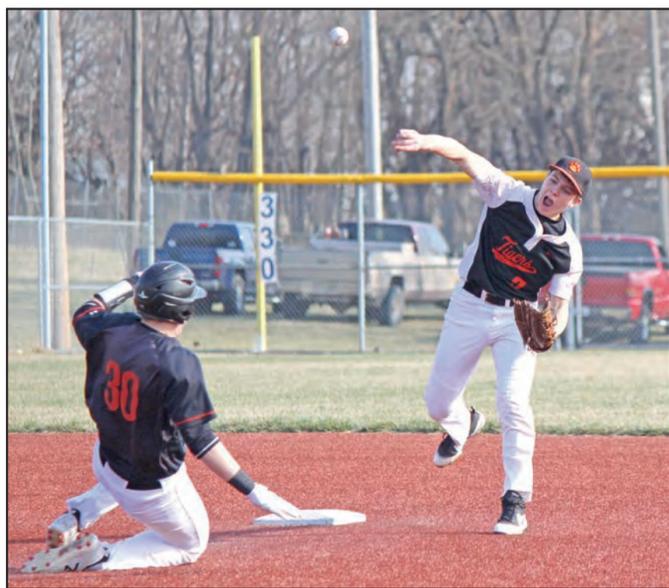
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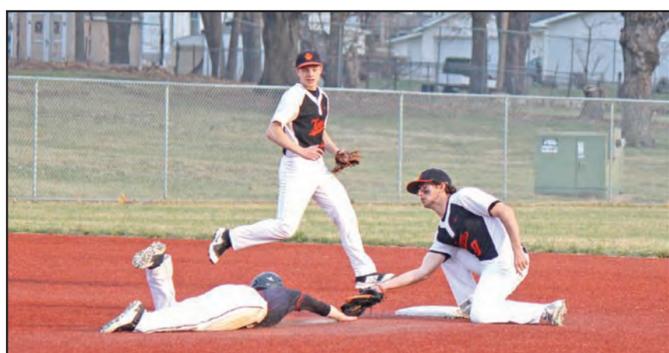
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(Above) Kade Bredemeier attempts to turn a double play for the Tigers. (Below) Noah Milam applies the tag on the Beatrice runner.



Baseball team drops to 4-7

Story and photos by Brian McKim

The Falls City Tiger baseball team dropped to 4-7 for the season after going 1-3 this past week. The Tigers got a win on Monday before losing three consecutive games to finish out the week.

On Monday Falls City hit the road and took on Plattsmouth. The Tigers grabbed an early lead when they got on the board in the top of the third inning. Zach Beaver led off with a single and with one out he scored on a James Eickhoff single to center field to make it 1-0. FC got two more runs in the fourth when Jake Craig got a base hit, and Noah Milam laced a double to drive in Craig to make it 2-0. Milam then reached home plate on a Chaydyn Butler groundout to make it 3-0.

A big fifth inning put the game out of reach as the Tigers scored four more runs to make it 7-0. Geoffrey Zimmerman led off with a double, followed by a single by Eickhoff and another base hit by Kade Bredemeier to make it 4-0. Eickhoff then scored when Milam reached on an error to make it 5-0. Ransom Campbell singled to left field scoring Craig, and finally, Will Vitosh crossed the plate on a passed ball to make it 7-0. Plattsmouth got a run in the bottom of the seventh to make the final 7-1.

Milam went 1-4 at the plate with a double and two RBI. Campbell and Eickhoff each went 2-3 with an RBI. Milam got the win going 4 2/3 giving up just one hit and zero runs.

On Tuesday the Tigers hosted Beatrice and FC got behind early and never could climb out of the hole. Beatrice built a 5-0 lead after two innings before FC plated a run in the third. Bredemeier led off with a single to RF and Craig followed up with a base hit past the second baseman. After a strikeout, Campbell walked to load the bases for Butler who hit a fielders choice to score Bredemeier to make it 5-1.

Beatrice tacked on one run in the fourth and another in the sixth before exploding for nine runs in the seventh. FC got one run in the bottom of the last inning when Bredemeier reached on an error and went to third on a single by Craig. Milam then got an RBI on a sac fly to LF to make the final score 16-2.

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FC batters managed just four hits and struck out 13 times. Bredemeier was 2-4 at the plate, scoring both Tiger runs. Craig went 2-3 with a walk and Milam, and Butler each had an RBI. Craig took the loss on the mound for FC giving up five runs, zero earned, in three innings.

Thursday afternoon the Tigers traveled to Auburn to take on the Bulldogs, a team the Tigers defeated 11-1 three weeks prior.

Zach Beaver began the game on the mound going 4 2/3, giving up six runs (three earned) on eight hits and five walks. John Kinnman threw a complete game for Auburn allowing just five hits and getting eight strikeouts.

Auburn led 4-0 after three innings before FC got its lone run of the game in the top of the fourth. Butler got a one-out single followed by walks by Beaver and Zimmerman. Kyle Black then hit a sac fly to score Butler to make it 4-1. FC would get no closer as they fell to the Bulldogs 6-1.

Butler finished the game 2-3 at the plate with a run scored and Black drove in the lone run for the Tigers.

On Saturday the Tigers headed to St. Joe to take on Bishop LeBlond. FC got a pair of runs in the third inning to take the lead 2-1. Bredemeier singled to center field and stole second base. Jake Craig then drove a single up the middle to make it 1-1. A sac fly by Campbell scored Craig, and Falls City held a 2-1 lead. However, the home team plated two runs in the bottom of the fifth and one more in the sixth to take a 5-2 win.

Craig began the game on the hill going 3 2/3 innings, allowing one earned run. Milam threw the final 2 1/3 in relief, giving up two earned runs, to take the loss. Milam fell to 2-2 on the season with a 1.59 ERA. Craig led the Tigers offense going 2-3 with a run scored and an RBI. Falls City defense committed six errors on the day.

Irish boys a close second, girls finish sixth

By Brian McKim

The Sacred Heart Irish track teams competed in the Lewiston Invitational, held at Pawnee City, last Tuesday. The Irish boys finished with 93 points, four points behind winner Freeman. The Irish girls ended the meet with 25.5 points for a sixth-place finish; Tri-County won the meet with 97 points.

The boys got off to a good start with Del Casteel placing second in the 100m dash (11.65) and Christian Haring taking fifth place (12.00). Jamie Stice picked up a fifth-place finish in the 400m dash with a time of 55.62. Tanner Cromer got a silver medal in the 110 hurdles in 17.88 while Jarrot Simon placed fifth in 19.24. SH got a pair of medals in the 300m hurdles with Casteel taking fourth place (45.10) and Cromer getting fifth in 46.51. The 4x100m relay team took gold in 45.43, more than a second in front of second place. Team members included Sean Arnold, Casteel, Drew Bippes, and Haring. The boys 4x400 relay team of Stice, Arnold, Bippes, and Casteel also took first with a time of 3:43.55. The two-mile relay team of Nate Finck, Nathan Neddenriep, Bob Hermesch and Stice picked up four points with a fourth-place finish in 9:25.22. In the high jump, Cromer cleared 5-06 for a fourth-place medal. SH picked up a pair of medals in the pole vault with Bippes taking silver at 11-00 and Ryker Hoy taking fourth at 10-

00. Joe Bieker went 18-08.25 in the long jump for third place, and Arnold was right behind in fourth place at 18-06.75. Bieker also picked up a second place finish in the triple jump, leaping 41-00.75 and Stice was third at 40-10.75. Finally, Sloan Leonard scored two points for SH in the shot put with a toss of 38-04 for a fifth-place finish.

The Irish girls picked up points with Ahren Ebel taking sixth place in the 400m dash with a time of 70.71. The 4x100m relay team of Abby Fiegenger, Ebel, McKenzie Witt and Paige Stamper ran a 56.01 for a fifth-place finish. Madison Littrel, Lexi Pokorny, Emily Crouse and Claire Neimeyer ran a 12:16.61 for sixth place in the 4x800m relay. Ciara Catlin cleared 4-06 in the high jump for a sixth-place medal. Catlin also picked up a silver medal in the pole vault at 8-06.

Lexi Pokorny picked up a pair of sixth place medals in the long jump (13.05.75) and triple jump at 30-03. Abby Fiegenger got the top finish of the day for the Irish girls taking gold in the shot put at 36-05.50 and sixth place in the discus with a toss of 93-10.

The Irish teams will hit the track again on Tuesday, April 17 as they host the Robert A. Roh Invite at Syracuse. On Saturday, April 21 the Irish will compete in the MUDECAS Meet at Tri-County and will be in action on April 24 at Pawnee City.

Tiger track teams both struggle at Syracuse Invite

By Brian McKim

The Falls City boys and girls track teams competed in the Scott Nisely Invite at Syracuse High School last Thursday. The two teams had a rough day as the girls ended the day in ninth place with nine team points. The girl's team from Syracuse won the meet with 119 points. The boys fared better as they finished the day with 31 points and a seventh-place finish. Crete took home the top team honors with 135 total points.

Hannah Clary had the top finish of the day for the Lady Tigers as she took home fourth place in the high jump, clearing the bar at 4-10. Sara Black just missed a medal in the high jump as she went 4-8 for a seventh-place finish. The 4x100m relay team of Ava Morgan, Ellicyn Gilkerson, Rylee Scholl and Hannah Clary took home a fifth-place medal with a time of 57.74. The girls 4x800 relay team also-ran to a fifth-place finish with a time of 11:10.09. Team members included Meredith Poppe, Brooklyn Romine, Mazey McCullough and Brenna Leyden. McCullough just missed a medal in the 800m run as she finished in eighth place with a time of 2:44.04 and Rylee Scholl was the Tigers top jumper in the long jump as she went

14-08.25 for a ninth-place finish.

Rudy Vrtiska was the top point man for the Tiger boys on Thursday as he picked up points in all four of his events. In the 400m dash, Vrtiska finished in fourth place in 53.09 while Cade Schawang just missed a medal, finishing in seventh place with a time of 54.57. Vrtiska picked up a third-place medal in the 110 hurdles in 15.89 and got the gold in the 300m hurdles with a time of 41.14, over 1.7 seconds ahead of second place. Vrtiska also anchored the 4x400m relay team that finished in fifth place with a time of 3:50.43. Other relay team members included Cade Schawang, Trey McAfee, and Braden Kobza. Emmet Kirkendall cleared the high jump bar at 5-10 to secure a fourth-place medal. Braden Kobza ran a 2:10.41 for fourth place and Alex Rathje ran a 2:16.36 for sixth place in the 800m dash. Kobza just missed a medal in the 1600m run as he finished in 5:17.08 for seventh place and Jared Hawley ran an 11:53.88 for a seventh-place finish in the 3200m run.

The Tiger track teams will see action again on Thursday, April 19 at the Louisville Invitational and then will be at home for the Falls City Invite on April 24.

As the weather warms up, so do Tiger golfers

By Brian McKim

The Falls City golf team took advantage of rare, spring-like weather last week participating in two varsity meets and one junior varsity meet. On Tuesday the varsity team took part in the HTRS Invite at Kirkman's Golf Course.

JCC was crowned the champs as they fired a 336, well ahead of second place Southern with a 372. The Tigers team came in one shot behind Southern with a 373 for third place. Braden Oliver took home the top individual honors as he fired a four-over par 76 for first place. Lukas Aldana also had a good day swinging the clubs as he shot a 90, good for seventh place. Other team members at the HTRS Invite were Caden Simon (102), Jake Joy (105) and Austin Babb (105).

On Thursday the Tiger team played in the Nebraska City Invite held at the par 72 Wild Wood Golf Course. Platteview took home top team honors with a 332, while the Tigers fired a 365 for a fifth-place finish out of 10 teams.

Jordan Hart of Platteview took home first place for individuals with a 75. Braden Oliver shot an eight-over par 80 for fifth place, and Lukas Aldana shot an 86 for twelfth place. Oliver shot a 38 on the front nine and a 42 on the back for his 80. Aldana fired a 46-40 for his 86. Also for the Tigers, Austin Babb shot a 44-49 for a 93, Jake Joy hit a 53-53 for a 106 and Caden Simon shot a 57-54 for a 111.

The Falls City JV team also competed last week in the Hiawatha Invite. Collin Cook led

the way for FC with a 57, while Jack Findlay was one stroke behind with a 58. Keldon Campbell and Hunter Arnold each shot a 61, Patrick Michaelson had a 65, and Halen Farmer shot a 69.

The varsity team will compete in the Wymore Invitational on Wednesday, April 18 and then in the Palmyra Invitational at Woodland Hills on April 25.

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SNC announces 2018 scholarship winners

Southeast Nebraska Communications announced the winners of the annual Edwin S. Towle II Memorial Scholarship contest on Monday, Apr. 16.

The winner from Falls City High School is senior Tavia Bruxellas, daughter of Paulo and Vanji Bruxellas. Tavia's plans are to enroll in a 4 year college to obtain a degree in Political Science/History from Liberty University.

The winner from Falls City Sacred Heart is senior Brady Keller, son of James and Jennifer Keller. Brady's plans are majoring in Chemistry, Minor in Agriculture at the University

of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The scholarship is for \$2,000 and is awarded to two graduating seniors each year who plan to continue their education at a two-year or four-year institution. In order to be eligible to apply, a student must be an immediate family member of an SNC landline customer.

NFF Hampshire Honor Society Members Announced

The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) announced today the members of the 2018 NFF Hampshire Honor Society, which is comprised of college football players from all divisions of play who each maintained a cumulative 3.2 GPA or better throughout their college careers. An all-time high 1,251 players from a record-breaking 302 schools qualified for membership in the society's 12th year. Click the link above to see the full list of honorees.

Doane University (Neb.) placed seven on this year's list that included 66 total senior student-athletes from the NAIA. Receiving recognition from Doane were Bret Andrew (Casper, Wyo.), Cole Bodfield (Crete, Neb.), Richard Carter (San Marcos, Calif.), Jarod Fiegner (Falls City, Neb.), Drew Klein (Papillion, Neb.), Trev Lovell (Bellevue, Neb.), and Cole Wiseman (Sutton, Neb.).

The Tiger senior class posted a career record of 30-12 over their four seasons with two NAIA Playoff berths.



The Ag Sales Team from left to right: Hunter Arnold, Dylan Frederick, Joel Gifford and Jack Findlay.

Falls City FFA members excel at state convention

By Seth Brewer

The FC FFA chapter started off the busy month of April by competing at State Convention in Lincoln during the first week of April. The members not only competed but they also attended sessions that were held at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

The teams representing the chapter were the Ag Mechanics team, the Junior Parliamentary Procedure (Parli Pro) team, the Agronomy team, the Welding team, the Ag Sales team, and the Livestock Judging team.

The Ag Mechanics team consisted of Jared Frederick, Keldon Campbell, Seth Brewer, and Braydon Frederick.

The Junior Parli Pro team, which consisted of Kiley Nutt,

Tyler Uhri, Riley Kobza, David Kuker, Laney Feek, Emily Ernst, and Gwen Olberding, received a Bronze plaque for their outstanding work.

The members of the Agronomy team were Elle Findlay, Erin Brewer, Franklin Fields, and Seth Brewer. They received a white ribbon.

The Welding team placed 17th out of 60 teams and received a red ribbon. The Welding team consisted of Jared Frederick for MIG welding, Patrick Mischeelsen for Oxy-Acetylene welding, Dylan Frederick for TIG welding, and Hunter Arnold for Arc welding.

The Ag Sales team placed 20th out of 49 teams and also received a red ribbon. The Ag

Sales team consisted of Joel Gifford, Dylan Frederick, Hunter Arnold, and Jack Findlay.

The members of the Livestock Judging team were Keldon Campbell, Gwen Olberding, Tyler Uhri, and Blake Dougherty.

Dylan Frederick also went to state for his Specialized Crop SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience). Dylan received a Bronze plaque for his SAE. Joel Gifford represented the chapter by singing in the state FFA choir at state convention. Joel not only sang with the choir, he even earned his own solo for "Livin' On a Prayer." Joel finished off the busy week by receiving his state degree.

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Raymond Sommerville



Raymond Sommerville, 63, of Beatrice, NE, passed away April 9, 2018 in Beatrice.

He was born Jan. 10, 1955 at Fairbury, NE to John and Lenora (Allen) Sommerville.

Raymond enlisted in the U. S. Army on October 20, 1972 and was honorably discharged on March 6, 1974.

Raymond was raised at Beatrice and attended Beatrice Public Schools. Following his discharge he lived in Texas and in 1982 moved to Belleville, KS where he owned Automotive Hobby Repair. He then moved to Mahaska, KS where he was an auto mechanic and tow truck operator. He retired in 2014 due to his health. He was a member of VFW at Belleville.

Raymond is survived by his daughters, Alisha Sommerville of Junction City, KS, Sara Sibley of Belleville, son, Steven Sommerville of Denver, brother, Larry of Wymore, NE, sisters, Joanna Cooper and her husband Greg of Beatrice, Caroline Marples and her husband Jim of Ayr, NE, Alice Bryne and her husband Eddie of Wymore, Amanda Martinez and her husband Jesse of Beatrice and one grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A graveside service was held on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 2:00 PM at Rulo Cemetery with Reverend Edward MacDonald officiating. Military graveside honors by Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard.

No viewing or visitation at the funeral home.

Charles "Myron" Bright

Charles "Myron" Bright, 98, of Humboldt, Nebraska was born on March 26, 1920 in rural Shubert, Nebraska to Charles E. and Florence (Hayward) Bright. The family moved to Gentry, Arkansas in 1922 and returned to Shubert in 1929. Myron's family moved to Dawson in 1935 and later to Humboldt in 1943. Myron received his schooling in Arkansas, Shubert, and finished in Dawson.



On January 15, 1941, Myron was united in marriage to Dorothy Stevicks in Dawson, Nebraska. The couple made their home on a farm outside of Humboldt where Myron farmed and worked at an implement store. In 1954, he started working for Stansbury Implement and later purchased the business from Wes Stansbury in 1973. After Dorothy's passing in 1973, Myron was united in marriage to Carol Sue (Badberg) Hain on December 27, 1974 in Humboldt. They made Humboldt their home all of their married life and in 1992, Myron sold the implement business to Larry Stauffer and Tim Bowen. While living in Humboldt, Myron was a very active member of the community. He was a member of the Lions Club, Odd Fellows Lodge, City Council, Cemetery Board, Chamber Board, Hospital Board, and the Humboldt Fire Department.

Myron passed away on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at the Pawnee County Memorial Hospital in Pawnee City, Nebraska, having reached the age of ninety-eight years and sixteen days. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Dorothy, daughter Connie Stubben, a sister Rachel (Leo) Kunze, brothers John and Franklin Bright, half-sisters Edith McKinney and Berence Springfield.

Myron is survived by his loving wife Carol of Humboldt, NE; sons: Dennis Bright of Summerville, SC; Corey Hain and wife Tina of rural Humboldt, NE; 7 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

Funeral Services was held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 14, 2018, at The Christian Church in Humboldt, Nebraska with Pastor Howard Blecha officiating.

Visitation was from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. on Friday, April 13, 2018, at The Wherry Mortuary in Humboldt, Nebraska. Family greeted friends from 6-8 p.m. at the mortuary.

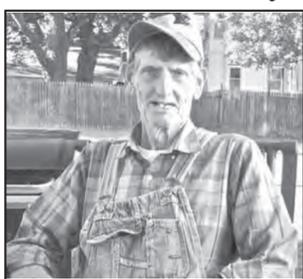
Interment will be at the Heim Cemetery in Dawson, Nebraska.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family's choice with a later designation. Online messages of condolence can be left at www.wherrymortuary.com

Services are entrusted to Wherry Mortuary-Humboldt, Nebraska (402) 862-2915

Leon R. Keithley

Leon Ralph Keithley, 82, passed away April 16, 2018, surrounded by his children. Leon was born September 2, 1935, to Emerson and Mildred (Watton) Keithley in Shubert, NE.



George, Elle and James Froeschl and Julia Keithley, great-grandchildren Sutton and Greyson Hillyard and Mia George. Sisters-in-law Marilyn Keithley, Betty (Art) Beckman, Alice (Charlie) Title, brothers-in-law John Huber and David (Kathy) Holdorf. His loyal dog Buddy. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, mother and father-in-law Albert and Elaine Holdorf, brother Lowell Keithley and sister Fern Huber.

He married Julia Ann Holdorf on August 4, 1962 at St. Anne's Church in Shubert, NE.

Leon was raised in Shubert, attended Fike Grade School and graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1953. He farmed his entire life and also enjoyed trimming, removing and hauling trees (taking out many mailboxes along the way!)

He is survived by his four children, Amy (Doug) DeBolt of Ashland, NE, Angela (Mark) Hillyard of Falls City, Annette (Doug) George of Liberty, MO, David (Kate) Keithley of Falls City. Grandchildren David and Andrew DeBolt, Michael (Becky), Matthew, Morgan and Mallory Hillyard, Linsey, Alex, and Jacey

A private Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Shubert with Father Cole Kennett as the presiding priest. Inurnment will be in St. Anne's Cemetery in Shubert, NE.

A Parish Rosary will be recited on Friday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Falls City. The family will receive friends afterward.

Memorials are suggested to St. Anne's Catholic Church or St. Anne's Catholic Cemetery.

Clara M. Miller

Clara M. Speers, age 87, of Blaine, WA, passed away on April 9, 2018. Clara was born Clara Marie Miller on April 21, 1930 in Lyman, Nebraska, to Howard and Lila Miller. Clara was the oldest of nine children.

Clara attended high school in Rulo, Neb. Following high school, Clara married Charles R. Speers on July 1, 1948 and raised two sons, Richard and Daniel. The family spent several years moving from duty station to duty station in the Border Patrol before settling down in Blaine, WA.

Clara was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, her parents, 4 brothers and 1 sister. Clara is survived by her son Richard and wife Sandy of Custer, WA; son Daniel and wife Terry of Birch Bay, WA; grandchildren, Nicki, Lisa, Christopher, Stefanie and great grandchildren Jaden, Corey, Zachary, Logan, Shawn and Alivia. Also by her sisters Linda Beckner and Judy Adams from Falls City, Neb.

Clara enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Memorial service will be held at the Jerns Funeral Chapel, 800 E. Sunset Dr., Bellingham, WA at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 21, 2018.

Robert J. Lehew

Robert J. "Bob" Lehew, 79, of Hiawatha, died April 14, 2018.

Survivors: his wife Edna (Backhus); children: Michael (Melody) Lehew, Teri (Ron) Hand, Connie (John) Angrisani, Gregory (Cyndi) Lehew, Tricia (Eric) Perez; step-children: Billy (Cheryl) Baker, Cheryl (Seth) Tarwater; brothers: Richard (Luella) Marker, Harry (Susan) Lehew.

Preceded by: parents Roy and Grace;

Celebration of life: 11 a.m. Saturday, April 21, Zion Lutheran Church, Hiawatha,

Family Visitation: 9:30-10:30 prior to services.

Duane Heise

Duane Heise, 82, formerly of the Hamlin-Morrill area, died January 27, 2018 in Ramona, Calif.

Survivors: wife Dianne; children: Charlene (Dan) Miller, Mark (Tobi) Heise, Melanie (Chris) Carver; siblings: Eileen, Austin (Rhoda) Heise, Eugene (Harriett) Heise; seven grandchildren.

Preceded by: parents Arthur and Mary Heise.

Family Visitation: 12:00pm -1:00pm, Saturday, April 21st, Chapel Oaks FH, Hiawatha, to go in procession to Pleasant Hill Cemetery, north of Hamlin, for graveside services. www.chapelocksfuneralhome.com

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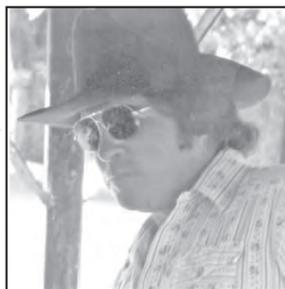


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Charlie Keller

Charlie Keller, 67, of Salem, NE, passed away April 12, 2018 at his home. He was born June 24, 1950 at Falls City, NE to Charles and Cora (Ogden) Keller.



He also farmed and ranched as well, his whole life. He was a member of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska and well as Boilermaker Union local 83 of Kansas City.

He married Sandy Elrod-Stevenson on April 1, 2015 at Sabetha, KS. They had been a couple for 37 years.

Charlie was raised at Rulo and attended grade school there before attending two years of school in Reserve, KS and then graduating from Falls City High School in 1968. Following graduation he worked for Gulf Fertilizer and then became employed at Butler Manufacturing at Kansas City erecting Ag storage tanks, then for Falls City Meat Company, then worked installing fiber optic cable throughout the United States for Pirelli. He was finally employed by Crosswinds Pet Foods at Sabetha for 21 years, retiring in 2015. He

Charlie is survived by his wife, Sandy of Salem, step-son, Jason Elrod and his wife Britinna of Dawson, NE, sisters, Barb Prater and husband Jim of Rulo, Marcia Simmonds and her husband Donnie of Falls City and a granddaughter, Bailey. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, John and niece, Christina Simmonds.

His funeral will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 10:30 AM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with Reverend Jerry Yount officiating. Interment will be in Rulo Cemetery.

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

Martha J. Nims

Martha Jane (Miller) Nims, 96 of Humboldt, Nebraska was born to Walter and Ella (Gordon) Miller on February 11, 1922 in Summit, Mississippi. She graduated from Summit High School and then received her Bachelor's Degree from Southern Miss University. She continued her education attaining her master's degree from Louisiana State University, (LSU).

Martha began her work career at Standard Oil of Louisiana working in the chemical products lab in Baton Rouge. She moved to Nebraska and started her Vocational Home Economics Teaching career in 1946 in Humboldt where Martha also taught chemistry and general sciences. She later taught at Falls City from 1958 to her retirement in 1984 teaching Home Economics for 38 years. She was a member of the Humboldt United Methodist Church where she was involved with the United Methodist Women, member of the Daughters of American Revolution, Order of Eastern Star, P.E.O., and American Legion Auxiliary.

When her health declined Martha became a resident of Colonial Acres Nursing Home where she passed away April 10, 2018 at the age of 96 years.

Martha is survived by her daughter Sarah Nims of Humboldt, nieces: Jacque Nims-Westling and husband James of Phoenix, AZ; Virginia Mueller Traylor of Baton Rouge, LA; Lisa Mueller-Alfonso of Apex, NC; a nephew Walter "Trey" Miller II of Longview, TX; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Richard, sister, Carolyn Mueller and husband Jack and brother, Walter Miller Jr. and wife Shirley.

Funeral Services will be held 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at the United Methodist Church in Humboldt, Nebraska with Pastor Dorothy Smith officiating.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at The Wherry Mortuary in Humboldt, Nebraska.

Interment will be at the Humboldt Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Humboldt United Methodist Church or family's choice with a later designation.

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- 1-3 YEAR OLD REGISTERED ANGUS BULL
- 1-2 YEAR OLD ANGUS & 1-2 YEAR OLD RED ANGUS BULL
- 1 YEARLING ANGUS BULL-A REAL NICE BULL, BIG ENOUGH TO USE.
- 10 BIG FANCY ANGUS FIRST CALF HEIFERS-ALL WITH CALVES AT SIDE. HEIFERS AND THEIR CALVES HAVE BEEN VAX, WORMED AND POURED WITH THE BULL CALVES ALREADY CASTRATED, CALVES TAGGED TO MATCH THEIR MOTHER. A REALLY NICE SET ALL HOME RAISED COMING FROM A REPUTABLE HERD.
- 6-3&4 YEAR OLD ANGUS COW BRED TO HEREFORD BULL FOR FALL CALVING .
- 12 BLACK AND BWF COWS HEAVY SPRINGERS
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Falls City Public Schools Superintendent's Update

The Falls City Public Schools held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 11, 2018. Here are the highlights of the meeting.

StudySync Language Arts Instructional Program, introduced to the audience by Middle School Language Arts teachers Kory Huppert, Karen Boatright, Jamie Milam and Roger Lampe, offers powerful digital instruction with full print support. StudySync engages students while advancing reading, writing, critical thinking, speaking and listening skills. According to the teachers, StudySync's daily "Blasts" assignments challenge students to analyze topics of current cultural significance, giving them the opportunity to voice informed opinions on topics that matter. Another beneficial advantage of StudySync is the real-time curriculum updates. Teachers aren't challenged to wait the traditional 7-plus years for an updated curriculum and resources. Furthermore, evidence was presented on what the middle school students think about the new language arts curriculum - the response was overwhelmingly in support. The students and teachers are excited about reading and language arts at Falls City Middle School.

The NRCSA and Gary Fisher Fine Arts Scholarships - Congratulations to Falls City High seniors Zachary Petry and Jordan Bomar each as recipients of the \$1,000 NRCSA Scholarships. The Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA) awards scholarships on an annual basis. Graduating seniors from NRCSA member schools are eligible to apply for these scholarships.

Each member school district may submit one boy and one girl in this scholarship competition. The scholarship awards support students planning to pursue a college degree and career in education or the fine or performing arts. Zach Petry was awarded the \$1,000 Gary Fisher Fine Arts Scholarship award, and Jordan Bomar was awarded the \$1,000 NRCSA Scholarship award.

Early Childhood Education - District 56 recently received official notification the Sixpence Board of Trustees has approved our Continuation Grant Allocation in the amount of \$465,500 for the 2018-19 grant term (Family Engagement Grant: \$240,500; CCP: \$225,000). The Sixpence Programs are preparing for cuts to their state-level funding. Fortunately, the Sixpence Early Learning Fund is comprised of funding from multiple sources, including a private endowment. Therefore, Sixpence anticipate that private funding will be able to compensate for the reduction in state funding and Sixpence grants will not be negatively impacted, at least in the short term.

It has long been a policy of the Sixpence Board of Trustees to sustain quality programs that are making a difference in the lives of our youngest children. Thus, when Sixpence encounters cuts to the state budget, it is important to closely monitor their potential effects on new programming options moving forward. Be assured that we and our policy partners will continue to defend public investments in Sixpence and other high-quality early childhood programming in the state budget.

New Outdoor Commons at the Middle School - Thanks to a generous donation from the Class of 1967, the Middle School outdoor commons seating area is now complete, along with added bench seating near the front entrance at both North and South School.

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

1) Approved on Final Reading Policy Revisions: 1) 4262 Electronic Management and Record Retention; 2) 5310 General Purchasing and Procurement; 3) 5311 Purchasing (Credit) Card Program; 4) 5330 Board/Staff Expense Reimbursement Policy.

2) Accepted the Resignation of J.P. Holys, Elementary Principal / Special Education Director, 7 years with District 56.

3) Approved the 2018-2019 Teacher Contracts for Joshua McCampbell, High School Social Science Teacher; Clarissa Ross, Early Childhood Teacher / Early Childhood Special Education.

4) Approved the ESU 4 Core Services Resolution 2018-2019

5) Approved the ESU 4 Special Education Contract 2018-2019

6) Approved the Facility Project List for 2018

The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for May 14, 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.

LEAD Fellowship applications available

LINCOLN, Neb. — Fellowship applications for Nebraska LEAD (Leadership Education/Action Development) Group 38 are now available for men and women involved in production agriculture or agribusiness.

"Up to 30 motivated men and women with demonstrated leadership potential will be selected from five geographic districts across our state," said Terry Hejny, Nebraska LEAD Program director.

In addition to monthly three-day seminars throughout Nebraska from mid-September through early April each year, Nebraska LEAD Fellows also participate in a 10-day National Study/Travel Seminar and a two week International Study/Travel Seminar.

Seminar themes include leadership assessment and potential, natural resources and energy, agricultural policy, leadership through communication, Nebraska's political process, global perspectives, nuclear energy, social issues, understanding and developing leadership skills, agribusiness and marketing, advances in health care and the resources and people of Nebraska's Panhandle, Hejny said.

The Nebraska LEAD Program is designed to prepare the spokespersons, problem-solvers and decision makers for Nebraska and its agricultural industry.

In its 37th year, the program is operated by the Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Council, a nonprofit organization, in collaboration with the University of Nebraska's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources and in cooperation with Nebraska colleges and universities, business and industry, and individuals throughout the state.

Applications are due no later than June 15 and are available via e-mail from the Nebraska LEAD Program. Please contact the Nebraska LEAD Program office at sgerdes2@unl.edu. You may also request an application by writing to: 104 ACB, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 68583-0940 or by calling (402) 472-6810. You can visit www.lead.unl.edu for information about the selection process.

Nebraska LEAD Program offices are in the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Early Voting Ballots now available

Early Voting is available for the May 15, 2018, Statewide Primary Election at the office of the Richardson County Clerk, Room 203, Courthouse, in Falls City. Anyone who is unable to go to their regular polling place for any reason can request an "Early Voting Ballot". These ballots can be mailed to voters upon the receipt of an application or a written request signed by the voter or their agent and delivered to the Office of the County Clerk. "Early Voting Ballots" can also be picked up in person and voted at the Office of the County Clerk through May 14, 2018 during regular business hours. Application forms for "Early Voting Ballots" are published in today's edition of the Falls City Journal and are also available on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us home page.

The deadline for those persons who would like to vote in the May 15, 2018, Primary Election and who have not previously registered to vote in Richardson County or would like to change their party affiliation is Friday, May 4. Voter registration is done at the Office of the County Clerk during regular business hours, and on Friday, May 4th the office will remain open until 6:00 p.m. Registration forms are also available at the Humboldt City Clerk's Office during regular business hours and on

Tuesday, May 1 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. the County Clerk's Office will conduct a satellite office in Humboldt to make available voter registration.

Persons wanting to vote in the election are urged to check their voter registration status to make certain they are registered at the correct address and affiliated with the political party for which they are going to cast their ballot. Voters may check their registration at <https://www.votercheck.necvr.ne.gov> or by contacting the Richardson County Clerk's Office at 402-245-2911.

Voter registration is taken at all times at the Office of the Richardson County Clerk during regular business hours and again on Friday, May 4th the Office will be open until 6:00 p.m. for those last minute registrants. Voters can also register at <http://ne.gov/go/NEreg2vote>. The deadline for any voter registration form other than in person is Monday, April 30.

Address changes and name changes due to marriage are encouraged to be changed before May 4th, however, these changes can be made at the polls on Election Day by voting a "Provisional Ballot".

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Tracing your genealogy

The internet has put more information into our hands than generations past may have ever believed possible. One of the more unique ways the internet has opened doors is by providing a relatively easy way for men and women to trace their family histories. Once difficult to gather, information with regard to genealogy is now just a click away.

Tracing one's genealogy has become a popular pastime and one that is much more manageable thanks to the bevy of family tree and family lineage websites. Such sites work by gathering some key information, including the names and birthdays of certain relatives. The sites then use this data to create a more complete picture of family relations. On the popular genealogy site Ancestry.com, for example, suggestions pop up with a potential relative's name or further information about a loved one, which can then populate the family tree even further.

In addition to knowing just who is in a family, tracing genealogy also can present a bigger picture of relatives' occupations and military history, and may even shed light on their travel histories. Family tree sites can be enhanced by uploading images, census data, immigration records, and even more documents that would be otherwise buried in photo albums or memory keepsakes.

Taking family genealogy a step further, many people are opting to couple their family history quests with DNA testing. Companies such as 23andMe can use a saliva sample to help pinpoint potential geographic roots. These findings can include an estimate on ethnicity, going as far as breaking down the percentage of ethnicity from certain regions of the world. Further testing may include the ability to learn about other relatives who are linked through these DNA matches.

Family genealogy websites can provide fascinating windows into our family histories. People who are unsure of their ethnicity, those who were adopted, or anyone who is just curious about how their families began can find a wealth of interesting information in relatively little time.

We are learning about animals...  ...that are at risk or may go extinct.  Kids: color stuff in! 

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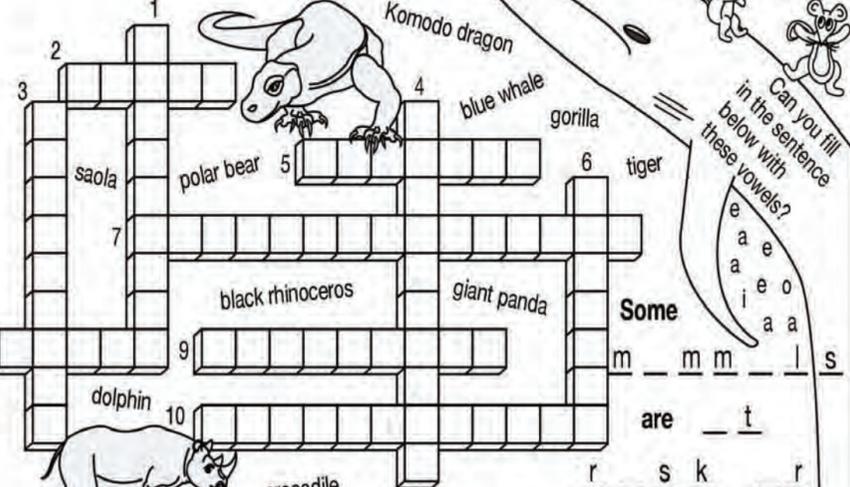
Do you know what the word 'extinct' means? When we say an animal is extinct, we mean that there are none left!

Animals and plants have disappeared through natural causes such as storms, volcanic eruptions or diseases. Some animals have been wiped out because people were hungry and killed them for food before they had a chance to replace their populations.

Animals may be threatened by loss of their homes or by sprays used to kill pesky insects. Some are hunted for their furs or horns.

When numbers of these animals drop so low that they may become extinct, we call them 'endangered' and may work to protect them.

Animals at Risk



Some kinds of mice are at risk too!  Wow!

Can you fill in the sentence below with these vowels? e a e o a a i o a a

Some _____ are _____

_____ n d n g r d .

- Fill in the puzzle with some animals that are at risk:**
- Arctic; melting ice threatens their habitat
 - hunted for furs and food; found only in Vietnam; looks like an antelope, in same family as the cow
 - Florida; swampy homes drained; hunted for skins, food
 - few small groups left in mountainous bamboo forests of China
 - large gentle animals in African jungles; not enough room for gathering food, raising families; killed for body parts
 - followed by fishermen seeking tuna; drown in nets; now companies support ways to fish that do not kill needlessly
 - Africa, Asia; poachers kill them for their horns
 - beautiful cat of India, Russia; killed for skin or fur
 - ocean animal; largest animal in world; hunted
 - giant lizard; very few left

The quagga was an animal that lived in the grasslands of South Africa. With stripes on its front half and plain brown on its back half it looked like it was half zebra and half horse. It is now extinct.



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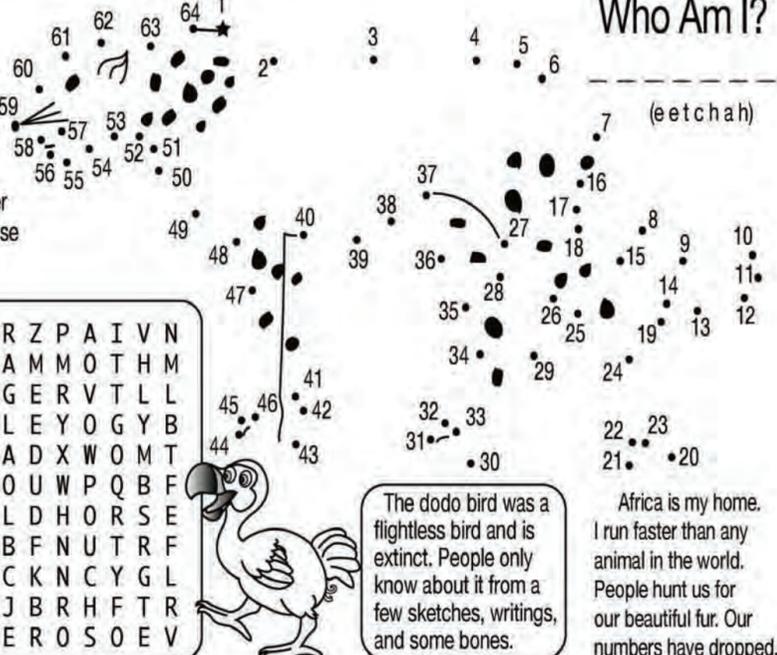
Extinct Animals

When animals are "extinct" it means that there are no more of them. The dinosaurs are probably the best known of the extinct animals. Can you find and circle the names of some extinct animals listed below?

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Who Am I?

(eetchah)



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Permit

The Planning Commission of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, will meet on May 1, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska, to hold a public hearing at which time interested parties and citizens have an opportunity to be heard concerning the request for a conditional use permit for a day care center use of the following described real estate, to-wit: 816 E 16th Street, Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows:

Falls City - Forney's 2nd Addition BLK 1 Lots 22 & 23.

The application is made by Christina Crawford for a conditional use permit for the above real estate located in the (R2) Medium Density Residential Zoning District of the City of Falls City, as provided in Article 6 of the Falls City Municipal Zoning Ordinance.

The City of Falls City A Municipal Corporation Gary Jom, City Clerk 18

Village of Rulo

Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting, February 12, 2018 6:00 pm Rulo Library - Winter Months Only Present Lee Smith, Norman Thompson, Dion Grier, Melissa Coonce, Becky Simmonds, & Jane Zentner, Clerk/Sect. Village of Rulo Board of Trustees Guests Tammie Bents, Kraig Coonce & Julie Vollmer Board Chairman, Lee Smith called the meeting to order at 6:10pm. Minutes: Dion Grier made the motion to approve the corrected minutes. 2nd by Melissa Coonce. Voting: Norman Thompson, Becky Simmonds, Dion Grier, Yea Claims: Jane Zentner Village Clerk/Sect. read through the Claims. Melissa Coonce made the motion to pay the claims. 2nd by Dion Grier. Voting: Norman Thompson, Becky Simmonds, Melissa Coonce, Dion Grier, Yea Treasurer's Report: Jane Zentner read the Treasurer's Report. Becky Simmonds made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. 2nd by Dion Grier. Voting: Norman Thompson, Melissa Coonce, Becky Simmonds, Dion Grier, Yea Street Department: 1 & 6 year plan was presented by Julie Vollmer. Discussion of the plan to continue with filling pot holes cleaning out tubs and filling in washed out places. Dion Grier made the motion to accept the 1 & 6 Year plan. 2nd by Melissa Coonce. Voting: Becky Simmonds, Norman Thompson, Melissa Coonce, Dion Grier, Yea Water Department: Tammie reported she would be in school from 12 thru 14 of March at Kearney, NE. Verdon & Rulo will share the expense. Jane reported on delinquent water bills. Fire Department: Kraig Coonce; reported CPR classes will be 21st at 5:30 pm Sheriff's Office. NIMS class 13 & 15, 6 to 9 with 6 members from fire department. Little tanker truck needs to be checked also the service pump for the Fire Truck Cemetery; No Report Library; No Report Auditorium: Historical Building, Check into Historical Society Funding? New Business: River View Park; Dion Grier Reported the tributary just south of the Boat dock on the Missouri River is washing out and needs rock. Dion has been in contact with the Cor. Of Engineers and will meet with him and discuss the best ways to stop further erosion. Rulo City Park: Plans for Easter Egg Hunt at the City Park. Time and date to be announced. Becky Simmonds will check other dates in the surrounding area, before we set time and date. Next Meeting will be after Day Light Savings Time On and Meeting will be at regular Time 7:00pm March 12, 2018. Adjourn: Becky Simmonds made the motion to adjourn 2nd by Melissa Coonce. All in Favor. Yea.

Village of Rulo

Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting, March 12, 2018 7:00 pm - Rulo Library Present Lee Smith, Norman Thompson, Dion Grier, Melissa Coonce, Becky Simmonds & Jane Zentner, Clerk/Sect. Guests: Kraig Coonce, Jack Sells, and Kevin Barber Board Chairman, Lee Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Minutes: Becky Simmonds made the motion to approve the with the exception of Glen Kelley hours minutes. 2nd by Melissa Coonce. Voting: Norman Thompson, Dion Grier, Melissa Coonce, Becky Simmonds, Yea Claims: Jane Zentner Village Clerk/Sect. read through the Claims. Dion Grier made the motion to pay the claims. 2nd by Becky Simmonds. Voting: Norman Thompson, Becky Simmonds, Melissa Coonce, Dion Grier, Yea Treasurer's Report: Jane Zentner read the Treasurer's Report. Becky Simmonds, made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. 2nd by Dion Grier. Voting: Norman Thompson, Melissa Coonce, Becky Simmonds, Dion Grier, Yea Street Department: Need gravel and move stock gravel to new location. Discussion of moving stock gravel was made and decided on 5th and Rouleau St. south side of the street. Bids for hauling gravel will be ready for approval at the April 9, 2018. Board meeting. Also for Grading the Streets. Water Department: Jane Zentner reported on delinquent water bills. Fire Department: Kraig Coonce reported on Rural Fire Truck needs worked on and a new water tank. Discussion with the Board of the approximate cost. Melissa Coonce made the motion for cost of no more than \$3,500.00 to repair the Fire Truck. 2nd by Dion Grier. Voting: Norman Thompson, Becky Simmonds, Dion Grier, Melissa Coonce, Yea Cemetery; No Report Library; No Report Auditorium: No Report New Business: River View Park; COR will be in touch with Dion Grier and The problem of erosion South of the Boat Ramp. Easter Egg Hunt: Will be in the Rulo Park at 4:00 pm March 31,2018 Adjourn: Melissa Coonce Made the motion to adjourn, 2nd by Dion Grier. Voting: Norman Thompson, Becky Simmonds, Dion Grier, Melissa Coonce, Yea

Village of Verdon

VERDON MINUTES REGULAR MEETING - APRIL 4 2018 - 7:30 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 7:30 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 Lowe 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 Streit to approve, with all the Trustees present voting YEA. APRIL, 2018 CLAIMS: Motion by Koso, second by Lowe to approve paying the claims after they were all checked and verified by the trustees. COMMUNICATIONS: 1. The April, 2018 shut off notices were reviewed by the Board and two were paid late, trustees asked the clerk to have the ones shut off who did not pay by notice due date. 2. Time sheets for March, 2018 were reviewed by the Trustees and initialed. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 1. Copies of the written update reports for the Village from Maintenance Supervisor, Tammie Bents were passed out to each Board member with updates on the Village that had occurred during the past month. 2. Water tower painting was tabled until conference can be arranged with the paint company experts. 3. A new AVT EZ Valve was tabled as our water operator is trying to fix the existing one with ideas she learned at the water school to possibly avoid having to purchase a new one. 4. The mixer to keep the water tower from freezing in extremely cold weather was discussed as price for this is expensive. Tammie is to check on prices from other places and to talk to other towns to see what they do to avoid having their tower freeze up. NEW BUSINESS: 1. After discussion, a motion was made by Streit, second by Koso to approve mosquito misting done again this season by HJP Pest Control, all the trustees voting YEA. 2. Painting the inside of the new Community Center has been started and the ones who have volunteered to help with this project are very much appreciated. Cindy Fritz and Denise Koso have been working very hard to get this done with help from volunteers and Tammie Bents before the fund raiser for John Ramer. 3. Loaded and unloaded trucks were discussed and will be tabled until the May meeting. 4. Clerk is to update the safe deposit box signatures. 5. Tammie reported that illegal items have been put in the brush dump again and this must stop. It is only for brush and trees cut into 4 foot lengths. ORDINANCES: 1. Ordinance 2018-101 "Water Basic Rate Increase" was read by Brenda Streit and Page 2, Verdon Minutes. Chairperson Koso motioned to pass the second reading. A second was made by Weinmann and all the trustees voted YEA. Second reading passed and approved this 4th day of April, 2018. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Lowe, second by Weinmann to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. All the trustees voted YEA. Meeting adjourned. The next regular monthly meeting for the Village of Verdon will be on May 2, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Verdon Village Hall. Brenda Daniels Verdon Clerk/Treasurer.

VILLAGE OF VERDON MARCH, 2018 CLAIMS PAID

Table with 2 columns: Item Name, Amount. Includes entries like EFTPS: EX \$579.35, PETTY CASH SE & SU \$100.55, BRENDA DANIELS MI \$30.00, etc.

Village of Salem

VILLAGE OF SALEM

The Salem Village Board met April 3, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building. Chairman Strauch opened the meeting with Wessel, Voegel, Catlin and Kean present. Also present were Jeff Moyer and Fred Reimers. Reimers updated the water system. Reported on a new install. The board reviewed the options concerning the right of way on McDonald Street. Wessel moved to adopt option one, leave the right of way as is, undeveloped and advising the adjoining property owners to remove their property within 60 days. Catlin seconded the motion. Catlin, and Wessel voted yes. Kean, Strauch, and Voegel voted no. Motion failed. Kean moved to adopt option two, vacate the right of way, but retain the easement rights to maintain, operate, repair and renew public utilities. This would allow said right of way to revert to the owners of the abutting real estate, half on each side thereof and become part of that property. Motion seconded by Strauch, Kean, Voegel, and Strauch voting yes, Wessel and Catlin voting no. Motion carried. Clerk will take minutes to the Village attorney and an ordinance will be prepared for the May meeting. Mowing bids for the 2018 season were discussed. A bid notice was published in the Falls City Journal. Only one bid was received. Strauch moved to accept the bid of \$100.00 per mowing submitted by Gary Wittwer, seconded by Voegel. Motion carried, all voting yes. It was noted that agreement between Richard-

son County and County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services that was accepted at the March meeting was approved by the Village attorney. The contract will be returned to the County for their approval.

Claims were presented for payment. Catlin moved to pay the claims, seconded by Wessel. Motion carried. Kean, Strauch, Wessel, and Catlin voting yes. Voegel abstaining.

Strauch moved to adjourn at 8:33, seconded by Kean. Motion carried, all voting yes. The next meeting will be May 8, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building. Carolyn Glathar, Village Clerk

CLAIMS: OPPD, 613.58; Steline Propane, 257.40; Miller Monroe, 100.00; RWD #2, 1424.48; Salem Water Fund, 400.00; Water Operator, 650.00; Water Testing, 15.00; Clerk Salary, 400.00; USPS, 17.50; Richardson County, 100.00; Falls City Journal, 28.89; Schendel Pest Control, 28.00; Snow Removal, 550.00.

Village of Dawson

OPEN MEETING MINUTES APRIL 10, 2018

The following minutes are unapproved. Any error(s) will be corrected at the next regular monthly meeting.

In attendance were Charles Laux, Gail Kephart, Lyndsay Maahs, Lisa Scarberry, Michele Wendtlandt, Gene Clift, Eric Schmit, and Jan Richardson.

The meeting was opened at 7:02 p.m. Roll was called with all board members responding. The minutes of the March 2018 meeting were read and approved with a motion by Gail Kephart and a second by Lyndsay Maahs. Claims were presented to the board and approved for payment with a motion by Lyndsay Maahs and a second by Gail Kephart.

Under new business, the board was notified that the small claims court date is May 2 for legal action against an old water bill. The Village filed in small claims court in an attempt to collect this old bill.

Under old business, the water bond has been paid in full and was accepted by the bond company. Eric Schmit with NPPD spoke to the board about the Village renewing the contract with NPPD. The last contract was in 2004. The board with a motion by Lyndsay Maahs and a second by Michele Wendtlandt voted to renew and extend the contract. Notices will be posted in the Village regarding this contract.

Dog licenses will expire April 30. Saturday, May 5, board members will be at the Village hall from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to renew dog licenses.

Village cleanup will take place this year starting June 9 with a motion by Gail Kephart and a second by Lyndsay Maahs.

Gene Clift updated the board on maintenance and Jan Richardson updated the board on financial and clerical. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. with a motion by Lyndsay Maahs and a second by Michele Wendtlandt.

Claims: Dana Cole \$1085, Falls City Journal \$11.61, Gene Clift \$488.58, phone/internet/fax \$50, petty cash \$130.51, Jan Richardson \$542.31, Melissa Marsh Plbg \$48, Richardson Co Sheriff \$179, Sapp Bros \$264.90, Seneca Sanitation \$870, Equipment Fund \$500. Total Claims: \$6,224.70

Jan Richardson, Clerk

District #56

AGENDA FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING, 10:00 AM, FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018 AT PERSONAL CARE, INC., 3003 OLD HWY 73

- 1.0 Business Items: 1.1 Roll Call, Open Meetings Act Notice, and Pledge of Allegiance 1.2 Approval of Absences 1.3 Verification of Advanced Publication 1.4 Approval of Agenda 2.0 Strategic Planning Session 3.0 Executive Session: Requested by member, approved by majority, as per statute. 4.0 Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 14, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings TBD.

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11-18-25

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You are hereby notified that pursuant to a power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust executed by Dennis Payne and Tammi Payne, husband and wife, which was filed for record on October 2, 2007, at Book 230, Page 05, of the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of Richardson County, Nebraska, the property described below will be sold by the undersigned at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or certified or cashier's check, at the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska, at 1:00 p.m. on June 4, 2018:

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By: Joel G. Lonowski, Successor Trustee c/o Joel G. Lonowski, Attorney at Law Morrow, Poppe, Watermeier & Lonowski, P.C. 201 North 8th Street, Suite 300, Lincoln, NE 68508 (402) 474-1731

11-18-25-29

NOTICE TO CULVERT SUPPLIERS

Sealed bids, clearly marked "SEALED CULVERT PROJECTS BID" will be received at the office of the Richardson County Clerk, Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, NE 68355, until 9:30 a.m. on April 24, 2018 and at that time publicly opened and read for supplying materials required to construct: Site C007404105P Quad 60" x 60' Round Equivalent Culvert Pipe Type 5 on 30 Degree Skew, Site C007406105 Twin 84" x 56' Culvert Pipe Type 5 on 45 Degree Skew with prefabricated headwalls, and Site C007423305 Triple 66" x 50' Round Equivalent Culvert Pipe Type 5 on 25 Degree Skew, and other related incidental work.

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Richardson County reserves the right to waive all technicalities and reject any or all bids.

Timothy W. Farmer Richardson County Highway Superintendent 11-18

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids, clearly marked "Sealed Bid" will be received by the City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, at the City Building, 2307 Barada Street, until 4:00 P.M. on May 3, 2018 at which time and place all bids will be opened and read in the presence of the bidders for the demolition of structures and removal of dead, dying or diseased tree(s) located at 1102 Barada Street.

Project bid documents and specifications are available at the office of the City Clerk at 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, NE 68355 or call (402) 245-2707 to request a copy.

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

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA.

Gary Jom City Clerk 18

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Nebraska Revised State Statute 23-107.01 the Richardson County Board of Commissioners shall hold an open and public hearing in regard to the sale of the following described real estate:

Lots Six, Seven and Eight, Block 23, A.R. & Luther Nims Addition to the City of Humboldt, Richardson County, Nebraska

at which time any interested party may appear and speak for or against the sale of said real estate or raise any issue regarding the fair market value of the property as determined by the Board. Said public hearing shall be the 1st day of May, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 202 of the Courthouse in Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska. Dated this 11th day of April, 2018

David D. Sichel, Chairman Richardson County Board of Commissioners 18-25

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

April 18, 2018 City of Falls City, Nebraska (Name of Responsible Entity [RE]) 2307 Barada Street Falls City, NE 68355 Phone:402-245-2851

On or about April 27, 2018 the City of Falls City will submit a request to the State of Nebraska, Department of Economic Development (DED) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as Falls City CDBG OOR for the purpose of completing owner occupied rehabilitation for approximately 8 existing owner occupied homes within Falls City, Nebraska. A Tier II (Site Specific) review will be completed as sites are selected for the owner occupied rehabilitation (OOR) program. Funding for the project includes approx. \$252,000 in CDBG funds, and no local matching resources, for a total estimated project cost of \$252,000. No additional activities are anticipated within the project area.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the City of Falls City, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, NE 68355, and at the Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND) office located at 2100 Fletcher Avenue, Suite 100, Lincoln NE 68521, where the environmental review record can be examined and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Falls City. All comments received by April 26, 2018 will be considered by the City of Falls City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Falls City certifies to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) that Jerry Oliver in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. DED's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Falls City to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DED will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Falls City's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Falls City; (b) the City of Falls City has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DED; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the State of Nebraska, Department of Economic Development at 301 Centennial Mall South, PO Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666. Potential objectors should contact DED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Name and Title of RE Certifying Officer Jerry Oliver, Mayor City of Falls City, Nebraska 18

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County Commissioners

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APRIL 3, 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, April 3, 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 March 27, 2018, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Davidson 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.

SHERIFF, DON POUNDS

Sheriff, Don Pounds updated the Board on the routine business at the Law Enforcement Center.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Steve Darveau, Jr. Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges. The condition of the roads and rock hauling were reviewed.

Motion was made by Sichel to amend the motion made at last week's meeting regarding the % rate on the purchase of the skid-steer and that due to misinformation that the Board will purchase the equipment from Merz Farm Equipment with the state contract without the finance option. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

More discussion was held regarding the proposed policy for the installation of driveway culverts.

PAM VICE, ASSESSOR

Pam Vice, County Assessor reported to meet with the Board regarding staffing within the Assessor's Office. The Board approved the additional hours for the position of the appraiser to begin working 30 hours per week starting April 9, 2018, and a reduction of hours of the clerk position to 30 hours per week starting April 9, 2018.

Motion was made by Frank to approve the second phase of the agreement with Pictometry to conduct the Spring 2019 flight queue. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

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

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk \$344.04; Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds \$19,256.00; Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist. Court \$401.50

Monthly Operating Statement The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for March, 2018.

Other Motion was made by Frank to advertise for a public hearing to establish the fair market value for the following described parcel owned by Richardson County: Lots Six, Seven and Eight, Block 23, A.R. & Luther Nims Addition to the City of Humboldt, Richardson County, Nebraska. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the quote for \$2,500.00 from Jim Hill's to install a Bronze Horton 4000 Series Door Operator with 2 radio remote activation buttons to make the Courthouse south entrance door handicap accessible. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

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

GENERAL FUND

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. ABK Fire & Safety, serv 210.00; Beers Shop, serv 215.41; DAS State Accounting, serv 448.00; East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv 320.60; Falls City Mercantile, supp 74.18; Falls City Utility Dept., serv 4869.08; Family Medicine, serv 341.00; Farm & City Supply, supp 49.99; Galls LLC, supp 748.39; Humboldt Standard, sub/adv 164.03; Kirkendall, Brian, reimb 27.58; Kollasch Law Office, serv 850.00; McCracken, Becky, serv 185.45; MIPS, serv 1306.73; Moser Tree Service, serv 3800.00; NE Assoc. of County Assessors, dues 100.00; Office Depot, supp 89.10; Pest Control Services of SE NE, serv 40.00; Pounds, Don, reimb 12.28; Pro Serv Business Systems, serv 26.48; Ram Exterminators, serv 45.00; RC Boot Enterprises, supp 1245.00; Richardson Co EMA Petty Cash, reimb 1076.56; Richardson Co Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb 135.78; Soarin Group, serv 359.00; SNC, serv 1124.01; US Foods Inc., supp 1099.21; Verizon, serv 370.29; Windle, Tylen, reimb 367.95; Wolfe's Printing, supp 432.26; TOTAL GENERAL FUND \$20,133.36

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. ABK Fire & Safety, serv 1171.00; Barco Municipal Products, supp 181.93; Patriot Sales & Service, supp 1405.00; Patriot Training, supp 1050.00; Speece Lewis Engineers, serv 450.00; TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND \$4,257.93

REG OF DEEDS P & M FUND

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv 195.00; MIPS, serv 268.68; TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P & M FUND \$463.68

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Davidson to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, April 10, 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

E.S.U. #4

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 held its regular meeting on Monday, April 9, 2018, at 5:15 p.m. at the Educational Service Unit 4 in Auburn, Nebraska. The following claims were paid for the month of April:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. General Fund \$107,226.56; Payroll \$432,495.99; NCECBVI \$48,740.93; Federal Programs \$32,235.69

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 will meet in regular session on Monday, May 14, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Nebraska Center for the Education of Children who are Blind or Visually Impaired (NCECBVI), Nebraska City, Nebraska. The Region 4 Preschool Planning Team will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 25, 2018, at 1:00 pm at the ESU 4 office, 919 16th Street, Auburn, Nebraska. The agendas for these meetings are readily available for public inspection at the office of the Administrator during normal business hours.

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The family of Myrt Arnold would like to thank Dr. Tramp, the staff of CMC, and the F.C. Ambulance Squad for their response and care. Thank you to Dorr and Clark Funeral Home, Prairie Union Baptist Church for preparing lunch, and Rev. Farley for his comforting words. Also a special thank you for all the cards, prayers and memorials. We appreciate the many kindnesses extended to our family. Buck and Bonnie Arnold and family 15P

The family of John Bennett would like to express their thanks to everyone for the cards, flowers, memorials, prayers, and concern following his passing. Thank you to Dr. Tramp and staff, special services, and the Community Medical Center, and staff for taking such good care of him. Thank you Brian Daake and staff, Father Dunavan for your help and kind words. Thank you to the Catholic Church ladies for the delicious luncheon and to the Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard for helping with the Ceremony. Everything was greatly appreciated. 15

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RN - Medical Surgical: Provide professional, direct nursing care to patients of all age groups admitted to the Med-Surg unit. Applicants must have a Kansas registered nursing license, be team players, and deliver compassionate care. Full time Day and Night shift opportunities available. Weekend rotation required.

RN - OB Department: Provide care for patients while predominantly working in the field of obstetrics providing care in labor, delivery, postpartum and nursery. Applicants must be strong communicators, team players, able to work under pressure, and have a Kansas registered nursing license. Prior OB experience preferred. Full time day shift opportunity available. Weekend rotation and on-call responsibilities.

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Seriously, these three pieces of equipment give the CMC nurses and aides enhanced care for timesaving screening and treatment of newborns without concern of transferring baby to another facility.

The Drager Jaundice Meter is a non-invasive bilirubin measuring device used on the newborn beginning between 12-24 hours after delivery and continuing after dismissal in the clinic setting for those at-risk patients. The BiliSoft LED Phototherapy System, which allows CMC to treat newborns with phototherapy to prevent the development of severe hyperbilirubinemia and, possibly, bilirubin encephalopathy (kernicterus). The AABR proves to show dis-

orders of the auditory neuropathy or other neural problems. The more precise AABR hearing screener provides a detailed screen. This decreases the number of rescreens on outpatient newborns and decreases anxiety of parents.

Meeting the needs of current recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and California Perinatal Quality Care Collaborative (CPQCC), CMC continues to move forward with medical technology and excellence.

If you would like to discuss the options for delivery and methods of care for you and baby please call Tiffany Johansen, RN BSN, CMC's OB Supervisor at 402-245-6520.



Verdon to host benefit for John Ramer

The Verdon Library Board and the Verdon Volunteer Firemen are planning a benefit for John 'Boulder' Ramer, formerly of Verdon, on Saturday, April 21, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Verdon Community Center, 405 Main Street in Verdon (The former Congregational Church).

The groups are planning a baked potato luncheon and are in need of 30 salads and 30 desserts, as well as volunteers to help work during that time.

Monetary donations can also be sent to the Verdon City Office in care of the Village Clerk, Brenda Daniels, at 314 Main Street, Verdon, Nebraska 68457, and should be marked for the Ramer fundraiser.

In the last year and a half, John has had some recent health ailments that have led to multiple treatments and many major surgical procedures, including amputation of his lower leg and several heart operations. The benefit is to help offset the expenses incurred. Any donation is greatly appreciated. You may contact Cindy Fritz at 402-883-2243; Leota Specht at 402-883-2015; Peggy Adams, 402-223-9529; Brenda Fritz, 402-245-7500; or Phil Hitchcock, 402-883-0399.

John and Judy are the parents of Lou Anne Munoz, Cindy Clancy, Sheila Snodgrass, Amy Gibson and John Ramer.

NOTICE

To the Hooligans who are responsible for the mischievous and unscrupulous information on the big electric sign in front of the Vision Inn over the past weekend, **you better watch out!!!** As you know, James H. Smith, A.K.A. 'Smitty', A.K.A. Canvas Back, after his short Golden Gloves Boxing Career, is my personal Body Guard and he might have to ruffle some feathers and I'm trying to hold him back from any drastic action at the present time. Now 'Smitty' is a good and honorable man, but you never want to be on his wrong side. He is very active in our community and our local Elks Lodge. He has been honored as 'Elk of the Year,' 'Officer of the Year,' and is P.I.A.??? Whatever that is!!! Anyway if I was connected in any way with the gang at the Mid-Town Service Center and Happen to see 'Smitty' walking toward my establishment, I think it would be wise to lock the doors, turn off the lights and hide immediately!!!

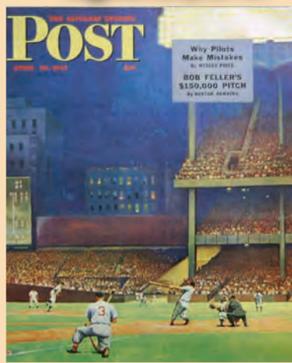
Sincerely, J.R.S.

Happy belated 90th, Jelly Belly!



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April 19, 1947



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Even without the razor-blade-advertising signs, many baseball fans will know that John Falter made his cover sketches in Yankee Stadium, a pleasant research chore that forced him to see three or four very good ball games. Instead of the winning hit or a homer, Falter selected a big moment of another kind. His subject is the satisfying moment when the visitors are at bat in a tight game, the gent with the club has two strikes on him, the hometown pitcher comes through with a beauty, the batter swings and misses. The Boston Red Sox were in town when Falter did his sketching last July, and they were on their way to the pennant.

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USDA to immediately assist producers for qualifying livestock, honeybee and farm-raised fish program losses

WASHINGTON, April 9, 2018 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will issue \$34 million to help agricultural producers recover from 2017 natural disasters through the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-raised Fish Program (ELAP), which covers losses not covered by certain other USDA disaster assistance programs. These payments are being made available today, and they are part of a broader USDA effort to help producers recover from hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, wildfires and drought. A large portion of this assistance will be made available in federally designated disaster areas.

"From Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, through the South, the Southwest, California and the Great Plains, American agriculture was devastated by natural disasters in 2017," said Bill Northey, Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation. "The Trump Administration is moving quickly to distribute financial assistance to help producers recover and rebuild. It is important to get this help to producers in time for the spring planting season."

ELAP aims to help eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish for losses due to disease, certain adverse weather events or loss conditions, including blizzards and wildfires, as determined by the Secretary. ELAP assistance is provided for losses not covered by other disaster assistance programs such as the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP).

The increased amount of assistance through ELAP was made possible by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, signed earlier this year. The Act amended the 2014 Farm Bill to enable USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) to provide assistance to producers without an annual funding cap and immediately for 2017. It also enables FSA to pay ELAP applications as they are filed for 2018 and subsequent program years.

Other USDA Disaster Assistance Programs

The Act removed program year payment limitations and increased the acreage cap for the Tree Assistance Program (TAP), a nationwide program that provides owners of orchards, vineyards and nurseries with cost share assistance to replant eligible trees, bushes, and vines following a natural disaster. For example, the program will help owners of citrus groves in Florida, avocado trees in California, coffee

plantations in Puerto Rico and vineyards reduce the cost of replanting, and speed recovery from the loss of fruit and nut trees, bushes, and vines.

Prior to the Act, there was a combined program year payment limitation of \$125,000 for ELAP, LIP and LFP per person or legal entity. The Tree Assistance Program (TAP) had its own \$125,000 payment limitation. The Act removed the program year per person and legal entity payment limitation for LIP and TAP. As a result of the Act, a \$125,000 per person and legal entity single payment limitation applies to the total amount of program year payments received under both ELAP and the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and program payments under LIP and TAP no longer have payment limits.

Under the updated TAP program, as amended by the Act, growers are eligible to be partly reimbursed for losses on up to 1,000 acres per program year, double the previous acreage limit of 500 acres.

In total, it is estimated that the Act will enable USDA to provide more than \$3 billion in disaster assistance, including the \$2.36 billion announced last week to be made available through FSA's new 2017 Wildfires and Hurricanes Indemnity Program. This includes \$400 million made available for the Emergency Conservation Program, which helps farmers and ranchers repair damage to farmlands caused by natural disasters. As signups across the country are completed, additional applications will be funded.

According to the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the United States was impacted by 16 separate billion-dollar disaster events in 2017 including: three tropical cyclones, eight severe storms, two inland floods, a crop freeze, drought and wildfire. More than 25 million people – almost eight percent of the population – were affected by major disasters. From severe flooding in Puerto Rico and Texas to mudslides and wildfires in California, major natural disasters caused catastrophic damages, with an economic impact totaling more than \$300 billion.

For Assistance

Producers with operations impacted by natural disasters and diseases in 2018 are encouraged to contact their local USDA service center to apply for assistance through ELAP, TAP, LIP and LFP. Producers with 2017 ELAP claims need to take no action as FSA will begin paying those claims today.

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