

SHOPKO FILES FOR BANKRUPTCY FALLS CITY PHARMACY WILL SEE IMPACT

A rumor has been circulating the Falls City area that our local Shopko Pharmacy will be closing soon. On Friday, January 18th, Shopko's corporate spokesperson, Michelle Hansen, confirmed that the company's pharmacy in Falls City will either be sold at auction, or will be closed. No timeline was given on a possible closure, but if the pharmacy is not purchased by another corporation and the company is forced to close it, all customers will receive letters about transferring their files to the pharmacy of their choice.

Shopko, owned by Sun Capital Partners, filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy on Wednesday, January 16th, in the U.S. Bankruptcy court here in Nebraska. As part of the company's restructuring plan, it is closing 105 of its stores (Falls City is not on that list), and has already sold the customer files for 38 of its pharmacies.

In an email statement to The Journal last Friday, Michelle Hansen said, "As part of the Chapter 11 process, we have made the difficult decision to exit our pharmacy business. Starting possibly next week, we will be selling our remaining pharmacies through a court-supervised auction process. Leading into that process, our pharmacies will remain open and committed to serving our customers with the same high-quality goods and services that they expect."

Whether the pharmacy is sold or closed, the decision by Shopko's executives affects four full-time employees at the local store, as well as two pharmacists who fill in for full-time pharmacist Gary Brown when he is on vacation or has a day off.

When asked for a statement about the closing, Brown referred all questions to the corporate office, and replied, "No comment."

Until the fate of the pharmacy is decided, he and his three technicians have been transferring files for those customers who have already requested transfers. Most of them have asked that their customer files be sent to Kex Rx at 120 E. 18th Street in Falls City.

Joe Koechner, owner of Kex Rx, gave this statement to the Journal: "We were very sorry to hear about the potential closing of the Shopko Pharmacy because it means the loss of jobs for several employees. We hope

to gradually transfer the records of those customers who choose us for their service, to avoid overwhelming us and the employees at Shopko Pharmacy.

We will do our best to serve Falls City's residents with uninterrupted service."

In other words, there is no reason to panic.

"The more orderly these transfers can be done, the better it will be for everyone involved," he said.

According to Shopko's spokeswoman, Michelle Hansen, a complete list of pharmacies that have been sold or have closed can be found on the restructuring website at info.shopko.com. This list will continue to be maintained and updated as further sales occur. In addition, Shopko will notify pharmacy customers via US Mail when a pharmacy will close, and to where their prescriptions have been transferred.

This is an ongoing process, so The Falls City Journal will keep readers up-to-date as new information developments.

COMMISSIONERS APPROVE LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

By: Charlie Radatz

During their Tues., Jan. 15th meeting, Richardson County Commissioners voted to enter into an inter-local agreement with Nemaha County, Nebraska for Law Enforcement Mutual Aid and Assistance. Under the agreement, either county could seek assistance from the other to deal with law enforcement matters in much the same manner as fire departments provide mutual aid to one another when dealing with fires that exceed the capacity of a single department to deal with the emergency.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sickle to approve a two percent increase for Court-house support staff in the Cooperative Extension Service, Veterans Service Office, Treasurer's Office, Assessor's Office, Courthouse Maintenance, and the Emergency Management Agency. Caverzagie seconded the motion and approved by a 3-0 vote.

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KENT COOPER SENTENCED IN DISTRICT COURT

Last Thursday in Richardson County Court a jury found Kent Cooper, 53 of Humboldt, guilty on three felony charges of terrorist threats. Cooper allegedly threatened to kill several members of his family and made threats with a shotgun and baseball bat during a September 2017 incident outside of Humboldt. The case was continued to March 29th for sentencing.

CHAMBER DIRECTOR WEARS MULTIPLE HATS

By Lori Gottula

When the phone rang in the office of the Falls City Chamber of Commerce, chamber director, Amber Holle, answered. The caller wanted to know the times when residents could walk at Prichard Auditorium. Amber looked it up and told her. Ten minutes later, another caller asked how she could advertise a pancake feed to all of the businesses in town. Amber wrote down the information so she could include the event in the next chamber newsletter. Fifteen minutes later, a third caller asked for information about tourist attractions in the area. Again, Amber provided the woman with a wide variety of options.

After the last call, Amber hung up and said with a chuckle, "I'm the Google of Falls City."

That's the perfect way to describe her. On a daily basis, she answers questions about anything and everything Falls City—even those questions over which she has no jurisdiction, such as "Why wasn't my trash picked up today?" If she doesn't know the answer, she goes out of her way to find the person who does.

That said, Amber is much more than the search engine of Falls City. She's also an event planner, tourism director, business cheerleader, historian, fundraiser, and much more.

"I love this job," Amber said, during an interview in her office. "No day is ever the same as the one before. Plus, Falls City is my home, and I have the privilege of helping it succeed, and the honor of showing it off to visitors."

Obviously, Falls City has a special place in her heart. She was born here, and was raised south of town, right outside of Reserve, KS. She attended Hiawatha public schools, and graduated from Hiawatha High School, even though she had moved to Falls City with her mom when her parents divorced. (She was 12 at that time, and wanted to graduate with her friends.)

After graduation, she went to Kansas University, then Kansas

REMEMBER TWO WORDS, I BELIEVE

Story & photo by Brian McKim

On Wednesday, January 9, the junior high and high school students from Falls City Public were treated to an extraordinary motivational speaker. Thanks to the Boys and Girls Club from the Iowa Tribe, retired amateur boxer and former professional wrestler Marc Mero was in town.

The Boys and Girls Club services Hiawatha, Falls City, and Doniphan. Mero is best known for his wrestling days in the WWF during the "Attitude Era" and WCW and also TNA Wrestling. He was often paired with Sabre, his wife at the time. Mero competed for 16 years in the pro wrestling circuit before retiring in 2006.

Mero, who was full of energy from start to finish, began the program and repeated many times throughout his talk to remember two words from the day, "I, believe." He challenged the students to write their goals into existence today. By writing your goals on paper and placing it somewhere to see each and every day you are more likely to take action and achieve your goals.

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Mero spoke of his time that he was involved in boxing. He was a four-time New York boxing champ, but a badly broken nose postponed a big fight and he was out of action for close to a year. Time off gave him the opportunity to make bad choices, and soon he was hanging out with the wrong crowd, drinking and getting high. Flash forward ten years, he hadn't returned to boxing and had become a construction laborer. He had become just like the people he had surrounded himself with.

As a young child, Mero himself was severely bullied. He grew up in a divorced family and lived in a gang-infested area of Buffalo, New York. His mom had a hard time making ends meet so Mero would often wear old clothes or clothes that didn't fit him properly to school. He remembers the kids being relentless in their attacks and coming home often in tears.

"You never know what another student is going through in life, words can kill," said Mero. This was the reason he began the "Make it Stop" tour on bullying. He encouraged the students that if they get anything from

State. In 2007, she started working for Eric Froeschl, then in 2012 moved to Omaha to work as a relocation expert for a company that served major corporations such as Nike and Coke.

When the Falls City chamber position opened up in 2017, Amber's strong family ties started calling her back home.

"My mom was serving on the chamber board at the time," Amber said, "And I remembered all of the conversations that we'd had about the progressive things that were happening in Falls City. Besides that, I missed my friends. I'm a member of the Rulo Boat Club, and enjoy watching sports with family and friends—sports like KU basketball and Nebraska football. I also love going to concerts, particularly to see classic rock bands like Lynyrd Skynyrd."

When the chamber job came open, I decided that I wanted to move back home again, so I could do those things with friends."

When interviews opened, she was one of the candidates. Within hours of her interview, she was hired.

"I took over a few months before the solar eclipse, so I was scared to death for two reasons," Amber said. "First, the event's success depended on the weather, which was completely out of my control. But secondly, since no director had been in the chamber office for a while, our community really hadn't prepared for the potential crowd of visitors."

Fortunately, when she came aboard, she hit the ground running. She ordered t-shirts and special glasses, took calls from people all over the United States, planned a major viewing party downtown, and helped visitors find camp sites or rooms for rent.

When eclipse day came, clouds hovered above Falls City. Amber and thousands of residents and guests were very disappointed. But then, at exactly the right time, the clouds parted so that viewers could witness history in-the-making. Locals and visitors were

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GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

By Governor Pete Ricketts

Last week, I delivered my Second Inaugural Address as the 2019 legislative session kicked off. During the address, I outlined my vision to grow Nebraska over the next four years. The four pillars of that vision build upon work we have accomplished over the last few years: connecting Nebraskans to great-paying jobs; cutting red tape and improving services; controlling spending and cutting taxes; and promoting Nebraska.



As the session opens, I have been unveiling new initiatives to grow Nebraska. Recently, we announced a new veterans' tax relief proposal, which has been receiving broad support, including an endorsement from the Lincoln Journal-Star editorial board. This past week, the University of Nebraska, along with our state colleges and community colleges, joined me to announce a new initiative to connect Nebraskans to high-paying jobs and great educational opportunities.

We are focused on connecting Nebraskans to great jobs because it gives individuals and families dignity, economic freedom, and financial independence. In Nebraska, we are well-situated to connect people with improved job opportunities. We have one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation at 2.8 percent. We have the fourth-highest workforce participation rate in the nation. And there are tens of thousands of openings on the state's jobs website in any given month.

With numbers like these, it's no wonder that employers across Nebraska have named workforce development as a top priority. We have many job opportunities for people with the skills to fill them. That means companies, particularly in fields such as manufacturing, IT, and other specialties, have a need to attract new talent and equip them with necessary job skills. To help create pathways for more Nebraskans to these careers, Nebraska's colleges and university system are joining me to propose a new scholarship program. We are also proposing the expansion of an existing program for middle school students.

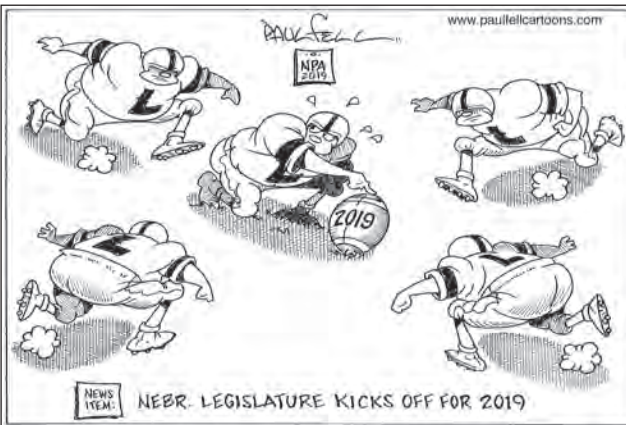
Our first proposal is the creation of Nebraska Talent Scholarships. This new program would provide \$4,000 scholarships for students in targeted programs of study at the state's institutions of higher education. It will establish over 2,100 scholarships at our institutions of higher education to help students pursue careers in high-demand career fields ranging from healthcare to engineering and criminal justice to math.

The second proposal expands the Developing Youth Talent Initiative (DYTI), which was first launched four years ago to help expose middle school students to careers in manufacturing and IT. Since 2015, DYTI has reached over 7,000 students across 23 school districts, exposing them to manufacturing and IT careers. For example, the Nucor Detailing Center in Norfolk has successfully partnered with five public schools through DYTI. Their goal is to teach approximately 1,000 students per year about design software and manufacturing equipment, helping to familiarize them with career possibilities in these fields. Also, Metalquest in Hebron worked with Sandy Creek and Lawrence-Nelson Public Schools, and increased students' interest in manufacturing from 39 percent to 75 percent.

Over four years, DYTI has awarded two \$125,000 grants per year to programs across the state. This year, we are proposing to expand the DYTI grants to Nebraska public schools from \$250,000 to \$1.5 million annually, allowing for up to 12 grants per year. The expansion aims to reach new students in every region of the state each year to make a bigger impact.

Connecting Nebraskans to great job opportunities and helping our people develop the skills they need to take great jobs is critical to growing our state. If you want to support our efforts to connect more Nebraskans with great jobs, I hope you will write or call your State Senator and ask them to support our proposals. You can visit www.NebraskaLegislature.gov for information on how to contact your senator.

Lastly, I will unveil my budget for consideration by the Legislature during my annual State of the State address this week. My budget will control spending and deliver additional property tax relief. To learn more about my budget when it is introduced, please visit www.Governor.Nebraska.gov for more information. If you have questions on any issue, I hope you will write me at pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov or call 402-471-2244. We look forward to hearing from you!



THEY HAVE HIT THE GROUND, RUNNING

Capitol View Commentary by J.L. Schmidt Statehouse Correspondent The Nebraska Press Association

A state senator with world-class credentials has been elected to head the Legislature's Revenue Committee and her experience in war-torn Iraq might prove valuable in this year's anticipated tax battle.

Sen. Lou Ann Linehan, one of 30 Republicans in the officially non-partisan Nebraska Legislature, was elected on a 26-23 vote over veteran Revenue Committee member Sen. Brett Lindstrom of Omaha. Linehan, of Elkhorn, has never served on the committee. But she managed U.S. Sen. Chuck Hagel's 1996 Senate campaign and was his longtime chief of staff in Washington. She also worked for Secretary of State Colin Powell as deputy secretary for legislative affairs and was on assignment in Iraq with U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker and Gen. David Petraeus for a 2008 Bush administration strategic initiative.

Does that have anything to do with setting state tax policy? Probably not, but it doesn't hurt to have someone who has above average political skill to nuance what will be one of the most watched and difficult discussions of the 106th Legislature. Think property tax relief versus revenue enhancement to bolster an ailing cash reserve fund. The Governor wants property tax relief and reduced government spending. A special legislative committee warns that the rainy day fund must be replenished. There is talk outside the Capitol of a statewide referendum to impose a sales tax increase to fund property tax relief.

The Linehan-Lindstrom vote was one of several unusual contests as lawmakers organized themselves before ten days of new bill introduction. Unlike two years ago when the so-called Gang of 27 got together before the session to determine committee chairmanships, this year's legitimate races saw four Democrats elected to chairmanships.

Incumbent Business and Labor Chair Joni Albrecht of Thurston, a Republican, lost to challenger Democrat Matt Hanson of Lincoln. Incumbent General Affairs Chair Carol Blood, a Democrat from Bellevue, lost to Republican challenger Tom Briese of Albion. Democrat Sara Howard of Omaha will lead the Health and Human Services Committee and Democrat Steve Lathrop of Omaha will head Judiciary.

Education Committee Chairman Mike Groene, a Republican from North Platte, was challenged by vice chairman Rick Kolowski, a Democrat and retired teacher from Omaha. Neither senator received 25 votes on the first round of balloting, so President Mike Foley ordered a second ballot and Groene won 26 to 20. That means not all of the 49 senators cast votes on either ballot. Republican Mike Hilgers of Lincoln defeated Democrat Kate Bolz of Lincoln by 3 votes for chairmanship of the Executive Board, the official administrative arm of the Legislature. Tony Vargas, an Omaha Democrat, defeated Lincoln Sen. Suzanne Geist, a Republican, by 3 votes for the vice chair position.

It was Hilgers who led a debate on changing the legislative rules that used up many days of the 105th Legislature in 2017. Hilgers was one of three freshmen senators who - in an unprecedented move - were elected committee chairs (he got Rules Committee) in that Gang of 27 incident. He was also one of

the Republicans who spoke long and loud about changing the committee elections to an open ballot. Opponents argued that they feared repercussions from the Governor and their own party if they "crossed party lines" to vote.

Given that Democrat Bolz had 23 votes with only 18 Democrats in the Legislature, that means that as many as five Republicans voted for her, or at least four if Independent Ernie Chambers voted for her. The same holds true for Democrat Vargas who had 26 votes. That means either eight Republicans or seven Republicans and Ernie voted for him.

There are two fewer Republicans in the Legislature this year and three more Democrats. Chambers is the lone Independent. Omaha Democrat Sue Crawford

was elected chair of the Rules Committee for this session. Hilgers led that committee in 2017 when the Legislature operated under temporary rules for 49 days to avoid discussions on 27 proposed rules changes which included everything from open committee elections to changes in the number of votes required to end a filibuster. On the 49th day they made permanent the rules that were in effect on Jan. 4.

The 106th Legislature has avoided the procedural acrimony. Perhaps they're saving it for the big issues this year. There are plenty of those to come.

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

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From the Journal Files
 By Charlie Radatz
 50-25-15 Years Ago

50 Years Ago - Jan. 23rd - Jan. 29th, 1969

The Southeast Nebraska Community Action Council, Inc. moved into larger quarters at Humboldt. The staff was being increased by the hiring of several additional people.

First Lt. Harold D. Fox of Falls City who has been head of the Falls City detachment of the National Guard was named to succeed Capt. Dennis L. Kennel as company commander.

Richardson County Assessor Virgil Vohl published a notice asking all persons, partnership, and/or corporation to file a personal property assessment schedule.

The Richardson County Selective Service Board had 322 registered as on duty in the armed services, 126 completing their military obligations in reserve or National Guard programs, 171 enrolled in colleges, and another 32 in high school.

This week's Homer Sez opined that "Most men need two women in their lives, a secretary to take everything down, and a wife to pick everything up."

On recommendation of the national selective service headquarters, the Richardson County draft board was expanded from three to five members.

Tom Hill of Sacred Heart surpassed the 1,000-point total for his high school basketball career after he poured in 41 points to pace the Irish to an 87-72 victory at Cook Nemaha Valley.

The Humboldt Cardinals won a squeaker of a victory 44-43 in a basketball game at Nebraska City Lourdes Central.

Brian Ganzel of Pawnee City led all scorers with 19 as the Indians defeated the Falls City Tigers 69-47 at Prichard Auditorium.

A law enforcement advisory committee was seeking \$4,300 to study the incidence of crime and the needs of law enforcement in Richardson, Nemaha, Pawnee, and Johnson Counties.

Emie Gaede took 2nd place in the 154 lb. class but the Tiger wrestling team finished last in the seven team Twin Rivers Conference wrestling tournament.

Sandy Harkendorf of Falls City was selected as one of a group of students to study in Europe during the current school year.

A simulated emergency test was conducted by the Falls City Amateur Radio Club using radio equipment powered by an electric generator to communicate with a station in Stella.

The Buffalo Bills chose Heisman winner O.J. Simpson with the first pick in the 1969 pro football draft.

Tom Hill was named the Nebraska East District winner after having won the youth leadership contest of the local Elks Lodge.

Pickard's Market at 8th & Harlan was serving hot dogs for a nickel each during its grand opening.

25 Years Ago - Jan. 23rd - Jan. 29th, 1994

Thirty-five-hundred-twenty cattle were sold during a two-day sale at Falls City Auction Co., a sale that brought livestock producers from an 85-mile radius of Falls City and some good prices as well.

Extension Educator Gerald Hopp announced that beginning April 1st eleven businesses had agreed to assist area farmers responsibly dispose of empty pesticide containers, a first of its kind project in Nebraska.

Gus' Family Restaurant, 1124 Harlan Street, was advertising five different breakfast specials, each of which was priced at \$1.99.

Michelle's Salon was advertising a \$19.95 "Makeover Session" including hair-styling, professional makeup application, and a photo session to show the results.

Falls City Middle School "Students of the Month" were Andy Halbert, Lisa Franzen, and Jaime Frederick.

Individual titles were captured by Brad Olberding, Jeremy Vice, and Jarrod Chapple and the Falls City Tiger wrestling squad finished third in the Plattsburgh Invitational.

The Falls City Tigers finished third in the Seneca Nemaha Valley boys' basketball tournament with a 70-61 victory over the tournament hosts.

The Humboldt Cardinals girls overruled Omaha Brownell-Talbot 50-17 and the Cardinals boys led all the way in their 68-50 victory over the Galaxy Conference foe.

Smoked Quail at \$5.95 was a Friday night special at Ye Ole Tyme Saloon in Rulo.

Ann Veigel, daughter of Merle and Sara Veigel, was honored as the month's Young Business and Professional Woman by the Business and Professional Women's organization.

During the annual stockholders' meeting of Falls City Country Club, Sandee Hartman and Mary Tauchen Whitehouse were elected to three year terms on the Board of Directors and Scott Shock was elected Board President.

The Falls City Lady Tigers advanced to the semi-final round of the Hiawatha Invitational Basketball Tournament when Amy Hemmerling sank a clutch three-point shot in the final seconds to give her team a 55-52 victory over Atchison.

Dan Hill scored 22 points and Mark Bippes 21 as the Hullman's Ford Men's Basketball Team defeated Elk Creek 119-114.

The honor of Richardson County Athlete of the Week went to Dan Mayo of Humboldt High School who scored a total of 67 points in two Cardinal basketball victories.

The Falls City High Wrestling team defeated the Syracuse Rockets 55-18 in a dual in Falls City.

Elaine Craig won \$500 in cash in the "Math Three" state lottery on a ticket she purchased at Corner Liquor then owned by Don RIESCHICK.

The Falls City chapter of the Jaycees was honored as the Outstanding Chapter of the 2nd Quarter on both District and Regional levels.

Six members of the Falls FFA Chapter earned ribbons at the Syracuse-Palmryra Livestock Judging Contest.

15 Years Ago - Jan. 23rd - Jan. 29th, 2004

County Commissioners were told the recently completed handicapped accessible north entrance to the Courthouse would be ready for use once approved by the State Fire Marshal's office.

Sapphire Munford, a senior at Falls City High School and a member of the Future Farmers of America, was chosen to sing at the 2004 Westfalia Surge Dealer meeting in Phoenix, AZ.

Lee Hullman of the Falls City High/Dawson-Verdon boys basketball team shot a team high 21 points to lead the Tigers in a 59-48 victory over Horton, KS in a losers bracket game at the Raider Classic Tournament.

The Journal Athletes of the Week were Rose Meyer who scored 21 points for the Lady Tigers in a 57-30 victory over Rock Port and Logan Kopf, point guard for Sacred Heart who sealed the Irish 47-43 victory over Meridian by hitting 3 of the 4 key free throws.

The Falls City Chamber of Commerce was again sponsoring "Hoopfest", Peru State College men's and women's basketball games with Oklahoma Wesleyan at Prichard Auditorium.

Peru State announced sponsorship of a Cheerleading Camp for preschool through 6th grade age students.

Two associates of the Falls City UMB Bank unit, Karen Teasdale-Simpson and Becky Duerfeldt, received awards during the Bank's fourth quarter award ceremony.

During the Falls City Volunteer Ambulance Squad annual Appreciation dinner it was reported that squad members had made a total of 263 runs during 2003, including 144 emergency runs.

The Falls City School Board approved a Reorganization Petition and Plan and a Teacher Allocation Plan involving the Falls City Public Schools, Dawson-Verdon, and Humboldt-Table Rock Steinauer worked out during a meeting of the Superintendents of the three districts.

Chamber Director wears multiple hats

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thrilled. Afterward, scores of people commented about how wonderfully they had been treated in Falls City. Amber revealed in the success of her first event.

"When a little boy from Texas wrapped his arms around me and told me how much fun he had had here, I knew this job was the right one for me," Amber said.

Ever since then, she has taken the position by storm.

She has planned and organized several new events, such as the scarecrow contest in October, and the "light fight" throughout December.

"We had thirty participants in the scarecrow contest last year," Amber said, "But more importantly, we had hundreds of people who voted for the winner."

The light fight, which pitted neighbor against neighbor in a Christmas lights contest, was equally popular. Another Christmas promotion that worked well was the chamber's "shop small" passport promotion. Shoppers picked up passports at the chamber office, then had them stamped in the stores where they browsed or made purchases. When a shopper had eight stamps, he or she qualified for randomly-drawn prizes.

"It was a win-win promotion," Amber said. "There was an air of excitement about it, too. The downtown area was really busy that weekend, and people felt good about shopping locally."

Encouraging people to shop locally is Amber's number one mission. That's why finding new events excites her. But she is also fond of the long-standing, traditional activities that Falls City's chamber has sponsored for decades.

"I think Lemonade Days is my favorite," Amber said. "It brings businesses and organizations together, with one common goal—welcoming people to the downtown area."

For last summer's Lemonade Days, SENCA provided free hot dogs, Sixence hired The String Beans band to entertain, the ROLEmodels group served lemonade, Kobza Dental handed out free dental kits, and the Richardson County sheriff's office provided demonstrations on car seat safety.

"We hope to keep adding activities because this is a fun-filled family day," Amber said.

The other main event in Falls City is, of course, Cobblestone.

"Cobblestone is a beast," Amber said. "It involves a carnival, vendors, a huge parade, and four days of non-stop activities and problem-solving. I am literally running from sunup to about midnight all four days."

It's an exhausting week for her and for the volunteers who make it possible, but it's worth it.

"Cobblestone brings people to town," she said. And that's the name of the game.

When Amber isn't solving people's problems, answering their questions, or organizing events, she can be found participating in or leading a wide variety of chamber-sponsored functions. For instance, the chamber is a member of the Southeast Nebraska Tourism Council.

"Most people don't realize this, but tourism is the third-largest industry in Nebraska," she said. "Tourism here mostly revolves around hunting and fishing, and reunions of one sort or another."

Amber also organizes monthly workshops based on topics that she hopes interest the majority of her chamber members. One month, CPA Bob Aitken led a workshop on changing tax laws, and the next month, Linda Santo talked about workplace wellness.

The workshops are just part of the educational programs of-

ferred by the chamber.

Amber is also in charge of organizing leadership classes geared toward individuals who want to take more active leadership roles in this community. The graduates of the last class raised funds for the new splash pad, and oversaw its construction at the site of the old swimming pool.

"The students in the leadership classes don't just learn how to take on more active roles," Amber said. "They actually do it."

Many eventually become chamber members, as well. And encouraging new members is one of Amber's most important responsibilities.

"The chamber's budget is mostly based on membership dues and fundraising projects," Amber said. "A lot of people think that we're a branch of the city, but we actually function as our own separate non-profit entity."

That's one of the reasons why the chamber's members, which now number more than 130, are so important. Without them, the chamber would not exist.

"I can't imagine Falls City without a chamber office," she said. "Who would plan community events? Who would organize workshops and do research on Falls City?"

And most importantly, who would answer all of the questions that Amber fields every day? After all, Google may have all of the answers, but it doesn't have Amber's witty personality or infectious laugh.

Come to think of it, maybe Amber isn't Falls City's Google after all. Maybe Google is the rest of the world's Amber.

DID YOU KNOW?

William Wyler has directed more actors to Academy Award success than any other, with 34 nominations and 14 wins.

Commissioners approve law enforcement mutual aid agreement

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The Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection with Jail Administrator Jon Kirkendall as required by NE §47-109 and found the facility to be in good order. Sheriff Pounds was unable to meet with the Board due to an emergency call.

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week. He reported that the Department was preparing for the heavy snow predicted for the latter part of last week. Darveau also reviewed the equipment needs of his department.

Extension Educator Kaytlyn Kennedy presented to the Board a nomination from the Cooperative Extension Service Board of Stephen Thiltges to fill the vacant seat from the District Two area on the Cooperative Extension Service Board. Commissioners voted to appoint Thiltges to the Board for a three-year term to replace the vacancy of Jerry Duerfeldt whose term had expired.

Pam Armknecht of the Southeast Nebraska Community Action presented to the Board the budget for the next fiscal year for the Richardson County Transit program. Commissioners voted 3-0 to enter into an agreement with SENCA to apply for Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance funds and administer the program for the Richardson County Transit program with the County to provide local matching funds in the amount of \$24,590 for the next two fiscal years (2019 and 2020).

The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for December 2018. A fee report was approved for Sheriff Pounds for fees collected during December 2018, totaling \$1,007.18.

Commissioners adjourned their meeting after voting to allow the payment of all claims submitted during the week preceding their meeting.

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Sun Mart of Falls City recently donated \$1,000 to Falls City North School, as part of its "Direct Your Dollars" campaign. Direct Your Dollars was launched in 2016 as part of Sun Mart's commitment to support the communities they serve. The year-round program replaces Support Our Schools in select locations. The store's general manager, Angie Propper, presented the check to the school, (L-R) Leo Rue, Natasha Kley, Maleigh Pagnano, Peyton Reed, Corbin Cole, Noah Howard, Cole Schawang, Aubrey Campbell. Families from schools participating in the "Direct Your Dollars" campaign collect Sun Mart cash register receipts and the company makes a \$1,000 donation for every \$150,000 returned. (Photo by Chelsie Alexander)

Health care, other income issues combine to complicate life for retirees

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

Not long ago, the news site ProPublica published an important story about employers who, in their quest for a younger and cheaper workforce, were pushing out "older" workers — often those in their early 50s. Crunching data from the Urban Institute, reporters found that 28 percent of stable, long-time employees sustain at least one damaging layoff between turning 50 and leaving the workforce for retirement.



While the story was about the financial impacts on laid-off workers' savings and retirement, it was also about a lot more. It was also about health care — the kind those workers would be able to afford during their forced early retirement and then during their more traditional retirement after age 65.

Health coverage presents a short- and a long-term problem. While some of those laid off workers might be offered insurance for a limited time, paying the high coinsurance, deductibles, and copays — not to mention surprise bills from out-of-network providers — is challenging when salary disappears or is reduced.

The Commonwealth Fund, a New York City philanthropic organization, presented some troubling study results last fall. The Fund teamed up with researchers at the Harvard School of Public Health and the New York Times and looked at a sample of seriously ill people. Even with insurance, more than one-third of respondents had used up all or most of their savings while sick. High deductibles, copayments, and treatments their insurance did not cover caused them to deplete their savings.

"What's staggering here is there is no way people could know what they would be in for," said Harvard professor Robert Blendon. "They don't know what their insurance covers. The consequences for people are quite extraordinary."

People in the Commonwealth Fund study who exhausted their savings because of illness face more financial hurdles as they approach Medicare age.

"Most households with workers nearing retirement won't be able to maintain their living standard in retirement, based on our analysis of government statistics," says Teresa Ghilarducci, professor of economics and retirement at The New School in New York City.

Ghilarducci runs The New School's Retirement Equity Lab, which recently blogged about other disturbing news. Changes in the job market over the past 30 years have reduced older workers' bargaining power. The Equity Lab found that older workers most likely would have to take money out of their 401(k) plans before retirement simply to meet living expenses. What's more, many will have to find a new job, but that job will pay on average 25 percent less.

The Equity Lab reported if workers now between ages 50 and 60 retire at age 62, projections indicate that 8.5 million will be impoverished.

What happens when those tossed out of work early reach Medicare age? Many readers of these columns have told me they are just hanging on until they turn 65 when Medicare will pay their medical bills.

What they don't realize is that in the early 2000s Congress passed legislation to make Medicare beneficiaries pay more for their benefits. It was part of the "more skin in the game" approach to controlling medical costs.

Rather than taking strong measures to curb health care inflation, Congress decided that beneficiaries who had to dig more deeply into their own pockets to pay medical bills would not use as many services. That was the theory, at least.

The 2003 law that gave seniors the drug benefit also called for income-related premiums for Medicare Part B, the benefits that pay for doctors and outpatient services. The Affordable Care Act required income-related premiums for the drug benefit. The higher the income, the more you pay.

Now single people with gross incomes over \$85,000 and couples with incomes over \$170,000 pay higher premiums. Only wealthier beneficiaries are paying the higher premiums right now, but proposals keep popping up that would require people with incomes as low as \$40,000 to pay a larger share of their monthly premiums for Medicare.

At the same time, good pension plans that would provide monthly payments in retirement have disappeared in favor of 401(k) plans, retirement savings plans that let workers save part of their paychecks before taxes are withheld. "For people approaching retirement now, the median account balance in a 401(k) is only \$15,000 for those 55 to 64," Ghilarducci told me.

The shifts in the country's financial security arrangements and health coverage resulted from major policy changes the public knew little about. It will take major policy changes to reverse what is happening.

"There will be a lot of downward mobility," Ghilarducci predicts. "It can invite a political backlash that we haven't seen in generations."

How has your family been affected? Write to Trudy at trudy.lichterman@gmail.com.

STUDENTS

College of Saint Mary announces Fall 2018 Dean's List
College of Saint Mary has announced the exceptional achievements of students with the release of the Dean's List for the Fall 2018 Semester. In total, 352 students were named to the honorary list.

"This is a tremendous honor and a testament to the hard work and dedication these students put forth throughout the semester," said College of Saint Mary President Dr. Maryanne Stevens, RSM. "Each individual on this list has displayed excellence in the classroom, while growing in character and developing lifelong leadership skills."

To qualify for the College of Saint Mary Dean's List, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher after completing at least

12 semester hours as a full-time student.

Students in this semester's prestigious group have chosen to pursue career-focused majors of study from a pool of more than 35 graduate and undergraduate programs.

The local student named to the Dean's List was Rylee Scholl, Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy, Post-graduate, of Falls City.

Sara Wertemberger is a Washburn University Fall 2018 Dean's List Honoree
Washburn University has announced its fall 2018 Dean's List honorees. To qualify for the Dean's List a student must be enrolled in 12 hours of graded credits and earn a semester grade point average of 3.4 to 3.99.

Local Dean's List honorees include Sara Wertemberger of Falls City.

SCC releases names of students who graduated in most recent quarters

Southeast Community College in Nebraska has released the names of students who graduated with degrees, diplomas or certificates following the 2018 Summer and Fall quarters on the Beatrice, Lincoln and Milford campuses.

Local students who recently graduated from SCC: Cameron Tyler Barker, Associate of Applied Science in Energy Generation Operations, Milford, NE; Misty Fae Willey, Associate of Applied Science in Long Term Care Administration, Falls City.

DID YOU KNOW?

"Stewardesses" is the longest English word that can be typed on a keyboard with only the left hand.

Ground Hog Day Celebration ~ Saturday, February 2nd

Drawings to win up to \$1,000 every 1/2 hour 2pm-1am. Find the ground hog in the envelope you pick, and get an extra prize!

Valentine's Day Celebration ~ Thursday, February 14th

All customers actively playing at 3:15pm will receive \$20 in Promo Cash, plus \$20 on February 23rd!

Jewelry Giveaway Drawings every 1/2 hour 6pm-11pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 plus a prize every 1/2 hour 6:15pm-11:15pm.

Extended Valentine's Celebration ~ Saturday, February 23rd

Jewelry Giveaway Drawings every 1/2 hour 6:30pm-12:30am.

Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 every 1/2 hour 6pm-1am.

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TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS - Hot Seat Drawings to win \$50 in Promo Cash every 1/2 hour Noon-5pm. Drawings to win up to \$100 in Promo Cash plus Promo Cash for March every 1/2 hour 7pm-11pm. (Excludes Thursday, February 14th)

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Falls City Public Schools Superintendent's District Update – January 15, 2019

Facility Master Plan - The Board of Education held a special meeting on January 14, 2019 to meet with architect Darin Hanigan of BVH Architecture for a planning meeting to review the Master Plan drawings and hold discussion on initial ideas for the facility improvements at Falls City High. Discussion was held to narrow which options best meet the board's goals for enhancing the learning environment in the vocational trades and music areas at Falls City High School. Estimates as well as phasing options were also reviewed.

The Falls City Public Schools held its regular monthly board meeting on January 14, 2019. Here are the highlights of the meeting.

Nebraska STEM – Ms. Leigh Anne Blankenship, 4th grade teacher at South School, presented information on one of District 56's newest academic programs, NebraskaSTEM, which is the combined integration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The objective of STEM programming is to increase interest and success in STEM by enhancing student knowledge of integrated STEM teaching and learning.

Ms. Blankenship was accepted into the NebraskaSTEM Noyce Master Teacher program at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln in May 2018. The academic program results in a new, five-year elementary STEM Master's Degree and professional development program for teachers, funded completely by the National Science Foundation. Ms. Blankenship is on track to earn a Master's Degree in rural STEM education (completed in the first year), engage in STEM leadership activities, and join a nationwide community of Noyce Master Teaching Fellows. During this five-year fellowship, Ms. Blankenship will also participate in annual surveys and interviews as part of the grant evaluation. Furthermore, the NebraskaSTEM program provides an annual stipend, in addition to the teacher salary, for instructional materials, professional training opportunities, and travel expenses during the fellowship.

Reorganization of the Board of Education - Scott Hollens was elected as the President of the Board of Education for 2019 and Kevin Scheitel was elected the Vice President. Upon election, President Hollens made the 2019 committee appointments and approved the necessary designations.

The 106th Legislature, First Session, convened Wednesday, January 9th. Senator Jim Scheer was re-elected Speaker of the Legislature for a second two-year term. Senator Mike Groene was elected to a second two-year term as Chair of the Education Committee, and Senator Lou Ann Linehan was elected Chair of the Revenue Committee. The Education Committee for the 106th session will be Mike Groene (Chair), Tom Brewer, Rick Kolowski, Lou Ann Linehan, Adam Morfeld, Dave Murrman, Patty Pansing Brooks, and Lynne Walz.

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

- 1) Approved the final reading on Board Policy Reviews and Revisions: 1A) Bus Safety Program 7138; 2A) Complaints about Materials 8311; 3A) Concussion Awareness 8510.
- 2) Set the Hiring Incentive Rate for New Teachers for 2019-2020 at \$1,000.
- 3) Accepted with regret the resignations 1B) Mike Wentz, Elementary Principal; 2B) Hannah Peterson, Elementary Teacher; 3B) Audrey Pederson, High School Mathematics/Computers.
- 4) Approved the school calendar 2019-2020: (school calendar a student start date of August 14th, 2019 and ending date of May 21, 2020. The school calendar includes 179 student days and 186 teacher contract days).
- 5) Approved the continuation of the superintendent's employment contract through June 30, 2021.

Prior to concluding the Board of Education meeting, the Board met in closed session to review the Teacher Master Contract, the Superintendent's contract, and personnel.

BLOODMOBILE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO GIVE BLOOD Wed., Jan. 23 12:00 to 6:00 P.M. Thurs., Jan. 24 9:00 to 3:00 P.M. Prichard Auditorium Falls City

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The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2019, 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.

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A CARD SHOWER is being held for **Larry Kirkendall** who will be celebrating his **75th Birthday on Feb. 5th**. Birthday wishes can be sent to Falls City Care Center 2800 Towle St., #610 Falls City, NE 68355

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Paulo Bruxellas

Falls City Chamber Member of the Month

By: Amber Holle

On January 3rd, Paulo and Vanji Bruxellas, of the Historic Miles Ranch, were named the Falls City Chamber of Commerce's Member of the Month. Previous winners, El Camino Electric, selected them because of the huge investments and improvements they've been making in our community since moving to the area around six years ago.

"They've invested into downtown Falls City with the purchase of a few buildings and have recruited shop owners to open new stores. Their restoration of Miles Ranch is also a huge asset to our community!" notes Krystal Howard of El Camino Electric.

January 3 is a day that The Bruxellas will never forget for other reasons. On that day in 2018 the fire in downtown Falls City threatened to demolish everything they had worked so hard for. The Bruxellas own a number of storefronts and apartments that were greatly affected by the fire and have been working tirelessly all year to remediate smoke, replace damaged furnishings and recruit new store owners and apartment tenants.

The Bruxellas family also purchased the Historic Miles Ranch estate in February of 2011. They acquired 6 acres containing the dilapidated mansion, barn and outbuildings. An ongoing restoration and rehabilitation effort has been going ever since. Vast improvements to the mansion house have been made including extensive property beautification, a new roof, all new electrical, and all new plumbing. The original wood floors were refinished, the foundation repaired, the porches restored and interior and exterior repainted, making this one beautiful location for weddings and other events.

STUDENTS

Central Community College Dean's List

Central Community College has announced the names of full-time students who earned spots on the President's and Dean's honor lists for the 2018 fall semester.

The students were enrolled at one or more CCC locations, which include the Columbus, Grand Island and Hastings campuses; Holdrege, Kearney and Lexington centers; and Ord Learning Center. Students on the President's Honor List earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average while students on the Dean's Honor List earned a GPA between 3.5 and 3.99.

The local students named to the Dean's Honor List was Bailey Gilkerson of Falls City.

SACRED HEART KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

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Auctioneer's Note: Joe & Judy are retiring and selling their farm equipment. Everything has always been shopped & well cared for. We will start with Tools & Miscellaneous. At NOON, we will sell the Pickup, Gator, Tractors, Combine, Heads, Trucks & Skid Steer. We will finish with the Machinery. Thanks, Randy & Wes.

Tractors

- 2001 JD 8110, MPWD, Power Shift, 4 remotes, duals, 480/80R46 tires, Quik-Tatch, 4,265 hrs, Green Star ready
- 1986 JD 8650 4x4, single-lever quad, 3 remotes, duals
- 2018 8 tires, Quik-Tatch, PTO, 3,780 lbs
- 1953 Super M Farmall, power steering

Combine & Heads *sold separately

- 2013 JD 5550 w/variable performance pkg, AutoTrac ready, 800/65R32 fronts, 18 AxR26 rears, Manure bin extensions, buddy seat
- 1,193 engine hrs, 846 sep hrs
- 2009 JD 606C 6-row corn head w/auto hender height & hyd. deck plates
- 2014 JD 620F flex head • JD 915 flex head • Dual Lift 301 head hanger
- 1982 JD 620 turbo, diesel, hydrostat, chopper/chaff spreader
- 24.5x32 fronts, 11.2x24 rears, 1,975 engine hrs

Display & Receiver

- 2015 GreenStar 2630 display w/Section Control
- 2011 StarFire 3000 receiver

Trucks & Pickup

- 1990 IH DT w/466 diesel, 6-spd, 275/80R22.5 tires, air tag
- 18" Scott box w/roll tarp & cargo doors, 416,934 miles
- 1982 IH Eagle, 350 Cummins, 13-spd, twin screw
- 18" box w/roll tarp, 114,103 miles
- 1981 Freightliner, 425 Cat, 300 Cummins, 13-spd, twin screw
- 18" Scott box w/roll tarp & cargo doors, 225,541 miles
- 2005 Ford F350 XLT Power Stroke diesel, 4x4, auto, variable turbo, single wheel, 8' flatbed, power steering, locks & doors, 111,000 miles

Machinery

- 2016 JD 1795 Max Emerge 5 plow w/12-row 23 split, elec. 2-row GPS shut-offs, pneumatic down force, Yetter trash whips, dual tanks, corn & bean plates, 2-pt hitch
- Landoll 7431 V-Tplus w/rolling basket
- 2016 Brent 782 grain cart w/roll tarp & diamond tread tires
- 2017 Westfield MCX 100-63 auger w/hyd swing hopper
- Speed King Tote G dual box seed tender w/coyover
- Dequillon 46.57 12' blade • Scitover S450 5 yd scraper
- JD 900 8-knife V ripper • JD 400 8-row rotary hoe
- JD 960 40' field cultivator w/3-bar harrow
- JD 2800 5x18 plow • IH 496 30" disk w/3-bar harrow
- CDI 3900 27' disk • Rhino TW34 7' 3-pt shredder
- Fine-Box 5-shank V ripper • 5-shank 3-pt ripper
- Deer Born single-shank Cat. 1 ripper
- Single shank 3-pt subsoiler
- Schabon tandem axle trailer w/1250 gal. nurse tank, collector, manure pump & gas engine
- Frontier MS1231 tandem axle manure spreader
- w/variable speed floor & slop gate
- JD 16-hole end-wheel drill w/grass seeder • Brillion 8' seeder
- NH end-wheel fert. spreader • Allison 28' x8" PTO auger
- 2-7x14 barge wagons • 3-pt post hole digger
- Kuker post hole digger w/12" bit • Sweep augers-7, 8, 9 & 13'
- JD 6 1/2x12 box wagon w/963 running gear • 2-row 3-pt lister
- Wilmar 765 sprayer w/air ride suspension, diesel, 4x4, 600 gal. tank, 65' booms, & foam markers (hydrostat not working)

Gator

- 2011 JD 825i w/windshield, grill guard, bucket seats & radio, 2,265 miles

Trailers

- 2-wheel 7x14 tilt trailer
- 1987 Rawhide 6x16 bumper hitch cattle trailer

Skid Steer, Attachments & Tree Spade

- 2000 JD 250 diesel skid steer w/joy stick & 6' bucket
- Rock bucket • Tree shear • Post auger w/12" & 24" bits
- Prince PMC-5430 tree spade w/2.5 hrs, 30 stroke

Lawnmower & Tools

- 2009 Grasshopper riding lawn mower w/61" power fold deck
- Kohler 27 hp engine & 667 hrs
- Hotsy 795 power washer • Friesen bag lifter • 2 pair saddle tanks
- 2-100 gal. fuel tanks, L-shaped & square • 4-8" cement feed tanks
- 1000 gal. propane tank • 1000 gal. poly water tank • T-posts
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Joe & Judy Schlosser

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(Editor's Note - dismissal without prejudice means the government did not waive its right to litigate the matter in a subsequent action). Fined \$50, plus Court costs of \$49.

(Editor's Note - dismissal with prejudice bars the government from prosecuting the accused later on the same charge).

NO DISTRICT COURT LAST WEEK.

COUNTY COURT

Cassandra Wilcox, 27, count one, no proof of insurance, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count two, nonresident violate suspended/rev. order, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100; count three, fail to yield ROW-entering roadway, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs of \$49.

Kevin Gaudette, 32, count one, no proof of insurance, plead guilty, found guilty and sentenced to a term of six months of probation starting January 14, 2019, fined \$50; count two,

no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count three, plates not clear and visible, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$10 and court costs of \$49. Case continued to February 11, 2019 for show cause hearing.

Joseph Martin, 39, count one, dogs or cats- nuisance, pled not guilty. Trial is set for February 13, 2019.

Bailey T. Witt, 21, count one, possess/consume open alcohol container, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$50 and court costs of \$49.

Jessica Sweetwater, 22, count one, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100 and court costs of \$49. Case continued to February 25, 2019 for show cause hearing.

Jordyn Evans, 19, count one, possess marijuana one ounce or less-first offense, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$300 and court costs of \$49. Case continued to February 25, 2019 for

show cause hearing.

Hunter Bickle, 18, count one, possess marijuana one ounce or less-second offense, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty; count three, careless driving, plead not guilty. Trial is scheduled for February 4, 2019.

Sarah R. Wheeler, of Tarkio, MO, count one, issue no account check-less than \$500, plead not guilty, found guilty, sentence includes state fine of \$50, restitution of \$30. Case continued to February 11, 2019 for show cause hearing.

Sabian S. Taylor, 20, count one, possess marijuana one ounce or less-first offense, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$300 and court costs of \$49.

Buddy Graves, 36, count one, count one, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, no proof of insurance, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100 and court costs of \$50.

James Ramirez, 31, count one, leave accident-fail to furnish info, first offense, plead guilty and found guilty, fined \$150 and ordered to probation for a term of six months starting January 14, 2019 and court costs of \$50.

Joshua Darden, 39, count one, possess (meth) amphetamine 10-27 grams, waived-bound over; count two, use deadly weapon to commit a felony; count three, possess or receive stolen firearm; count four, possess deadly weapon while commit felony; count five, possess deadly weapon while commit felony; count six, possess deadly weapon while commit felony; count seven, possess controlled substance; count eight, possess controlled substance; count nine, possess marijuana one ounce or less-first offense, charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor without prejudice; count ten, possess or use drug paraphernalia, charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor without prejudice; count eleven, possess or use drug paraphernalia, charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor without prejudice; Case continued to District Court for arraignment.

Shawn Kunzman, 39, count one, no proof of insurance, plead not guilty; count two, drive under suspended before reinstated license, plead guilty; count three, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead not guilty. Pre-trial is scheduled for February 4, 2019.

Michael Shy, 35, count one, possess marijuana one ounce or less-first offense, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$300; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100 and court costs of \$49.

Scott Bachman, Jr., count one, criminal mischief-\$1,500-\$4,999, fined \$250 and sentenced to three days in Richardson County Jail, ordered to pay restitution of \$2,625.00 and court costs of \$44.00.

Nicole Harkendorff, 40, count one, violate protection order, plead not guilty. Jury trial is scheduled for March 1, 2019.

Shawna Strecker, 22, count one, unauthorized use of fin. Tran. Device/under \$500, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for January 30, 2019.

April Nath, 33, count one, no proof of insurance, charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor with prejudice; count two, operate vehicle without proof of ownership, charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor with prejudice; count three, unlawful/fict. Display of plate/renew, charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor with prejudice; count four, no license on person, found guilty, fined \$25 and court costs of \$50 and Sheriff's fees of \$8.50.

Tamara Purcell, 26, count one, count dropped/dismissed; count

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Brynna Bruxellas skies over the LeBlond defender for two points.

Lady Tigers pick up win, get ready for Hiawatha Invite

Story and photo by Brian McKim

The Lady Tigers picked up a win last Tuesday when they hosted the Bishop LeBlond Eagles at Falls City High School. The Tigers ran out to a quick 13-6 advantage after one period and held on for a slim 17-15 halftime lead. FC came out determined to get the win in the second half, outscoring the Eagles 24-14 in the final 16 minutes to earn the 41-29 win. The win improved the Tigers to 4-9 for the year, having won three of its last five games while the loss dropped the Eagles to just 2-13

for the season. FC connected on just 13-40 shot attempts but made six of ten from behind the three-point line and added 9-12 from the charity stripe. Meanwhile, the Eagles shot 13-36 from the field including going 0-8 from behind the arc and converted just 3-12 free throw attempts. Falls City also held the rebounding edge 33-23 including 11 on the offensive end.

Offensively for the Tigers, it was a balanced attack with Michelle Beer had a big night scoring 12 points on 4-8 shooting. Beer also pulled down five rebounds and had one blocked shot. Brynna Bruxellas added

nine points, going 3-3 from behind the three-point line. Ellicyn Gilkerson added eight points and three steals. Hannah Kirkendall led the playmaking with six assists, and Jessica Burns pulled down a team-high seven boards.

Next week the Tigers will participate in the 42nd Annual Hiawatha High School Invitational Tournament. The 4-9 Tigers will take on 2-7 Atchison at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22 at Hiawatha High School. With a win, the Tigers will play at 6:30 on Thursday against the winner of the Jackson Heights/Horton contest. FC will then be on the road again on Tuesday, Jan. 29 to take on Lincoln Lutheran.



Kade Bredemeier drops in a bucket on Thursday night vs. St. Marys.

Tigers hitting on all cylinders in Thunder Classic

Story and photo by Brian McKim

In the opening round of the 5th annual Thunder Classic basketball tournament in Seneca, the 5th seeded Tigers took on the 4th seeded team from Jackson Heights. The Tigers got out to an early lead over the Cobras and maintained that lead to get the 49-44 win.

Falls City led 11-7 after the first quarter and 27-19 at the half. The third quarter saw the Tiger lead grow by four to 42-30; however the Cobras fought back in the fourth, but it was too little too late as the Tigers held on for the five-point win.

FC shot 36 percent from the floor while the Cobras made 42 percent of their shot attempts. The Tigers drained 18-21 from

the foul line to seal the game, while Jackson Heights made just 4-6. FC held the advantage under the hoop with a 31-19 rebounding edge.

Balanced scoring was the name of the game for Falls City as four players had ten points apiece. Collin Cook, Cade Schawang, Caden Simon and Kade Bredemeier all had 10 points for the Tigers. Mason Crawford added seven and Drake Butler had two. Cook added 11 rebounds while Schawang was right behind with eight. Crawford added six assists and three steals for FC.

On Thursday night in the semi-finals, the Tigers took on the top-seeded team from St. Marys. St. Marys got on the board first, but Crawford nailed a three from the left wing to give FC a 3-2 lead, and they never looked back. The Tigers led 15-14 after the first eight minutes and 27-23 at the half. FC had a huge third period, outscoring St. Marys 21-9 to take a 48-32 lead heading into the fourth period. The Tigers finished the game strong with a 19-16 advantage in the final quarter to get the impressive 67-48 win.

This time the Tigers had three scorers in double digits with Cook leading the way with 18 points on 8-14 shooting. Crawford finished the game with 16 points, going 3-3 from behind the arc and Bredemeier finished with 12 points going 5-8 from the floor.

As a team, the Tigers hit on 47 percent of their shot attempts and made 15-23 from the charity stripe. The Tigers made a whopping 8-13 from behind the three-point line while their opponent made just 2-15. FC owned the boards pulling down 39 rebounds to only 17 by St. Marys.

Schawang led FC with ten rebounds while Cook had nine and Simon added eight. Simon had five assists for the Tigers, and Crawford added three steals.

The Tigers improved to 6-8 for the year while the Bears suffered just their second loss and fell to 8-2. With the win, the Tigers earned a spot in the finals against #3 seeded Nemaha Central. The game was initially scheduled for Saturday night, but due to weather concerns, it will now take place on Monday, January 21 at 7:00 at Seneca High School.

The Journal will have already been sent off by game time, so game information will appear in next week's paper.

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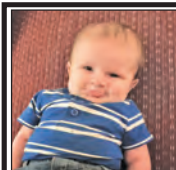
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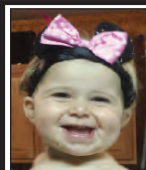
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Jamie Stice gets the easy bucket vs. Pawnee City.

Irish get big win in Missouri then roll past Pawnee City

Story and photo by Brian McKim

On Tuesday night the Sacred Heart Irish's brutal schedule continued as they traveled to Missouri to take on the 12-2 Jefferson Eagles in Conception Junction. The game went as billed with the Irish clinging to a one-point lead, 17-16, after the first quarter. Sacred Heart got a little breathing room before the half, outscoring the Eagles 13-7 in the second quarter to take a 30-23 halftime lead.

The Eagles stormed back in the third quarter, hitting 7-11 shots from the floor to take a 37-36 lead heading into the final period. The Irish finished the third period with just six points, going two of nine from the floor. SH played much better the final quarter with Drew Bippes scoring eight of his 13 points in the last eight minutes to help draw the Irish even after regulation.

With less than a minute remaining in the game the Irish clung to a 48-47 lead, but Jefferson went 2-2 from the foul line to take a 49-48 lead. On the ensuing trip down the floor, Tyler Witt was fouled and calmly drained a pair of free throws to give the lead back to SH with just :14 remaining. Koby Stoll of Jefferson had a chance to give the Eagles the lead, but he could only tie it, making 1-2 from the charity stripe with :09 remaining. A shot at the buzzer by Bippes was blocked, and the game went to overtime tied at 50.

Overtime belonged to the Irish, outscoring Jefferson 9-1 to earn

the 59-51 win. The Irish were 6-6 from the foul line in overtime, and Jake Hoy had the only bucket, draining a three from the top of the key for all the scoring for Sacred Heart.

Both teams finished the game shooting 21-40 from the field; the difference came at the foul line. SH was 15-19 in the game while the Eagles were 6-9. The Irish held a slim rebounding edge at 22-21.

Tyler Witt led the Irish with 18 points, including 6-7 from the foul line, and nine rebounds. Bippes had 13 points, all in the second half, and three assists. Hoy finished the game with 10 points and four rebounds for the Irish. Chace Farnan had 16 points, and Nathan Jermain added 14 for the Eagles.

On Thursday night the top-ranked Irish traveled to Pawnee City to take on the 3-10 Indians. The Irish led this one from the get-go, taking a 16-9 first-quarter lead, then exploding in the second period for 26 points to take a 42-16 halftime lead. Sacred Heart kept rolling in the second half, outscoring the Indians 30-21 to secure the 72-37 win. The win was the fifteenth of the season against just one loss for the Irish.

SH shot just over 50 percent for the game while holding Pawnee City to 40 percent from the floor. The Irish outrebounded the Indians 26-18 and forced 22 turnovers while committing just seven of their own.

As has been the case for much

Goltz a finalist for National Coach of the Year

In a press release received last week from the Nebraska High School Coaches Association, it was announced that Coach Doug Goltz was named a finalist for National Coach of the Year for the Sacred Heart football program.

The National High School Athletic Coaches Association and the Nebraska Coaches Association announce the advancement of 14 coaches and an athletic director as finalists for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association national coach of the year. The nominations were based on career accomplishments through this past season.

Eight coaches from across the nation will be honored during the National Coach of the Year Banquet in Bismarck, North Dakota on June 26, 2019. All Nebraska coaches were nominated by the Nebraska Coaches Association. The selection is based on career longevity, service to high school athletics, honors, championships, and winning percentage. The nominees are evaluated by experts in the field of coaching using sport-specific rubrics to assign points in each category.

Goltz just wrapped up his 32nd season as head coach of the Irish. In those 32 years, he has put together a modest 307-53 record, including going 9-2 this past year. Last season Goltz joined an elite group of just seven coaches in the state of Nebraska to eclipse the 300-win mark, and he needed the fewest games of any to reach that number. Twenty-four of Goltz's 52 losses have come in the playoffs, and he has never lost a state championship game. His teams have made the playoffs every year since 1987.

From 1989 to 1995 his teams won a Nebraska state record 87 consecutive games and six straight state titles. He also picked up state championships in 2013 and 2016 to give him eight state championships in his 32 years of coaching. His teams in the 90's are considered by many to be some of the greatest eight-man teams of all times.

The National High School Athletic Coaches Association is the oldest coaches association in the nation formed by coaches, for coaches, and has been recognizing national coaches of the year since 1978.

of the season Tyler Witt led the scoring for Sacred Heart with a game-high 22 points. Witt also added eight rebounds and four steals. Drew Bippes was next with eight points, five assists and four boards. Jake Hoy and Jarrot Simon each added seven points for the Irish. The Irish had 11 total players get into the scoring column on Thursday.

Sacred Heart will be back at home on Tuesday, January 22 when they host the 8-7 Southern Raiders. Then on Thursday night, the Irish will hit the road for round two vs. # 2 ranked Johnson-Brock.



Elizabeth Keithley goes over the PC defensive player for the score.

Irish look for consistency on offense

Story and photo by Brian McKim

The Class D-2 #2 ranked Sacred Heart Irish girls' basketball team split a pair of games this past week. First off, the Irish dropped a game on Tuesday to the Jefferson Eagles 31-25 in Conception Junction, Mo. The Irish then rebounded with a win on Thursday night in Pawnee City as they ran past the Indians 55-29.

The Irish struggled to find points on Tuesday night as they trailed 6-5 after one quarter but rebounded to take a 15-12 lead into the half. The Eagles outscored the Irish 7-5 in the third to get within one point and then outscored the Irish 12-5 in the final period to earn the six-point win.

The Irish had just one scorer reach double digits with Rachel Magdanz dropping in 18 points. Rande Witt had three points, and Elizabeth Keithley added two for SH. The Irish made just 10-34 shot attempts and converted only 3-8 from the foul line. Jefferson didn't shoot any better, making only 8-40 from the floor, but sunk 14-19 from the foul line and that was all the difference. SH held a slight rebounding edge at 30-25 but turned the ball over 18 times to just ten by the Eagles.

Erison Vonderschmidt, Danielle Bippes, and Magdanz each had six rebounds to lead the Irish. McKenzie Witt added nine assists for Sacred Heart.

The Irish won the two-quarter JV game 16-6 with Lauren Malone leading the way with eight points.

On Thursday night the Irish ventured to Pawnee City to take on the Indians. This game belonged to the Irish all the way, leading 15-8 after one and 31-13 at the half. Sacred Heart didn't let up in the second half increasing their lead to 47-18 after three quarters as they cruised to a 55-29 win.

Sacred Heart shot better on Thursday, making 22-50 shots and converting 10-18 from the foul line. Meanwhile, the Indians shot just 23 percent from the floor and make 7-15 from the free throw line. The Irish had seven big blocked shots to go along with 16 steals while forcing 24 total turnovers.

Vonderschmidt led the scoring for the Irish with 14 points on 6-12 shooting. Magdanz was next with 12 points, and Elizabeth Keithley added eight for the Irish. Keithley and Ahren Ebel each had six rebounds and two blocked shots apiece and McKenzie Witt led the playmaking with ten assists. Madison Branek led Pawnee City with 12 points.

The win gave the Irish a 14-3 record while the loss dropped the Indians to 4-12. The Irish JV team also picked up a win 43-14 in three-quarters of action. Lexi Pokorny led all scorers with 14 points while Emily Wertnerberger added 10.

The Irish will host Southern on Tuesday, January 22 and will then be on the road Thursday night at Johnson-Brock.

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On January 18, 2019, at approx. 9:07 p.m. Richardson County Deputies conducted a warrant service at a residence in Falls City, approx. 9:09 p.m. Donald L. Richbourg, 19, was arrested on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance, and possession or use of drug paraphernalia. Richbourg was booked into the Richardson County Jail.

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the talk, it should be to open up and talk to somebody about their problems.

At around thirty years old Mero had an "Ah Ha" moment watching wrestling with his buddies in his apartment. He decided to pursue a career in wrestling and attended school in Florida. Within a year he had signed a contract and was named "Pro Wrestling Illustrated Rookie of the Year." He had cleaned up his act and made it big. He had the big contract, the new car, the new house, everything that he had written down on paper years earlier. However, the first thing he did was surround himself with the wrong people again, and soon he was back into drugs and alcohol, only this time he was rich and famous and could afford it. He had everything, but because of all the wrong choices he was making he lost it all. Most of his wrestling friends and personal friends had died from drug overdoses. He had overdosed three times and should have been dead.

He repeated multiple time throughout the morning, "we are defined by our choices." He made many poor choices in his life. He missed out several of the major events of his sister's life, she later died from cancer at a young age, due to drugs and alcohol. Mero's younger brother also died at a young age after fainting, hitting his head and never recovering. All his little brother ever wanted was to hang out and play catch with his big brother. Sadly his lifestyle of drugs and alcohol prevented him from taking the time to be a mentor to his brother. No money or fame could bring back his brother or sister. Drugs were more important to him at the

time, and he missed out on their entire lives. "Life is not easy. Some storms you just have to hang on to whatever you can," said Mero.

He did just that. He excelled in pro wrestling and after retirement decided to start giving back. "You make a living by what you get, you make a life by what you give," said Mero. So that's exactly what he started doing, giving back. "There is no greater joy than helping another person. When you help someone or inspire somebody else that is a great feeling, a great joy that you get out of that." Mero has been traveling and spreading his story for over 12 years. He often gets letters from students he has spoken to in the past about how they achieved the goals and dreams that he encouraged them to write down. The dreams that they wrote down the day he had visited them 10 or 12 years earlier had now become a reality in their lives.

His ring life had many achievements that he is proud of, like standing across from Ric Flair for the first time after having watched Flair on television growing up — also winning the Intercontinental Title and the World Television Title. Achievements such as those made wrestling so enjoyable.

Mero is constantly busy traveling spreading his messages and encouraging students to reach out for help. "Last year I did 293 events. It's quite amazing. We have three today, and in the last five days we've been to four states," said Mero. "It's incredible; they say when you find your passion you never have to work, I guess I'm unemployed. I love what I do."

Reavis-Ashley DAR Chapter Celebrates 107 Years

The Nebraska Society Daughters of the American Revolution wish to congratulate Reavis-Ashley Chapter on their 107 years of service to their community, state, and country. The Reavis-Ashley Chapter was organized on January 9, 1912 with a membership of 29, nine of whom were resident members. The chapter was barely on its feet when WWI broke out, but along with other community organizations served greatly in the relief efforts and other activities concerning the war. Their membership is drawn from a number of communities including: Falls City, Humboldt, Steinauer, and Stella Nebraska, as well as, Seneca and Bern, Kansas and Forest City, Missouri.

The chapter name Reavis-Ashley represents the ancestors of the organizing regent, Mrs. T. J. Gist. Lord Ashley, who for political reasons came to this country, was a second son, and took his mother's maiden name. This name is still recognized throughout the country as the family name.

We pay tribute to the charter members listed below: Mrs. Annie Reavis Gist, Organizing Regent; Mrs. Alice Keeling Taylor; Mrs. Adeline Korner; Miss Lois Keeling; Miss Ida Stewart; Mrs. Blanche Norris Maust; Miss Eunice Haskins; Mrs. M. A. Street; Miss Gertrude Norris; Mrs. Clara Wescott; Mrs. Ada Abbott Humphrey; Mrs. Mea Street Morgan; Miss Grace Reavis; Mrs. Sarah P. T. Jennings; Mrs. Claire E. Scism; Mrs. Phoebe E. J. Staver; Mrs. Daisy Abbott Stanton; Mrs. Ellie Maria Johnson; Mrs. Lillian Farington Towle; Mrs. Missouri Case Wilson; Miss Gertrude L. Lum; Miss Anita M. Wilson; Miss Gertrude L. Lum; Miss Anita M. Wilson; Mrs. Verna Wagner Cameron; Mrs. Fannie Phillips Cherry; Miss Nellie Schock; Miss Eunice Norris; Mrs. Eva Schock Hollenback.

We also extend our deepest appreciation to the Reavis-Ashley Chapter members today who continue to carry out the mis-

sion of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which is to promote patriotism, preserve American History, and secure America's future through better education. Your community service over the years has made a lasting difference, especially in the creating local interest in genealogical research and for being active members of the Tri-County Genealogical Society, The Nemaha Historical Society, The Nemaha County, and KS Historical Society. Promoting patriotism through the American History Essay Contest and honoring the winners, their family members, and teachers to an honorary tea/awards presentation in February has also been noted. Current officers are: Glenda Nelson, Regent; Dawn Feldkamp, Vice-Regent; Leatrice Smith, Recording/Corresponding Secretary; Kayce Feldkamp, Treasurer; Beverly Droge, Chaplain; Anne M. Moser, Registrar; Leota Uhr, Historian; and Beverly Kimmel, Librarian.

The Nebraska Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be celebrating their 125th Anniversary this year. We currently have 1100 members in 26 chapters across the state. We would like to pay tribute to each of these chapters throughout the year.

DAR is a women's lineage based service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, historic preservation, and education. It is non-profit and non-political. If you are a woman 19-years or older and believe that you may have an American Revolutionary Patriot in your family, we have lineage volunteers ready and willing to assist you and guide you through the research and application process. For more information contact any of the Reavis-Ashley officers mentioned above or Email the Organizing State Regent, Bev Schuele at: bvcmbrideschuele59@gmail.com or go to www.dar.org

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Nellie Liberty

Nellie M. Liberty, 95, of Gower, MO (formerly of Falls City) passed away January 16, 2019, in St. Joseph, MO. She was born on March 12, 1923, in Reserve, KS to Forrest and Ruth (Metzger) Johansen.

Nellie was raised in Reserve, KS and graduated from Reserve High School in 1941.

She married Richard W. Liberty on May 22, 1941, in Hiawatha, KS. He passed away September 23, 2011. When married the couple established their home south of Reserve and then moved into Preston, NE in 1950. She was a homemaker her entire life. She moved into Falls City, MO to be with her daughter in 2015 and then to the nursing home in Gower in 2018. When living in Falls City she attended the First Church of the Nazarene and while in Gower she attended Faith Baptist Church at Smithville, MO.

Nellie is survived by her daughter, Barbara Ise of Kansas City, MO, sons, Richard and his wife Barbara of Ankeny, IA, Gary and his wife Cathy of Falls City, Dennis and his wife Jean of Ankeny, Roger and his wife Joni of Hemptle, MO, Neil and his wife Jeannette of Holdrege, NE, brother, Bob Johansen and his wife Darlene of Hiawatha, nineteen grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brothers, Ken, Keith and Ed Johansen, sister, Betty Pape and a great-grandson, Easton Vonderschmidt.

Her funeral was held on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 1:00 PM at First Church of the Nazarene with Reverend Richard Lehmkuhl and Stephen Floyd officiating. Interment was in Steele Cemetery.

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

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January is Radon Action Month and an opportune time to test your home's radon levels. Radon is an odorless and colorless gas produced by the decay of naturally occurring uranium and is released in rock, soil, and water. Exposure to high levels of radon over time poses a risk to you and your family's health. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, and is attributed to up to 22,000 deaths in the United States each year.

Radon can enter homes through cracks in concrete floors or walls, sump pits, or drinking water from private wells. In Nebraska, over half of all homes tested contain high radon levels. The high incidence of radon in Nebraska underlines the need for continued testing to identify homes in need of radon mitigation, a process to reduce radon accumulation within a home.

Starting in February, Southeast District Health Department will be offering free radon test kits. The do-it-yourself test is a simple way to identify if your home is in need of radon mitigation services to protect the health of your family and reduce the risk of radon-associated lung cancer.

To obtain a radon test kit or for more information, contact Southeast District Health Department at 877-777-0424.

C. Robert Utermohlen

Charles Robert Utermohlen, age 91, died January 9, 2019, in Alexandria, Virginia. Bob was born March 12, 1927, on a farm between Verdon, Stella, and Dawson. The family was part of all three communities, shopping in Verdon, attending church in Stella and school in Dawson.

Bob graduated from Dawson High in 1944, then worked on the family farm before joining the Navy at 18. On V-J day, he was in basic training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station in Illinois. He was sent to the Philippines and discharged after his return in 1946.

The first 18 years of his life, he was known as Robert Charles, only discovering upon enlistment in the Navy that his name had been wrongly recorded as Charles Robert at birth. Lacking time to correct the error, he adjusted to the new name. Bob attended Peru State Teacher's College, graduating in 1950. His first teaching job was at Burchar, Nebraska, where he met Mary Lee Cox. Mary was home from working in Lincoln, gaining weight to become an airline stewardess. They married on May 24, 1953.

The couple moved to DuBois, Idaho, where Bob taught high school, working on a sheep station during the summer. The next year, he taught in Craigmont, Idaho.

In 1955, they moved to Kilgore in the Sandhills. In 1958, Bob became Superintendent of Schools in Hershey, Nebraska. In 1963, he became Superintendent at O'Neill.

In 1966, Bob moved the family to Lincoln, to complete his doctorate in Educational Administration at the University of Nebraska. The family then moved to Mankato, Minnesota, in 1968 where Bob became a professor at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Bob took a strong interest in the various international students he had in classes—students from Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Taiwan, and Nigeria to name a few. One of his most unusual accomplishments was to organize a teacher delegation to travel to Russia shortly after the dissolution of the Soviet Union. He retired in 1993. The next three years, Bob and Mary spent the fall term at Rust College in Mississippi, where Bob taught introductory classes in education. Bob and Mary raised three

children: Bill, Terry, and Kim. They were proud grandparents of nine grandchildren. They also provided a home to several others over the years, particularly Ermias Asfaw, who lived with them during college.

Bob had a life-long interest in people, often finding ways to help others. He was dedicated to his family. He and Mary hosted each of their grandchildren on a significant trip when they reached ten years old and also contributed to their education.

After retirement, Bob published a number of articles, participated in the Retired Faculty group, the Futurist Society, Mankato Spelling Group, and a Memoirs group. He was also a long-time member of Centenary United Methodist Church and a regular attendee of its Friday morning men's study group.

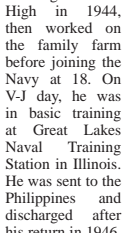
Bob lived in the family home on Dillon Avenue in Mankato from 1968 until 2016, when he moved to Old Main, an assisted living facility. In October 2017, he moved to Alexandria, Virginia, where he was able to be near Bill and his family. He resided at Paul Spring Retirement Center. He entered the hospital due to pneumonia on November 25, 2018, and never fully recovered.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, William and Eva (Carsh) Utermohlen, two infant siblings Harry and Virginia Ann, his sister, JoAnn Pihlal, and, in 2006, by his wife, Mary.

He is survived by Bill and Alison Utermohlen of Alexandria, Virginia; Terry and Scott Bunke of McKinney, Texas; Kim and Paul Scott of Athens, Alabama; Ermias Asfaw of Mankato; Brian Scott, Kaitlin Scott, Ryan and Veronica Bunke, Erin and Sam Preston, Mary Utermohlen, Michaela Bunke, Noah and Samantha Scott, Micah Scott, and Kendra Bunke; his sister, Billie Dean Thoresen of Fremont, California, as well as a number of nieces and nephews.

His funeral was held at Centenary United Methodist Church, 501 South Second Street in Mankato, on Saturday, January 19, at 11 am, and was followed by burial at Minneopa Cemetery. Visitation was at Mankato Mortuary, 1001 North Riverfront Drive, on Friday, January 18, and again at the church before the service.

Memorials made in Bob's honor can be given to the charity of your choice, or to the Pearl and Paul Fieselmann Fund at Peru State College.



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Thursday, January 24 is National Compliment Day. These days there is a holiday for everything and most of these holidays are completely useless, but this one is pretty great. Created in 1998 by Kathy Chamberlin and Debby Hoffman with the hopes of forging a bond and positive connection between people one small compliment can go a long way. Studies show that some

people often have a hard time after Christmas and at the beginning of a new year. Funds may be low after all that Holiday spending and travel, family members and friends you don't often get to see are gone, the winter days are short, cloudy and cold and your New Year's resolutions are tough to stick to for some people. It's a condition called 'January Blues.'

On National Compliment Day people are encouraged to share with your co-workers, friends, family or strangers, a compliment, kind word, note, card, gift or something that rewarding and friendly. Harvard researchers found that people who were given encouraging words before a job interview did better with their answers than those who wrote out their own accomplishments instead of hearing them from someone else. In 2012, Japanese researchers found that people perform better when they receive a compliment after completing a task.

This year we are encouraging our readers to join the local businesses on this page and give a compliment not just tomorrow on National Compliment Day but for the next week. Write us an email on our website at www.fcjournal.net, contact us; and submit a signed Sez-I complimenting a local person or business. Tell us why you think they are doing a great job.

A compliment has a powerful effect and instills confidence in a child or an adult. Let a Richardson County resident know that you notice them.

Like the businesses on this page-brighten someone's day or give them credit for a job well done.

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Most of us have tendencies to both build up and tear down those around us. When we encourage and give constructive criticism in a spirit of love, we build others up, but when we ridicule or humiliate others, or give criticism in unkind ways, we tend to tear them down.

We frequently need to give feedback to the people who we live, work and play with, and so knowing how to do this in a way that encourages them to improve is important. Coaches, teachers and parents are called to do this by the very nature of their roles, which require them to correct and instruct others. But some roles require us to stifle our criticisms; students are wise to hold their tongue before correcting their teachers just as children shouldn't be too quick to correct or admonish their parents.

One simple way to build up those around us is to tell them what they are doing well, and when you must correct or criticize someone, be sure to do it in a kind and loving way. Soften your tone and perhaps wait for a better time to deliver the criticism.

If you are irritated with the person, this will almost certainly come across in your words. Wait for the right time and place to criticize or correct. Words of praise can be given almost anywhere and anytime, but words of criticism are usually best done privately.

- Christopher Simon

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Lane Leadership now accepting applicants

By Amber Holle
The Falls City Chamber of Commerce & Main Street is accepting applications for the 2019 Lane Leadership class until Feb. 1. Lane Leadership was designed to identify, inspire and equip leaders to take positive action to make Falls City and the surrounding area a vibrant place to live, work and play, now and in the future.

Two successful classes were completed in 2015 and 2016 and the program has been revamped with the help of the UNL extension office for 2019. These program facilitators have been leading leadership classes in other parts of the state for 10 plus years and believe Falls City has the need to develop and encourage its young leaders as well.

The program consists of 9 full day classes occurring on the third Tuesday of each month. During each session participants are introduced to issues by means of site tours, panels and presentations, lectures, group discussions and simulations. Topics for this year's class include: understanding yourself as a manager with the Meyers Briggs Indicator, working with groups, using parliamentary procedure, managing conflict, handling, managing and leading change, community visioning, strategic planning, moving from talk to action, and lastly applying what you learned.

At the end of the program the class will then chose and complete a capstone project to benefit the community. The past two classes combined efforts to bring Falls City its first and wildly popular splash pad that was completed last summer. A graduation ceremony and certificate will be presented to each student at the end of the class.

"It is a valuable program and a great opportunity to learn about your community. I was born and raised here and thought I knew a decent amount since I was already involved in several things within our community, but this experience was beyond worth the time invested!" boasts Mitch Merz of Lane Leadership Class 1. Tuition is \$150 per participant. Tuition will be used toward the purchase of program supplies, guest speakers and meals. Scholarships are available if needed. If you are interested in joining the 2019 class, an application is available at www.falls-citychamber.com or at the Chamber office at 1705 Stone St.

B.O.P.W.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

December 6, 2018 - 207 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska
A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 207 Barada Street in said City on the 6th day of December, 2018, at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were Board Members: Albu, Bartek, Koopman, Veigel. Absent: Murphy. Ray Lahring recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairman and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairman and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairman publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Albu to approve the minutes for the November 15, 2018 regular meeting and November 15, 2018 special meeting as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Bartek and seconded by Albu to approve the November 1, 2018 agenda as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Koopman to approve the Utility Superintendent Report as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

TRANSFORMER POLICY
A motion was made by Bartek and seconded by Albu to add a section to address existing customers that are expanding. Giving the customer a choice of 3 years increased revenue credit to help cover the cost of installation or paying 50% of the cost of installation. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

TREE TRIMMING BID
A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Bartek to recommend to the City Council to award the tree trimming bid to Asplundh Tree Expert LLC, minus section #4 for a total amount of \$200,000 to complete sections #1, #2 and #3. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Bartek and seconded by Koopman to approve the claims for November, 2018 as follows: Electric Department - \$22,067.21, Water Department - \$186,540.50, Mechanic Shop - \$8,283.52, Gas Department - \$64,825.24, Sewer - \$37,936.68. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:10PM.
I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairman and Board on December 6, 2018 that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meetings and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Gary Jom, City Clerk
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Merle Veigel, Chairman

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A Groundhog:

- usually weighs about 12 _____
- burrows _____ with its curved claws to make a home _____
- can see well and has very good _____
- is also known as a _____
- is an excellent _____
- sometimes makes a _____ noise
- can be found in woods, fields and _____
- can live to be about 6-8 _____ old
- hibernates - its body temperature drops and its _____ nearby stops
- can climb into _____ to take naps
- is the only animal with its own national _____
- is an herbivore, which means it only eats _____

Is Spring on its Way?

Punxsutawney Phil will tell us!

On February 2nd, all eyes will be on Punxsutawney Phil, the famous groundhog who predicts whether spring and warmer weather will come soon, or winter and the cold weather will stay awhile longer. How does he do this? Well, legend holds that when the groundhog pokes out of his hole, if the sun is shining, he will see his shadow, be frightened and dive back into his burrow to wait out six more weeks of winter. But, if he sees clouds when he comes out of his hole, he will not be afraid and we will know that spring is near!

Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, PA, is where everyone gathers to watch Phil "make his prediction"!

This is Phil's Burrow.

Photos by ChitterChatter Travels

Groundhog's Diary Read the groundhog's diary, then find and circle the words in bold print in the puzzle.

When I come out of hibernation I'll see if it is **cloudy** or if the sun is shining. If it's sunny, I'll see my **shadow** and know that Winter is going to last longer. If it's cloudy, I'll predict that **Spring** is coming soon. I think I might be a help to **farmers** and other people who wonder when warmer weather will arrive. Families, and news reporters travel to see me and to join in the fun.

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Where did my shadow go?

This year's Super Bowl is being played at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia.

I can't wait for the Super Bowl...chips, veggie platters, dips, giant sandwiches... ..hot wings, nachos, friends and family! 7

Yahoo!

1. the first _____ was on January 15, 1967

2. the _____ Super Bowl was won by the Green Bay Packers

3. Vince Lombardi was the first head _____ to win a Super Bowl

4. the _____ given to the winner is made of 7 pounds of sterling silver

5. it is the most- _____ TV sporting event with more than 100 million viewers

6. _____ of the 2 major football conferences (AFC/NFC) play in the Super Bowl

7. 120 _____ are used in the Super Bowl - (54 per team and 12 Kicker Balls)

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_____ Super Bowl

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Organization on the date below.

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Case No. C18-120 NOTICE OF SUIT TO: John Doe, No. 1, and Mary Doe, No. 1, husband and wife, tenants in possession, real names unknown.

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THE COUNTY OF RICHARDSON, A Political Subdivision of the State of Nebraska, Plaintiff

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VILLAGE OF VERTON NOTICE OF ONE AND SIX YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PLAN HEARING

Public notice is hereby given in compliance with the revised statutes of Nebraska and the minimum requirements as adopted by the Board of Public Roads Classification and Standards, that the Village Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. on the 6th day of February 2019 at the Village Hall in Verton for the purpose of hearing comment relating to the proposed One and Six Year Street Improvement Program for 2019.

Julie Vollmer City Street Superintendent

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GLENDON RUYAN, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that a Petition to Determine Last Will and Language of Original, Formal Probate of Will, Determination of Heirs, and Appointment of Don Alan Runyan as personal Representative has been filed and is set for hearing in the Richardson County Court on February 13, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.

Nancy A DeKotz Clerk of the Court

Notice of Public Hearing The City Council of the City of Falls City will hold a public hearing pursuant to subdivision regulation Article 3 for the proposed to approve the final replat of Lots 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 to Lots 3A and 5A, Block 97, Original Town, Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA COUNTY OF RICHARDSON, A Political Subdivision of the State of Nebraska, Plaintiff.

Case No. C18-113 NOTICE OF SUIT TO: John Doe, No. 1, and Mary Doe, No. 1, husband and wife, tenants in possession, real names unknown.

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS The annual meeting of the members of the German Mutual Insurance Association of Nebraska will be held at the Arbor Manor, 1617 Central Ave., Auburn, Nebraska, on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at one o'clock (1:00 p.m.) for the purpose of electing four directors and a review of the prior year's business. A light lunch will be served prior to the meeting beginning at 12:00 p.m. Clint Swanson, Secretary

NOTICE The City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, approved Ordinance 2018-105 on January 7, 2019 which created Street Improvement District 2018-01 pursuant to Nebraska State Statutes 17-510. The street improvement district was created from the petition by the abutting property owners to extend the street from the intersection of 8th and Chase Streets west approximately 120 feet to the existing concrete. Gary Jorn, City Clerk. 23-30

TAKING BIDS The Rulo Nebraska Cemetery Board is taking sealed bids for 2019 mowing. Bids must be postmarked by February 23, 2019. Mail bids to Kraig Coonce, 214 W. Broadway St., Rulo, NE 68431. Call 402-454-5353 with questions.

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HELP WANTED

Kirkman's Lakeview Golf Course

Full and/or part-time positions available for clubhouse maintenance and sales at Kirkman's Lakeview Golf Course (klgcf.com). Call Charlie 402-862-5505 or Randy 402-245-7046

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Competitive wage and insurance package. CDL license required and must have own tools. Apply at Lewis Implement Company, 1155 Nemaha Street, Humboldt, NE or call and ask for Marty at 402-862-2337

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Humboldt, Nebraska

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Butcher Hogs, halves or wholes. Dirt lot raised. Free delivery to any local locker. John Watlington. 883-2440.

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Lortscher Logistics Inc. are looking for skilled drivers to add to our Driving Team. Our drivers are home every day. We haul pet food flour and feed mill ingredients for the milling operation in Bern, KS. CDL Class A required. We have day & night positions available & offer a \$3 night shift differential. Give us a call!!!

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Mail application: PO Box 124 Bern, KS 66408 or Email: hr@lanipet.com
Contact: (785) 336-6189 (800)874-2376 ext. 218
Applications are available on our website: www.lanipet.com EOE 2-3

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Currently accepting applications for:
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Excellent opportunity for individuals who take pride in their work and are willing to accept responsibility. No experience necessary, we're willing to train individuals with a good work record. We offer competitive wages, excellent fringe benefits including group health and life insurance, monthly bonus, 401k and deferred profit sharing.

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Auburn, NE 68305
OR www.magnoliabronze.com and click on careers 3-5

JOB OPENING

The Nemaha County Hospital has the following open position:
~ Radiology Technologist ~ Nemaha County Hospital has a full-time opening for a Radiology Technologist willing to be crossed trained in CT, evening shift, rotating on call duties. Must have ARRT and NE license. Cost shared Health and Dental insurance, Life, Long-term, and Short-term disability paid by the hospital, Retirement with employer match. Excellent compensation package and shift-differential. Call us today for an application, Susie Shupp at Nemaha County Hospital 402-274-6121 or go to www.nch.net

EEO Employer/Disabled

NEMAHA COUNTY HOSPITAL
2022 13th STREET - AUBURN, NE 1-3

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGER/ESTIMATOR

AHRS Construction is seeking a commercial project manager/cost estimator to join our team!

The position would be based out of our office in Bern Kansas. No overnight travel required.

We are looking for someone that shares AHRS's small town values and work ethic, takes pride in their work, values strong client relationships, has effective decision making and problem solving skills and enjoys the sense of accomplishment by completing first-class facilities in our local communities.

Duties to include:

- Overall management of commercial projects from start to finish
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- Coordinate with on-site superintendents, subcontractors and suppliers
- Coordinate self perform work and monitor quality control
- Process submittals, RFI's, change orders, pay applications

If you are interested please contact by phone at 785-336-6118 or email erics@ahrs-inc.com.

Please visit www.ahrs-inc.com for more information on our company

AHRS CONSTRUCTION INC. BERN, KANSAS

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Mobil Oils and Lubricants

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Sabetha Community Hospital is currently looking for a Full-Time Radiology Technologist.

Shifts would be 4 days per week/ 9.5 hours a day. Approximately 7 days of On-Call per month, which includes every 4th weekend. Excellent wages are offered with vacation, holiday, sick pay, pension and many other benefits. If interested apply online at www.sabethahospital.com or contact Julie Holthaus, Human Resource Director at 785-284-1584.

EEO 2-3



South Brown County, USD #430 is accepting applications for a Diesel bus Mechanic with the possibility of Transportation Director duties depending on qualifications. This is a full time position with a paid single health/dental plan.

A Classified application can be found on the district website at usd430.org.

Qualified individuals should submit an application to the School Board Office at 522 Central Ave., Horton, KS. 66439. Applications can also be emailed to southbrownco@usd430.org.

The Board of Education is an equal opportunity employer.

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MISC.

Anniversary, birthday, shower, wedding-Chaney Furniture Gift Certificates are always a great idea. 34-eo-T-f



CONTROL PANEL TECHNICIAN

Position responsible for control panel fabrication including panel layout, wiring and testing, using electrical drawings and safely operating tools. Must have good work ethic and technical aptitude. Associates degree or certificate from electrical, controls or related technical program preferred; experience in a related field may be substituted for formal education if relevant to the position.

SOFTWARE ENGINEER

Position responsible for designing, troubleshooting and supporting control system software, SQL database design and query development, working with PLC, HMI, batching and data collection software, use of VB.NET, creating documentation and training system users. Degree in Computer Science, Software or Computer Engineering or related field required; some travel will also be required.

NorthWind offers competitive wages, health insurance, 401(k) and other benefits.

To apply, send resume to careers@northwindts.com or pick up application at NorthWind Technical Services office located at 2751 Antelope Road, Sabetha, KS, (785) 284-0080.

NorthWind is an Equal Opportunity Employer 2-3



C.J. Foods is seeking experienced, talented, and highly motivated individuals to add to the Maintenance team in our Pawnee City, NE plant. Qualified applicants will have Allen Bradley and/or Industrial Maintenance training, along with the skill and experience to work with a variety of materials and tools such as welders, torches, basic hand tools, etc. The right candidate will have good mechanical and communication skills, with the ability to follow written, oral, and graphic instructions. Experience and expertise with electrical, computer, pneumatic, and PLC skills are preferred.

Employees of C.J. Foods, Inc. enjoy competitive wages, health insurance, 401(k) plan with employer contribution, profit sharing, short term disability, and many other company benefits.

If interested in applying for this position please apply online at www.cjfoodsinc.com.

Further inquiries please call Human Resources at 785-336-6132

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FOR RENT/LEASE

Pack Rat Storage. Units Available. 402-245-7236. 49-TF

Furnished Apt. one bedroom. Adult only. No pets, no smoking. References & deposit required. 402-245-7029. 3-4

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank Donna, Dr. Borg and staff, the hospital and staff that helped care for me, in my time of need. God Bless you, one and all.

Rose Nolte 3P

The family of Bud Runyan would like to thank everyone for all the acts of kindness and support shown us since the passing of Bud. We have been blessed with such an outpouring of sympathy and Love in so many ways. A Special thank-you to Pastor Jerry Yount for the thoughtful funeral service. Thanks also to Gayle Weibert for the beautiful music, and the Military graveside honors by Shubert American Legion, assisted by the Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard. We would also like to thank everyone who brought food and helped with the luncheon. Everything was greatly appreciated.

Roxann and Mark Stitzer & Family
Don and Becky Runyan & Family
Joni Miliam & Family
Gaye Runyan & Family 3P

Colonial Acres of Humboldt
Colonial Acres Positions Available

Colonial Acres Nursing Home of Humboldt has openings for 2 Full-Time Night CNAs. Colonial Acres Assisted Living is seeking a Part-Time Day CMA. Colonial Acres offers excellent wages and benefits. Call Susan Michels or Dave Young at 402-862-3123.

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HELP WANTED

Openings available for wait staff and dish washing. Apply in person at The Farm Table Cafe, 623 Harlan. 402-245-3377. 2-3

WANTED

AMERICAN WALNUT. Buying standing walnut timber, 25 or more. Call 816-232-6781 in St. Joseph for details. 47-tf

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Admission: \$7.00



Technicians Josh Manson and Tye Fischer.

CMC now offering indoor portable cardiac nuclear scanner

Pioneer Heart Institute from Lincoln, NE is now offering the Community Medical Center Specialty Clinic patients the first indoor portable cardiac nuclear scanner. Cadiax XPO. The scanner is lightweight and is brought into one of the Specialty Clinic rooms. Patients no longer have to be transferred outside to the nuclear medicine truck which was parked outside our facility.

Patients sit up during the procedure. Rose Arnold was the first patient to experience the scanner in Falls City. She compared sitting in the scanner to Disney World rides without all the twisting and turning. "It was a very easy experience and Tye (Fischer) and Josh (Manson) were professional and friendly."

Linda Winkelman, RN, Specialty Clinic Director states "For our patients, the experience is much more comfortable. We are excited that Pioneer Heart brought this technology to our patients. The patients don't have to leave the clinic area to have the test done and won't have to go outside in the cold to a scanner in a truck. This new scanner will currently come to CMC every other week." If you have any questions, contact the Specialty Clinic at 402-245-6521 or 402-245-6522.



L-R: Dr. Omar Nass, cardiologist with Pioneer Heart Institute; Rose Arnold; Tye Fischer and Josh Manson, PHI technicians.



Residence of Todd Noll and Shane Alexander.

Falls City Holiday Light Fight 2018

Todd Noll and Shane Alexander were the residential winners and Eickhoff Ag Sales were business winners of the Falls City Chambers 'Holiday Light Fight.' The public was encouraged to vote through a form online that was shared through social media and on the Chamber website.

Todd Noll and Shane Alexander's display is well known around Falls City and beyond boasting thousands of Christmas lights and months of preparation. Noll said he works all year on the layout and tries to add more to it each year.

"I generally work on it for about a month installing the lights and adding the computer sequencing and new songs which I try to add each year," said Noll.

Over 200 votes were cast for the winners. Both of the winners were sent \$100 in Chamber Bucks.

Residential participants, Hudson Huffles, 2513 Towle St.; the Schulenberg, 65064 706 Rd.; Tim Campbell, 2011 Valley Ave.; Cody and Lacey Guthals, 2506 Barada Street; Ben and Stephanie Simpson, 22 West 12th Street; Andy, Brooke, Gavin and Owen Dean, 1914 Morton Street; The Kellys, 1617 Fulton St.; Derrick and Shelly Leyden, 701 East 14th Street; Frank 'Clark' Killingsworth, 905 Charles Street; Todd Noll and Shane Alexander.

Business Participants were Gatherings Market at 1524 Stone Street and Eickhoff Ag Sales at 420 East 14th Street.

ACCIDENTS

One Jan. 9, Gina Scheitel of Falls City was Eastbound on 15th St. and struck a parked car owned by Larry Burlingame of Falls City. An estimated \$2,000 of damage was done to the Scheitel vehicle; an estimated \$1,000 of damage was done to the Burlingame vehicle. No citations were issued.

On Jan. 15, Charlene Henry, of Auburn stated when she entered the intersection of 16th and Harlan St., the traffic light may have just turned red. A witness stated that Henry drove through a red light causing the other vehicle, driven by Thomas Aitken Jr., of Falls City, who had a green light, to hit the other vehicle. An estimated \$2,000 of damage was done to each vehicle. Henry was issued a citation.

Falls City Care Center successfully transfers operational ownership

Kismet FNB, LLC, d/b/a Falls City Care Center would like to recognize Valerie Buckminster, Administrator and the outstanding team at Falls City Care Center with their successful transfer of operational ownership from Welcov Healthcare of Edina, MN to Kismet FNB, LLC, while remaining steadfast to providing quality care to the residents and their families with Respect, Dignity and Kindness.

On September 1, 2018, the company transferred business operations to new ownership. While the business operations transfer occurred in September, the legal notices were not posted at the same time.

"We know transitions of this magnitude can be challenging. We appreciate the support of all involved. The Falls City Care Center team and our consulting team look forward to serving the residents, families and Falls City Community for years to come," stated Wendy Soulek, CEO of Lantis, which is the management consulting company.




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Please join us on Monday, January 28, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. for an **Open House** in celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

(Please use the south entrance to the school)



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Monday, January 28-
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Tuesday, January 29-
Parent Appreciation Day

Wednesday, January 30-
Honors Day

Thursday, January 31-
Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day

Friday, February 1-
Grandfriends Day/Student Appreciation

St. Anne's--Shubert

St. Mary's-Dawson


St. Mary's--Arago

Sts. Peter and Paul-Falls City

Immaculate Conception-Rulo

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