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Back row, L-R: Tim Bailey, Sarah Bangert, Taylor Kearney, Del Casteel, Brett Keller, Bart Keller. Front row, L-R: Cindy Santo, Amber Holle, Gracie Frederick, Madaline Wilhelm, Donnie Stevens.

## FALLS CITY JAYCEES HOLD DSA BANQUET

By Lori Gottula

The Falls City Area Jaycees organization held its annual Distinguished Service Award (DSA) banquet on Monday, January 21st at Seid's Event Center north of Falls City. An estimated 100 people attended on an evening when the wind chill dipped into the single digits.

President Tim Bailey presided over the banquet and the awards ceremony that followed. Amber Holle, director of the Falls City Chamber of Commerce, and a newly-appointed city councilwoman, received the award for which the evening was named—the distinguished service award.

When last year's winner, Mitch Merz, presented the plaque to Holle, he said, "As director of the Chamber of Commerce, Amber has started successful events in town like the dessert crawl, shop small town, the scarecrow contest, the light fight at Christmas, the bowling contest among businesses, and more! Now, she has stepped up, and is serving as part of the city council!"

Donnie Stevens of Triple S Construction won the 2018 Outstanding Community Leader award, presented by last year's recipient, Gerald Hopp. Hopp had this to say about Stevens: "When the Jaycees need something done, he is the first one to volunteer. In fact, it sometimes ruffles his feathers a little if the

Jaycees ask someone else to do a job that he could've done! If any of his many friends need a hand, he is right there. In addition, Donnie has served on the Falls City Rural Fire Department for many years."

The Boss of the Year award was given to three people, all of whom are owners/bosses at Farm and City Supply; Madaline Wilhelm, Brett Keller, and Bart Keller. Valerie Buckminster, last year's winner, presented the award.

"Farm and City Supply has employed locals for 41 years," Buckminster said. "They are great people to work for, and always make their employees feel like one of their own. They are active in the community and support it in many ways. They are hard working and driven, and they believe in serving the customer in any way they can."

Madaline and her "boys" were clearly surprised by the award, and very touched. Another honor, the Robert J. Chab Community Service award, was presented to Sarah Bangert by last year's recipient, Gary Jorn.

Sarah is a nurse at the Community Medical Center, and a member of the Falls City volunteer ambulance squad. Jorn said, "Sarah has an outgoing personality, and brings a high level of morale to every shift on which she works. Patients have used words like 'calming' and 'caring' to describe her. Co-workers say she is a role model who is kind, caring, and compassionate."

Those words were also used to describe the recipient of the Educator of the Year award, Taylor Kearney. Taylor is a second grade teacher at Falls City North School. Last year's educator of the year, Gail Froeschl, said that "Taylor is an extraordinary teacher. She spends a lot of time researching each individual student so she can better understand his or her unique learning abilities. She also stays late al-

most every night, to find creative ways to help her students learn. She is a team player, and brings excitement to the table for every project. District 56 is very lucky to have her."

The Good Neighbor award was presented to someone nearly everyone knows because Cindy Santo is involved in so many activities in town.

When Jessica Fischer presented the award, she said, "Cindy is a founding member of Falls City's Green team, and is very involved in recycling efforts in the parks, schools, and county. She has organized Earth Day events that involve students, volunteers, and businesses. In addition, she started the very popular 'creative night' at the library, which is a monthly gathering of people who create objects using nature and upcycled materials. Cindy also adopted the beautiful planter at the library's entrance, and creates seasonal arrangements at her own expense."

The Hugh O'Brian Youth awards (HOBY) were the first ones presented at the banquet. These awards are given to high school students who inspire and lead by example, through a life dedicated to leadership, service, and innovation. One award is given annually to a Sacred Heart student, and the other to a student at Falls City High School. The Sacred Heart recipient was Del Casteel, and the FCHS student was Gracie Frederick.

Casteel is the son of Mark and Stephanie Bippes. He is the treasurer of the Sacred Heart student council, and participates in three high school sports, plus Legion baseball. He is also involved in one act and speech. He received the best actor award at the Pioneer Conference One Act Contest, and was a state qualifier for speech. "He is a natural born leader," Fischer said. Gracie Frederick, the daughter of Roger Frederick and Misty Willey, is the president of the

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Uneven surface on HWY-8 at West end of viaduct

## NE 8 AND US 73 - WHAT'S DONE AND WHAT'S YET TO COME

By: Charlie Radatz

Over the past several months residents of Falls City have wondered out loud whether the NE Hwy. 8 and U.S. Hwy 73 projects are done and what's yet to come. We decided it was time to ask the person who is in charge of overseeing the projects for the Nebraska Department of Transportation, Russell Eltiste, Highway Project Manager out of the Department's Tecumseh office. The weather in 2018 was not "construction friendly," and the short answer to your question is that NE Hwy 8 project is in "midterm," only partially completed, and the U.S. Hwy 73 is primarily done but not entirely completed.

The general contractor for both projects is Knife River of Sioux City, IA to take advantage of the cost savings for having only one asphalt plant supply both projects. Unfortunately, both projects were started later in the season than planned because of weather-related delays on other Knife River projects they contracted to do during the construction season. NDOT contracts assign a specified number of "working days" for each project, the number of days when weather/soil conditions are suitable for construction and liquidated damages are assessed when contractors do not complete projects in that amount of time. The contractor is in the penalty phase of the Hwy 73 project but has a few contract days remaining on the Hwy 8 project.

The new asphalt you see from 19th Street north to the city tree and lawn waste site is the only new asphalt included in the Hwy 73 contract, a decision made following a 2015 public hearing on the Department's proposed reconstruction of Hwy 73 as a three-lane highway with new concrete from 19th St. south to the railroad viaduct. A large number of city residents voiced opposition to reducing this portion of the highway from four to three lanes, preferring repair of existing concrete and an asphaltic overlay instead, and commended the Department for its initiative to seek public comment before going ahead with such a plan.

Mr. Eltiste said Knife River needs to continue its concrete repairs on the portion of Hwy 73 south of 19th St., to remove and resal with tar all existing transverse and expansion/contraction joints, repair potholes, and construct ADA compliant curbing at several corners. Permanent wear and weather resistant crosswalk, stop bar, and lane markings are to replace temporary lane markings. Storm sewer inlets and manhole covers also need to be raised two inches. A revised project schedule is yet to be developed for this work.

Eltiste said work began later on Hwy 8, far less was completed, but because work was slowed by wet and cold weather and restricted by state requirements of asphalt laid beyond Nov. 1, the contractor will have more time to complete its work and is anticipated to do so beginning April 1. The contract calls for four inches of asphalt laid down as two lifts of two inches each. Sections of the segment between Falls City and Salem where new guardrail was installed were overlaid with more asphalt than other portions of the roadway to satisfy federal safety standards thru the winter months.

Mr. Eltiste said this Spring some of this asphalt will be removed and reworked to provide a full four-inch layer of asphalt over the previously milled surface. The segment of Hwy 8 from U.S. 73 west to the viaduct will first be milled, receive a leveling course of asphalt and a two-inch top coat for a total of three inches of asphalt.

"When we find failures in the existing (Hwy 8) surface," said Eltiste, "we will do some repairs." "We will remodel not rebuild (the surface) maintaining pretty much the same profile and try to extend the life of the roadway." He said some but not all curbing at intersections would be made ADA compliant. The highway project manager said while work will be done to repair water damage at intersections, the

project does not include changing the hydraulics to prevent future similar water damage.

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Pothole on HWY 73

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# PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR NEBRASKANS

By Governor Pete Ricketts

During my State of the State address to the Legislature, I outlined a series of initiatives to grow Nebraska as we take advantage of opportunities and overcome challenges ahead of us. The budget I presented during the address reflects those priorities. As I prepared this new budget, I put Nebraskans first. We have a responsibility to the people we care for and the people who pay the bills, the taxpayers. My top two priorities in this budget reflect the ones Nebraskans share with me for state government: Controlling spending and property tax relief.



In all my budgets, I have worked to keep the rate of growth at about 3 percent or less. The budget I presented to the Legislature is no different, and keeps the rate of spending growth to 3.1 percent. It is important to note that a significant portion of this spending increase is attributable to the voter-approved Medicaid expansion initiative and state aid to public schools. In my budget, state agencies continue to control spending growth with an average operations increase of just 2.3 percent annually.

Controlling spending is one of the keys to tax relief. The more state government controls spending, the more we can turn hard-earned money back to taxpayers like you. I continue to prioritize property tax relief as I have the last four years. Property tax relief is the number one priority Nebraskans want as I travel the state. Over the past decade, local property taxes have risen over 57 percent. From farmers and ranchers to homeowners, Nebraskans are bearing the burden of the 11th highest property taxes in the nation. It is time for the Legislature to take action.

This year, I have three property tax relief proposals. First, my budget provides \$51 million in new, direct property tax relief through the Property Tax Credit Relief Fund each year. This is a 23 percent increase in property tax relief from this fund to all Nebraska property owners. If the Legislature approves my proposed budget, we will have increased the amount of relief delivered to all property owners through the Property Tax Credit Relief Fund by almost double during my time as Governor.

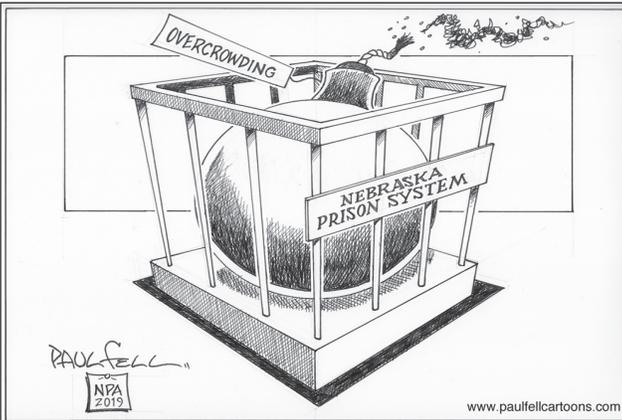
Second, Senator Brett Lindstrom of Omaha and I are recommending that we establish a statutory floor of \$275 million for the Property Tax Credit Relief Fund. This will give taxpayers more certainty about future relief. Right now, the money in this fund must be appropriated by the Legislature every two years. Putting a floor in law would ensure that taxpayers get ongoing relief, and would be a preventative measure against future Legislatures taking funding for property tax relief away from taxpayers.

Third, Senator Lou Ann Linehan of Elkhorn and I are proposing to establish a three percent cap on property tax increases by local governments. To deliver long-term, structural relief, it is important that we limit the growth of property taxes. Our proposal comes in the form of a constitutional amendment, which must be approved by the people after receiving the Legislature's consideration. While the state can, and will continue to, provide direct property tax relief, an overall limit on local government property tax increases makes the local property tax system more transparent and accountable. If taxpayers believe that local governments need additional property tax resources, a vote of the people can override the three percent cap.

Taken together, these proposals will help deliver immediate relief and structural reform. Furthermore, I am ready to work with State Senators on additional property tax relief proposals. One such proposal is being brought by Senator Steve Erdman of Bayard to create an income potential valuation system for agricultural land, which would help deliver much-needed reform to the valuation of agricultural land for property tax purposes.

This session, I know there will be many proposals introduced by State Senators. Some of them will be innovative ideas that will help deliver true tax relief, and other proposals may attempt to raise taxes under the guise of relief. As I work on property tax relief with the Legislature, I have three principles: Any proposal should help control spending, fit in the budget, and cannot raise taxes on one group of people to reduce taxes on another group.

In the coming weeks, I will be traveling the state to share more about the initiatives I am working on with the Legislature. I hope that you will contact your State Senator to urge them to support this plan for property tax relief. You can find all their information at [www.NebraskaLegislature.gov](http://www.NebraskaLegislature.gov). I also encourage you to watch [www.Governor.Nebraska.gov](http://www.Governor.Nebraska.gov) for updates on the session. If you have any questions about property tax relief or any other matter, you are welcome to contact me at [pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov](mailto:pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov) or call 402-471-2244.



## CORRECTIONS DIRECTOR SAYS DEPARTMENT WON'T REACH DE-POPULATION GOAL BY 2020

Capitol View Commentary by J.L. Schmidt Statehouse Correspondent The

Nebraska Press Association Nebraska's prison system is still overcrowded - at least 158 percent of design capacity at the latest count. That's 5,338 people in facilities designed to hold 3,375.

In 2015, lawmakers gave the Department of Corrections until July 1, 2020 to reduce that number to 140 percent or declare an emergency. Such emergency would require the release of parole-eligible individuals in a safe and orderly manner. Can you imagine the debate over the definitions of the words I used in that sentence? Can you imagine the fear and loathing such a move would foment?

Let's put a human face on this. These people are more than numbers on a spreadsheet. These are fathers and mothers and brothers and sisters and aunts and uncles and children and grandchildren and nieces and nephews of somebody. Once-productive citizens who can be once again. But some things have to change, and soon.

Nebraska Corrections Director Scott Frakes has told the Legislature's Judiciary Committee that his department will probably fail to meet the mandatory deadline. Committee Chairman Sen. Steve Lathrop of Omaha said he is concerned that the state will be staring at an emergency if they don't act now. He asked Frakes what the Legislature can do to help.

Frakes said he and his staff take the matter seriously and will do what they can to reduce inmate population. But he had no recommendations other than to ask that senators support Governor Pete Ricketts' proposed budget request for \$49 million for two new high-security units (384 new beds) at the Lincoln Correctional Center. Construction likely won't be complete until 2023, two years past the deadline.

I applaud the Corrections Department for wanting the new units to place the state's most dangerous in one central location in Lincoln, where they'd be less likely to cause problems that make it harder to rehabilitate other prisoners. The placement of high-security inmates at the rural Southeast Nebraska facility near Tecumseh was never a good idea. Given four dead people in two riots at the facility and ongoing staffing problems, it's time to change the focus of that institution.

Committee member freshman Sen. Wendy DeBoer of Omaha, voiced concern that prison officials aren't doing enough to address the immediate problem. "I feel a little bit like we're in a house that's on fire, and we're installing fireproof tiles," she said. Committee member Sen. Kate Bolz, of Lincoln, suggested lawmakers also look at state agencies outside of corrections -- such as parole, probation and the court system -- to help reduce the inmate population.

Nebraska Board of Parole Chairwoman Rosalyn Cotton says the board is working to release as many parole-eligible inmates as possible, but doesn't want to compromise public safety just to meet the deadline. I like Bolz' suggestion. Great strides have been made with drug courts and veteran's courts that seem to be lessening the numbers of people headed to prison by diverting them to probation and programs that will help them instead of just warehousing them. Perhaps the proposed DUI courts and other rehabilitation programming would lessen the numbers

going into the system. It's time for the Legislature to make those things happen, now.

Lawmakers set the overcrowding deadline as part of a 2015 prison reform package to hold the corrections department accountable in reducing prison crowding. Parole and rehabilitation emphasis in that package has yet to produce the desired results. Revisit it and fix it!

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

## STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: CIVIL RIGHTS

### ACROSS

- 1. Forever and a day
- 5. Organ of balance
- 8. What Jack Sprat couldn't eat
- 11. Quinceanera or bat mitzvah
- 12. Wagon part
- 13. You can count on these
- 15. Heart of the matter
- 16. Perceive by touch
- 17. Fedora part, pl.
- 18. \*Voter test, now illegal
- 20. Ireland's other name
- 21. Written corrections
- 22. One from Laos
- 23. Kind of acid
- 26. \*Segregation laws
- 30. \*Stop segregation, e.g.
- 31. 40 winks
- 34. Zeus' wife
- 35. Nadya Suleman's children, e.g.
- 37. Subject of "Philadelphia" movie
- 38. Kind of southern pie
- 39. Chicco or Groucho
- 40. Cured sausage
- 42. Member of Shoshonean people
- 43. \*Montgomery Bus
- 45. Produced by inbreeding
- 47. Brown league
- 48. Kind of ray
- 50. Flying toy
- 52. \*He challenged nonviolence
- 55. Juice alternative
- 56. Craving
- 57. Evening in Italy
- 59. Dead to the world
- 60. Harry Potter's mark
- 61. Wet nurse
- 62. Ottoman officer title
- 63. CafE alternative
- 64. Kind of bean

### DOWN

- 1. \*The \_\_\_\_ of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice"
- 2. Lena Dunham or Allison Williams, 2012-2017
- 3. Red carpet purse
- 4. The Brady Bunch children, e.g.
- 5. Permission for absence from a college
- 6. Smart \_\_\_\_, pl
- 7. Be dependent
- 8. \*Housing Act
- 9. Climber's destination
- 10. "\_\_\_\_ the season ..."
- 12. \*Mandela presided over its southernmost country
- 13. Perpendicular to the keel
- 14. French bun
- 19. Authoritative proclamation
- 22. Not to be given to those in authority
- 23. Manhattan Project invention
- 24. Chocolate tree
- 25. "Dear Diary..." note
- 26. Cup of joe
- 27. Happen again
- 28. Do like Demosthenes
- 29. What moon did
- 32. Not this
- 33. Burkis
- 36. Oscillator, e.g.
- 38. '70s Ford model
- 40. Farm pen
- 41. Meat grinder, e.g.
- 44. For all to see
- 46. Model-builder's wood of choice, pl.
- 48. \* \_\_\_\_ on Washington
- 49. Blue-Green scum
- 50. \*Nobel Peace Prize winner
- 51. Light bulb
- 52. Necessary thing
- 53. Office dispatch
- 54. Roentgen's machine
- 55. Langley, VA org.
- 58. "Eureka!"

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# From the Journal Files

By Charlie Radatz

50-25-15 Years Ago

50 Years Ago - Jan. 30th - Feb. 5th, 1969

Flags lined the courthouse square in deference to the funeral of Seaman Paul Holtz who gave his life in the Vietnam War.

Miss Shirley Gerweck, Falls City, received her nursing cap in a ceremony at Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital School of Nursing.

LaVerne Fross, manager of the local Woolworth store, was transferred to a store at Muscatine, IA and Tom Watson of Council Bluffs, IA was named as his successor.

Rev. Stanley Black was the preacher and music was provided by "The Charis Tones Trio" for a "Spiritual Life Crusade" at the Stella Community Church.

This week's Richardson County Bank "RecCheck" ad featured a Doctor, Lawyer, Merchant, and Chief (a lady described as the "Keeper of the Family Treasury").

The leaders of two Falls City Camp Fire Girls groups, Sandy Appleoff and Debbie Gillogly, presented a plate of cookies to Mrs. Walter Larkin of the American Legion Auxiliary for a visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

Clifford Liberty, chairman of the Rulo community improvement committee, was notified that Rulo was to receive a certificate of honorable mention for its clean up and beautification activities.

Sacred Heart senior Tom Hill broke the 1,040 point Falls City basketball scoring record of Ernie Strasil and bettered the record by two points in a 54-45 loss to Humboldt in the Richardson County Basketball Tournament.

The Falls City Tigers suffered a disappointing 83-41 loss at Tarkio described as a team with a distinct height advantage borne out by their 53 to 26 rebound advantage.

The Falls City High wrestling team picked up six points in preliminary matches of the Aksarben conference tournament and went on to score a total of 17 points, their highest total in the tournament.

A total of 52 couples took to the floor of Prichard Auditorium for the annual square dance festival of the Town and Country Promenaders.

A fire discovered shortly after noon Feb. 3rd damaged the Kennedy Vault Co., 115 E. 17th Street.

About 2,000 bushels of corn and 1,000 bales of hay were lost when a double crib on the Jack Fisher farm southwest of Dawson burned down.

Mr. & Mrs. Rick Livesay announced the opening of their new restaurant, The Columns, at 20th & Stone (now the location of State Farm Insurance).

Rodney Knaup, Falls City, was one of 18 nominated for the Nebraska Junior Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Young Man of the Year award.

The Humboldt Cardinals defeated Dawson-Verdon 75-46 to capture the championship of the Richardson County basketball tournament.

Ambulance operator Howard "Buddy" Simmonds was having a tough time of it financially and asked all County taxpayers to donate one dollar a year to finance operation of the service.

The City Council voted to accept bids for a two story building addition to the municipal water and light department to house equipment needed for a tie-in with OPPD.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Meinzer, Mr. & Mr. Richard Wilson, and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Malcolm presented freeholders' petitions to have their land attached to District 56.

The city council voted to accept Bernie Kreifel's plat of a new subdivision adding 14 building sites on Valley Street between 19th and 21st Streets.

The goal for the Richardson county Heart Fund Drive was set at \$2,400 and Mrs. Ray McKim, Jr. was appointed to serve as campaign chairperson.

Falls City High wrestlers claimed their first dual victory of the season by defeating Hiawatha 42-8.

25 Years Ago - Jan. 30th - Feb. 5th, 1994

Kevin Malone was presented the Jaycees Distinguished Service Award. Other Jaycee award winners were Jo Ann Koso, Outstanding Educator; Marjean Werner, Robert J. Chab Human Service Award; Carol Bierman, Outstanding Community Leader; Glenn Merz, Good Neighbor Award; and Rick Johnson, Boss of the Year.

Falls City native Dave Heineman announced he was a candidate for Nebraska State Treasurer.

Richardson County Judge Curtis Maschman ruled that the preliminary hearings for John L. Lotter and Thomas M. Nissen, charged in the shooting deaths of 3 persons, should be open to the public.

JoAnn Auxier retired after 39 years with the Miller-Monroe Co.

Five Falls City Tiger wrestlers were individual champions and the team finished within a point of the championship of the Maryville Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

Marvin Scheitel of Scheitel Feed & Seed was presented the Southeast Quad County Pork Producers' 1993 Booster Award.

Andrew Hopp was the winner of the South School Geography Bee.

A \$3,995 million bond issue was defeated by 65 votes the previous November and the Board of Education sought to come up with a compromise proposal but none emerged after a 2 1/2 hour meeting.

District Court Judge DeWayne Wolf denied a motion filed by Michael Ryan seeking to have the court vacate and set aside his conviction and sentencing in the Rulo cult murders.

Two Dawson-Verdon students, Andrea Taft and Jeanine Mueller, qualified for state competition in the Star/Search FHA event.

Jill Bachman was honored as the girl Junior Rotarian for February and David Lucas was chosen as the boy Junior Rotarian.

Outstanding Students for January at Southeast Consolidated School were 8th grader Janelle Findlay, freshman Shawn Kreienhop, junior Terri Shanks, and senior Aaron Marcussion.

15 Years Ago - Jan. 30th - Feb. 5th, 2004

During the Falls City Area Jaycees annual DSA banquet honorees included Jan Hoy as BPW Woman of the Year, Karen Ramsey as Outstanding Educator, Kim Goff as the Human Service Award winner, Julie Bauman as Boss of the Year, Doug & Linda Kirkendall as Outstanding Community Leaders, Theresa Chab as the Good Neighbor Award winner, and Marcia Harmon as DSA winner.

Indian Health Service announced the opening of a new Health Station in White Cloud, KS.

Marci Ankrum, a junior at Falls City High School, was accepted as a member of the Kansas-Nebraska People to People Student Ambassador Program.

River Twin Cinema was showing "Luther" and "Cold Mountain".

Class D1 2nd ranked Falls City Sacred Hearts' boys basketball team earned a big victory over Class B-sized Savannah, MO, 73-72 at Prichard Auditorium.

Falls City High 145 lb. senior Josh Kaster lost for the first time in the 2003-04 season and the Tiger Wrestling team finished 8th in the 12-team Plattsmouth Invitational.

Falls City Journal Athletes of the Week were sophomore Lee Hullman of Falls City High who scored 21 points in a Tiger 59-48 victory over Horton and junior post player Brandi Oiberding of Sacred Heart who had 18 points in a 63-55 comeback win over Pawnee City.

The City Council reviewed a proposed resolution to put to a public vote a 1 1/2 percent sales and use tax to finance construction of a new library and swimming pool and provide property tax relief.

Brett Druba's put-back shot with two-tenths of a second remaining in overtime was the "Play of the Game" in a dramatic 55-54 victory by the Falls City Tigers over the visiting Wymore Raiders.

Despite six inches of snow overnight, the Falls City Rural Fire Department's annual Pancake Feed fundraiser attracted 550 supporters.

# Falls City Jaycees hold DSA Banquet

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Green Team. She is a member of the FFA, mock trial, one act, and is involved in speech. She has shown goats and rabbits in 4H and has been named reserve champion twice.

"Gracie loves to write and play music on the piano and ukulele," Fischer said. "She plans to attend the University of Washington in Seattle, and study psychology."

The last award of the evening was a new award, and was reserved for the Jaycees themselves. This was the first time that the organization has presented a "Jaycee of the Year" award.

Jessica Fischer presented the award to a member who had given of his time and volunteer efforts throughout the entire year—the 2018 Jaycees president, Tim Bailey.

"Tim never missed a single event all year," Jessica said. "He is a leader and a go-getter. He has a big heart, and is always kind and considerate of others. He did everything he could and everything we needed to make events happen successfully."

Following the awards ceremony, the Jaycees gave donations to a wide variety of organizations in the Falls City area. The donations totaled \$30,75, a large sum that the Jaycees earned from their wildly successful events throughout the year.

Lastly, the current president held a swearing-in ceremony for the 2019 officers. They are: Josh Fischer, president; Tiffany Fouraker, Secretary; Cassondra Goff, treasurer; Jenna Frederick, Management and Development; Jessica Fischer, Community Development; and David Goff, Membership and Growth.

The Jaycees organization is a service and volunteer-oriented group for individuals ages 18 to 41. The Falls City chapter currently has 55 members, and meets the second Wednesday of every month, at 6:30 p.m.

It is a great way for young adults to make friends, volunteer, and improve leadership skills," Jessica Fischer said. "Please come join us!"

For more information, contact any of the officers listed above.

# FC Blood Drive meets goal despite setbacks

By Linda Frederick/Coordinator

It was a rough two days at the Blood Drive held on Jan 23 and 24 at Prichard Auditorium. The first day was slow courtesy of the cold weather and the second day a major piece of equipment was not on the truck, which led to an hour and a half delay. The goal for the two days was 103 units and 105 were collected.

This was accomplished by the faithful donors; Taylor Bachman, Deena Beer, Barb Baker, Tutti Baker, Kent Bieker, Kyle Black, Tim Boatright, June Bowers, Jessica Burns, Anne Brittell, Audra Cave, Anne Claymiller, Monty Coleman, Mary Darveau, Kevin Davis, Gracie Deckinger, Nancy Demmel, Tami DiGiacomo, Mara Dungan, Tami Dunn, Barb Ebel, Ron Ebel, Adam Eickhoff, Dwight Elliott, Eugene Ernst, Reece Clark Feek, Lee Ferguson, Cody Frederick, Dylan Frederick, Jared Frederick, Keith Frederick, Kevin Frederick, Linda Frederick, Rodney Frederick, Shirley Frederick, Noala Fritz, Dan Gifford, Trey Gilkerson, Howard Griffiths, Kim Griffiths, Charles Gruber, Dan Gruber, Delmer Gruber, Raymond Gruber, Snooks Hayes, Joe Heim, Marcus Heller, Scott Hollens, Gerald Hopp, Charles James, Bill Jenkins, Liz Kelly, Linda Kirkendall, John Koso, Nick Kraft, Scott Kriefels, Alexandria Lenderman, Rich Little, Becky Littrel and Lonnie Ludwig.

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This drive wouldn't be possible without these people and businesses; meat was donated by Cargill Meat Corp., courtesy of Robert Stuckemeyer. Sandwiches, service and bread were furnished by the ladies of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church Alt Society and Catholic Daughters. Juice by Susan Leafy, canteen supplies by Whitetails Unlimited, cookies by Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and paper products by Falls City Care Center. Posters were put by Jack Findlay, appointments were made by Marcia Schwartz and Elaine Schwartz. The canteen was set up by Elaine Heineman. Tables and chairs were handled by; Trey Gilkerson, Bradon Frederick, Cody Frederick, Dylan Frederick, Jared Frederick, Kyler Frederick and Luke Workman. Helping at the registration table were Lee Ferguson and Judy Schlosser. Escorts were; Bernice Burgett, Norma Brittell, Shirley Fritz, Judy Huettner, Colleen Conestoga, Norma Roland and MaryJane Weintert.

# FC Junior High girls basketball

The Falls City Middle School girls basketball season started with a tournament at Johnson County Central. Both teams came away with first place.

The B team won against JCC 49-5 with JCC scoring their five in the fourth quarter.

High scorers for the Tigers: Makinley Scholl with 15 points, Hannah Collier with 14, and RaeAnn Thompson with 10.

In the championship game against Conestoga, the score was 46-15 holding them scoreless in the fourth quarter.

High scorers in this game: Makinley Scholl with 19 points, RaeAnn Thompson with 11, and Hannah Collier with 10.

The A team won against JCC 52-5 only allowing them to score their five in the first quarter.

High scorer for the game: Reece McNeely with 13 points, Elyse Poppe, Ava Armbruster, and Chelsa Sells each contributed with eight points.

In the championship game, it was a battle against Conestoga with final score of 34-16.

High scorers in this game: Chelsa Sells with 10 and Elyse Poppe and Ashleigh Kirkendall each with nine.

**JEREMY SMITH**  
2-1-74 • 3-11-2013  
Happy Birthday  
in Heaven Jeremy.  
Greatly missed  
and loved.  
Dad, Mom & Nathan

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### FEBRUARY SPECIALTY CLINIC CALENDAR

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>4</b> PAIN MANAGEMENT DR. HAMILTON	<b>5</b> PHI CARDIAC DR. NASSIDR. NETZ EAR, NOSE & THROAT DR. PFLUG SURGERY DR. WARREN ORTHOPEDIC - DR. SAMANI	<b>6</b> SURGERY CONSULTS DR. WARREN DERMATOLOGY BRIAN HERBIN, PA-C SURGERY- DR. SAMANI	<b>7</b> WOUND CARE VASCULAR DR. PITTSCH RADIOLOGY	<b>8</b> NEUROSURGERY DR. TOMES
<b>11</b> PAIN MANAGEMENT DR. HAMILTON ONCOLOGY DR. PETERSON ORTHOPEDIC STEVE GABRIEL	<b>12</b> PHI CARDIAC DR. NASSIDR. NETZ SURGERY & CONSULTS DR. WARREN ORTHOPEDIC - DR. SAMANI	<b>13</b> DERMATOLOGY BRIAN HERBIN, PA-C NEBRASKA HEART INSTITUTE - DR. KHALID SURGERY- DR. SAMANI	<b>14</b> PODIATRY D.P.M. MEINHOLD EYE- DR. GREENAN AUDIOLOGY DR. MATT LUCAS RADIOLOGY	<b>15</b> TELEMEDICINE/PHYSIOLOGY DR. LUND
<b>18</b> PHI CARDIAC DR. NASS PAIN MANAGEMENT DR. HAMILTON	<b>19</b> PHI CARDIAC DR. NASSIDR. NETZ EAR, NOSE & THROAT DR. PFLUG OBYGN- DR. HODGE ORTHOPEDIC - DR. SAMANI	<b>20</b> DERMATOLOGY BRIAN HERBIN, PA-C SURGERY CONSULTS DR. WARREN SURGERY- DR. SAMANI	<b>21</b> RADIOLOGY - WOUND CARE VASCULAR DR. PITTSCH UROLOGY- DR. CRUSINBERRY	<b>22</b> ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY CLINIC JEFF DYNEK PA
<b>25</b> PAIN MANAGEMENT DR. HAMILTON RHEUMATOLOGY DR. ERICKSON	<b>26</b> PHI CARDIAC DR. NASSIDR. NETZ SURGERY CONSULTS DR. WARREN ORTHOPEDIC - DR. SAMANI	<b>27</b> NEBRASKA HEART INSTITUTE - DR. KHALID SURGERY- DR. SAMANI	<b>28</b> PODIATRY D.P.M. DR. MEINHOLD RADIOLOGY UROLOGY- DR. SIREF	

**John W. Pflug, M.D. is at Community Medical Center**  
Specialty Clinic the second and fourth  
Tuesdays of every month.

Dr. Pflug specializes in conditions of the ear, nose and throat.  
As an ENT, Dr. Pflug provides family-friendly  
services in a compassionate environment.

Call the CMC Specialty Clinic at 402-245-6521 for more information.



### NE Pioneer Conference Instrumental Clinic

The Nebraska Pioneer Conference instrumental clinic and concert was hosted by Sacred Heart Catholic School Monday, January 14 at Pritchard Auditorium. Participating Schools were Falls City Sacred Heart, HTRS, Johnson-Brook, Lourdes Central Catholic and Pawnee City. The clinician for the event was Mr. John Furrow. Mr. Furrow is currently the director of instrumental music at Falls City Public Schools where he directs the marching, concert and jazz bands. After an afternoon of intense practice, a concert was held at 7:00 p.m. for the public.

The concert began with small ensembles by Falls City Sacred Heart, HTRS and Lourdes Central Catholic. Following the ensembles, the combined bands performed the "Star Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key arranged by Mike Story, "Con Brio" by Ralph Ford, "Grace" by Randall D. Standridge, "Baby Elephant Walk" by Henry Mancini arranged by John Moss, and "Last Ride of the Pony Express" by David Shaffer.

### STUDENTS

#### Doane University announces Deans List

Doane University has 265 students who have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2018 semester. Students must achieve a minimum 3.7 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and hold 12 graded hours to qualify for this academic distinction.

The following are area students who appeared on Doane University's 2018 Fall Dean's List: Austin Malone, Senior, Sacred Heart High School and Noah

Milam, Freshman, Falls City High School, both of Falls City. Haylee Heits, Sophomore, Sacred Heart High School, of Rulo.

Doane University is the oldest private, liberal arts school in higher education in Nebraska. Founded in 1872 as Doane College, its original campus in Crete is home to its College of Arts and Sciences for traditional, residential undergraduates as well as Tiger Athletics, which competes in the Great Plains Athletic Conference, one of the premier NAA conferences in the country.

### SENCA Head Start now taking applications for next school year

Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc. (SENCA) Head Start is now taking applications for the 2019-2020 school year. Head Start is a tuition free, high quality child and family development program for preschool children ages three to five years of age. Program services include education, nutrition, health and disability services, transportation and family support. To qualify for the program, household income must fall within federal standard guidelines, or applicant must meet minimum eligibility requirements, whichever more accurately reflects the family's current needs. Individual attention is also given to children with disabilities. For age requirements, child born between July 31, 2014 to July 31, 2016 may be eligible.

For more information please contact Robin Minard, Family Service Advocate, at the SENCA Head Start Center in Falls City, 402-245-4983. You can also call the SENCA Head Start Central Office in Humboldt toll free, 1-888-313-5608 and speak with Mary Jane at extension 110. Space is limited, so don't delay, give your child a Head Start today.

Additional information about SENCA programs and services can be found by visiting [www.senca.org](http://www.senca.org) or liking SENCA at [facebook.com/Sencal](https://www.facebook.com/Sencal).

### Neb. City Coin Show

The 55th annual Nebraska City Coin Club Coin Show will be held Sunday, Feb. 10 at the Nebraska City Eagle's Club, 600 First Corso, in downtown Nebraska City. Doors will open at 9:00 a.m. the show concludes at 4:00 p.m.

Dealers from a four-state region will be attending to buy, sell, and trade coins, currency, tokens and medals as well as provide free appraisals. The Nebraska City FCCA will serve refreshments, including homemade soups and pies. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

### Southeast Region 911 announces Text-to 911 service

The Southeast Region 911 is announcing the availability of Text-to-911 service for its 16 member counties in Southeast Nebraska. At this time, Text-To-911 service is available to the public, through most wireless carriers in the Southeast Region.

Text to 911 is the next step in accessing emergency services as technology advances. Text-To-911 is not meant to replace calling 911 using standard voice calls.

The National Emergency Number Association Text-To-911 campaign reminds citizens to "Call if you can, Text if you can't." For those individuals who are hearing or speech impaired, Text-To-911 provides a more convenient method to report an emergency. For anyone who is in a place where they cannot safely talk on the phone, are unable to speak, or lack of service won't allow for a voice call, Text-to-911 can also be an essential and life-saving tool.

Calling 911 is still preferred as Text to 911 has some limitations including; location acquisition is much more limited and often not available, where voice 911 will typically provide very good location information as to the caller's whereabouts; there is no guarantee your Text-to-911 text has made it to an emergency dispatch center until you receive a reply from the emergency operator; information can be obtained for more quickly with a voice conversation than via text.

The large carriers, such as U.S. Cellular and Verizon have tested Text-To-911, as have most of the smaller carriers, such as Viera, T-Mobile and others within the 16-county region.

**How do I Text to 911?** 1) Remember: "Call if You Can, Text if You Can't." 2) Enter the numbers "911" in the "To" field. 3) The first text message to 911 should be brief and contain the location of the emergency and type of help needed. 4) Push the send button. 5) Be prepared to answer questions and follow instructions from the 9-1-1 call taker. 6) Text in simple words - do not use abbreviations. 7) Keep text messages brief and concise. 8) Once you have initiated a Text-to-911 conversation, do not turn off your phone until the dispatcher tells you it is ok to do so.

### Does Drove #56

Members of Falls City Drove #56, met Monday evening at 7PM at the Falls City Elks Club. The meeting was opened with prayer led by the Chaplain, Phyllis Kreutzer. Roll call was taken, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written.

A Thank You note was read from Senca for the donation the Does made at Christmas. \$100.00 was given by Charlotte Nedrow in memory of Judy Mellage. Officers for 2019 were installed by Deputy Supreme President, Marlene McKim, Deputy Supreme Conductor Linda Frost and Chaplain Phyllis Kreutzer. Officers are President, Nancy McKim, Mary Wilse, Senior Counselor, Marlene McKim, Secretary, Linda Frost, Treasurer, Connie Fiddler Inner Guard, Phyllis Kreutzer, Chaplain, Dianne King, Color Bearer. Officers who were unable to attend will be installed at a later date.

Refreshments were served by Phyllis, Mary and Dianne. Door prizes were won by Shelia Kirkendall, Linda, Marlene and Nancy. Hostess for February 11th meeting will be Mary Wenz, Shelia Kirkendall, and Caroline Werner. 2019 Dues are due and may be sent to Marlene.

Members sang Happy Birthday to Anne Moser and guest Julie Swineheart. Anne Moser gave three reports for program highlighting her daughter's clothing business, U. S. Army Manned and Unmanned convoys report from the National Defender, and "Garbage Bag Suitcase" the book about foster and adoption and drug addicted parents taken from the Shenandoah Cheffain. Next meeting Friday February 8, 2019, for an 11am luncheon at the home of Lola Droge. Hostesses will be Joan Freeborn, and Catherine Knapp.

### SOCIETY

#### Reavis-Ashley D.A.R.

Reavis-Ashley Chapter D.A.R. met Friday January 11, 2019 at the Buzz Cafe in Sabetha, Kansas, for a 10:30 luncheon meeting. Anne Moser was hostess. Seven members and one guest were present. Prayer for lunch was given by Beverly Droge.

Glenda Nelson, Regent, opened the business meeting with the D.A.R. ritual. The Pledge of Allegiance and American's Creed were recited. President General's message from "Daughters" commenting on her last year in service as President General was read. Volunteer hours turned in by our Chapter last year was 759 by eight members. Anne Moser reported that 58 essays have been turned in to the judge and the top four will be sent to state. Treasurer's report was given by Kayce Feldkamp. November and December minutes were read by Beverly Droge in absence of Secretary Ann Smith. A former member of the Chapter, Naomi Pope had passed away January 3, 2019 in Table Rock, Nebraska. Ann Moser read Flag minutes and Beverly Droge gave Indian minutes by reading Facebook report from Nebraska D.A.R. on Coke Cola being a way to support. Augustine's Indian Mission school. A calendar was passed around from St. Augustine's Mission with photos of costumes which is also a fund raiser for the Mission.

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**FALLS CITY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY BENEFIT PANCAKE & SAUSAGE FEED SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3 7:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.**

At the Falls City Rural Fire Station (on old Highway 73 North) **Free Will Donation**

Proceeds to be applied to updating tanker truck & purchase of a fire hydrant to place along the new water line between FC & Indian Cave.

**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.

**NEW MEMBERS GET \$30 IN PROMO CASH FOR SIGNING UP IN FEBRUARY!! (EXCLUDES FEB 2, 14, & 23)**

**SUNDAYS** - 3X POINTS 9AM-NOON! Hot Seat Drawings to win \$50 in Promo Cash every 1/2 hour Noon-5pm. LADIES Night Drawings to win up to \$100 in Promo Cash every 1/2 hour 7pm-11pm. ALL Ladies get \$20 in Promo Cash and free buffet after you have earned 40 points on your Player's Club card between 7pm-9pm. (Limit one per day of Promotion)

**MONDAYS** - 3X POINTS 9AM-NOON! Hot Seat Drawings to win \$50 in Promo Cash every 1/2 hour Noon-5pm. GUYS Night Drawings to win up to \$100 in Promo Cash every 1/2 hour 7pm-11pm. ALL Guys get \$20 in Promo Cash and free buffet after you have earned 40 points on your Player's Club card between 7pm-9pm. (Limit one per day of Promotion)

**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)  
Prime Time Tuesday!! **TUESDAYS ONLY** - \$2 off lunch and dinner buffets (\$5 & over).  
**THURSDAYS ONLY** - 3X POINTS 9AM-NOON!

**FRIDAYS** - Hot Seat Drawings every 1/2 hour Noon-5pm to win \$50 in Promo Cash. Drawings to win up to \$150 in Promo Cash every 1/2 hour 6pm-1am.

**SATURDAYS** - Hot Seat Drawings every 1/2 hour Noon-5pm to win \$50 in Promo Cash. Drawings to win up to \$200 in Promo Cash, plus get a punch card for the Buffet and Promo Cash in the month of March every 1/2 hour 6pm-1am. (Excludes Saturday, February 2nd & 23rd)

**\* BINGO \* Buy 1 get 1 free, February 13th**  
February 14th - Jewelry Drawings  
Thursday & Friday - Double Action Special  
Chance to win an extra \$500

**\* PRIME TIME TUESDAYS! \$2 off Lunch or Dinner Buffet. (\$5 & over) \* BUFFET \***

Tuesdays & Wednesdays - Intermission Drawings **WHITE CLOUD \$10 Buffets on Valentine's Day**

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**CWC Text Now Club - Text PLAYERSCLUB to 41411 to sign up**

Must be 21 years of age or older to participate in Casino White Cloud Promotions. Management reserves the right to cancel or modify any promotion at anytime for any reason without notice. Any alteration, reproduction and/or unauthorized use of promotions will be voided.

FEBRUARY 2019

**SACRED HEART KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP**

**Friday, February 8, 2019 8:30-11:30 a.m.**

(1 hour time slots)  
Located in the Kindergarten Class Room (Must be 5 years of age by July 31st, 2019)

**Please call Cathy O'Grady at the school office to set up an appt. (402)245-4151**

Sacred Heart is a family educating heart, mind, body and spirit for this life and the next.

**Please join us Mrs. Emma Ebel Kindergarten Teacher**

**JoAnn (Gates) German Eisele**  
(Formerly of Falls City, NE) who's celebrating her **80th Birthday on 15, Feb. 2019**

Her family would like to help celebrate with a Card Shower. Cards may be sent to her at: 509 West Ashland Indianola, Iowa 50125



L - R Ciara Martin, Hannah Collier, Emilou Schulenberg

### December FCMS Students of the Month

The students of the month for December at the Falls City Middle School were: Hannah Collier, eighth grade, Ciara Martin, seventh grade, and, Emilou Schulenberg, sixth grade. Each student received a T-shirt printed with the Student of the Month logo. The shirts are compliments of Stripes and Signs. The Elks Club will sponsor a complimentary meal during Youth Week for all of this year's student of the month recipients and their parents.

To receive student of the month, students must first be nominated by one of their teachers. The criteria for nomination this year once again focuses on the 212 degree message. The teachers are continuously looking for the students that give the extra degree. This is a student that demonstrates extra effort by being an exemplary student. Someone who internalizes the truth that is "Not enough to be good when you have the ability to be BETTER!" Each month the teachers choose an individual from each grade that were identified as a 212 degree student and met the criteria. This includes: turning work in on time, exemplary behavior everywhere, goes out of their way to help peers, good grades and/or improvement; always showing effort, active and/or involved in the community, leadership accomplishments: academic, athletic, or in the community, school attendance, positive attitude toward others, honest and trustworthy, cooperative and dependable, helpful to teachers, positive attitude toward school, and considerate of other people's feelings.

Teachers vote by private balloting. To win student of the month, one student must receive a majority of the votes. Those students who don't win are given honorable mention and are eligible in future months.

Emilou is the sixth grade student of the month for December. She is the daughter of Kristi and Dusty Schulenberg. Emilou is described as a student that enjoys learning and being successful in the classroom. She comes to class prepared and is helpful to classmates. Emilou has been on the honor roll and is a member of the band and chorus. Outside of school, she participates in Travelers volleyball, basketball, and softball. Emilou is also a volunteer for the Richardson County Humane Society.

Ciara is the seventh grade student of the month for December. She is the daughter of Andrea and Kelly Mitchell. Ciara is described as a great student to have in the classroom and she works extremely hard. She is a wonderful example of positive behavior through ROAR! Ciara is a member of the middle school chorus.

Hannah is the eighth grade student of the month for December. She is the daughter of Kristen McNett. Hannah is described as a very helpful student that is ready to learn when she enters the classroom. Hannah is a regular on the honor roll. She also participates in band, chorus, show choir, volleyball, basketball, and track. Outside of school, Hannah participates in Falls City Travelers Softball.

The students who received honorable mention for December: Wyatt Kreifels, Mylie Crawford, Caleb Zimmerman, Katelynn Titus, Kaleigh Heath, Gunner Lippold, Danny Bledsoe, Gannon Ogdan, Ciera Uhrich, Bryson Butrick, Jaxyn Strauss, and Logan Coupe.

### STUDENTS

#### Washburn University's President's List

Washburn University has announced its President's List honorees for the fall 2018 semester.

To qualify for the President's List, a student must be enrolled in at least 12 hours of graded credits and earn a semester grade point average of 4.0. Local President's List honorees include Kaylee Rosenberger of Falls City.

### SNOW REMOVAL

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*This breakfast is FREE and open to the public*

### Secretary of State Evnen proposes to replace ballot counting equipment

Secretary of State Bob Evnen has proposed plans to upgrade ballot counting equipment in Nebraska. Nebraska's ballot counting equipment was purchased in 2005 with Federal Help America Vote Act funds. These machines have been used in Nebraska for more than 13 years. While accurate and secure, parts are becoming scarce, and technologically superior vote tabulators are now available. Funds for replacement equipment statewide were requested in the Secretary of State's budget submission. The Secretary's budget request received a top priority recommendation from the Nebraska Information Technology Commission. The Governor included funds for this project in his biennium budget released last week.

Secretary Evnen stated, "We appreciate Governor Ricketts including funds in the biennium budget to start the process of replacing aging components in Nebraska's election infrastructure. I look forward to working with the legislature and our county election officials to finalize this budget request and begin work on this important project."

If approved by the legislature, new equipment will be delivered to all 93 counties, and training will be provided for all 93 county election officials, prior to the May 12, 2020, statewide primary election. The new ballot counting equipment will adhere to Nebraska's standard of voting by use of a paper ballot.

"Nebraska's elections are secure, reliable and accurate. This is one of the steps that we are taking to ensure that our elections remain that way," Evnen said. Nebraska's eligible voters can be confident that their ballots will continue to be cast securely and counted accurately.

### Hauff Mid-America Sports GPAC Basketball Players-of-the-week

The Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) and Hauff Mid-America Sports are proud to announce the following basketball players-of-the-week for contests played Jan. 14-20. Hauff Mid-America Sports is the presenting sponsor of the 2018-2019 GPAC Players-of-the-Week and Players and Coaches-of-the-Year awards program.

Doane forward Haylee Heits is this week's GPAC/Hauff Mid-America Sports women's basketball player-of-the-week. Heits, a sophomore from Rulo, averaged a double-double on the week as she helped guide the Tigers to a win over No. 21 Hastings for their first conference win of the season. She recorded her first double-double of the season against Briar Cliff on the road. In both games, she recorded the game-high in points, scoring 26 against Hastings on 10-of-17 shooting from the field. Against BCU she finished with 17 points and 12 boards.



L-R: Erik Eickhoff and Brooke Lotter receiving their American Degree at the National FFA Convention. Megan Eickhoff who also received an American FFA Degree.

### American FFA Degrees

Each year, the National FFA Organization honors FFA members who show the utmost dedication to the organization through their desire to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

The American FFA Degree is bestowed upon a select group of students in recognition of their years of academic and professional experience.

There were three members earn the American degree this year and two of them traveled to Indianapolis to receive the degree at the National FFA Convention, which was from October 23rd, 2018 to October 27th, 2018. These Falls City FFA Chapter members earning the American Degree were: Erik Eickhoff, Brooke Lotter, and Megan Eickhoff. This award recognizes demonstrated ability and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing or service programs.

To be eligible, FFA members must have an earned and productive supervised agricultural experience program in which they start, own or hold a professional position in an existing agriculture enterprise. Recipients must also complete 50 hours community service and demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities and civic involvement.

Another one of the main requirements is that the applicant must have at least, \$10,000 earned and \$7,500 invested or they can have earned and invested at least \$2,000 and worked 2,250 unpaid hours.

**THERE IS STILL TIME TO GET YOUR BABIES OF 2018 IN. EMAIL THEM TO NIKKIFCJ@SENTCO.NET OR COME BY THE OFFICE UNTIL FEB. 1.**

**WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE AND PANCAKE DINNER**  
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Reservations Required by Feb. 2  
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Corn on the Cob,  
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402-245-2549 - 1124 Harlan St., Falls City  
Hours 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM



(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).

DISTRICT COURT

Joshua Darden, 39, count one, possess (meth) amphetamine 10-27 grams, plead not guilty; count two, use deadly weapon to commit a felony, plead not guilty; count three, possess or receive stolen firearm, plead not guilty; count four, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, plead not guilty; count five, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, plead not guilty; count six, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, plead not guilty; count seven, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count eight, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count nine, possess marijuana one ounce or less-first offense, plead

not guilty; count ten, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty; count eleven, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty; count twelve, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pre-trial is set for March 5, 2019.

Thomas Chapple, 44, count one, terroristic threats, plead not guilty; count two, terroristic threats, plead not guilty; count three, willful reckless driving-first offense, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for January 29, 2019.

Jonathan Dawson, 28, count one, Del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for January 29, 2019.

Tobias Jochum, 30, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for January 29, 2019.

Joshua Perman, 24, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$1,500-\$4,999, plead not guilty. Pre-trial is scheduled for January 29, 2019.

Jeremiah Scheele, 29, count one, Del/dsp/dst/man/pos except

haz drug, plead not guilty. Pre-trial is scheduled for January 29, 2019.

Blake Westcott, 23, count one, Del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plead not guilty. Pre-trial is scheduled for January 29, 2019.

Thomas Bassett, 36, count one, Del/D/D/M/P contr. Subs. Near school-first, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pre-trial is scheduled for January 29, 2019.

Thomas Bassett, 36, count one, drive while revoked from DUI/refusal, plead not guilty; count two, leave accident-fail to furnish info-first offense, plead not guilty. Pre-trial is scheduled for January 29, 2019.

Samuel Dennis, 59, count one, possess controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, drive under suspended/before reinstated-state, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty. Sentenced scheduled for January 29, 2019.

COUNTY COURT

Brian Droge, 52, count one, DUI-15+ or refusal (one prior conviction) amended to DUI-15+, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$500 and sentenced to two days in Richardson County Jail for two days, probation ordered for one year, drivers license revoked for one year, ignition interlock permit ordered, administrative enrollment fee of \$30, probation fees of \$200, drug testing fees of \$20 and court costs of \$50.

Andrew Reed, 25, count one, violate protection order, plead no contest; count two, dom. Asslt-third degree, plead not guilty; count three, criminal mischief \$0-\$500, plead guilty. Pre-trial is scheduled for February 4, 2019.

Kyle Johnson, 33, count one, DUI, alcohol, first offense, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, nonresident violate susp/rev order, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty; count three, speeding 21-35, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty. Sentencing scheduled for February 13, 2019.

Teresa Tupper, 40, count one, assault-third degree, plead not guilty; count two, willful reckless driving-first offense, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for February 11, 2019.

Brandon Rose, 30, count one, dom. Asslt-third degree, fined \$100, probation for a term of nine months and court costs of \$50.

CITATIONS

Vincent Bennett, of Falls City, count one, speeding 11-15, fined \$75; count two, fail to use seat belt, fined \$25 and court costs of \$49.

Charles Edwards, of Falls City, count one, improper turn, plead not guilty; count two, fail to use seat belt, plead not guilty. Trial is scheduled for February 13, 2018.

Cole Kirkendall, of Rulo, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs of \$49.

Dru Miller, of Manhattan, KS, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs of \$49.

Franklyn Rist, of Humboldt, count one, excess windshield and or window tinting, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs of \$49.

Lucas Sayer, of Falls City, count one, fail to use turn signal, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, fail to use seat belt, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs of \$49.

Adam Sinclair, of Garden City, KS, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs of \$49.

Susan Strelser, of Tampa, FL, count one, speeding 21-35, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs of \$49.

Charles Williams of Haysville, KS, count one, speeding, 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs of \$49.

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Emma Littrel has perfect position for the rebound on the free throw attempt.

## Irish come alive in second half for the win

Story and photos by Brian McKim

The Sacred Heart Irish girls took care of business last week when they hosted the Southern Raiders at the Prichard Auditorium on Friday night in their final home contest of the season. Sacred Hearts other game for the week vs. the Johnson-Brock Eagles was postponed due to inclement weather. No make-up date has been announced.

The game on Friday was close early on with the Irish leading 12-8 after one and 18-10 at the half. Sacred Heart used a strong second half to pull away from the Raiders 43-22. The Lady Irish outscored Southern 25-12 in the final two periods to pull away for the win. With the win, the Irish improved to 15-3 for the year while Southern dropped to 12-5 with the loss.

The Irish shot well for the contest, draining 17-33 shots from the field. The swarming defense caused problems for the Lady Raiders as they made just 7-31 shot attempts for 29 percent. Both teams shot well from the foul line with the Irish making 8-13 while Southern converted 8-12. Sacred Heart doubled up the Raiders under the hoop with 24 rebounds to just 12 for the opponents.

SH had just one player in double digits in the scoring column with freshman Erison Vonderschmidt dropping in a game-high 17 points on a perfect 8-8 shooting from the floor. Rachel Magdanz and McKenzie Witt each added six points, and Elizabeth Keithley had five. Keithley and Vonderschmidt each pulled down six rebounds for the Irish while Danielle Bippes added four. McKenzie Witt was the leading playmaker for the Irish with five assists while Magdanz added three. Mariah Murphy and Kaylee Klover each had seven points to lead Southern.

The Irish girls also won a two quarter JV contest versus the Raiders on Friday night 16-9. The Irish reserves were led by Ella Simon and Emily Wertemberger each scoring four points.

Next up for the Lady Irish will be the Pioneer Conference Tournament next week. The Irish, the #2 seed, will play the winner of the Tri-County/Friend game at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday at HTRS. With a win the Irish would play at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday at Lewiston and the Finals will take place on Saturday in Lewiston at 6:00 p.m. The Irish could face Lourdes Central in the semifinals, a team the Irish fell to earlier in the year. A win there could set up a potential rematch vs. Sterling who the Irish fell to at the MUDECAS Tournament.



## Tigers take second in Thunder Classic

Story by Brian McKim; photo by Deena Beer

On Monday, January 21, the Tiger boys were competing in the weather-delayed Thunder Classic finals in Seneca where the #5 seed Tigers faced the #3 seed Nemaha Central Thunder. A 19-0 second quarter doomed the Tigers as they couldn't claw their way back. The game started well for the Tigers as they held a 10-7 lead after one period. However, the Tigers ran into a buzz saw in the second quarter as the home team held Falls City scoreless while taking a 26-10 halftime lead. The third period again saw the teams evenly matched with the Thunder slightly adding to their lead 39-22. The Tigers ran out of gas down the stretch and were outscored 15-9 in the final eight minutes and fell to the Thunder 54-31.

The championship win improved Nemaha Central to 10-4 for the year while the second place finish dropped the Tigers to 6-9 for the season. The second quarter proved to be all the difference as the Tigers, who fell by 23 points, were outscored

19-0. Falls City didn't shoot the ball well on Monday, making just 13-38 shots from the field for 34 percent while the Thunder connected on 22-40 shots for 55 percent from the floor. FC also shot only five free throws, missing all of them, while Nemaha Central was 8-13. FC did outscore the Thunder 19-9 and had more assists, 11-7, but committed nine turnovers to just one by the Thunder.

Cade Schawang led the offense for FC with eight points, as no Tiger reached double digits in the contest. Schawang also led the Tigers with four rebounds and three assists. Mason Crawford was right behind Schawang with seven points, and two assists and Collin Cook added six points and three boards.

Falls City will hit the road on Tuesday, January 29 for a game at Lincoln Lutheran. They will then return home for games on February 1 versus West Nodaway and February 5 against Johnson County Central.

## Consistent Irish keep winning

Story and photos by Brian McKim

The top-ranked Irish boys were slated for a tough week of action; however, Mother Nature had other plans. The Irish were set to take on the Southern Raiders on Tuesday and then a rematch vs. the Eagles for Johnson-Brock on Thursday. Due to school closings, the Raiders game got moved to Friday, and the contest against Johnson-Brock has yet to be rescheduled and may end up being canceled.

On Friday night the Irish cruised to a 7-0 lead before Southern finally got on the board with a three-pointer with 4:22 to play in the quarter. The Raiders got as close as 8-6, but Jake Hoy drove to the hoop for two, and Drew Bippes hit a pair from the foul line to give SH the 13-8 first quarter lead, and the Raiders would get no closer the rest of the way.

Quarter number two started well for SH with Bippes finding Tyler Witt for a quick two



to begin the quarter. On the next possession, Bippes got a steal and went coast to coast to make it 17-8 one minute into the second quarter. Southern didn't get a bucket till the 4:30 mark and found themselves trailing 20-10 at that point. Witt then took over for SH scoring the next eight Irish points. The Irish found themselves with a 30-17 lead heading into the half.

Southern didn't make any headway in the third quarter as the two teams each put up 12 points to make it 42-29 with eight minutes to play. SH turned it up on defense in the fourth period and held Southern to just six points as they cruised to the 53-35 win. The loss gave Southern an 8-8 record while the win improved the Irish to 16-1.

For the contest the Irish hit on 40 percent of their shots, making 21 of 52 opportunities, but

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# OBITUARIES

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## Edward Santo

Edward Santo, 76, of Lincoln, passed away January 25, 2019, in Lincoln. He was born April 28, 1942, in Falls City, NE to Charles and Bernice (Sinclair) Santo.

Edward was raised in Falls City and graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1960. He then enlisted in the U. S. Navy and following his honorable discharge in 1964, returned to Falls City and farmed with the Santo Brothers on the family land and raised livestock.

He married Darlene Shomaker on January 20, 1979.

When married, the couple established their home in Falls City, and he worked at Woodings Verona and also continued to farm. They moved to Lincoln in 1997 where he owned and operated Five-Star Carpet Care, retiring in April of 2004 due to his health. He enjoyed hunting mushrooms, time at the cabin, cooking, the St. Louis Cardinals and making chocolate chip cookies for the grandkids. He

was a member of North American Martyrs Catholic Church at Lincoln and a lifetime member of Falls City Elks Lodge #963.

Edward is survived by his wife Darlene of Lincoln, children, Shawntel Tramp and her husband Mark of Crofton, NE, Shannon Santo of Stokesdale, NC, Marissa Clark and her husband Dave of Kearney, NE, Andrew Santo of Lincoln, sister, Beverly Knobbe and her husband John of Falls City and eleven grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2019, at 10:30 AM at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church with Father Cole Kennett as the presiding priest. Interment will be in Falls City Catholic Cemetery. Military graveside honors by Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard.

A Parish Rosary will be recited on Wednesday at 7:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home. The family will receive friends following the rosary.

## FC Sacred Heart announces Honor Roll

Falls City Sacred Heart School has announced the following Green and White Honor Roll, for the first quarter of the 2018-19 school year:

- Green (94-100%)**  
**Honor Roll second quarter**  
 Seventh grade: Elle Falk, Leila Frederick and Vaughn Lenard.  
 Eighth grade: Kayden Bauman, Kacy Brewer, Gabriel Canonico, Evan Keithley, Macy Keller, Grace Malcolm, Zakiyyah Muhammad, London Nachtigal, Matthew Neddnerip, Riley Nelson, Carson Sells and Jessica Wertenberger.  
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 Tenth grade: Danielle Bippes, Del Casteel, Jack Fiegenger, Elle Froeschl.  
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 Twelfth grade: Ciara Catlin, Tanner Cromer, Emily Crouse, Ahren Ebel, Anthony Froeschl, Teresa Morehead, Chloe Schock and Rande Witt.

- White (91-93%)**  
**Honor Roll second quarter**  
 Seventh grade: Madison Dougherty and Jack Stice.  
 Eighth grade: John Crouse, Sam Dunn, Gavi Lechtenberg and Kamden Sipple.  
 Ninth grade: Peyton Doerr, William Ewers, Cara Kirkendall, Brogan Nachtigal and Eri-son Vonderschmidt.  
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 Eleventh grade: Hunter Frederick and McKenzie Witt.  
 Twelfth grade: Drew Bippes, Elizabeth Keithley, Nathan Neddnerip and Austin Sells.

- Green (94-100%)**  
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## City to discuss Highway 73 project with Highway commissioner

By Charlie Radatz

Disappointed that the Nebraska Department of Transportation has no plans to mill or overlay with asphalt the surface of Highway 73 in Falls City south of 19th Street, Falls City's city council voted during their Mon., Jan. 21, meeting to invite District 1 Highway Commissioner Mary Gerdes to view the construction project and discuss with them potential improvements. Mayor Shawna Bindle was absent due to illness and Council President Don Ferguson presided at the meeting. Ferguson said he felt Highway 73 from 19th to 7th Street is unacceptable the way it is now, and it is the job of Mrs. Gerdes to hear from those she represents on the Commission. City Administrator Gary Jom indicated that it was his opinion that at minimum the existing concrete should be milled to provide a smooth surface. And, Councilman Mitch Merz said he felt it was important for city officials to voice their opinions on the project.

The Council accepted the annual audit report presented by CPA Julie Bauman. Mrs. Bauman said the city's annual audit, a report required by the state auditor, earned what she described as an "Unmodified Opinion", the highest opinion that a municipality can earn for its handling of public funds. Mrs. Bauman reported city assets totaled \$62,356,879, an about two-million dollar increase in one year, equity was up, and total debt was down. The short term debt of the electrical, gas, sewer and water utilities was going down, its total equity was going up, and all debt of those utilities was being serviced by their revenues.

The Council approved on third and final reading an update of the city's electrical code to bring it in-line with national standards. It received and accepted the quarterly report from EDGE executive director Becky Cromer. It voted to receive bids for demolition of dwellings at 1203 Lane Street, 2215 Lane Street, and 915 Wilson Street. And, it voted to advertise sale of the former 4-H building for the value of building materials reclaimed by the successful bidder.

The Council approved 8-0 rental of Prichard Auditorium for wedding receptions with serving of alcohol permitted on May 4th, June 9th, July 6th, and Sept. 7th. The Council also approved favorable comment on special designated liquor licenses for the Would Eye for three of those events. Favorable comment was also provided for a special designated liquor license for a wine tasting event at the Gatherings Market on Feb. 9, a date different from that previously approved.

## Strategies that can help build strong immune systems

A strong immune system can go a long way toward ensuring one's overall health. But bolstering one's immune system is no small task, as even medical researchers admit there is still much to learn about the links between lifestyle and immune function.

The Harvard Medical School notes that a strongly functioning immune system requires balance and harmony. So it stands to reason that a highly unhealthy lifestyle will compromise the immune system, but it's also worth noting that pushing the body too hard in the other direction also can adversely affect immune function.

Researchers continue to study the potential links between immune response and variables such as diet, exercise, age, and psychological stress. Though studies are ongoing, the Harvard Medical School notes that the immune system is bolstered by various strategies associated with healthy living.

Don't smoke. Smoking is linked to a host of diseases and ailments, so it's no surprise that it also compromises the immune system. The National Cancer Institute notes that cigarette smoke contains high levels of tar and other chemicals, which compromise the immune system's ability to effectively combat infections. The effects of smoking on the immune system are both immediate and long-term. Smokers' immune systems may not be able to fend off common infections like the common cold as effectively as the immune systems of nonsmokers. And over time, as smokers keep smoking, their immune systems will continue to weaken, which the NCI says makes them more vulnerable to autoimmune diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis and multiple sclerosis.

Eat a healthy diet. There is no magical food or foods that can strengthen the immune system to a point where infection is impossible. However, the Cleveland Clinic notes that a balanced, healthy diet that includes a mix of vitamins and minerals plays a role in strengthening the immune

system. Fresh fruits and vegetables contain a bevy of vitamins and antioxidants that help the immune system fight off potential infections. Many people bemoan the absence of fresh fruits and vegetables at their local grocery stores during certain times of the year. But the Cleveland Clinic notes that manufacturers typically freeze frozen fruits and vegetables at peak ripeness. That means frozen fruits and vegetables provide similar nutrition to fresh fruits and vegetables during those times of year when foods are not in season.

Exercise regularly. Like a healthy diet, routine exercise provides a host of benefits, and one such benefit is its impact on the immune systems. The U.S. National Library of Medicine notes that the precise relationship between exercise and immune system function remains a mystery. Some researchers suspect that physical activity may flush bacteria out of the lungs and airways, reducing one's risk of getting a cold, flu or other illness. Another theory suggests that exercise causes changes in white blood cells, which the immune system uses to fight disease. These exercise-related changes may make it possible for the cells to detect illnesses earlier than they would if the body was not exercised regularly. While it's important to note that these are just theories, the Harvard Medical School suggests that it's reasonable to consider moderate regular exercise an important component of a healthy, immune-boosting lifestyle.

Don't buy the hype. Men and women interested in boosting their immune systems will no doubt find many products claiming to do just that. The Harvard Medical School urges consumers to be skeptical of such products, many of which make dubious claims that are not rooted in recognized scientific research.

The immune system remains a mystery in many ways. But several healthy strategies may help people bolster their immune systems and potentially reduce their risk of infection.

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Services held in Barada on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Services held at St. Peter's ELCA on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month.  
"...with God all things are possible." Matt. 19:26  
Pastor Jerry Young  
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Timothy 4:2-4  
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Preachers

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Father Thomas Dunavan, pastor - 245-3002

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(70654 656 AVE)  
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Fr. David Oldham, pastor

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Rev. Young Je Kim

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City Council

**DECEMBER 17, 2018**  
 A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 17th day of December, 2018, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Bindle called the meeting to order and City Clerk Jon recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Bentley, Ferguson, Froschil, Leyden, Merz, Robidoux. Absent: Wisniewski. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Bindle 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.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**  
 Mayor Bindle told the City Council and the public in attendance that in the first two weeks as Mayor, she had attended City facilities and was impressed with the amount of knowledge City employees have on City functions. Lastly, Mayor Bindle encourage everyone to participate in the Chamber's Light competition.

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
 A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Leyden to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: WHEREAS, certain business of the City Council (Council of the City of Falls City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each item of the consent agenda extend the meeting time. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE City Council that in the interest of complying with the Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the minutes from the December 3, 2018 meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the agenda for December 17, 2018 is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the Police Report for November 2018 is hereby approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the Treasurer Report for November 2018 is hereby approved. 5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Council that the Consent Resolution for December 17, 2018 is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Bentley, Ferguson, Froschil, Leyden, Merz, Robidoux. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

**SECOND READING - ORDINANCE 2018-106 - TO CREATE STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #01-01**  
 A motion was made by Council person Merz and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve the second reading of Ordinance #2018-106 as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Bentley, Ferguson, Froschil, Leyden, Merz, Robidoux. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2018-106 ELECTRICAL CODE, ADOPTED BY REFERENCE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
 A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Robidoux to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2018-106 as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FALLS CITY TO AMEND SECTION 9-61 OF THE FALLS CITY MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO ELECTRICAL CODE; ADOPTED BY REFERENCE. Ray Lutting spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Bentley, Ferguson, Froschil, Leyden, Merz, Robidoux. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

**CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND ASPLUND TREE EXPERT LLC FOR TRIMMING TREES OUT OF THE PRIMARY ELECTRICAL LINES FOR \$199,375 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
 A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve the contract between the City and Asplund Tree Expert LLC for \$199,375.00. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Bentley, Ferguson, Froschil, Leyden, Merz, Robidoux. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

**SET COUNCIL MEETING DATE AND TIMES FOR FEBRUARY 18 AND SEPTEMBER 2, 2019 FOR MEETINGS THAT ARE SCHEDULED ON A HOLIDAY**  
 A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Leyden to set dates of February 19 and September 4, 2019 as council meeting dates for meetings that were on a holiday. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Bentley, Ferguson, Froschil, Leyden, Merz. "NAY" None. "ABSTAIN" Robidoux. Motion carried.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:18 P.M.**  
 I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council on December 17, 2018; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Shawna Bindle, Mayor  
 Gary Jon, City Clerk

We're learning about the art of paper... ...cutting and will try some new treats, too. Kids, color stuff in! Animills LLC © 2019 V11-4

**The Year of the Pig Chinese New Year 2019!**

**Best Wishes and Congratulations!**  
 In 2019, the Chinese New Year celebration starts on Tuesday, February 5th, and ends with the Lantern Festival on Tuesday, February 19th. The Chinese Calendar has a 12-year cycle with each year represented by an animal. 2019 is the Year of the Pig, a lucky creature, but one that can be easily led to believe anything others tell it. People born in an animal's year are said to have some of its characteristics. The Chinese New Year is a time of family. In many large cities worldwide there are lots of fun events: dinners, parades, concerts, races, zoo visits and fireworks.

**Read the clues to fill in the puzzle about the Year of the Pig:**

- This year, 2019, is the Year of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The pig is the twelfth animal in the Chinese \_\_\_\_\_.
- The pig was the last to arrive at the Jade \_\_\_\_\_ important meeting, so it is last in the Zodiac.
- Pigs are said to be popular, \_\_\_\_\_ and gentle.
- People born in the Year of the Pig may be a bit \_\_\_\_\_ and sluggish.
- Luckily, these people are also thought to make great \_\_\_\_\_ and interior decorators.
- The pig gets along very well with the tiger and rabbit, but not with the slithering \_\_\_\_\_.
- Lucky \_\_\_\_\_ for the Year of the Pig are orange, white, pink and red.
- Pork is one of the most popular \_\_\_\_\_ in Chinese homes.
- The pig is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the yin, the dark half of a Chinese yin-yang.
- It stands for passion, growth and femininity.
- Lucky \_\_\_\_\_ for the Year of the pig are 2, 5, and 8. But, stay away from numbers 1, 3, and 9.
- In ancient times, men were expected to catch a pig (or wild boar) with their bare hands as a test of \_\_\_\_\_.
- People wear red \_\_\_\_\_ necklaces and bracelets for good luck; people born in 2019 will have a tiny pig dangling from it.
- The pig is a symbol of wealth in China, and elsewhere too! People worldwide store money in a 'piggy \_\_\_\_\_'.

**Spring Festival**  
 Many families work hard to prepare themselves and their homes for the New Year. Listed below are some of their activities during the 15-day celebration.  
 Can you find and circle the words in bold in the puzzle?

**• sweeping away the old, the dust**  
**• getting a new haircut**  
**• paying back debts**  
**• arranging flower blossoms**  
**• buying tangerines and oranges**  
**• decorating houses**  
**• cooking long noodles and rice puddings**  
**• relaxing with family and friends**  
**• wearing new clothes**  
**• honoring ancestors**  
**• making lanterns**  
**• watching dragons dance in a parade**

**Spring Festival Word Search**

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## County Commissioners

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
JANUARY 15, 2019  
CALL TO ORDER  
The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2019. Roll call was answered by Frank Canon Financial Services, serv. 170.54  
Chairman Sichel and the Pledge of Allegiance were read by Chairman Frank. Chairman Rullo, Village of the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room. Motion was made by Sichel to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2019 meeting as read. Motion seconded by Frank, ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. Motion was made by Sichel to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2019 Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. Motion was made by Sichel to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Frank, ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website [www.richardsoncounty.org](http://www.richardsoncounty.org)  
**QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION SHERIFF POUNDS**

The Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection with Jail Administrator Jon Kerkhalla 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. **ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**

Steve Duraven, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week. He reported that the Department is preparing for the heavy snow predicted for later this week. He also reviewed future equipment items that are planned for purchase.

**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**  
**EXTENSION BOARD**  
Kaylin Kennedy, Extension Educator presented to the Board a nomination from the Cooperative Extension Service Board of Stephen Thilges to fill the vacant seat from the District 2 area on the Cooperative Extension Service Board. Motion was made by Sichel to approve the nomination received by the Cooperative Extension Service Board and appoint Stephen Thilges to the Board for a three year term to replace the vacancy of Jerry Duerfeldt whose term has expired. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

**SENCA Richardson County Transit**  
Fam Amikuch of the Southeast Nebraska Community Action presented to the Richardson County Transit program. Motion was made by Sichel 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 \$24,500 for the next two fiscal years (2019 and 2020). Motion seconded by Frank, ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER**  
**Monthly Operating Statement**  
The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for December, 2018.

**Fee Reports**  
A fee report was approved for Sheriff Pounds for fees collected during the month of December, 2018, totaling \$1,007.18.

**Salary Increase for Courthouse Staff**  
Motion was made by Sichel to approve a 2% increase for the following Courthouse support staff in the Cooperative Extension Service, Veterans Service Office, Treasurer's Office, Assessor's Office, Courthouse Maintenance and the Emergency Management Agency. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

**Nemaha County Inter-Local Agreement**  
Motion was made by Frank to enter into an inter-local agreement with Nemaha County, Nebraska for Law Enforcement Mutual Aid and Assistance with Richardson County, Nebraska. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

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

**GENERAL FUND**

Arbitrator Motor Co. serv.	236.24
ATCO International, serv.	35.00
Banger, Cindy, serv.	69.00
Barrick, Thomas, serv.	35.00
Book, Amanda, serv.	70.00
Book, Eric, serv.	107.00
Brown, Jerome, serv.	35.00
Brown, Robert, serv.	65.00
Candlewood Suites, lodg	659.70
Canon Financial Services, serv.	1703.34
Chapman, Kristen, serv.	70.00
City of Falls City, fee	17.00
Cooper, John, serv.	40.00
D&S State Acctg, serv.	132.00
Davis, Frances, serv.	35.00
Dorr & Clark, serv.	325.00
Dunn, Kimberly, serv.	63.56
Falls City Journal, adv.	542.15
Falls City Sanitation, serv.	60.00
Farm & City Supply, supp	84.78
Finck, Clifton, serv.	70.00
Frederick, Kenneth, serv.	35.00
Frederick, Michele, serv.	45.44
Frederick, Sean, serv.	70.00
Fruiter Bank, serv.	98.91
Galls, supp.	172.10
Geier, Claudia, serv.	67.71
Hagerty, Shawn, serv.	75.00
Harris, Ricky, serv.	130.32
Harworth, Victor, serv.	35.00
Heller, Marcus, serv.	35.00
Hullman's, serv.	139.84
Humboldt Chamber of Commerce, rent.	100.00
Huppert, Steve, serv.	267.99
IBM Corporation, serv.	70.00
Johnson, David, serv.	70.00
Karpel, Sara, serv.	66.32
Lealty, Susan, serv.	83.92
Matthew Bender & Co., serv.	134.43
Matwev, Mobile Radio Service, serv.	20.00
Morgan, Diana, serv.	35.00
Mr. Automotive, supp.	13.71
NE Assoc. of Weed Control, fee	15.00
Neidinger, Jesse, serv.	90.88
Oeneck, IT Solutions, serv.	832.38
Ouren, William, serv.	75.00
Patzel, Julie, serv.	141.92
Pfeil, Hannah, serv.	35.00
Postmaster, supp.	600.00
Pro Serv, serv.	167.80
Quill, supp.	107.93
Ram Exterminators, serv.	45.00
Region V Services, serv.	372.50
Retirement Plan America, retire	82.35
Richardson County Court, fees	434.50
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	152.90
Richardson Co. Sheriff Petri Cash, rent	87.18
Richardson County Vendor, FICA	8717.87
Russell, Eklon, serv.	69.80
Schwang, Rachel, serv.	35.00
Schlusser, Joseph, serv.	107.12
Schulenberg Bakery, supp.	22.70
Schulenberg, Antonio, serv.	35.00
Schwartz, Rozann, serv.	35.00
Scott, Pamela, reimb.	189.66
Seeba, Ryan, serv.	70.00
Sells, Dina, serv.	93.20
Spartan Stores, supp.	104.99
Slansderford, Rhonda, serv.	35.00
Stripes & Signs, supp.	35.00
SunriseOne, serv.	54.24
Tue Gas, supp.	2.49
Ultra-Chem, supp.	222.06
US Foods, supp.	1078.86
Vice, Barbara, serv.	35.00
Vice, Pam, reimb.	119.48
Vinola, Jason, serv.	70.00
VonSeggern, William, serv.	4000.00
Weaver & Merz, reimb/vent	919.71
Weller, Lisa, reimb.	24.00
Wintz, Tyler, serv.	35.00
Wolf's Printing, supp.	149.27
Yonke, Catley, serv.	35.00
Payroll Expense	81019.99
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	5320814.13
<b>ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	
Arbitrator Motor Co. supp.	88.40
Canon Financial Services, serv.	170.54
Farm & City Supply, supp	264.77
Operation & Expense Acct., reimb.	53.04
Rullo, Village of the open meeting	25.00
Speece Lewis Engineers, serv.	1639.83
Unifund, supp.	68.68
Payroll Expense	38739.08
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	542201.33
<b>CO. VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND</b>	
Hawatha Com. Foundation, donation.	5000.00
TOTAL CO. VISITOR FUND	55000.00
<b>JUVENILE DIVERSION PROGRAM FUND</b>	
Schatz, Maxine, serv.	133.00
TOTAL JUV DIVERSION FUND	5133.00
<b>ADJUDICEMENT</b>	
Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m. Motion seconded by Frank, ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office. David D. Sichel, Chairman Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk	

## Commissioners approve Road Dept. equipment purchase

By Charlie Radatz

Prior to the Tues., Jan. 22, Richardson County Commissioners meeting, Commissioners convened at 8:45 a.m. as a Board of Equalization. During that session Commissioners voted to approve one tax list correction as presented by Assessor Vice, then adjourned that meeting and returned to regular session. At 8:55 a.m.

During the regular meeting of the Commissioners, a petition was received, signed by 10 electors residing within 10 miles of 648 Avenue south of 706 Road (Hwy 8) petitioning to close that portion of County Road. A motion was made by Commissioner Sichel to adopt Resolution 2018-2019-21 pursuant to NE §39-1722 to direct the Highway Superintendent to conduct a study on 648 Avenue south of 706 Road (Hwy 8) and that such report shall be submitted to the County Board within 30 days of the adoption of this resolution (February 20, 2019). Approval was by a 3-0 vote.

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week. He reported that crews were ready for snow removal on county roads. On recommendation of Darveau, Commissioners voted to purchase from Wick's Sterling Trucks, Inc., Omaha, NE a 2019 Western Star 4700 SF per NE State Bid Contract #14515 OC (bid document #5227 OF) for \$125,075.00. The purchase was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Emergency Management Agency Director and Noxious Weed Control Superintendent Brian Kirkendall, presented the Annual Report of the Noxious Weed Control program in Richardson County and requested the Board's approval to submit the report to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture as required by NE Administrative Code, Title 25—Dept of Ag, Bureau of Plant Industry, Chapter 10 Noxious Weed Regulations, 003.01A and approval of the Noxious Weed Control Annual Report for the calendar year 2018. Approval was by a unanimous 3-0 vote.

Beckie Cromer, Executive Director of Falls City Economic Development and Growth Enterprise presented to the Board the quarterly report of the organization.

The Board reviewed with Sheriff Pounds the process of collecting fees for serving papers and other routine business matters within the Law Enforcement Center.

Motion was made by Sichel to appoint Charles O'Grady and Gayle A. Swisegood to the Richardson County Planning Commission for a term of three years which expires December 31, 2021. The motion was seconded by Cavezagie and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Delores Martinez of Humboldt had asked to meet with the Board but was unable to do so due to the inclement weather.

Commissioners voted to recess their regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 11:30 a.m. with County Attorney, Doug Merz and Merle Bachman of Twin Oaks Bachman Farms to review pending litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion was made by Sichel to close the executive session at 12:23 p.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. It was approved by a 3-0 vote.

The Commissioners meeting was adjourned after the Board voted to approve payment of the weekly claims as submitted.

### SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHARED MEDIA REPORT

Joshua Murphy, 26, was booked into RCLEC for felony terrorist threats.

Jeremy Patnode, 29, was booked into RCLEC on two warrants for failure to appear.

Jacob Lee, 27, of Falls City, booked into RCLEC for domestic assault, obstructing government operations, and resisting arrest.

Donald Baxter, 44, of Falls City was booked into RCLEC for domestic assault.

Buckley Auxier, 49, of Dawson, was arrested on a warrant for use firearm to commit a felony, terrorist threats, domestic assault, and commit child abuse negligently/no injury.

Richardson Co. Deputies conducted a warrant service at a residence in Falls City. Deputies placed Brian M. McFeeters, 30, under arrest on a warrant for theft-shuffling.

Richardson Co. Deputies conducted a warrant service at a residence in Falls City. Deputies placed Keith R. Bullock, 26, under arrest on a warrant for driving under suspension/before reinstatement.

## FC Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Annual Banquet

On Wednesday, January 16 around 60 members of the Falls City Area Chamber of Commerce and Main Street gathered for their Annual Banquet at Grey's Lodge in Rulo. Executive Director Amber Holle decided to switch up the typically formal, sit-down dinner to a more relaxed cocktail reception. SchillingBridge Winery & Microbrewery catered the event and guests were treated to delicious, heavy appetizers like pulled pork sliders and beer cheese with beer bread and Schilling-Bridge's own wines and microbrews. This was

also many guests first opportunity to tour the beautiful renovation of the former Camp Rulo into the spacious, rustic hunting lodge nestled along the Missouri River.

A short program was held at 7pm were Ms. Holle declared 2018 a year of growth and transformation for Falls City. The Chamber hosted over 10 ribbon cuttings for businesses like Santo Photography, American Family Insurance, Gatherings Market, Seid's Event Center and Poppe Realty and Management which all renovated spaces that sat empty before.

"This is such a great thing to see for Falls City" notes 2018 Chamber President Angie Phropheer. "We'd like to thank the new and existing business owners who are making huge investments in this community by spending their time and money into restoring facilities that were sitting neglected."

During the program three outgoing board members were honored: Chuck Whitney, Pam Holle and Joe Froeschl. Chuck was recognized for his administrative efforts in serving as the President and Past President during his three-year term. Pam was thanked for working the Chamber's many events including hot golf tournaments and behind the scenes duties like directing traffic at Cobblestone. Lastly Joe was presented with the final plaque for his special project to bring Falls City a permanent Christmas tree located at the Mini Park and for fulfilling the role of Santa at local businesses.

Next on the program's agenda was to swear in four new board members. Kaylie Raetliffe from American National Bank, Kelly Bletscher from SchillingBridge Winery, Jessica Fischer from Falls City Schools and individual member Sara Ruiz all took the oath of office. Each board member will serve a 3 year term, chair one cham-

ber event per year and serve on one of the chamber's committees. New to the Annual Banquet was the presentation of two awards – Small Business of the Year and Frontline Employee of the Year. The public and chamber members were asked to submit nominees for the awards. The Falls City Chamber of Commerce board reviewed the twenty-some nominations and selected the winners.

Since Sara Rue was unable to attend the banquet, the 2018 Small Business of the Year Award was presented to Falls City Lanes the next day. Falls City Lanes was selected because of their outstanding nomination which read, "Sara Rue does an excellent job of thinking of unique and creative ways to promote her business. She also is passionate about learning new things to improve her business and isn't afraid to share those thoughts/ideas/tricks to help other business owners be successful! She works tirelessly at her business every day outside of an additional job at CMC and also finds ways for her business to give back through the Kids Bowl Free program and Bowling for a Cause."

The following week the award for the 2019 Frontline Employee was presented to Michelle Strecker of American National Bank. Her nomination stated, "Michelle is a long time employee of American National Bank and is the face of the bank and its most recognized employee. She goes out of her way to help customers in any way and always puts aside her work and personal business to help customers needing assistance or a fellow employee. Her care of customers is recognized by their asking for her to wait on them or them waiting to see her if she is busy or gone. She really goes the extra mile and is always willing to assist someone whatever their need might be. She does all of this without seeking recognition or expecting a thank you but because she wants to do it and has a desire to serve the customer."

The Falls City Area Chamber of Commerce is looking forward to another great year in 2019 where they intend to bring back the Lane Leadership program, continue hosting monthly free workshops and developing new promotions like the upcoming Dessert Crawl. For more information on the Falls City Chamber, please visit their website at [www.falls-city-area-chamber.com](http://www.falls-city-area-chamber.com).



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<p><b>EVENTS • CLUB MEETINGS</b>  <b>SCHOOL ACTIVITIES</b></p>					<p><b>1</b>                      FCHS Boys B-Ball vs. West Nodaway</p>	<p><b>2</b>                      Shubert Christian Church-Pancake &amp; Sausage Supper (RESCHEDULED) 5-7PM</p>
<p><b>3</b>                      FC Rural Fireman's Pancake Feed at Fire Hall 7:30-1:30PM</p>	<p><b>4</b>                      VFW Auxiliary 6:30PM                      FC City Council 6 PM                      Wellness Brunch at FCPC 10:30AM</p>	<p><b>5</b>                      FCHS B&amp;G Bball vs. JCC at 4:30PM                      Blood Pressure Clinic at Sr. Center 12-1PM</p>	<p><b>6</b>                      FC Jaycees 6:30 PM                      FC Lions Noon                      Weight Watchers FCFC 5PM</p>	<p><b>7</b>                      Rotary Noon                      FC Chamber BoD at Noon</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b>  </p>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b>                      FC Vol. Fire Dept. 7 PM                      BPO DOES 7 PM                      Girls BBall Subdistricts Begin - TBA</p>	<p><b>12</b>                      American Legion Aux. at Shubert-4:30PM</p>	<p><b>13</b>                      FC Lions Noon                      Weight Watchers at FCFC 5 PM                      Good Sam's Health Care (be notified one day at Good Sam's Apts. 1:30 to 2:30)</p>	<p><b>14</b>                      Rotary Noon</p>	<p><b>15</b>                      SH &amp; FC School's No School - Winter Break</p>	<p><b>16</b>                      FCHS Boys BBall vs. NC Lourdes 5PM</p>
<p><b>17</b>                      FFA WEEK</p>	<p><b>18</b>                      FC Schools No School                      FC City Council 6 PM                      Boy's BBall Sub Districts begin - TBA                      Frontier Bank Closed</p>	<p><b>19</b>                      VFW-7PM                      Humane Society at Sun Mart - 7:30 PM</p>	<p><b>20</b>                      FC Lions Noon                      Weight Watchers at FCFC 5 PM</p>	<p><b>21</b>                      Rotary Noon</p>	<p><b>22</b>                      Girl's BBall District Final - TBA</p>	<p><b>23</b>                      Boy's BBall District Final - TBA</p>
<p><b>24</b>  </p>	<p><b>25</b>                      BPO DOES 7 PM                      Track Practice Begins</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b>                      FC Lions Noon                      Weight Watchers at FCFC 5 PM</p>	<p><b>28</b>                      Rotary Noon</p>	<p><b>GIRLS STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT IN LINCOLN - TBA THRU 3-2</b></p>	

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