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Officials recover missing man's body at Pawnee Lake

Press release provided by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

Officials have recovered the body of a man who went missing after he fell off a tube pulled by a jet ski in Pawnee Lake.

The body of 31-year-old Travis Wilkins was recovered just after sundown on Saturday. Wilkins went missing on Friday. An autopsy will be conducted.

Those assisting Nebraska conservation officers with search and recovery efforts include: the volunteer fire and rescue departments in Malcolm and Raymond, Lincoln Fire Department, United States ATV Search and Rescue, the Salvation Army, Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, Nebraska State Patrol and Midwest Specialty Divers.

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission reminds anyone who visits a lake this summer to keep the following in mind:

Wear a Life Jacket. Children under age 13 and anybody on a personal watercraft are required by law to wear a United States Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device. People being towed by a boat on skis, a tube, or other

similar device also must wear a life jacket.

Avoid Alcohol. Boat operators can become impaired with less alcohol than motor vehicle drivers due to heat and dehydration. Boating Under the Influence is a criminal violation and is enforced actively in Nebraska.

Have All Required Safety Equipment. This will help boaters be prepared if an emergency occurs. Life jackets, throw cushions, fire extinguishers and bailing devices are required on most boats. For a list of what is required on a boat, check out the 2018 Boating Guide at OutdoorNebraska.org.

Be Wary of Surroundings. The best boat operators constantly are looking around for other boats, personal watercraft, swimmers, stumps and other hazards. Speeds in excess of 5 mph are prohibited if within 30 yards of any other vessel.

Take a Boating Safety Course. Anyone born after Dec. 31, 1985, who operates a motorboat or personal watercraft in Nebraska must have successfully completed the Nebraska boating safety course. Find classes and register at OutdoorNebraska.org.



Army Pvt. James Prater, Jr., salutes the replica bier in the Memorial Service at Steele Cemetery before placing the wreath for the Vietnam War. (Journal File Photo, May 31, 1967)



Ken Rider shows his support for veterans at Veterans Memorial Park in Falls City (Photo submitted)

Inmate sentenced to death for murder of HTRS graduate at Tecumseh State Prison



Patrick Schroeder

By Kaylie Ractliffe

Following his conviction of first-degree murder in the slaying of his cellmate at Tecumseh State Prison in April 2017, Patrick Schroeder was handed a death sentence last Friday.

Schroeder, 40, who was already serving a life sentence for the 2006 murder of a farmer in Pawnee City, told authorities that he choked his cellmate, Terry Berry, Jr., because Berry "wouldn't stop" talking about a TV show.

The two inmates had been sharing a cell for five days before Schroeder said he "hit his threshold" and wrapped his arm around Berry's neck to choke him, and then retrieved a towel to twist it around Berry's neck until he was sure he was dead. Schroeder said he tried to alert prison staff, but no one responded until a routine check.

Berry, 22, who had lived in Steinauer and graduated from HTRS, was reportedly just days away from being released on parole after serving a sentence for check fraud and assaulting a county jailer.

Berry's death was the fifth at Tecumseh State Prison in a two-year time period. It sparked backlash against prison officials and Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, as Berry's family

questioned why a convicted murderer serving a life sentence shared a cell with a significantly younger man serving a three- to four-year sentence for a lesser crime, and why they were double-bunked in a cell designed for the solitary confinement of one inmate.

The State Legislature's Inspector General for Corrections said in a report that the two inmates were double-bunked as punishment for ignoring orders from prison staff.

Schroeder dismissed his attorneys and pleaded guilty to first-degree murder and use of a deadly weapon to commit a felony and chose not to fight against the death penalty and made no argument for why the judges shouldn't sentence it.

On Friday, a three-judge panel consisting of District Judges Vicky Johnson, Robert Otte and John Marsh unanimously voted to sentence Schroeder to death. He will now join 11 other men on Nebraska's death row. Schroeder also received 45 to 50 years in prison for the use of a weapon to commit a felony. His death sentence automatically generates an appeal to the Nebraska Supreme Court, details of which were not yet available at the time of this report.

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Falls City: A community long dedicated to honoring veterans

Annual Memorial Day services were held at Steele Cemeteries in Falls City and Rulo on Monday, May 28.

Services were organized and emceed by Falls City's Larry Whalen, commander of the Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard, and both veterans and civilians alike gathered to pay respects to veterans through prayer, song and presentation of the colors. The Memorial Day services are also an annual tribute to Gold Star families and include rifle salutes, speeches by local veterans and family members, and placing crosses at the replica bier as a tribute to those who fought in wars throughout American history, including the Revolutionary War, the Spanish-American War, the Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

Falls City has hosted these Memorial Day services for decades, rain or shine, even though it was not a federal holiday until 1971. The town has dedicated itself to honoring those who have served our country and has become somewhat of a hub for veteran memorials throughout town,

including the Veterans Memorial on the Courthouse square that bears the names of Richardson County natives who lost their lives in the Korean War, World War II and the Vietnam War; the war memorial at Steele Cemetery; and Veterans Memorial Park, which boasts displays of retired weapons and other objects to represent different branches of the military and was founded by former mayor Marshall Maddox, a Vietnam combat veteran.

This week, Falls City has another opportunity to honor veterans as the national team for Run for the Fallen passes through to present Honor and Remember flags to Gold Star families and recognize the fallen veterans being honored by the national run team.

Falls City and Richardson County residents have long been united in their admiration and appreciation for those who risk their lives to serve our country, and the Falls City Journal headline from May 28, 1993, said it best: Here, "every day is Memorial Day."

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Honoring Our Service Members

By Governor Pete Ricketts



Memorial Day is an opportunity to step back from the busyness of life and reflect on the heroes who helped build our country. It is a time to reflect on how we got where we are and the people who secured our liberties for us. We remember the battles fought over the years to protect our freedom, our republic, and our future. And we recognize the men and women who have served our nation and made the ultimate sacrifice.

In the United States, every one of us has a connection to the armed forces. Whether it is through family members, friends,

or our fellow Nebraskans, we know people who have taken the call of duty. Perhaps they are currently serving or maybe they served years ago. No matter how distant or near, we are all connected to those who have sacrificed to protect our country. Memorial Day is a time to reflect on their sacrifices. In Nebraska, we work to honor our heroes, not just this weekend, but also all year long. This year, there are several anniversaries to remind us of the actions our fellow Nebraskans have taken in the defense of our country.

July will mark the 65th anniversary of the end of the Korean War. Often referred to as the "Forgotten War," the men and women who served in Korea deserve to be remembered and honored. For that reason, I am working with the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs (NDVA) to host a special ceremony to honor Korean War Veterans with Ambassador for Peace medals. These medals have been provided by the Republic of Korea as a sign of gratitude for the honor and sacrifice these soldiers have made. Korean War Veterans who wish to receive a medal at this ceremony on July 27th can submit their information at <http://veterans.nebraska.gov/korea> by June 29th.

November 11th will mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. NDVA is working with University of Nebraska-Lincoln to include a commemorative element at the Nebraska v. Illinois football game on November 10th, which is also the annual Veteran and Military Appreciation Game. What more fitting venue could there be for this remembrance than Memorial Stadium, named to honor the Nebraskans who lost their lives in World War I!

In addition to the activities we have planned for the future, our state has already been working to provide military servicemen and women, veterans, and their family members with the type of recognition and benefits they have so honorably earned. I recently hosted a ceremony on Vietnam War Veterans Day, and presented over 50 veterans and nearly a dozen of their family members with lapel pins from the Department of Defense. The support for these veterans was overwhelming, and the gratitude we received from them showed just how important this kind of recognition is.

Beyond recognition, our state works to ensure we are connecting our military members with all the benefits available to them. Last year, I signed LB340e, introduced by Senator John Murante of Gretna, to merge the Division of Veterans' Homes with NDVA, creating a one-stop shop for veterans and their family members.

This year, I worked with the State Board of Education to approve revisions to Rule 21 to make it easier for teachers from military families moving to Nebraska to get a teaching permit here. Military spouses with a valid out-of-state teaching license can now receive a three-year teaching permit in Nebraska. Cutting red tape provides an incentive for military families to come to Nebraska and has given our schools the opportunity to employ high-quality teachers in a timely manner. These are the types of customer-focused initiatives my administration is working on to support our military families and veterans.

This week, I encourage you to take a moment to reflect on the Nebraskans who are no longer with us, who have given their lives to protect the liberties we enjoy here in "the land of the free and home of the brave." Without their sacrifice, our country, and consequently the world, would be less free and less prosperous. I want to extend my personal, heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has served, is serving, or will serve this country as well as their families. Thank you for your commitment to the cause of freedom!

If you have any thoughts you would like to share about Memorial Day or how we can better serve our military families, I would like to hear them. Give my office a call at 402-471-2244 or email me at pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov.



Detox Changes Would Force Police to Jail More Intoxicated People

Capitol View
Commentary by J.L. Schmidt
Statehouse Correspondent

Nebraska decriminalized public intoxication in 1979, one of 12 states to do so. That means law enforcement relies on civil protective custody as an alternative to jail.

In 22 states, people are still charged with public intoxication and go to a drunk tank in a jail, said a Lancaster County Commissioner who is concerned that state funding for Lincoln's main detox facility – The Bridge Behavioral Health – may come to an end. Not only is \$150,000 in jeopardy, but state licensure is in question. Without the license, The Bridge's civil protective custody unit would have to close. Similar programs statewide could be subject to state licensure scrutiny.

It's all because of locked doors, said County Commissioner Todd Wiltgen. The Bridge places very drunk people behind locked doors for the first 24 hours of their stay while they are evaluated. The folks who treat very intoxicated people and people high on drugs say there is a great risk that their clients can become violent and combative.

Local officials say if The Bridge is required to change its locked-door policy for handling very intoxicated people brought in by police, many of those people will end up staying on the streets or will be put in jail at a much higher cost to taxpayers. Wiltgen said the cost to Lancaster County alone could be \$1.5 million for increased jail expenses (\$200 per day) and the costs of criminal prosecution.

State officials want The Bridge to use what is called a social detoxification model in order to retain funding for the more than 3,600 people Lincoln Police take to The Bridge every year. Wiltgen said as many as 75 percent of those people could stay on the streets or wind up in jail if The Bridge isn't available. He said the state is over-regulating involuntary civil protective custody out of existence.

The Bridge Executive Director Tammy Stevenson said when a Lincoln police officer brings an intoxicated person to the facility, the person is initially put in a treatment room with a locked door. The locked door may now be the deal-breaker for Medicaid funds and behavioral health reimbursement. The facility has to be accredited, but the locked room policy runs afoul of the accreditation standards.

The director of the state's Behavioral Health Division said she believes The Bridge can get accreditation if the people are kept in the locked room for a short time. But Stevenson said her staff takes time to determine if the person can safely be placed in an unlocked situation. She said The Bridge would have to remodel the 22-bed unit and hire additional staff and security. That would also mean they couldn't take as many clients into civil protective custody.

The rest of The Bridge treatment programs are accredited, including a social detoxification program for people who voluntarily come in. But the civil protective custody unit can't get accreditation from its national accrediting organization, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, when people are admitted involuntarily and all are initially housed in locked rooms, Stevenson said.

State officials said they are commit-

ted to working with the facility on the accreditation and funding issues.

Medicaid staff said the program would pay only for social detoxification after a new managed care firm takes over the program which provides \$50,000 to \$60,000 a year. The state's Division of Behavioral Health is threatening to cancel its \$100,000 in funding this summer if the unit doesn't get accreditation.

So, the option is to work out funding issues and licensure or to fork over \$1.5 million or more to jail all those people after charging them with a crime – disturbing the peace or trespassing – which would have to be adjudicated at an additional cost. In some cases, those with very high blood-alcohol levels would have to be hospitalized.

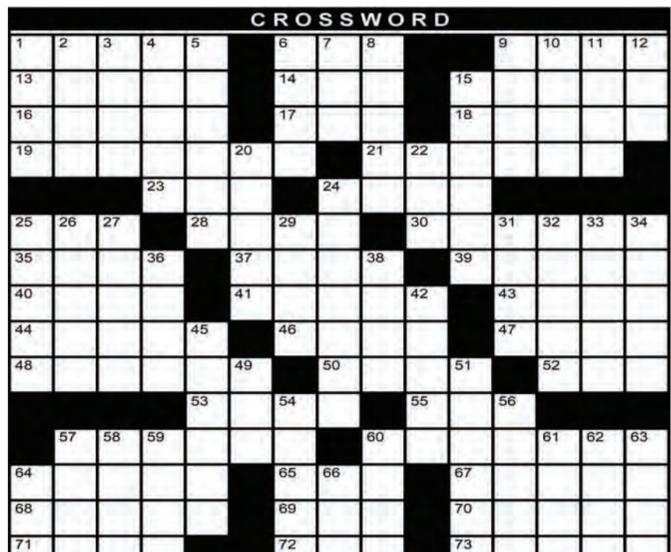
Stevenson said she is concerned that the state refused to license a similar Omaha facility because it did not use the social detoxification model. She said she's had verbal commitment but is waiting to see written assurance the state will issue the license.

In the alternative, Wiltgen said the city, county and University of Nebraska-Lincoln will try to find a way to cover the \$150,000 in lost revenue. But Stevenson said it would be hard to staff the program without a license since most medical staff refuse to work for an unlicensed program.

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

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: FATHER'S DAY

- ACROSS**
- Diner staples
 - Attorneys' org.
 - "___ farewell," past tense
 - Fully informed
 - Got a blue ribbon
 - δ
 - Short version
 - Geisha's sash
 - City-like
 - "*Father's Day" (1997) star
 - *Actual day for dad
 - Center of activity
 - Dried-up
 - Joe Louis' punch
 - Spiritless
 - Eggnog spice
 - Tangerine/grapefruit hybrid
 - Home to China
 - *Mercer Ellington's dad played it
 - Old paint hazard
 - Canada's favorite tree
 - Japanese restaurant staple
 - Garment insert
 - 2nd word in fairytale
 - Outback birds
 - Capital of Canada
 - Largest volcano in Europe
 - "I can ___ clearly now..."
 - Affirm with confidence
 - Last month
 - Rainy season streambeds, in Africa
 - *Kirk Douglas' son
 - Wrinkle-prone fabric
 - Declare
 - Blood line
 - Medicinal house plants
 - Rocker Adam
 - Hipbone-related
 - Chowder protein
 - Kum Ba ___
 - This and desist
- DOWN**
- *Dad to J. Lo's twins
 - Pitcher
 - Like a doily
 - Spam destination?
 - Anatomical partition
 - Military no-show
 - *Ziggy Marley's father
 - Liquorice flavor
 - Charlie "___" Parker
 - Jessica ___ of "Dark Angel"
 - June 6, 1944
 - Literary "even"
 - Adjust, as in piano
 - Perpendicular to the keel
 - Coffin alternative
 - His buddy was Gilligan
 - *Enrique Iglesias' father
 - ___ provocateur
 - "___ from the past"
 - *Isaac's firstborn
 - *Most precious gift?
 - Disfigures
 - Follow as a consequence
 - One in a gaggle
 - It comes to mind
 - Loads
 - Tedium
 - Mark and Shania
 - Reverential salutation
 - Greek poetry meter
 - Bacon piece
 - Oar holder
 - *Jaden Smith's father
 - Dwarf buffalo
 - Hold as a conviction
 - Bigfoot, e.g.
 - "Si, mi chiamo Mimi," La Bohème
 - Greek Hs
 - Add booze
 - Lake in Provence
 - Nurses' org.



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50 Years Ago - June 6 - June 12, 1968

Sister Marie Kevin, the former Frances Lee Bell of Falls City, was reported to have taken an assignment with the Agency for International Development in Vietnam.

A crowd of 300 attended the four All-Star wrestling matches at Prichard Auditorium sponsored by the Falls City Jaycees.

Seventy-two Falls City High School band members boarded buses to travel to Rapid City, S.D. for a band festival.

A ruling was being awaited in a lawsuit filed by owners of horses and cows who objected to an ordinance that prohibited the housing of such animals within 300 feet or less of an occupied dwelling.

Howard "Buddy" Simmonds ran an ad in the Journal saying he needed financial assistance to keep his ambulance service going and said the support should come from county government.

James Earl Ray, wanted in the shooting death of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., was being held in England and efforts were being made to have him extradited to America.

Dan Schatz, named "Athlete of the Year" at Falls City High School, received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development listed 14 Falls City businesses as manufacturers.

Cindy Faller, Miss Falls City of 1968, finished as the first runner-up in the queen contest of the Rapid City, S.D. band festival.

During the annual Falls City High School reunion and dinner Mabel Wilson Boose who graduated in 1898 represented the earliest class in attendance.

A group of Falls City youngsters; Skip Lewis, Gary Kratz, Tim Gillogly, and Kevin Killingsworth; with a record time of :31.9, won the 220 relay in the nine and under division of the Midwest Junior Olympics.

A small tornado demolished a double garage and a storage building at the Falls City water plant south of Rulo.

The Breezy Hill Drive-in Theatre was showing "Born Losers" with Jane Russell and "It's a Bikini World" starring Deborah Walley.

The Rivoli announced that "by popular request" it would be showing a picture for mature audiences, "Valley of the Dolls."

The recently completed Georgia White Cherokee marble entrance to Steele Cemetery, designed by former Falls Cityan Ralph Nelson and constructed by Bohrer Bros, received much favorable comment.

The Journal published a photo belonging to George Jones, Sr., of a Reserve area threshing crew and its machinery that became immortalized in the Agricultural Hall of Fame at Kansas City.

25 Years Ago - June 6 - June 12, 1993

The Veterans Memorial was not the first to be erected on the Courthouse Square. The War Memorial now just inside the Steele Cemetery entrance had also previously been located there.

Charles Barkley scored 44 points to lead the Phoenix Suns to 123 to 110 victory over Seattle setting up an NBA championship series matching the Barkley led Suns with the Michael Jordan led Chicago Bulls.

Greg Cowan of Lee's Summit, Mo., was appointed to be a Falls City police officer on a 6-2 vote of the City Council. He was one of 70 applicants.

It was announced that the "Flying Irishman" would be putting on an aerobatics show as part of the upcoming Falls City Hot Air Balloon Show at Brenner Field.

A panel of three front-page photos showed Junior Midget Manager Ron Schwartz firing the first pitch in the Pee Wee League opener of the 27th season of Falls City Summer Rec.

It was announced that Thomas "Jason" Hillyard, had received a \$750 per year scholarship for up to five years from the Union Pacific Railroad Employee Dependent Scholarship program.

The Dawson High School Class of 1943 held its 50 year reunion at the Arbor Manor Steak House in Auburn with 17 class members and 14 spouses attending.

Two students of Brenda Meyer's Dance Studio, Angela Ross and Lisa Franzen, won awards during a Dance Festival at "Worlds of Fun" in Kansas City.

"Hot Shots, Part Two" and "Made in America" were showing at the River Twin Cinema.

Dick Harmon retired after 48 years of pumping gas and fixing tires at what became Sapp Bros., after the business was purchased from James Oil Co.

Mayor Steve Kottich presented a plaque of appreciation to Nebraska City Coca-Cola Bottling Co. for the company's contribution of scoreboards for the ballparks, Prichard Auditorium, and at the high school gym.

Wes Haveman pitched a no-hitter for the Falls City Elks Midgents defeating Syracuse 16-4 in the second game of a twin-bill at Syracuse after Darcy Zimmerman allowed only one hit as Falls City took the opener 6-4.

15 Years Ago - June 6 - June 12, 2003

As a result of a federal grant, Falls City Rural Fire received a new Compressed Air/Foam System to enhance the effectiveness of water used in fire-fighting.

Katie O'Grady of Sacred Heart and Adam Lippold of Dawson-Verdon were announced as the Falls City Journal's 2003 High School Athletes of the Year.

Plaques were presented to retiring Falls City Summer Rec board members Hank Schwartz and Matt Froeschl, and First National Bank CEO Rod Vandenberg threw out the first pitch to kick-off the 2003 season of Summer Rec baseball and softball.

Kelsey Hodge of Falls City High School, Amber Shafer of Falls City Sacred Heart, and Josh Rehers of Falls City High were chosen to participate in the 36th annual American Legion Junior Law Cadet Program in Grand Island.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at the new office of optometrist Dr. Eric C. McPeak at 112 W. 16th Street in Falls City.

The POW/MIA Park Committee began a campaign to sell bricks for a Veterans Memorial Wall at Veterans Park in the 700 Block of Harlan Street.

Matt Sells of Sacred Heart High School was included among 12 Boys' Multi-Sport Honorees in a publication of the Omaha World Herald.

Missouri to launch pedestrian safety campaign

Press release provided by the Missouri Department of Transportation

Whether driving a vehicle, walking or biking, keep your head up and be alert – you don't want to miss what matters. The Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety is announcing a week-long campaign June 11-18 focusing on pedestrian safety. The campaign will be geared toward pedestrians and drivers, educating both about being alert and what to watch out for to ensure everyone is safe.

In 2017, 98 pedestrians were killed in Missouri and 264 were seriously injured. The top pedestrian contributing factors involved were failure to yield, alcohol or drug impairment, and distraction/inattention.

"We want to be sure that citizens are as safe as possible in all modes of transportation," said MoDOT Highway Safety and Traffic Engineer Nicole Hood. "We encourage all drivers, cyclists and pedestrians to make safe choices so everyone, no matter the mode of transportation, makes it to their destination safe."

Keep the following pedestrian safety tips in mind anytime you walk:

Drivers and pedestrians need to make eye contact with each other. Don't assume that the other one has seen you.

If you must exit a stalled vehicle alongside the roadway, do so on the opposite side of traffic and do not attempt to walk across the oncoming traffic.

Only cross at an intersection or crosswalk – stepping out from between parked cars or other obstacles by the road can keep a driver from being able to see you and stop in time.

Look left, right and then left again before crossing an intersection or crosswalk – you always want to double check the lane that you'll be entering first.

Be aware of drivers even when you are in a designated crosswalk – drivers can look and use their mirrors, but there are always blind spots.

Avoid walking while wearing headphones – you won't be able to hear if a car is coming.

Always wear brightly colored clothing for visibility when exercising alongside a roadway.

Always walk against the flow of traffic rather than with the traffic.

Always be cautious when exiting parking lots and be on the lookout for pedestrians.

For more information, visit savemolives.com or follow on social media at Save MO Lives.

DID YOU KNOW?

There is a boutique hotel in Kenya called Giraffe Manor, whose land is home to a herd of giraffes who may visit hotel guests during the morning and evening, sometimes poking their long necks into the windows in the hope of a treat, before retreating to their forest sanctuary. Giraffe Manor can be booked for the night or as part of a complete tailor-made safari with The Safari Collection. Rooms at Giraffe Manor start at \$1,100 USD per night, and have hosted a number of American celebrities such as Ellen DeGeneres, Johnny Carson and Brooke Shields since its opening in 1984.

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Shelly Thompson, Jim Cook, Susan Witt, Susan Johnson, Amber Ramer and Rylee Littrel stand with the donated bicycles. Photo by Chelsie Alexander

Falls City Sixpence program receives bicycle donations

By Kaylie Ractliffe

The Falls City Sixpence program received a donation of five bicycles Fri., June 1.

Sixpence employee Susan Johnson says Jim Cook contacted her about donating bikes to children in need. Cook, a Falls City native, has a brother in Missouri who restores bikes in his free time. He replaces all parts on the bicycle and then paints, washes and waxes them until they look brand new.

Johnson says the Sixpence program began identifying families who have older siblings who would be the right size for the bicycles Cook had available. She says the donations have a meaningful impact on families in need.

"Our program would not be as successful as it is without donations like this," Johnson said.

Cook says he feels all kids deserve to have a bike, and that Bart and Brett Keller have

helped him make his mission possible by storing the bikes at ACE Hardware.

The Sixpence program's mission is to provide resources for children and parents to provide a safe and healthy learning environment.

Susan Johnson contributed to this report.

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 -Introduce DAV members to a newly reorganized group!
 -Inform the public what DAV is all about and what DAV can do for our Disabled American Veterans.
 -As a Band of Brothers and Sisters, let's team together and assist other DAV soon-to-be members sharing what is available to them.
 -Plans of exterior remodeling upgrades and bragging rights of our beautiful interior changes and upgrades.
 -Discussion of DAV scholarship awards to high school grads or college bound students of DAV members.
 -Come take a look...we have plenty of military nostalgia items to view. You might even recognize someone or something.
 Looking forward to meeting each and every one of you!
 POC: Bud Spaulding, Commander 402-297-2994



THE SHUBERT AMERICAN LEGION POST # 222 held Memorial Day Services at five of the local cemeteries in the area. Starting at Prairie Union Cemetery and on to Stella, Verdon, Williamsville, and Barada cemeteries. Pictured: Veteran Wayne Williams placing wreath on Veteran's grave. A light lunch was served at the Legion Building following the services. Photo provided by Patsy Wing.

Husker football coaching staff to visit Falls City

Press release provided by the Nebraska Press Association

The Nebraska Football coaching staff invites you to join them for the 2018 Husker Nation Tour presented by First National Bank on June 11-12.

With four stops at 26 different locations throughout the state, fans will have the chance to meet coaches and preview the upcoming season of Nebraska Football. Fans of all ages are welcome to attend these free, public events.

Bill Moos, Greg Austin and Zach Duval will be stopping in Falls City at Prichard Auditorium from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Tues., June 12.

Society

REAVIS-ASHLEY CHAPTER D.A.R. met Friday May 18, 2018 for an 11AM luncheon at the home of Leota Uhri, Table Rock, Nebraska. Assisting hostesses were Joy Robison, and Sue Rottman. Members present: Regent Glenda Nelson, Secretary Ann Smith, Sue Rottman, Joy Robison, Anne Moser, Beverly Kimmel, Leota Uhri and guest Ruth Wells.

The meeting was opened with the Chapter opening by Regent Glenda Nelson. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the American's Creed.

President General's message was read by Anne Moser. Treasurer's report was read by Sue Rottman, in the absence of Kayce Feldkamp, a bill was presented and approved by the members. Secretary's report was read by Secretary Ann Smith, accepted after corrections. National Defense minutes were given by Glenda, she reported about the Run for the Fallen on June 5th. They will be in Falls City at the Military Park on 723 Harlan for a presentation. Glenda also presented a certificate from the Department of Defense Vietnam War Commemoration to Reavis-Ashley Chapter for being a Commemorative Partner. Flag minutes were read by Joy on Standards and Respect for the flag. Indian minutes were reported by Ann Smith on the Iowa tribe purchase of tribal land. Information on the National Conference was given by Anne Moser as she will be attending

Reavis-Ashley Chapter presented medals and certificates to the following students in the 8th and 11th grade who had the highest grade in American History; from Humboldt school, 8th grader Ellie Schardt and 11th grader Clarence Schuler. From Falls City Middle School, 8th grader Abigail E. Boatright; From Falls City High School, 11th grader Brett Foster. From Falls City Sacred Heart, 8th graders Derec Schawang and Rachel Magdanz and 11th grader Ciara Caitlin.

Guest Ruth Wells of Beatrice was welcomed and given a work sheet for application for membership to National Society of D.A.R.

Next meeting will be Friday September 14, 2018 for an 11am luncheon at the home of Ann Smith, Salem, Nebraska.

AMERICAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION

Jade Ann Hill, Falls City, Nebraska, is a new junior member of the American Angus Association, reports Allen Moczygemba, CEO of the national organization with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo.

Junior members of the Association are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association, participate in programs conducted by the National Junior Angus Association and take part in Association-sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

The American Angus Association is the largest beef breed association in the world, with more than 25,000 active adult and junior members.

The Presbyterian Women have sold brooms for several years. Jennifer James reported that the second American broom company has gone out of business. It was decided to not search for another company. The last brooms were sold and the group will no longer sell brooms as a fundraiser. They will continue to sell pecans, cashews and mixed nuts.

A brunch for graduating Sunday School teacher Maddie Huppert was set for Sunday, May 20 after worship. Rev. Tuma will purchase a graduation gift from the church. Having a special summer meeting with Carolyn Joy was discussed. It was decided to find a date that fits her schedule and to meet where she is living.

Judy Crawford presented the lesson from the book "Smoke on the Mountain" by Joy Davidman. The author presented a new look at the Ten Commandments and noted that we should not view them as a list of "thou shalt nots" but as a list of traffic laws to help us safely get from here to eternity.

Judy Crawford served rhubarb cake and strawberries for dessert. The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer in unison. The next official meeting will be Monday, September 10, 2018 at the home of hostess Cassey Whalen. Rev. Nancy Tuma will present the lesson.

THE WOMEN'S CIRCLE OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

met Monday, May 14, 2018 at 7 pm at the church. Marlene Schwarting, President, read from "A Journaling of Jesus Calling" with advice for living life according to His words. Members donated small change for the Least Coin offering. Jennifer James read the minutes of the April 9, 2018 meeting and presented a thank you note from the Nebraska Children's Home. She gave the treasurer's report and both reports were approved.



Falls City High School Orange and Black Honor Roll, Q4

12th Grade: Bruxellas, Tavia L; Campbell, Hailey L; Campbell, Ransom K; Craig, Jacob L; Findlay, Elle E; Gilsdorf, Sophia E; Milam, Noah G; Monnier Ragaigine, Ellea G; Mosiman, Kayelee M; Petry, Zachary A; Poppe, Meredith S; Romine, Brooklyn N; Sailors, Rylie R; Scholl, Rylee M; Stoller, Katelyn J; Sutton, Dylan C; Vice, Haylee J; Vitosh, Leslie N; Vrtiska, Rudy F.

11th Grade: Brewer, Erin; Buchner, Hailey R; Cochran, Christopher E; Fields, Franklin; Haworth, Nathaniel; Hunzeker, Keegan D; Joy, Jacob J; Kobza, Braden; Nagengast, MaKayla; Schawang, Cade; Vice, Megan J.

10th Grade: Beaver, Zach T; Beer, Michelle D; Bredemeier, Kade W; Brewer, Seth P; Bruxellas, Brynna M; Clary, Hannah N L; Findlay, Jackson H; Forsyth, Cydney J; Frederick, Kailyn A H; Kuker, Destini A; McAfee, Trey M; McCullough, Mazey L; McNeely, Maggie E; Pfohl, Brianna N; Sutton, Alexis E; Wissmann, Samantha SuAnn Marie

9th Grade: Armbruster, Thayer E; Dougherty, Marvin; Feek, Laney M; Fouraker, Dalton M; Harms, Abby; Hogue, Brock E; Kobza, Ryley K; Leyden, Brenna M; Rumbaugh, Courtney L; Snethen, Eryn; Uhri, Tyler

Falls City High School Regular Honor Roll, Q4

12th Grade: Aldana, Austin R; Babb, Austin L; Campbell, Shane E; Cochran, Sean M; Deckinger, Regan D; Eppens, Alexis C; Fisher, Jacie R; Frazier, Gabrielle D; Lenard, Azlynia; Robinson, Lexus N; Schuetz, Tiffany J

11th Grade: Bindle, Brody C; Crofford, Josephine C; Fisher, Dakota S; Foster, Brett; Furrow, Bailey; McCartney, Monica L; Norton, Heaven; Thompson, Chloe

10th Grade: Arnold, Hunter W; Campbell, Keldon Y; Crawford, Mason A; Ebel, Dillon C; Frederick, Braydon S; Ivey, Christiannon; Martin, Madison; Mez, Allyssa; Oliver, Braden; Schutte, Tyler; Simon, Caden; Walker, Helen K; Zimmerman, Faith D

9th Grade: Butler, Lukas D; Craine, Jacob M; Ebel, Zoe L; Hawley, Jared C; Kreifels, Jayden E; Mackey, Shaylee A; Olberding, Gwenyth T; Schuetz, Jordan J; Strauss, Ashlynn; Vitosh, William; Wickham, Michael J; Wittwer, Alexis

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REUNIONS

THE VERDON SCHOOL ALUMNI held their last meeting May 26, 2018 at the Community Center in Verdon. Eleanor Last, secretary, welcomed alumni and guest. Rev. Joyce Elliott offered prayer before the meal provided by Dickeys. Following the meal, veterans in attendance with the group singing God Bless America. Roll was called.

Class of 1947: Murl Spister Gottula and daughter Linda, Elk Creek; Pearl Spister Schulenberg and daughter Donna, Orion, Ill.; Norman Johnson and wife Dorothy, West Covina, Calif.

Class of 1948: Betty McKinsey Spister, Pawnee City; Arlene Jarrett Taylor with guest Mary Jean Dunn; Dale Taylor; Lewis Zentner.

Class of 1950: LaVerne Zentner Campbell and husband Don, Falls City.

Class of 1951: Bruce Becker and wife Gladys, Arkansas City, Kan.; Darlene Benedict Fischer, Lincoln; Lorena Burgess Eichthaler, Bridgeport; Don Vonderschmidt, Falls City; Norma Bruhn Werner, Salem.

Class of 1952: Dorothy Werner Vollmer, Falls City; Peggy Richardson Fairbanks, Green Valley, Ariz.

Class of 1953: Ramona Fritz and husband Charles, Hiawatha, Kan.; Oscar Larson, Verdon.

Class of 1954: Ron Fritz and wife Brenda, Salem; Ruth Vonderschmidt Rannebeck and husband Darrell, Falls City.

Class of 1955: Marie Richardson Lyons, Falls City.

Class of 1956: Joyce Schneidewind Elliott, Springfield, Mo.; Alvin Simon and wife Diana, Falls City.

Class of 1957: Elaine Fritz Browne and husband Bill, Lincoln; Norman Elliott, Springfield, Mo.; Marie Zentner Vonderschmidt, Falls City; Neal Eickhoff, Springfield, Neb.

Class of 1958: Janice Lundy Fischer and guest Charles Stanley, Auburn; Eleanor Richardson Last, Falls City; Martha Fritz Ownes, Elwood; Teacher Rev. Paul Weinert and wife Mary Jane, Falls City.

Class of 1959: Bernice Lundy Burget, Falls City; Annalee Comer Weber and husband Marvin, Firth; Melva Haushahn Dettman and husband Jerry, Sa-

lem; Joyce Fritz Stanley, Auburn.

Class of 1960: Elwood Steinke; Duane Elliott and guest Ashley; Carolyn Kammerer Zentner and husband Richard; Ann Liberty, Verdon.

Class of 1961: Anita Werner Pickard, Louis and Judy Lanning Fritz, Verdon. Darrell Herbster; Guests were Walter and Barbara Haring and Elouise Lowe Whitehead Lincoln.

Awards were given to Pearl Schulenberg for the oldest lady; to Lewis Zentner for oldest gentleman; Norman Johnson for traveling the greatest distance; Dale Taylor for being the first to send in reservation; and to Rev. Paul Weinert for teacher who taught at Verdon.

Norma Werner read the names of deceased Alumni since the last reunion: Marcile Kruse Wike, Class of 1943; Marcella Holder Bertwell, Class of 1953; Roy Bahr, Class of 1939; Richard Lundy, Class of 1938; Joe Heineman, Class of 1946; Jim Schuetz, Class of 1955; Delories Vice Georges, Class of 1950; Joan Richardson Mez, Class of 1951, Eileen Lundy Johnson, Class of 1937. The oldest Alumni is Margaret Sailors Zentner, Falls City, Class of 1937.

Alumni sending greetings were: Mary Lee Stock Weinert, Class of 1939, Falls City; Rev. Earl Fritz, Columbus, Ohio; Joann Griffiths, Auburn, Class of 1944; Delbert Benedict, Omaha and Elaine Fischer Wittrock, Class of 1949; Harold McKee, Kansas City, Class of 1950; Ralph McKee, Dell Rapids, S.D. and Ruth Vollmer Schwasinger, Pittsboro, N.C., Class of 1952; Dearl Eickhoff, Falls City and John Benedict, Cape Cord, Fla., Class of 1954; Reba Haushahn Benson, Hickman, Class of 1958; Kathy Marsh Chaney, Class of 1961.

Ron Fritz, Vice President, addressed the group about this being the last School Reunion. With the show of hands, all were in favor. Rev. Paul Weinert closed the meeting with prayer.

The first School Reunion was held June 23, 1963 on the school lawn with a basket dinner with 350 in attendance. Walter Zurbick, President and Janice Lundy Fischer, Secretary.

STUDENTS

DOANE UNIVERSITY has announced that 285 students have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2018 semester. Students must achieve a minimum 3.7 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and hold 12 graded hours to qualify for this academic distinction.

The following are area students who appeared on Doane University's 2018 Spring Dean's List (GD indicates a student who has graduated):

Dawson, NE: Jarod Fiegner, Graduate, Sacred Heart High School.

Falls City, NE: Henry Arnold, Sophomore, Sacred Heart High School; Austin Malone, Junior, Sacred Heart High School.

Rulo, NE: Haylee Heits, Freshman, Sacred Heart High School

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Free food available for seniors

Article provided by Blue Valley Community Action

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) distribution clinic will be held in Humboldt at 624 3rd Street on Tuesday, June 19, 2018. This distribution will now be held only one day a month. An appointment is suggested.

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

Foods given through CSFP include canned fruits and vegetables; bottled juice; 1% liquid and non-fat dry milk; hot and cold cereals; canned meat; peanut butter and dried beans; cheese; pasta or rice.

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Falls City Blood Drive a success

Article submitted by Linda Frederick, F.C. Coordinator

With Memorial Day weekend and farmers still in the field, the two-day Blood Drive held on May 24th and 25th at Prichard Auditorium fell short. Our goal was 117 units and 91 were collected. A huge thank you to our donors who helped support this drive. They were; Debra Atland, Helen Arnold, Tutti Baker, Lana Bangert, Chris Bennett, Kathryn Bieker, Kent Bieker, Jessica Binder, Brody Bindle, June Bowers, Gary Brown, Andrew Chavanak, Bev Chestnut, Ann Claymiller, Mary Darveau, Gracie Deckinger, Nancy Demmel, Barb Ebel, Ron Ebel, Karl Erickson, Lee Ferguson, Nate Finck, Linda Frederick, Shirley Frederick, John Furrow, Brandon Gibson, Doug Goltz, Charles Gruber, Delmer Gruber, Marcus Heller, Jade Hill, Jean Hodge, Amber Holle, Scott Hollens, Rachel Jackson, Phil Jansson, Elizabeth Johnson, Bob Jones, Joyce Jones, Sharon Kerl, Linda Kirkendall, John Koso, Dianna Kottich, Derrick Leyden, James Liming, Jim Litherland, Rich Little, Becky Littrel, Mary Martineau, Kathie McKern, Dennis Merz, Terri Messner, Beth Meyer, Brian Miller, Teresa Morehead, William Morehead and Adam Morris.

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Also these drives would not be possible without these donations. Lunchmeat was furnished by; Excel Meat Corp./ courtesy of RobertStuckemeyer, sandwiches and service were provided by Christ Lutheran Church and St. Paul's Lutheran Church 6 miles North. Cookies were provided by First Christian Church, bread and buns were donated by the Falls City Rotary. Juice was donated by Susan Leafy, drinks and canteen supplies by Whitetails Unlimited and paper products by Falls City Health Care. Elaine Heineman was in charge of the canteen setup, Lee Ferguson and Judy Schlosser helped at the registration table. Sacred Heart students were in charge of posters, calling for appointments, escorts, tables and chairs. Team leaders were Teresa Morehead and Chloe Schock. The next Blood Drive will be on July 26th and 27th at Prichard Auditorium. Falls City High School students will be helping at this drive. Thanks to all who supported us.

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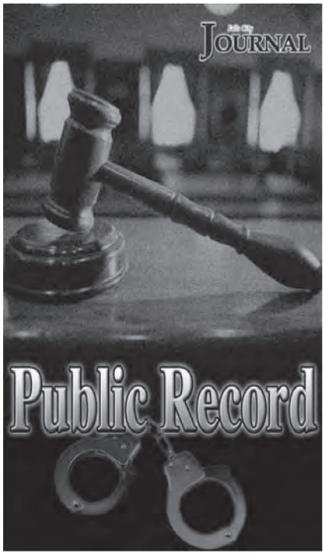
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Mitchell L. Jazbec, of Falls City, count one, driving under suspension/before reinstatement, plead no contest, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$125, probation for a term of 12 months beginning May 30, 2018, and Court costs of \$50.

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

Cody J. Siebenmorgen, of Hiawatha, Kan., count one, speeding (11-15), plead guilty, found

guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$75 and Court costs of \$49.

Kenneth L. Kaster III, of Falls City, count one, disobeying stop lights, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$75 and Court costs of \$49.

Jacob L. Rowland, of Dawson, count one, no valid registration of car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25 and Court costs of \$49.

Rebecca M. Bartlett, of Omaha, count one, speeding (16-20), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$125 and Court costs of \$49.

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

Jose V. Hernandez Guardado, of Plano, Texas, count one, no operator's license, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$75; count two, speeding (21-35), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$200 and Court costs of \$49.

Lawrence L. Philippi, of Topeka, Kan., count one, speeding (6-10), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25 and Court costs of \$49.

Spencer D. Haycock, of Sedalia,

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

Karl O. Gaskell, of Hiawatha, Kan., count one, speeding (11-15), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes city fine of \$75; count two, no seat belt, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes city fine of \$25 and Court costs of \$49.

Andy R. Renteria, of Wichita, Kan., count one, speeding (11-15), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$75 and Court costs of \$49.

Amanda A. Raithel, of Falls City, count one, speeding (6-10), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes city fine of \$25; count two, no valid registration, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes city fine of \$25 and Court costs of \$49.

Dale J. Campbell, of Falls City, count one, speeding (6-10), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25; count two, failure to use child passenger restraint, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25; count three, failure to use seat belt, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$25 and Court costs of \$49.

Douglas R. Stanley, of Dallas, Texas, count one, speeding (21-35), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$200 and Court costs of \$49.

Kurt M. Saylor, of Sabetha, Kan., count one, speeding (6-10), plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes city fine of \$25 and Court costs of \$49.

Levi J. Beckner, of Falls City, count one, no seat belt, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes city fine of \$25 and Court costs of \$49.

Stephanie D. Hartley, of Falls City, count one, no seat belt, plead guilty, found guilty, sentence includes city fine of \$25 and Court costs of \$49.

Stan and Marshall Coupe v. Chris Clow and Jessica Strecker: Judgment awarded to Stan and Marshall Coupe against Chris Clow and Jessica Strecker for the sum of \$5,600.05, plus costs of \$93, with pre-judgment interest of \$0 and an interest rate of 3.95 percent, and attorney fees of \$0.

Courthouse security discussion to continue among county safety committee

By Charlie Radatz

Richardson County Sheriff Don Pounds recommended to the County Commissioners during their May 29 meeting that security cameras be up and running and all other security procedures be operational by July 1 to make the South Entrance of the courthouse the main and only public entrance. The sheriff's comments came during a reorganization of the county's safety committee. Appointed to the committee were the three commissioners, Pounds, jail employee Annie Frederick, courthouse maintenance supervisor Tamie Beckner, county building maintenance technician Tyler Cooper, highway superintendent Steve Darveau, Jr., road department employee Jesse Vollmer and Emergency Management Agency director Brian Kirkendall. Beckner reported that locks needed to be installed in some of the rooms on the third floor. No other problems were reported and the safety committee meeting was adjourned.

department and discussed further with the board a proposed driveway culvert policy. Formal adoption of the policy is scheduled for the June 5 meeting.

The board accepted a bid of \$5,900 from Kris Steinblock to purchase three county-owned lots in Block 23 of the Luther Nims Addition in Humboldt.

The health insurance committee met with the board to review further the plan options available for county employee health insurance coverage for the policy period beginning July 1, and commissioners indicated a decision on a new plan would be approved during the board's next meeting.

The board met with Waddell & Reed agent Paul Downey and he indicated a new plan document would need to be completed as the present document had become dormant and a new plan document would need to be approved.

The board reviewed a draft of a proposed inter-local agreement between Richardson, Nemaha, and Otoe counties for bailiff services for the District Court.

The meeting was adjourned after the supervisors approved payment of weekly claims as submitted, including one from Community Medical Center that was held from last week's meeting.

After Pounds reported on the routine business of his department, commissioners voted to approve a law enforcement agreement of the sheriff's department with the Village of Salem.

Darveau updated the board on the routine business of his

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Del Casteel just beats the pick-off attempt at second base. (Photo by Brian McKim)

Strong pitching and solid defense led to a shutout win last Thursday night by the Blue Storm over Beatrice

By Brian McKim

Falls City got three runs in the first, one in the second and two insurance runs in the fifth and sixth inning to earn the 8-0 win. Not only did Chaydyn Butler and Zach Beaver combine for a shutout, but they also allowed just three hits and Falls City played error-free baseball on defense in the win.

In the bottom of the first Beaver got a one-out single, followed by a base hit by Ransom Campbell to left field. After a passed ball, Beaver scored on an error by the catcher for the games' first run. Nick Novak and Noah Milam drew walks to load the bases for Kyle Black who drove in two runs with a single up the middle to make it

3-0. In the second frame, Kade Bredemeier got a one-out single to right field. Beaver then moved him to third on a ground-out which brought up Butler who got the RBI single to give the Blue Storm a 4-0 lead.

The score remained 4-0 until the fifth inning. Beaver reached on an error, pitches, and Novak hit Butler and Campbell drove the first pitch he saw to left field for a two-run RBI. In the sixth, the Blue Storm used a base hit, an error and a sac fly to make it 7-0. Another error allowed Beaver to reach base, a walk and another hit by pitch loaded the bases for Novak, who reached on an error to score Beaver and make the final 8-0.

Beaver led the offense going 1-4 with three runs scored. Novak was 1-3 with a double, and two RBI and Kyle Black was 1-3 with two RBI. Butler earned the win on the mound going 3 1/3 innings, giving up three hits and zero runs. Beaver got the save tossing 2 2/3 innings giving up zero hits and no runs.

On Tuesday night the Blue Storm fell to Louisville-Weeping Water 10-7, giving up nine runs in the final two innings.

Bredemeier got a walk to lead off the bottom of the first and Beaver reached on an error. With two outs Butler reached on an error by the center fielder allowing two runs to score. Novak then doubled to left to make it 3-0 and Milam reached on an error, scoring Novak to push the score to 4-0. In the second inning, Eickhoff stroked a double and Bredemeier singled to score Eickhoff to make it 5-0.

A two-out single and stolen base in the fourth put Bredemeier in scoring position for Beaver who brought him in with a single to make it 6-1.

Louisville-Weeping Water

used a walk, an intentional walk and a double to cut the lead to 6-3 in the sixth. Bredemeier took over on the mound for Milam and walked the first batter. M Heath then drove a pitch over the fence for a three-run home run to tie the game at six. Falls City bounced right back in the bottom half of the inning to retake the lead 7-6, but Louisville put up four runs in the seventh to take the 10-7 lead, which is where the final score would stay.

Bredemeier was 2-2 at the plate with two walks and three runs scored, and Beaver was 2-4 with two RBI. Milam went five innings on the mound giving up six hits and four runs. Bredemeier came on and picked up the loss going two innings, giving up seven hits and six runs (three earned). Falls City is now 3-3 for the year.

The Juniors also played a pair of games last week, dropping both contests and falling to 1-3 for the year.

On Tuesday FC fell to Louisville-Weeping Water 9-7. FC out hit Louisville 9-8 but committed five errors in the loss. Will Vitosh was 2-3 and Jack Fiegenger was 2-3 with a double. Del Casteel and Braden Oliver each had two RBI. Oliver went 1 2/3 innings on the mound, giving up four hits and six runs. Carson Bredemeier got the loss going the final 2 1/3 innings, giving up four hits and three runs.

On Thursday vs. Beatrice Falls City fell behind 11-0 after two and a half innings and never rebounded. FC got one run back in the third and three in the fourth, but Beatrice came right back in the fourth and fifth to win by a final of 18-4.

Beatrice had just six hits, but the Blue Storm defense committed nine errors in the contest.

Vitosh led FC going 1-2 with an RBI double, and Bredemeier had two RBI. Casteel took the loss going 1 2/3 innings, giving up five hits and eight runs (zero earned).

The teams will host Springfield on Wednesday and will hit the road on Thursday to take on Doniphan County.

FCHS Baseball players named All-State Honorable Mention

By Brian McKim

Four Falls City High School baseball players were recently named All-State Honorable Mention by both the Lincoln Journal Star and the Omaha World-Herald. In Class B Kade Bredemeier, Ransom Campbell, Jake Craig, and Noah Milam were all honored.

Craig batted .385 this past spring with 25 hits and nine RBI. On the mound, Craig was 3-3 with a 2.72 earned run average over 25.2 innings.

Milam batted .179 with 11 RBI and 16 runs scored. On the mound Milam threw 36.2 innings, picking up three wins to four losses. Milam struck out a team-high 41 opponents and posted a 2.48 ERA.

Campbell was second on the team with 28 hits, including four home runs. He batted a team-best .500, drove in 29 runs and led the team with 19 walks.

Bredemeier was second on the team with a .405 batting average and had a team-high 32 hits. Bredemeier scored 24 runs and was 10-12 stealing bases. He was also 2-1 on the mound in 26.1 innings with a 5.05 ERA.



Del Casteel races the runner to first base as pitcher, Kyle Black looks on. (Photo by Brian McKim)

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Casteel crosses home plate for a Blue Storm run. (Photo by Brian McKim)

Four Bobcat baseball players named Daktronics NAIA Baseball Scholar-Athletes

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) announced Wednesday that 411 baseball student-athletes have been named 2018 Daktronics-NAIA Baseball Scholar-Athletes. Taylor (Ind.) and William Woods (Mo.) led all institutions with ten individuals on the list.

Four Peru State Bobcat baseball players were recognized. Graduate student Seth Thomason (Holt, Fla.), seniors Gianfranco Garlobo (Carolina, Puerto Rico) and Chaz Dunn (Falls City), and junior Tyler Wheelock (Omaha) earned the 2018 honor. For Thomason and Dunn, this was their second year as a scholar-athlete. Dunn is a senior academically, but a junior eligibility-wise.

This matches the number of players honored last year which was the highest recognized since there were three baseball players recognized in 2000.

Thomason, a designated hitter, was enrolled in the Colleges' master's degree program in entrepreneurial and economic development. An outfielder, Garlobo, is an accounting major while, Dunn, an infielder, is a marketing major with a journalism minor. The lone junior, Wheelock, is a K-12 health and physical education major with a coaching endorsement.

In order to be nominated by an institution's head coach or sports information director, a student-athlete must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and must have achieved junior academic status.

The Bobcat baseball team has now had 35 student-athletes

earn this honor since the 1990's. Head coach Wayne Albury was pleased to have four student-athletes again recognized. Albury stated, "Having the most student-athletes being named as scholar-athletes for two years in a row in 17 years is a testament to what these four individuals were able to accomplish. The spring baseball season is a grind and you really have to manage your time in order to maintain a high academic standard. My cap is off to these young men."

District #56

Agenda for the Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 P.M. Monday, June 11, 2018 at the Central Office at Falls City Middle School
The agenda sequence is provided as a courtesy. The board reserves the right to consider items in the sequence it deems appropriate. Therefore, we encourage patrons to attend the meeting from the beginning.

- 1.0 Business Items:
 - 1.1 Roll Call, Open Meetings Act Notice, and Pledge of Allegiance
 - 1.2 Approval of Absences
 - 1.3 Verification of Advanced Publication
 - 1.4 Approval of Agenda
 - 1.5 Approval of Previous Minutes
 - 1.6 Audiences
 - 1.7 Approval of Treasurer's Report
 - 1.8 Approval of Claims
- 2.0 Informational Items/Reports:
 - 2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Report: Rob Baker, Transportation Report
 - 2.2 Principal's Reports:
 - 2.3 Board President's Report:
 - 2.4 Superintendent's Report:
 - 2.4a Legislative & Organization Update
 - 2.4b Building and Grounds Update
 - 2.4c Continuous School Improvement & Strategic Plan Report
 - 2.4d Policy Planning
 - 2.4e Staffing Update
 - 2.4f Superintendent Meetings
 - 2.4g Board Member Meetings
 - 2.4h Other
 - 2.5 Board Committee/Member Reports:

- 3.0 Old/New Action Items:
 - 3.1 First Reading on Policy Reviews
 - 3.2 Second Reading on Policy Reviews
 - 3.3 Substitute Teacher Pay Rate
 - 3.4 Other

4.0 Executive Session: Requested by member, approved by majority, as per statute

5.0 Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for July 16, 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.

NorthRidge Church welcomes new pastor

Written and edited by freelance contributor Lori Gottula

When Charles Musil, the new lead pastor at Northridge Church in Falls City, was eight years old, he was already a die-hard sports fan. Growing up in rural Kansas, he naturally gravitated toward Kansas teams. His favorite was the Kansas State Wildcats. So, imagine his excitement when K-State won the Big-12 championship in 2003, and headed to the 2004 Fiesta Bowl.

The day before that big game, Charles was devastated by a New Year's Day report that the Wildcats' quarterback, Ell Roberson, had violated team rules and may not play.

"I was crushed," Charles said, during a recent telephone interview. "I was crying out loud." Then, he noticed that his dad, also an avid fan, didn't seem that upset about it.

"Just remember," his dad said, "Only Jesus doesn't disappoint." It was the first time Charles's dad had said those words. But it wouldn't be the last.

When Charles was a sophomore in high school, he was a starter on the football team at Valley Heights High School, in Blue Rapids, Kansas. During a mid-season game, he sustained a concussion, and was unable to play for several games. He felt like he was losing his identity. He didn't feel like an athlete anymore. People stopped coming around. They didn't ask about him, or pay attention to him. He lost some friends. He was so disappointed.

"Only Jesus doesn't disappoint," his dad said.

Charles tucked those words in his heart, and carried them with him everywhere he went.

He soon learned another phrase that became important to him as well—a phrase that runs through the veins of evangelical churches across the nation. That phrase is, "But God...."

"But God" has various meanings depending on the circumstances, but generally means "Things that seem impossible to man are possible with God." For example, Charles knew he would become a pastor someday. He just didn't expect it to be this soon.

But God....

Charles, a 22-year-old recent graduate of Kansas State University, will preach his first sermon as the lead pastor at Northridge this Sunday, June 10th, at 10 a.m. (The church is located at 1820 Morton Street). That evening, the church will host a welcome cookout from 5 to 8 p.m., so that members of the church and the community can meet Charles, and his wife, Katie.

"We are very excited for this opportunity," Charles said, during a recent telephone interview. "We're a little nervous, too. But mostly just excited."

The pastoral position opened up in February, when former part-time preacher, Brian Voos, suggested to church officials that Northridge needed and deserved a full-time leader. Voos, who also serves as a physical therapist at Falls City's Community Medical Center, just couldn't continue to give the time necessary to serve a growing congregation. And growing, it is.

The church, a campus spin-off



Charles and Katie Musil
Photo provided by Jenna Swinger

of the parent church in Sabetha, Kansas, first opened its doors in 2010 in the old Falter Clothing building downtown (where Sportin' Falls City currently resides). Church leaders weren't sure the extended site in Falls City would make it.

But God....

Just five years later, with a weekly attendance of more than 50 people, Northridge was packed out to the glass windows. The church purchased the building at 1820 Morton, and set out to fill it, too. Leaders weren't sure if people would respond.

But God....

Church attendance exploded. Voos knew that he could no longer keep up with the needs of the church and its parishioners, while continuing to work a full-time job. Resigning a position that he loved was a tough decision, but was one that he knew he had to make.

"I put in motion the process to replace myself," Voos said, "And I couldn't be happier with my replacement." Church leaders couldn't either.

Charlie Robinson, the senior pastor at Northridge in Sabetha, said, "When I met Charles, I knew within three minutes that he was the one. He has a love for God, his wife, and people in general. Plus, he knows the Word. He was a great choice for Falls City."

Musil believes that Falls City was a great choice for him and his wife, too.

"Katie and I are both from small, rural communities in Kansas," he said. "After living in Manhattan for college, we are both anxious to get back to small town living."

Charles grew up in a Christian home, and gave his life to Jesus when he was in the eighth grade. He really caught fire for the Lord when he was a freshman in high school, and as a sophomore, went on a mission trip to Kenya. He felt God calling him to the ministry, but knew he could never serve in that capacity because he was scared to death of public speaking.

But God....

Charles' high school speech classes started helping with some of that anxiety. Then, the pastor at his home church, Joel Barber of Marysville (KS) Berean Church, gave him some speaking opportunities. Charles, who was a three-sport athlete, began to feel the pull of the pulpit as much as the thrill of a basketball or football game.

By the time he graduated from high school, he knew that God was calling him to be a minister. But still, Charles held back. The thought of leading a church, and speaking every weekend, was just too daunting. Instead, he enrolled at Kansas State University, where his future wife, Katie, had just finished her freshman year. He picked a safe, secure major, too. Business/Finance. No one would ask him to speak then. He would become a CPA or financial advisor, and use his gifts to serve God and the church in other ways.

At K-State, Charles joined the FarmHouse fraternity, which

was filled with other Christian guys. He started attending Thursday night worship services with a widely-heralded campus ministry called Christian Challenge. He got involved with mentor and CC staff member, Brian Sturm, and joined a leadership team. He began leading Bible studies.

Meanwhile, his relationship with Katie became serious. She learned how to teach the Bible, too, and started an internship with Christian Challenge. In 2017, Katie graduated, and she and Charles got married. She continued to work with the campus ministry, and she and Charles intended to search for jobs in their chosen fields as soon as he graduated.

But God....

Earlier this spring, Charlie Robinson came calling.

"Our church has supported Christian Challenge at K-State for 20 years," Charlie said. "So I am good friends with the director, Robbie Nutter. Robbie knew we were searching for a lead pastor for Falls City, and he couldn't say enough about Charles Musil. So I met with Charles, recommended him to the Falls City board, and hired him shortly after."

"I can't tell you how instrumental Christian Challenge at K-State has been in my walk with God, and my decision to become a pastor," Charles Musil said. "Katie and I loved getting to learn more about ministry and how to reach young people with the truth of the gospel."

In May, Charles finished his degree in business and finance, and walked across the stage in his cap and gown. After vacationing to see their families, he and Katie moved to Falls City. Charles will begin online seminary studies this fall, but according to Pastor Robinson, that's not as important to the Northridge Church network as the qualifications that Charles already possesses.

"I've known a lot of pastors who have come out of the seminary with a knowledge of the Bible that would blow people away," Robinson said. "But some of them couldn't relate to people, and had no compassion for others. I wouldn't give you two nickels for leaders like that. Charles Musil knows the Bible, and he's the real deal. And so is Katie."

So, what plans do Charles and Katie have for Northridge? The couple intends to lead while learning.

"The leaders of Northridge can teach us so much," Charles said.

He and Katie also want to build on the successes that are already in place at the church—like the youth program on Wednesday nights, which serves more than 100 children each week.

The pastor also plans to work closely with the elderly, the lost, and the broken.

"We hope to make everyone feel at home," he said. "We will continue to open our doors to young families, but will also let the elderly know how important they are to us and our mission."

According to church's website, that mission is to "reach and equip people for Christ, without borders."

"We want to reach the unchurched," Pastor Musil said, "Those who are lost to addictions, relationship issues, and the other problems with which people deal daily. But we also hope to equip the committed Christians in our congregation so that they can use their gifts for God's service."

And of course, as is the case with every church, Pastor Charles would love to see the attendance increase, not because of the numbers, but because it would mean more people were hearing the Word of God.

There are only two words needed for that mission.

"But God...."

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Thinking About Health: Rural people most affected by negative health care trends

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By Wendell Potter, Rural Health News Service

Recent studies about health care in America show troubling trends, especially in states with large rural and relatively low-income populations.

While the United States continues to spend far more than any other developed country on health care on a per capita basis and as a percentage of gross domestic product (GDP), many states, especially in the south and Midwest, are losing ground in key areas that pertain to life expectancy.

The Commonwealth Fund's just-released 2018 Scorecard on State Health System Performance <<http://www.commonwealthfund.org/interactives/2018/may/state-scorecard/>> confirmed what other recent studies have shown: Life expectancy in the United States is going down while it continues to go up in other developed countries. And rural areas seem to be disproportionately affected.

Some researchers have used one word to explain the sudden reversal in life expectancy trends in the United States: despair. That's because of the rapidly rising number of suicides and deaths associated with alcohol and drug use in this country. The Commonwealth Fund reported that deaths from suicide, alcohol and drug use have increased 50 percent since 2005.

The Scorecard, which assessed every state and the District of Columbia on 43 measures in five broad categories – access to health care, quality of care, efficiency in care delivery, health outcomes, and income-based health care disparities – wasn't all bad news by any means. In fact, most states made improvements between 2013 and 2016 in some or all of the categories. But several others, Nebraska in particular, saw a worsening in all five.

The states scoring the highest overall were Hawaii (#1), Massachusetts, Minnesota, Vermont, and Utah, while those scoring the lowest were Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana,

Oklahoma, and Mississippi (#51).

But three of those bottom-ranking states – Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma – were among the five states making the most improvements. At the other end of the spectrum, the five making the fewest improvements were New Hampshire, Utah, Maine, Wyoming, and Nebraska (#51).

The Commonwealth Fund's researchers noted that progress in all categories is certainly possible in coming years but added that unless significant steps are taken, improvements in many states are not likely anytime soon.

"If every state achieved the performance of the top-ranked state on each Scorecard indicator, the gains in health care access, quality, efficiency, and outcomes would be dramatic," the researchers wrote. "At the current rates of improvement, however, it may take many years or decades for states and the nation to see such progress."

That may portend a continuing decline in life expectancy in the United States.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported in December that life expectancy in the United States declined for the second year in a row <<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db293.pdf>> in 2016. U.S. life expectancy peaked at 78.9 years in 2014. It fell to 78.7 in 2015 and to 78.6 in 2016.

As the British Medical Journal pointed out earlier this year <<https://www.bmj.com/content/360/bmj.k496>>, this decline is the culmination of a decades-long trend. In 1960, the United States had the highest life expectancy of any country in the 35-member Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), which comprises the world's richest countries. Back then, Americans on average lived 2.4 years longer than residents of the other OECD countries. We started losing ground, though, in the 1980s. Our life expectancy first fell below the OECD average in 1998. Now it is 1.5 years lower than the average of the 35 countries.

Steven H. Woolf, the author of the British Medical Journal article, attributed the decline to "life conditions" that seem to be more challenging to Americans, rural Americans in particular, than they are to residents of other developed countries. He cited the rising number of deaths from opioid overdoses in particular as a symptom of those greater life challenges.

But, he added, "the opioid epidemic is the tip of an iceberg, part of an even larger public health crisis in the U.S.: Death rates from alcohol abuse and suicides have also been rising ... These 'deaths of despair,' as some have called them, are disproportionately affecting white Americans, especially adults aged 25-59 years, those with limited education, and women. The sharpest increases are occurring in rural counties, often in regions with long-

standing social and economic challenges."

Meanwhile, the United States spends far more on health care than any other country: \$10,348 per capita annually, which is more than twice as much as the \$5,169 average spent by OECD countries. We spend 31 percent more per capita than the next highest country, Switzerland.

And as noted above, we also spend more on health care – 17.3 percent of GDP, more than twice the 7.9 percent average of comparably developed countries. And the difference is widening <<https://www.healthsystemtracker.org/chart-collection/health-spending-u-s-compare-countries/#item-u-s-increased-public-private-sector-spending-faster-rate-similar-countries>> every year.

That percentage is expected to keep going up because of constantly rising health care costs and health insurance premiums, although the rate of increase of both has slowed somewhat in recent years. But as the Kaiser Family Foundation reported last September, the average annual premium for employer-sponsored family coverage reached \$18,764 <<https://www.kff.org/health-costs/report/2017-employer-health-benefits-survey/>> in 2017. That's a 55 percent increase over 10 years.

So although we are spending more on health care every year and far more than any other developed country, we are getting an increasingly smaller return on that money as measured by most health care outcomes, most notably life expectancy. And residents of many rural communities are especially disadvantaged.

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Did You Know?

Though many people lament their lack of leisure time, the 2016 American Time Use Survey from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics found that nearly everyone age 15 and over engaged in some form of leisure activity every day. Men spent an average of 5.5 hours each day engaging in leisure activities, while women spent 4.8 hours. Watching television dominated most people's leisure time, as the average person age 15 and over spent 2.7 hours per day watching television. The survey found that the amount of time people spent watching television varied by age. Some may be surprised to learn that those ages 65 and over, who averaged more than four hours of television viewing per day, watched more television on average than any other demographic. At two hours per day, people between the ages of 15 and 44 spent the least amount of time watching television. The second most common leisure activity was socializing and communicating with friends. However, the average person spent just 39 minutes per day socializing and communicating with friends.

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Barbara Sue (Lape) Solt, 84, of Corning, Kansas passed away Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the Life Care Center in Seneca.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl on May 14, 2018, and a brother, Raymond Lape.

She is survived by her sons, Ron (Kay) Solt of Concordia, KS, Doug (Bobbi) Solt of Beloit, KS, and Larry Solt of Topeka, KS; a daughter, Amy Barber of Wichita, KS; her sisters, Betty Horton of Kansas City, MO, and Beulah Lape of Sabetha, KS; and many grand-

children and great grandchildren.

Funeral service will be Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Popkess Memorial Chapel in Seneca, Kansas. Visitation will be Tuesday, June 5, 2018 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be made at the Steele Cemetery in Falls City, Nebraska. Memorial contributions may be made to the Barbara Solt Memorial Fund, sent in care of Popkess Memorial Chapel, 814 Castle Street, Seneca, KS 66538.

Elsie M. Lewis

Elsie Mae (Davidson) Lewis was born November 6, 1934 to Myron "Red" and Lorena Mae (Burrell) Davidson in Yates Center, Kansas. She grew up and moved with her family residing in Burlington, KS, Omaha and Falls City, NE. She attended elementary school at Omaha Public School, Falls City Public School and graduated from Sacred Heart High School, she was involved and excelled in drama and cheer-leading. She was a member of the National Honor Society and received many awards for acting and singing. She had a beautiful voice, singing in area churches for weddings and funerals. She also loved to sing to her children and grandchildren when they were small.

She was united in marriage to Vern Ray Lewis on September 25, 1955 at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Falls City, Nebraska. To this union three children were born, David, Amy and Patrick. She and Vern made their home near Shubert where they farmed and raised their family. Elsie worked as a purchasing manager for Cargill for many years, she was a dedicated employee who took pride in her work.

After her retirement she enjoyed spending time with her family and planting flowers and shrubs in her flower gardens. She provided care for her husband Vern Ray for many years when his health began to fail. Those that were closest to her sometimes thought of her as a Florence Nightingale with a bit of an attitude.

She passed away Thursday, May 17, 2018 at the age of 83 years.

Elsie is survived by her three children and their spouses, Vern David Lewis and wife Angie of Falls City; Amy (Lewis) Hector and husband Tony of Auburn and Patrick Thomas Lewis and wife Kay of Tucson, AZ, grandchildren, Darci Hector Grafton, Auburn, Kara Lewis and significant other Shawn Bean of Los Osos, CA, Chelsea (Lewis) Wittwer and husband Nathaniel of Lenexa, KS, Jacy Lewis of Midland, TX and Austin Lewis of Tucson, AZ; great-grandchildren, Reese and Quinn Grafton, Marlowe and Sloane Bean and Macklin Wittwer, brother, Myron James "Jim" Davidson and wife Peggy of Falls City, NE, sister, Linda Majerus, Davenport, IA, brother in law Bob Majerus; many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Red and Lorena, sisters, Margaret Ann Fritz, husband Marvin, Norma Adreon and husband Frank, her parent's in law, Vern and Ruby Lewis.

A celebration of life service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 9, 2018 at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Shubert, NE with Father Thomas Dunavan officiating.

Inurnment will be in the Prairie Union Cemetery, rural Shubert, Nebraska.

A luncheon and a time of fellowship with the family will follow directly after the graveside at St. Anne's Parish Hall in Shubert.

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Preserve family memories for years to come

Families enjoy many moments together throughout the years. However, in today's digital world, quite often those experiences fail to see the light of day past an initial tweet or Instagram post. Too often file upon file remains in a digital graveyard on a mobile phone or external hard drive.

Instead of letting photos, videos, drawings, and memorabilia from vacations and other family experiences linger unappreciated, families can preserve these memories. Explore the various ways to share occasions with others.

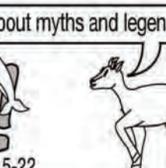
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Photo collage - If you are a purist and like to have photo prints in hand, then have several of a particular occasion made and then attach them to a decorative piece of wood. Using a decoupage product or a shellac, coat the collage so that it can be preserved. Hang your collage as a piece of handmade artwork on display.

Artwork gallery - Children routinely bring home artwork they made in school, daycare and other organized classes. Sometimes these items get stashed in plastic containers that are ultimately stored in attics or basements, only to be "discovered" years later. Rather than relegating them to storage, invest in frames of various sizes and hang the pictures as if they were in an art gallery. Make sure the frames are easy to access so that the artwork can be swapped out periodically. Kids will take pride in sharing their creations with family and visitors.

Keep a journal - Another way to preserve memories is to write down experiences. Each member of the family can fill out a page with a special recollection of a trip or another momentous day. Keep the journal on a coffee table so it can be reviewed every so often. Save it and gift it to future generations.

Family memories are worth keeping and sharing. There are many ways to display photos, thoughts and other sentiments from special events.

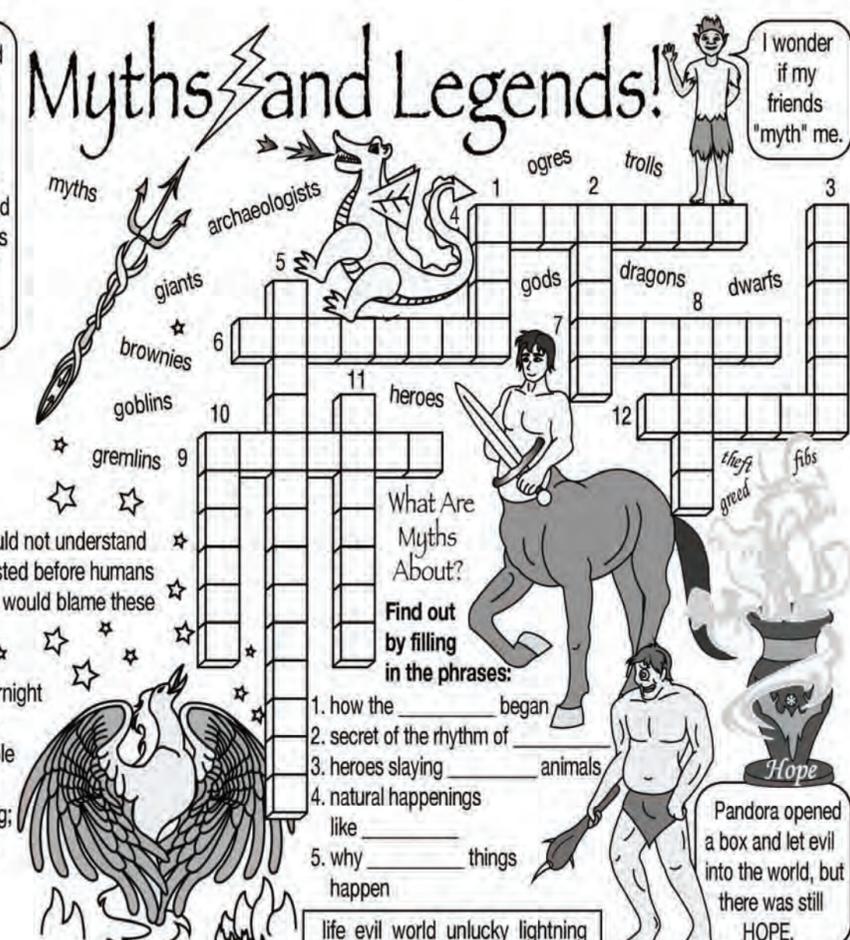
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People all over the world have shared stories called myths. Myths are ancient tales that tried to explain mysterious things that people wondered about in the past - events they did not know the reasons for or things they did not understand. People believed these stories to be true. Myths were very important to them.

Myths and Legends!



I wonder if my friends "myth" me.

What Are Myths About? Find out by filling in the phrases:

1. how the _____ began
2. secret of the rhythm of _____
3. heroes slaying _____ animals
4. natural happenings like _____
5. why _____ things happen

life evil world unlucky lightning

Who or What?

Myths are full of people, gods, heros and creatures. Who or what are these characters in myths? Read the clues to fill in the crossword:

1. powerful beings, rulers of all
2. stories to explain things people did not know or could not understand
3. huge manlike beings that some people thought existed before humans
4. pilots with problems in their engines or instruments would blame these
5. they search and dig to find items that will tell about myths of different peoples
6. played harmless pranks, did household chores overnight
7. people of great strength and courage
8. physically smaller than giants; hunted and ate people
9. fire-breathing, flying monsters
10. underground folk, under four feet tall, hard-working; they mined and worked precious metals like gold
11. ugly elves, pesky and annoying
12. they lived under bridges, in forests and on mountains; they protected their lands

Mythical Creatures

Have you heard or read about myths? Ask Mom or Dad to help you match each name to its description:

1. Neptune	A. one-eyed giant
2. Cyclops	B. ruler of all the gods (Greek)
3. Centaurs	C. bird rose from ashes: reborn
4. Zeus	D. each was half man and half horse
5. Phoenix	E. god of the sea (Roman)

Do you see a winged monkey thing?  Nah, that's just a myth! But, I do see a fire-breathing dragon. 

Mystical, Magical Things

Myths are full of magical things. Read the items below and match them to their use:

1. Pandora's Box	A. magical "rug" brought rider anywhere instantly
2. Excalibur	B. Greek god used this to pull the sun across the sky
3. Flying Carpet	C. famous sword locked into an enchanted stone
4. Magic Lamp	D. item that held all the evils of the world
5. Crystal Ball	E. helped wizards see the future or cast spells
6. Chariot of Apollo	F. rub this and a Genie pops out to grant wishes

and Golden Things:

1. Golden Rings	A. Rumpelstiltskin could turn straw into this
2. Golden Ram	B. food of the gods; Hercules would quest to find this
3. Golden Goose	C. jewelry that gave protection or invisibility to wearers
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA Estate of MYRON W. LEECH, Deceased Estate No. PR 18-18

Notice is hereby given that on May 15, 2018, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Terry G. Leech of 1422 13th Corso, Nebraska City, NE 68410 and Van W. Leech of 71971 633 Ave., Humboldt, NE 68376 were informally appointed by the Registrar as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before July 23, 2018 or be forever barred.

Nancy A. DeKlotz Clerk of the County Court 1700 Stone, Rm. 205 Falls City, NE 68355

Victor Faesser, #11230 Donahue & Faesser, P.C., L.L.O. 637 G. Street Pawnee City, NE 68420 Tel: (402) 852-2577 Fax: (402) 852-2035 Email: vicfaesser@windstream.net

23-31-6

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Re: 6000.0142 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

You are hereby notified that the following-described property will be sold by Camille R. Hawk, Attorney at Law, Successor Trustee, at public auction to the highest bidder at inside the West door of the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, in the City of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska on July 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Lot 7 and 8 and North Half of Lot 9, Block 129, Original Town of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska.

commonly known as 1209 Fulton Street, Falls City, NE 68355.

The highest bidder will deposit with the Trustee, at the time of the sale, a personal or cashier's check in the amount of \$5,000.00, with the full purchase price, in certified funds, to be received by the Trustee by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the sale, except this requirement is waived when the highest bidder is the Beneficiary. The Purchaser shall be responsible for all prior liens, all applicable fees, and all taxes, including the documentary stamp tax. This property is sold 'as is' and this sale is made without any warranties as to title or condition of the property.

If this sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid, or the purchase price if paid by the Purchaser. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Beneficiary, the Servicer for the Beneficiary, the Trustor, the Trustee, or the Beneficiary's/Trustee's/Servicer's Attorney. If you are a bidder other than the Beneficiary, and you choose to enter a bid at this sale, you are accepting the terms of this sale without recourse as outlined in this Notice of Sale.

Camille R. Hawk, Attorney at Law, Successor Trustee Camille R. Hawk (#20395) Walentine O'Toole, LLP 11240 Davenport Street P.O. Box 540125 Omaha, NE 68154 (402) 330-6300 chawk@walentineotoole.com 23-31-6-13-20

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF CHESSON PROPERTIES, LLC

Notice is hereby given that Chesson Properties, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska with its registered office located at 1719 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska. The Limited Liability Company is organized to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska. Said Limited Liability Company was organized on May 9, 2018 and shall have perpetual existence. The affairs of the Limited Liability Company are to be conducted by one or more managers as provided in the Operating Agreement and the initial manager is William A. Chesson.

William A. Chesson, Manager

WEAVER & MERZ Douglas E. Merz, No. 12807 Samantha K. Scheitel, No. 26389 1719 Stone Street, P.O. Box 569 Falls City, NE 68355 (402) 245-3015 31-6-13

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Trustee under a Deed of Trust filed on August 25, 2015, Book 262, Page 309 and under a Modification of Deed of Trust filed on May 25, 2017, in Book 270, Page 163, in the Office of Richardson County Register of Deeds will sell the following described property at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in the lobby of the Richardson County Courthouse, Falls City, NE, Richardson County, Nebraska, on the 19th day of July, 2018 at 10:00 AM. The property is legally described as follows:

LOTS 9, 10, 11, AND 12, BLOCK 2, MCMANUS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FALLS CITY, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

DATED: May 22, 2018

O. William VonSeggern, #14341 Attorney for Frontier Bank Trustee and Beneficiary 31-6-13-20-27

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Trustee under a Deed of Trust filed on May 30, 2014, in Book 257, Page 199 and under a Modification of Deed of Trust filed on May 25, 2017, in Book 270, Page 159, in the Office of Richardson County Register of Deeds will sell the following described property at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in the lobby of the Richardson County Courthouse, Falls City, NE, Richardson County, Nebraska, on the 19th day of July, 2018 at 10:00 AM. The property is legally described as follows:

TRACT I: LOT 1 AND THE N1/2 OF LOT 2, BLOCK 3, MCMANUS ADDITION, FALLS CITY, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA. TRACT II: LOTS 21 AND 22 IN BLOCK 3, MCMANUS ADDITION TO FALLS CITY, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

DATED: May 22, 2018

O. William VonSeggern, #14341 Attorney for Frontier Bank Trustee and Beneficiary 31-6-13-20-27

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Trustee under a Deed of Trust filed on September 9, 2014, in Book 258, Page 259 and under a Modification of Deed of Trust filed on May 25, 2017, in Book 270, Page 161, in the Office of Richardson County Register of Deeds will sell the following described property at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in the lobby of the Richardson County Courthouse, Falls City, NE, Richardson County, Nebraska, on the 19th day of July, 2018 at 10:00 AM. The property is legally described as follows:

THE SOUTH HALF OF LOTS 2, AND ALL OF LOT 3, IN BLOCK 3, MCMANUS ADDITION TO FALLS CITY, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

DATED: May 22, 2018

O. William VonSeggern, #14341 Attorney for Frontier Bank Trustee and Beneficiary 31-6-13-20-27

NOTICE In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska. In the Matter of the Estate of Carolyn Strasil, Deceased. Case No. PR17-12

Notice is hereby given that a Final Accounting, Formal Petition for Complete Settlement After Informal Testate Proceedings, Determination of Heirs, Formal Order for Determination of Priority of the Payment of Claims, Determination of Inheritance Tax and Distribution of Assets has been filed and is set for hearing in the Richardson County Court, 2nd Floor, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska on the 2nd day of July, 2018 at 8:45 o'clock a.m.

Curtis Maschman County Judge

WEAVER & MERZ Douglas E. Merz, No. 12807 Samantha K. Scheitel, No. 26389 1719 Stone Street, P.O. Box 569 Falls City, NE 68355 (402) 245-3015 31-6-13

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Trustee under the Deed of Trust filed on October 24, 2014, in Book 259, Page 79, in the Office of Richardson County Register of Deeds will sell the following described property at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in the lobby of the Richardson County Courthouse, Falls City, NE, Richardson County, Nebraska, on the 12th day of July, 2018 at 10:00 AM. The property is legally described as follows:

THE N 1/2 OF LOT 19, AND ALL OF LOTS 20 AND 21, BLOCK 4, ORIGINAL TOWN OF FALLS CITY, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

DATED: May 22, 2018

O. William VonSeggern, #14341 Attorney for Frontier Bank Trustee and Beneficiary 31-6-13-20-27

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND CREDIT UNION BYLAWS

Notice is hereby given that Liberty First Credit Union, Lincoln, Nebraska, in accordance with the provisions of the Nebraska Credit Union Act, has filed a request with the Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance for approval to amend its bylaws to expand its field of membership to all persons who live, work, worship, or attend school in Adams, Antelope, Boone, Buffalo, Butler, Cass, Clay, Colfax, Custer, Dawson, Dodge, Douglas, Fillmore, Franklin, Frontier, Furnas, Gage, Garfield, Gosper, Greeley, Hall, Hamilton, Harlan, Howard, Jefferson, Johnson, Kearney, Lancaster, Madison, Merrick, Nance, Nemaha, Nuckolls, Otoe, Pawnee, Phelps, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Red Willow, Richardson, Saline, Sarpy, Saunders, Seward, Sherman, Stanton, Thayer, Valley, Washington, Webster, Wheeler and York Counties in Nebraska.

Objections to this request must be filed with the Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance, 1526 "K" Street, Suite 300, P.O. Box 95006, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68509, within fifteen days after the date of publication scheduled for June 6, 2018. If substantive objections to the request are filed, the request will be scheduled for hearing.

DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND FINANCE Lincoln, Nebraska

By: Mark Quandahl, Director 6

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a petition, signed by thirty-five adult residents of the County, was filed with the Office of the County Clerk and that pursuant to Section 12-807 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska, the Richardson County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at 10:15 a.m. for the purpose of receiving testimony from the public to declare a cemetery (1 acres) located in the NW 1/4 of Section 35, Township 3, Range 15, located approximately 3 miles north of Verdon on 646 Avenue in Richardson County, Nebraska, abandoned and neglected pioneer cemetery.

Dated this 5th day of June, 2018.

David D. SICKEL, Chairman Richardson County Board of Commissioners

Mary L. Eichhoff Richardson County Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality Air Quality Division

Notice is given to the public, according to Chapter 14 of Title 129 - Nebraska Air Quality Regulations, for a Class II operating permit for Falls City Municipal Power Plant, FID #40565, a municipal power plant operating two diesel and seven dual fuel engines (Standard Industrial Classification code 4911) located at 901 South Crook Street, Falls City, NE 68355. The potential emissions of regulated air pollutants (in tons per year (tpy)) at this facility will be: 1.90 tpy of Particulate Matter (PM), 1.52 tpy of PM < 10 microns (PM10), 1.47 tpy of PM < 2.5 microns (PM2.5), 0.05 tpy Sulfur Dioxide, 98.00 tpy Oxides of Nitrogen, 26.03 tpy Carbon Monoxide, 2.76 tpy Volatile Organic Compounds, 1.69 tpy of Formaldehyde (largest quantity individual Hazardous Air Pollutant (HAP)), 2.44 tpy total HAPs, and 5,069.90 tpy Greenhouse Gases CO2 equivalents (CO2e).

Richardson County meets the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for those pollutants subject to a NAAQS and is expected to continue in that status. Richardson County is unclassifiable in regard to the state Total Reduced Sulfur (TRS) standards and no TRS emissions are expected from this project. No impact is anticipated on habitat for any rare or threatened species.

The NDEQ proposes to issue a Class II operating permit with specific conditions, based on Title 129, which authorizes to limit NOx emissions to 98 tpy, limit the kWh generated to 6,456,901 kWh in any 12 consecutive month period, restrict fuel usage to diesel fuel and dual fuel, and require recordkeeping and reporting.

The proposed permit and supporting materials are available for inspection by the public June 6, 2018 through July 9, 2018 at the office of the NDEQ, Suite 400, 1200 "N" Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, and electronically at http://deq.ne.gov. Comments received during this period will be considered prior to the final decision. During this period the applicant, or any interested person or group of persons, may request or petition the Director for a public hearing, the request must state the nature of the issues to be raised and all arguments and factual grounds supporting their position. If a public hearing is granted by the Director, the hearing will be advertised by public notice at least 30 days prior to the hearing. Inquiries may be made at (402) 471-2186 or ndeq.airquality@nebraska.gov. Individuals requiring special accommodations or alternate formats of materials should notify the NDEQ by calling (402) 471-2186. TDD users should call (800) 833-7352 and ask the relay operator to call the NDEQ at (402) 471-2186. For further information, to submit comments, or request a hearing you may contact the NDEQ by email "ndeq.airquality@nebraska.gov" or by mail submitted to the attention of David Christensen, Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 98922, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-8922.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The State of Nebraska, Department of Transportation (NDOT) is issuing this Request for Proposal (RFP), #R01-19, for the purpose of selecting a qualified contractor to provide Guardrail Repair and Replacement Services for NDOT.

Those interested in bidding on this proposal may view the Prequalification information and Request for Proposal (RFP) #R01-19 at the NDOT web site at: http://dot.nebraska.gov/business-center/business-opp/pre-maint/. Copies of the RFP may be obtained from the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

Written questions are due no later than June 19, 2018, and should be submitted via e-mail to ndot.OperationsProcurement@nebraska.gov, written questions may also be sent by facsimile to 402-479-4567.

Sealed proposals from pre-qualified contractors must be received in the Nebraska Department of Transportation, 5001 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68512 on or before July 24, 2018, 3:00 P.M. Central Time, at which time proposals will be publicly opened.

Southeast District Health Department

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 13 day of June 2018, at 6 o'clock PM at 2511 Schneider Ave Auburn, Ne for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Southeast District Health Department during regular business hours.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE:

The Southeast District Board of Health will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 6:10 PM in the Conference Room at the offices of Southeast District Health Department, 2511 Schneider Ave, Auburn, Ne. The meeting is open to the public. An agenda is available in the Director's office at the Southeast District Health Department, 2511 Schneider Ave, Auburn, Ne during regular business hours.

Nemaha N.R.D.

The Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold their regular meeting at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, June 14, 2018, at the NRD headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska. Individual committee meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. An agenda is being kept current at the office - 62161 Hwy 136, Tecumseh, NE 68450.

County Commissioners

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY 22, 2018 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman SICKEL at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 2018. Roll call was answered by Frank, Davidson and SICKEL. The Invocation was given by Chairman SICKEL and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Davidson. Chairman SICKEL 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 May 8, 2018, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, SICKEL-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Frank to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by SICKEL.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, SICKEL-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 POUNDS

Sargent, Jeff Frederick updated the Board on the routine business within the Jail and Law Enforcement Center. The County has received a refund check from the K-9 company for the drug dog that has not been delivered, less \$1,000 for the shipping and handling.

He also reported that the county van had some mechanical problems this past week when jail staff traveled to a training. The Board decided to not put any more major repairs into this vehicle and should just be used for local, in-county travel.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week.

Motion was made by Frank that Speece-Lewis Engineers be notified that they will no longer be requested to serve as Highway Superintendent effective May 4, 2018, as Steven J. Darveau, Jr. has obtained his license effective May 4, 2018. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, SICKEL-aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Darveau reported that the majority of the 1 year projects on the I&6 Year Road Plan have been completed.

JOHN DAY, BLUE VALLEY

John Day, Blue Valley Behavioral Health updated the Board on the organization and its success. He also requested that the Board consider the continued funding for the organization in the next fiscal year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by SICKEL to recess the regular meeting agenda at 10:44 a.m. and go into an executive session to review a general assistance application #8890. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, SICKEL-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by SICKEL to close the executive session at 10:55 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, SICKEL-aye. Motion carried.

US ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS

Kenneth Wade, Outreach Specialist for the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers introduced himself to the Board. He relayed that if any issues would ever come up that would involve the Corp of Engineers that he would be available to help to resolve problems and to direct the questions and concerns to the proper departments within the agency.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Davidson to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 11:37 a.m. with Mary L. Eichhoff, Richardson County Clerk to discuss personnel matters and for the prevention of needless injury to an individual. Motion seconded by SICKEL. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, SICKEL-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by SICKEL to close the executive session at 11:58 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, SICKEL-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Special Designated Liquor Licenses

Motion was made by Davidson to approve a special designated liquor license for the Tanner Shelby Merz Foundation, Inc. event to be held June 23, 2018 at the Falls City Area Jaycees Community Field. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, SICKEL-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Davidson to approve a special designated liquor license for the Falls City Area Jaycees events to be held on the following dates in 2018: July 7, August 25 and September 8. Motion seconded by SICKEL. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, SICKEL-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Frank to approve the special designated liquor license for the Last Chance Grill & Lounge event to be held June 2, 2018 at the Rustic Country Barn, Verdon, NE. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, SICKEL-aye. Motion carried.

Sub-Division Resolution

Motion was made by Frank to approve a sub-division for Reed A. Olsen in S32, T3, R13 and to adopt Resolution 2017-2018-33. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, SICKEL-aye. Motion carried.

Sub-Division Resolution

Motion was made by SICKEL to approve a sub-division for Mary Jane and Paul M. Weinert in S29, T1, R17 and to adopt Resolution 2017-2018-34. Motion seconded by Davidson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, SICKEL-aye. Motion carried.

Waddell & Reed Deferred Comp Plan

The Board reviewed with County Clerk, Mary L. Eichhoff, the deferred compensation plan the County has as a payroll deduction for county employees with Waddell & Reed. The Board will plan to meet with Paul J. Downey, agent with Waddell & Reed at next week's meeting to revise and update the Richardson County plan.

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Davidson to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today with the exception of one to Community Medical Center for \$1,994.71 which will be held for further review. Motion seconded by SICKEL. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, SICKEL-aye. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes: Advanced Correctional Health Care, Bennett, Pam, serv, Boucher Law Firm, serv, Community Medical Center, serv, Consolidated Management Company, serv, Culligan, serv, Das State Accounting, serv, Des Moines Stamp Mfg. Co., serv, Dunn Greenery, serv, Falls City Utility Dept., serv, Family Medicine, serv, Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey, serv, JVI17-34; JVI16-40; JVI16-2; JVI16-3; JVI17-11; JVI17-12; JVI17-13, Farm & City Supply, serv, Fuller, Albert, serv, Galls, serv, Good News Assembly of God Church, rent, Gravatt, Jere, serv, Handley Law Office, serv, JVI16-4; JVI17-2; JVI16-40; JVI17-4; JVI17-26; JVI17-35; JVI17-23JVI17-48; JVI17-49; JVI17-11; JVI17-12; JVI17-13; JVI17-28; JVI16-29; CR17-446 J. Lee; CR17-445 J. Lee, CR17-401 J. Lee; CR17-134 R. Hillard, Hecto, Amy, serv, Humboldt Standard, adv, James, Charles, serv, Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb, Kirkendall, Brian, reimb, Koch's Auto Service, serv, Lancaster County Sheriff, serv, Ligouri Law Office, serv, CR17-58 H. Webster; D. Alexander Meeting Place, rent, 100.00

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes: Merz, Douglas, serv, Midwest Automatic Fire Sprinkler, supp, Midwest Special Services, serv, Milam's Greenhouse, supp, MIPS, serv, NE Assoc. of County Officials, fees, NE Assoc. of County Clerks, fees, OPPD, serv, Quill, supp, Register of Deeds, fee, Retirement Plan Division Ameritas, retire, Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb, Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb, Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb, Richardson County Vendor, FICA, Rulo Library, rent, Sapp Bros. fuel, Shopko, supp, Spartan Stores, supp, St. Mary's Parrish Hall, rent, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, rent, Station Service Center, serv, Stripes & Signs, serv, Datamax, serv, True Value, supp, US Foods, supp, Verizon, serv, Vice, Pam, reimb, VonSeggern, William, serv, Weaver & Merz, rent/reimb, Windle, Tylene, reimb, Wolfe's Printing, supp, Woods & Aitken, serv, Payroll Expense, 77281.52

Election Board Workers

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes: Janet Aitken, Shirley Allgood, Anna Arington, Norma Arington, Richard Bacon, Thomas Bartek, Jessa Beckner, Carol Bentley, Carol Bierman, Sonda Blecha, Kade Bredemeier, Carol Bucher, Elaine Burgett, Anna Burns, Lane Burns, Sean Cochran, Regan Deckinger, Hailey Dorste, Pamela Dungan, Barbara Ebel, Cheryl Ebel, James Eickhoff, Kay Beth Eickhoff, Lowell Eickhoff, Alexander Fairchild-Flynn, Leora Ferguson, Charles Fiegner, Jack Findlay, Marilyn Findlay, Jacie Fisher, Gabby Frazier, Judy Fritz, Loren Gliathar, Helen Goltz, Victoria Gordon, Ruth Groothuis, Wanda Hartshorn, Michelle Heim, Lois Hersh, Steven Holland, Shirley Jones, Denise Keithley, Elizabeth Ketrner, Dorothy Kirkendall, Donna Koehn, Eleanor Last, Hailey Liberty, Sharon Mackey, Doris Marrs, Anne Maschman, Maggie McNeely, Della Meyer, Marilyn Ogle, Cassandra Peace, Zachary Peiry, Marcia Reimers, Norma Roland, Mary Beth Rowell, Scott Sailors, Tyler Schutte, Jack Sells, Sharon Sells, Max Shafer III, Joanne Shafer, Caden Simon, Marcile Stalder, Jeanne Standerford, Shirley Stevicks, Roxann Stitzer, Alexis Sutton, Camille Svoboda, Jacqueline Uhri, Chris Verdinex, Mary Wenz, Martha Wolfe, Tanya Zeigler, Carolyn Zentner, Jane Zentner, Richard Zentner, Faith Zimmerman, TOTAL GENERAL FUND, \$137,309.90

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes: Black Hills Utility Holdings, serv, Farm & City, supp, Grainger, supp, Hullan's, serv, Martin-Marietta Materials, rock, NPPD, serv, Norris Quarries, rock, Northern Safety Company, supp, OPPD, serv, Operation & Expense Account, reimb, Quill, supp, Rulo, Village of, serv, Safety Kleen, supp, Sapp Bros. fuel, SNC, serv, Speece Lewis, serv, Datamax, serv, Unifirst, supp, Payroll Expense, TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND, \$118,565.81

INSTITUTIONS FUND

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes: Dept. of Health & Human Services, serv, TOTAL INSTITUTIONS FUND, \$204.00

JUVENILE SERV LB640 GRANT FUNDS

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes: Blue Valley Behavioral Health, serv, Fairfield Inn & Suites, lodg, Osborne, Laura, reimb, Schatz, Maxine, reimb, TOTAL JUVENILE SERV LB640 FUNDS, \$1,546.72

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes: Payroll, TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND, \$555.36

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Davidson adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m. Motion seconded by SICKEL. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Davidson-aye, SICKEL-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, May 29, 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. SICKEL, Chairman Mary L. Eichhoff, County Clerk

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USDA Reopens Application Period for Producers Recovering from Cattle Loss, Other Disasters

Press release provided by Farm Service Agency

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will begin accepting disaster assistance program applications on June 4 from agricultural producers who suffered livestock, honeybees, farm-raised fish and other losses due to natural disasters.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is reopening the application period for two disaster assistance programs in response to statutory changes made by Congress earlier this year.

"When disasters hit, help is

as close as your USDA service center," said Bill Northey, Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation. "After any catastrophic event, an eligible producer can walk into any one of our local offices and apply for help."

Beginning June 4, FSA will accept new applications for losses for calendar year 2017 or 2018 filed under the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) or Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-raised Fish Program (ELAP).

Producers who already submitted applications and re-

ceived decisions on their applications for these years do not need to file again, but they can reapply if they have additional losses or their application was disapproved because it was filed late.

In February, Congress passed the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, which made several changes to these two disaster programs, including:

Removing ELAP's \$20 million fiscal year funding cap, enabling FSA to pay producers' 2017 applications in full and their 2018 applications as soon as they are approved.

Removing the per-person and legal entity annual program payment limitation of \$125,000 for LIP for 2017 and future years. (The income limitation applies as it did before, meaning producers with an adjusted gross income of more than \$900,000 are not eligible.)

Changing LIP to allow producers to receive a payment for injured livestock that are sold for a reduced price due to an eligible event. Previously, the program only covered financial loss for livestock death above normal mortality.

Producers interested in LIP or ELAP should contact their local USDA service center. To apply, producers will need to provide verifiable and reliable production records and other information about their operation.

Drought, wildfires and other disasters continue to impact farmers and ranchers, and LIP and ELAP are two of many programs available through USDA to help producers recover.

Learn more at <https://www.usda.gov/disaster>.

Spring fish die-offs not unusual in Nebraska

Article provided by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

Spring fish die-offs in Nebraska are not unusual.

Reports of these fish kills, which have been due to natural causes, have come from a variety of water bodies across the state in recent weeks.

Winter is a hard time for fish, and they can experience stress coming out of the winter, said Daryl Bauer, fisheries outreach program manager for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

Our relatively cold spring coupled with wild temperature swings and the recent warming trend can further stress fish.

Bauer added that many species of fish spawn in the spring and annual spawning rituals add even more stress.

Ultimately, stressed fish are more likely to succumb to some sort of infection or disease, he said.

Fish with bacterial infections have been observed on many waters in the past couple of weeks.

These die-offs are an example of the significant natural mortality that fish populations experience every year. Natural mortality may be significant, but it never eliminates those populations. In fact, anglers are still catching healthy fish even while some fish are dying.

Fish taken by angling should be safe for consumption if the fish are thoroughly cooked.

The public should promptly report numbers of dead or dying fish to a conservation officer, Game and Parks district office, or the 24-hour Nebraska State Patrol pollution complaint number at 402-471-4545.

For more information about fishing in Nebraska, or to buy a fishing or park permit, visit OutdoorNebraska.org.

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Down out of the city's cubbyholes come the inhabitants to enjoy some fresh air and automobile fumes. On second thought, ignore that glum remark, for actually these folks are having a swell time. Leaving the ladies to gossip blissfully, notice how children don't really live in the city or in the country, but on a tricycle, under a fireman's hat, or in the placeless glow of mother's affection, like little rubber legs there at the left. And does it matter where a boy is if he has a ball, especially if this includes the thrill of fleeing from a garden with an old fuss-budget in hot pursuit? John Falter did well to put a helmet on that ball boy; the lad soon will fly into outer space.

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A Strong Farm Bill is Good for Nebraska

By Rep. Adrian Smith

As many of you know, the House of Representatives recently considered its version of the 2018 Farm Bill, which unfortunately failed to gain enough votes for passage. While I do believe we will pass a Farm Bill this year, the current situation is troubling. Our agriculture producers face enough uncertainty without Washington making the situation worse.

Over the past year, I have held a Farm Bill listening tour with stops in Scottsbluff, Aurora, Broken Bow, Beatrice, South Sioux City, and at the State Fair in cooperation with the Nebraska Farm Bureau and the rest of the Nebraska congressional delegation, through which I visited with producers to hear their concerns. I have also conducted several telephone town halls, which engaged thousands of Nebraskans. The response has been clear: a strong Farm Bill is good for Nebraska and vital for the stability and continued success of our agriculture industry.

The House version of the Farm Bill is a reasonable approach, which makes its failure to be adopted even more troubling. It contains modest yet meaningful reforms to the nutrition title coupled with improvements in the agriculture programs, several of which I relayed directly to the House Agriculture Committee from Nebraska's producers. It has become increasingly clear our current situation is the result of partisanship and other concerns not related to the agriculture debate.

Our producers deserve better than partisan posturing, especially given the current uncertainty in our agriculture markets due to trade disputes with several of our largest trading partners. Without reliable demand and fair treatment of their products in international markets, production decisions are virtually impossible to make in advance.

When extreme weather events and other unforeseen factors are added to these concerns, it is easy to see why the Farm Bill is so important to provide an adequate safety net for our producers. We have made great steps through tax reform and other achievements so far this year and we should build on them rather than taking a step backward.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which was authored by the House Ways and Means Committee, maintained full property tax deductibility for agriculture producers and businesses, interest deductibility of cattle inventories for feedlots, and protection against payroll taxes on rental income. Additionally, I worked to ensure Congress passed legislation to replicate Section 199 treatment of cooperatives under the previous tax code, which solved the "grain glitch."

Overall, it has also been a positive year for agriculture in terms of reduced regulation. Livestock haulers received an extended exemption from electronic logging device (ELD) requirements, which I hope to make permanent through a bill I plan to introduce this month. At the same time, farmers and ranchers were permanently exempted from misguided regulations on methane from animal waste, a legislative solution I strongly supported.

Another major concern of our agricultural producers would have changed the definition of navigable waters under the Clean Water Act to allow excessive EPA regulation. These provisions, known as the Waters of the United States (WOTUS,) were halted by the Trump administration and legislation to make this delay permanent is included in the House Farm Bill.

On a further positive note, President Trump recently voiced public support for year round availability of higher ethanol blends (E15). The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) should move forward quickly to implement these measures, which would be beneficial for both consumers and agriculture producers alike. I have long supported this approach, which is why I introduced a bill last year requiring the EPA to make these changes.

Nebraska's Third District produces more agricultural goods than any other district in the country. Given our economic dependence on its success, I take any new regulations, taxes, or changes to the Farm Bill which would adversely affect it very seriously. I will continue to fight burdensome regulations, support a robust Farm Bill, and work to ensure access to foreign markets for our products.

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