

FALLS CITY JOURNAL



LADY IRISH'S QUEST FOR THREE-PEAT FALLS JUST SHORT

Photos and story by Brian McKim
On Saturday night, in the final game of the NSAA girls state tournament, the Falls City Sacred Heart Lady Irish almost pulled off an improbable come

back from behind win at Pinnacle Bank Arena. The top-seeded Irish couldn't overcome a first half that was full of costly turnovers and saw the Irish trailing the seventh-seeded Blue Devils

25-13 at the half. Sacred Heart outscored Wynot 25-14 in the final two periods, but it was too little too late as the Irish fell 39-38 in the title game, ending their
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SHERIFF REQUESTS SALARY INCREASES

By Charlie Radatz
Richardson County Sheriff Don Pounds reported during the Tues., Feb. 26 meeting of the County Commissioners that deputy staffing continued to be a problem for his department and requested that Board seriously consider increasing the salary of deputies. The Board responded that they are reviewing the request, and indicated they are planning to meet with the deputy sheriffs during their March 12 meeting to discuss the matter. The Quarterly Safety Committee Meeting was held and present were Commissioners Frank Caverzagie and Siekel, County Building Maintenance Technician Tyler Cooper, Courthouse Maintenance employee Tammie Beckner, Sheriff Don Pounds, Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau, Jr., Road Department representative Wyatt Martin who is replacing Jesse Vollmer who has resigned, and Emergency Management Agency Director Brian Kirkendall.

EMA Director Kirkendall reported that he is concerned about water leaks in the tunnel area of the Courthouse and said action needs to be taken to correct the problem to prevent the development of mold. Board members said they would contact the architectural firm that designed the addition to find a solution to fix the problem.

Sheriff Pounds reported no problems except that he was short staffed.

Darveau and Martin of the

Road Department reported no problems. The Highway Superintendent asked that the Board consider soliciting bids for the demolition of an obsolete building located at the Humboldt County Yard.

Tyler Cooper reported that a metal grate located at the north end of the Courthouse needs to be replaced with a tube of some sort to keep it from getting caught in the snow removal equipment and to keep it as a
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CMC NAMED A TOP 100 CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL

Community Medical Center, Falls City, today announced it has been named one of the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals in the United States by The Chartis Center for Rural Health. Regarded as one of the industry's most significant designations of performance excellence, the annual Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals award is based upon the results of the Hospital Strength INDEX® from iVantage Health Analytics.

This is the third consecutive year CMC has been recognized as a Top 100 CAH in the United States.

Ryan Larsen, CEO, stated "As in past years, I want to thank each of our employees for their contributions to our patients and mission. I am pleased to see their hard work and our organization honored, not because it looks or sounds good, but because I hope it indicates in some way that we are making a difference in our communities and in the lives of each patient and guest that trusts us with their care."

Hospitals recognized as a Top 100 facility scored in the top 100 among all Critical Access Hospitals nationally. Now in its ninth year, the INDEX leverages 50 rural-relevant indicators across eight pillars of hospital strength (i.e. Inpatient Market Share, Outpatient Market Share, Cost, Charge, Quality, Outcomes, Patient Perspective and Financial Stability) to determine an overall score for each hospital. Each of the INDEX's 50 indicators is culled from publicly-available data sources.

"In an era of increased complexity and uncertainty, Top 100 hospitals have established themselves as a bellwether for rural provider performance," said Michael Topchik, National Leader of The Chartis Center for Rural Health. "Top 100 status is a real indicator of how proactive these hospitals are when it comes to pushing for performance improvement in areas such as quality, outcomes, patient safety, market share and finance."

GO. SHOUT. LOVE.

Story and photo by Lori Gottula

Warning: Take a deep breath before diving into this article, because it will wear you out. The subject, Jessica Santo, has her foot in more doors than a shoe salesman does.

First of all, Jessica is a wife and mother of two — Lucy, who is four, and Calvin, two. She owns and operates her own photography studio, Jessica Santo Photography, and in the past three years, has started two local non-profits that have been wildly successful. In addition, before she moved to Falls City in 2016, she co-founded an organization that is now nationally-recognized.

But let's start from the beginning.

Jessica, the daughter of Lisa Erdman of Cameron, Missouri, lived in Falls City for a few years when she was in elementary school (her last name was Lavigne at the time). The family moved to Kearney when Jessica was in the third grade, and she graduated from Kearney High School in 2003.

After graduation, she attended UNL and UNK, majoring in studio art, and later moved to Kansas City, where she worked as a nanny for a loving couple who trusted her to help raise their three kids. It was in K.C. that she started dating Falls City native, Tony Santo. Their dates blossomed into commitment, and the two married in Falls City on October 15, 2011.

The couple continued to live in Kansas City, where Tony landed a job as a physical therapist. Meanwhile, Jessica pursued her creative side through photography. She attended workshops, established mentorships, and gave away free sessions just for the experience and recommendations. Her work ethic and products gradually led to senior pictures, family sessions, and packed weekends where she captured brides and grooms on their wedding days.

At one of those weddings, Jessica casually talked to the bride about her desire to use her talents to help children at risk, and the bride hooked her up with the maid of honor that day, Kristin Estok, who had a similar dream.

Jessica and Kristin hit it off immediately. As a result, an organization called Go Shout Love was born. The group's primary mission was to financially aid one child per month who was traveling a rare medical journey. The first child was a girl named Nella. The organization held an

online auction using goods and services that Jessica and Kristin had gathered from businesses and individuals, and Go Shout Love raised \$5500 for Nella's family.

The pride that Jessica felt after making a difference for that child swelled in her chest. It ignited a flame. She and Kristin worked feverishly after that to develop a website, and promote Go Shout Love. They opened an online shop at go.shout.love, so they could sell items to fund the organization. The

main feature was a T-shirt that represented each month's selected child. The founders also developed membership packages that began to attract attention across the nation.

Jessica not only fell in love with the process, she fell in love with the children. Her most memorable was a newborn named Lennon.

"Go Shout Love featured Lennon's family before he was even born," Jessica said, during a recent interview. "I had the pleasure of photographing his parents, and telling the couple's story. Lennon had developed severe complications in vitro. His internal organs had basically stopped growing, so his parents knew that his life would be short. Still, they were determined to enjoy every minute that they had with him."

When the pictures and story appeared online, donations flooded in. T-shirt sales skyrocketed. "When Lennon decided to arrive prematurely, his parents asked me to come to the hospital to document those precious moments," Jessica said. "I took pictures of him and his family at his birth, and photographed the doctors and nurses as they surrounded this tiny baby and tried to save his life. I was amazed at the care and grace that they showed. "Lennon had too many issues to overcome, though," she said. "When he passed away, shortly after his birth, I was there to photograph those moments, too. Lennon's mom and dad told me that those pictures meant as much to them as the financial help that Go Shout Love was able to provide."

"Knowing that our organization made such a difference in their lives made me do a 180. I realized then how short and precious life really is." The revelation was so transforming that Jessica and Tony began to discuss future plans for their fam-

ily.

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50 Years Ago - Mar. 6th - Mar. 12th, 1969
Efforts were underway to make 911 a telephone number for reporting all emergencies.

Richardson County Cornhusker Girl State representatives and their American Legion Auxiliary sponsors included Peggy Ann Jones, Falls City; Karen Kay Glathar, Humboldt; Janet Marie Auxier, Salem, and Rebecca Ann Hill, Shubert.

The Richardson County Board of Supervisors delivered a check for \$8,573.86 to the Holt County Tax Collector for real estate taxes on property at the east end of the Rulo bridge.

Sam Lewis, formerly of Shubert, was the new manager of the American Dairy Assn. in Nebraska and was the speaker for a meeting of the Richardson County Dairy Breeders Assn.

The top Science Fair projects at Falls City High School in order were those of David Hull, Kris Heinzelman, Emily Georges, and Cheryl Miles.

Falls City Improvement Corp. made the final installment on a first mortgage extended by a collaboration of three financial institution to finance construction of the building occupied by Frontier Industries.

Charles Stanley of Shubert was nominated by the Auburn Jaycees to compete for the Nebraska Outstanding Farmer-Rancher Award.

Falls City Standard owned by Tom Eickhoff and Gary Kirkendall was celebrating its Grand Opening.

Falls City High School seniors Norma Kay Schatz and Bob Roesch were named as winners of the Elks' Most Valuable Student contest.

Journal Sport Editor Del Sutherland was the winner in each of four rounds to capture the championship of the Falls City Amateur Chess Tournament.

Harlan Zentner, Shubert, was elected president of the Richardson County 4-H Council.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Jones announced the purchase of Katy's Ready-to-Wear store at 1611 Stone Street from Cleo Young.

The Falls City High School concert band was directed by Rodney Schmidt and vocal groups were directed by Dennis Warner during the March Musicals at Prichard Auditorium.

During this week in 1969, 15 inches of snow fell at Flagstaff, AZ, 6 inches at Las Vegas, NV, and 8 inches at Zuni, NM.

Roger Kiekhaefer was honored by the Jaycees as the winner of its "Distinguished Service Award", J.C. Penney manager Ernie Comfort as "Boss of the Year", and FCHS Guidance Counselor Ron Roggenkamp as "Outstanding Young Educator".

The Nebraska State Dairyman's Association honored Charles Sandfort, Humboldt, as having one of the 10 top Holstein dairy herds in the state for production of milk and butterfat.

"The Impossible Years" was showing at the Rivoli where the coming attraction was the Disney production of "Horse in the Gray Flannel Suit".

Apples were 19-cents/pound and Sirloin Steak 98-cents a pound at Hinky Dinky.

25 Years Ago - Mar. 6th - Mar. 12th, 1994

The City Council decided in favor of management over the union representing seven Police Department employees objecting to a management requirement they make a decision in February on when to schedule their vacation time.

UNL linebacker Trev Alberts signed autographs and offered youngsters advice on how to succeed in life during an appearance at Prichard Auditorium sponsored by the Trinity United Methodist Church, Rulo.

Five-hundred-33 entries were received in a "Create-An-Ad" contest sponsored by the Journal.

Eight Sacred Heart sixth graders and three Falls City Public School sixth graders were selected to perform in a "Sing Around Nebraska" chorus.

The Falls City Middle School wrestling team captured the championship of the Norris Invitational. Winning champions in their weight classes were T.C. Tisdal, Brett Erickson, Chad Scholl, Marc Martin, and Tom Wissman.

Dan Mayo was both the season scoring and rebounding leader for the Humboldt Cardinals, scoring 265 points and capturing 158 rebounds.

Falls City Middle School 8th Grader Lindsey Borg won first place in her division of the Richardson County Spelling Bee and qualified for the Omaha World Herald Spelling Bee.

1993 Crop Loan Rates: Wheat \$2.45/bu., Oats \$0.89/bu., Corn \$1.70/bu., Grain Sorghum \$2.71/bu., Soybeans \$4.25/bu., Sunflowers \$8.79/bu.

Agland valuations were about to go into the mail and County Assessor Charlene Schuetz reported that farmland valuations varied from \$425 per acre to \$1,400 per acre.

A front page photo of Mike Simon showed him sipping a beverage while taking a break from his duties as a volunteer referee for a Beta Sigma Phi youth basketball tournament.

Joyce Scholl, Steinauer, was appointed as Falls City postmaster.

During the annual Falls City Chamber of Commerce banquet Chamber President Joe Novak commended outgoing President Steve Brott on a successful pickup truck fundraising raffle.

The Junior Rotarians of the Month were Sacred Heart senior Stacy Duerfeldt and Falls City High senior Corey Crofford.

Style Masters, 1605 Stone Street, was offering to sell at no cost four year old or newer prom dresses for girls who brought them to their store priced for sale.

Jake Simon was recognized as the scoring leader of the 19-4 FCSH boys basketball team with 558 points and the rebound leader as well with 202.

The Sacred Heart girls held on to defeat Falls City, 18-17, to win the championship of the Falls City Middle School Invitational girls basketball tournament.

Missy McLaughlin was recognized as both the scoring and rebounding leader for the 1993-94 Dawson-Verdon Lady Jets with 435 points and 249 rebounds.

Recognized as Outstanding Southeast Consolidated Students for the month of February were Trenton Alexander, Jeana McKinziey, Karla Tanner, and Titus Ganger.

Work was progressing on the new bridge over the South Fork of the Nemaha River on Highway 8 southwest of Humboldt so badly damaged in the 1993 floods that it had to be replaced.

15 Years Ago - Mar. 6th - Mar. 12th, 2004

Gifted nurse, teacher, musician, artist, and author Luella Mae Weddel, 96, died March 7th.

The Citizens Advisory Committee recommended that the city sales and use tax be increased by a half-cent and be made permanent to fund a new library and a new swimming pool/aquatic park.

Falls City Middle School wrestlers Keith Gilkerson and Kyle Coonce placed first at the Norris Middle School Tournament.

HTRS hosted the District C2-1 speech meet and wound up in a tie with Omaha Brownell-Talbot with each scoring 91 points but OBT was declared the team to advance by a tie-breaker rule.

Falls City Middle School seventh grader Matthew Goff was the winner of the local "Patriot's Pen Essay Contest" sponsored by the VFW and its Auxiliary. River Twin Cinema was showing "The Passion of the Christ" and "Secret Window" starring Johnny Depp.

Jeremy Kearney was honored as Athlete of the Week after scoring a team high 16 points and forcing 25 turnovers in the Irish win over Leyton.

Falls City Sacred Heart won the 15 team D1-1 District Speech Contest and Dawson-Verdon won its D2-1 14 team District Championship.

Go. Shout. Love.

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ily, including a move back to Tony's hometown of Falls City. The couple had just recently welcomed Lucy into their own fold, and wanted her to experience the freedom and sense of community that comes with a small town childhood. Tony had loved his upbringing in Falls City, particularly as it related to school at Sacred Heart. He and Jessica wanted Lucy and any future kids the couple had to experience something similar.

Tony accepted an offer at the Community Medical Center, and he and his family moved home. Jessica worked part-time jobs at first because Calvin joined the Santos shortly after their move, but the busy mom eventually got back to photography, and her volunteer work with Go Shout Love.

By that time, the organization had been sold to Josh and Rashele Veach of Springfield, Missouri, who promised to uphold its original mission, and who insisted that Jessica and Kristin stay on as team members.

"Go Shout Love began as a local fund-raising group whose purpose was to financially help one selected family whenever we could," Jessica said. "However, it grew so large so quickly that it could no longer be operated by volunteers. The time commitment of selecting the families, raising funds, marketing the stories and products, and traveling to photograph and film the families made that impossible. We would all still do it as volunteers if we could. But the growth and change have just been tremendous. Josh and Reshele run the day-to-day operations very successfully. It's a social enterprise now, where fifty percent of the proceeds go to the selected families, and the other fifty is used to fund the organization."

Jessica now serves as the company's family relations director. She continues to use her photography skills to capture precious moments with the families. (To nominate a child, go to goshout.love/nominate).

In April, Go Shout Love will make another change. It will begin helping five families per month instead of one.

"That just blows my mind," Jessica said. Her face beamed. "The success that this organization has had in the past five years has just been beyond my wildest dreams."

On Sunday, February 24th, she and two other team members traveled to Los Angeles to film, photograph, and interview the five families that will be featured in April.

"I hope, because of the generosity of our donors and members, that this organization will just continue to grow," Jessica said.

And speaking of growth, that term can also be applied to Jessica's other two missions.

Two years ago, she founded a mentoring group titled ROL-Emodels. Through Jessica

Santo Photography, she selects several high school senior girls to participate in the club. They learn about social responsibility and how to make a difference in their own corners of the world.

"Making a difference is really not that hard," Jessica said. "The girls learn to identify a problem, come up with a solution, and make a commitment to see it through." This summer, the 2019 ROL-Emodels will travel to Chicago to meet one of the children featured on goshout.love, and will serve one day at a homeless shelter.

"It's important that these girls care about the world outside of their own corners, too," Jessica said. "Making a difference here is valuable, but showing empa-

thy toward those who are different from us is world-changing."

One of the local projects that the ROL-Emodels group sponsors is Jessica's other brainchild, the Little Free Pantry, which was featured in a Journal story a few months ago. The pantry is a small cupboard located in the mini-park downtown. It is stocked with non-perishable foods, and necessities such as diapers.

"The intention of the Little Free Pantry was for people to use it in situations of need, to feed their families, or take care of their little ones," Jessica said. "People are asked to take only what they need, or to stock it when they can. When no one has stocked it for the day, then a few of the ROL-Emodels will fill it up with items that have been donated to the project, and are stored in my studio."

That studio sits on Stone Street, between 18th and 19th streets, and is stocked with more than just donated goods. It has photo props galore for the many poses that take place there. But most importantly, the studio is where Jessica spends most of her business time, scheduling photo sessions, snapping or editing pictures, or working on projects for one of her social organizations.

The lesson that she most hopes that people take away from her story isn't about her business, though. It's about her passion for others.

"There's just too much strife in this world," Jessica said, thoughtfully. "If we could all practice empathy, the world would be so different."

That philosophy can best be summed up with three simple words. Go. Shout. Love.

Annual Falls City Speech and a Treat

The weather has not been a friend of the FC Speech Team. Due to snow, wind, and ice, many speech meets were canceled.

The several meets where the team did compete ended with most team members medaling. Abigail Boatright and Jacob (Mic) Craine led the team in novice points with Marcus Elder-Liberty coming in second in this category. All three Oral of Interpretation (OII) teams received a variety of medals, and Brody Bindle earned the most individual points.

Participation numbers are the highest that the FC team has had in recent years. On March 11, there will be 14 events (16 participants) competing at the district meet hosted by Auburn.

The team would like to display their talents at their annual Speech and a Treat night on March 10th from 5:00 - 6:30 at the FCHS.

Sheriff requests salary increases

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smooth surface to prevent persons from tripping. A discussion was held on eliminating the ramp with the majority recommending that the straight walk be left in place. The heat sensor in the lower level north entrance is being tested to see if it will keep the ice off the sidewalk.

Anticipating more winter weather, Beckner reported that another supply of ice melt had been ordered. County Assessor Pam Vise presented to the Board a purchase order for a new copier in the amount of \$1450.00 and the Board approved the purchase order. A motion was made by Sicketl to enter into an agreement with Occupational Assessment Services of Sabetha, Kansas for PCP and drug testing and the agreement was approved 3-0.

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

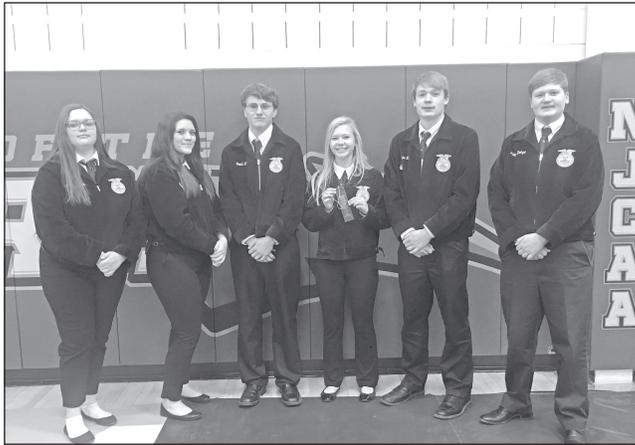
Convening as a Board of Equalization prior to their regular Commission meeting, the Supervisors voted to approve a real estate tax exempt application for The Catholic Foundation of Southeast Nebraska, LLC, parcel #740076337 Block 10 W 100' of Lots 13-16 and all of lots 17 & 18 and S 1/2 of Lot 19 Falls City Stelle addition as presented by Assessor Vise.

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Junior Parli Pro Team, L-R: Makayla Mason, Sara Gifford, Courtney McClintock, Raymond Feek, Brylee Gilkerson, Justin Brewer, and Thomas Fields.

FC FFA Chapter District Career Development Events

On Tuesday, January 29, 2019, the Falls City FFA Chapter attended district Career Development Events, in Beatrice. They had members compete in multiple different competitions including Junior Parliamentary Procedure, Senior Parliamentary Procedure, Creed Speaking, Parliamentary procedure is a competition where members have to demonstrate how to conduct a

meeting following parliamentary procedure properly. This year they took one junior parliamentary procedure team and two senior parliamentary procedure teams. Their junior parliamentary procedure team came in second place and will be attending the state competition. The first senior team, mainly composed of their officer team, came in second as well, also qualifying for the state;

the second senior team came in fourth. They had three freshmen participate in creed speaking: Courtney McClintock and Sara Gifford, who received blue ribbons, and Eliza Kuker, who won a red ribbon. They had one senior participate in senior public speaking: Dylan Frederick, who won a red ribbon. Overall, the Falls City FFA Chapter will be taking two parliamentary procedure teams to state; all those who participated did their best and placed well.

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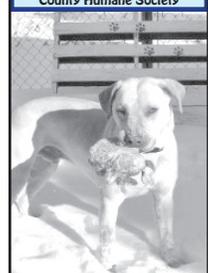
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Area Bridge
 Lorna Simon, Dennie Dixon and Marilyn Stalder won the prizes when Falls City Area Bridge met Feb. 26, 2019 when two tables of bridge were played. The hostesses were Merry Von Seggern and Leona Knobbe. Della Meyer and Merry Von Seggern will host the next session on March 12, 2019.

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ALA DISTRICT 13 CONVENTION

By Doris DeJonge, District 13 Secretary

Legionnaires and Auxiliary members of District 13 met in Shubert, NE for the 2019 District 13 Convention on February 16, 2019. The convention was co-hosted by the Shubert and Humboldt Units and Posts. The men held their meeting in the Legion Building while the women met in the Shubert Christian Church. President, Linda Patchen, called the Auxiliary meeting to order. Patsy Wing and Elizabeth Ketner advanced the Colors. Chaplain, Ruth Hietbrink gave the invocation. Secretary/Treasurer, Doris DeJonge led the Pledge of Allegiance. Shari Karjala played the National Anthem. Vice President, Amanda Washburn, led the group in reciting the Preamble. Lois Blinde, Parliamentarian, read Resolution 288, the POW/MIA Observance. Roll Call of Units indicated there were 33 senior members present.

Shubert Unit 222 President, Tana Brown, welcomed all in attendance. Amanda Washburn, from the Cook Unit 360, gave the response. President Linda introduced the special guests from Department: President, Beverly Neel; Department Historian, Barbie Meyer; Department National Committee-woman, Kathy Mazur; Advisory Chairman, Barb Washburn; Legislative Chairman, Kay Ebeler; and NE Veterans Home Chairman, Leatrice Doolen.

Reading of the minutes from last year's Convention was dispensed. Treasurer's report was read. President Linda reported that she was sworn in at the Department Convention. Her President's Project is the VA Hospital in Lincoln. Vice-President Amanda's report followed this. She stated that District 13 is in third place for membership. Shubert has 100 percent membership, and Table Rock is close. Unit Presidents from Humboldt, Sterling, Burchard, Pawnee City, Cook, Auburn, Shubert, Crab Orchard, and Johnson reported on the projects they had done during the past year. Richardson County Officers are President, Tana Brown; Vice President, Doris Erickson; and Secretary, Elizabeth Ketner.

The Little Red School House VA and R, and AEF coin march was done before Department President, Beverly Neel giving her report. A resolution to honor veterans has been made, and we are waiting on Congress to approve. The Legion will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in March. A Nebraska Centennial Committee, with our own Amanda Washburn on, needs ideas from all the Units for the celebration. Please remember, the Auxiliary is not exempt from city or sales taxes.

Kathy Mazur, Department Committee Woman and National Security Chairman was our next speaker. All members must keep their membership current if you ever need assistance from the Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

Department Historian and Cavalcade of Memories Chairman, Barbie Meyer reported that in 2020, it would be the 100th anniversary of the Auxiliary. You may cut out coupons which can be sent to the overseas base commissaries. That address is Bldg 1200, Flugplatz, Ramstein

AB APO 09094. You will need to get a customs form from your local post office, indicate "O" value, do not insure, and use a flat rate envelope.

County Caucuses were formed to nominate the 2019-2020 District 13 President and Vice President. By unanimous vote from the four counties, Linda Patchen and Amanda Washburn were re-elected.

The Legionnaires joined the Auxiliary for the Memorial Service presented by the Johnson #330 Post and Unit.

Before the luncheon, catered by Wooden Spoon Catering of Stella, greetings were given by Gary Hays, Chairman of the Shubert Village board. District Chaplain, Jim Reed gave the invocation. Greetings were also from Ken Mandl, District 13 Commander. Ken also introduced the Legion Department guests. Kevin McKinney from the Tecumseh Post #2 shared the special message of Junior Law Cadet, Tyler Bartels, who was unable to attend the convention.

The Auxiliary reconvened at 12:50 PM. A Gold Star Program consisted of "I Love America" sung to the tune of "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory." Auburn has five or six members, Shubert has four, Johnson has two, and Crab Orchard just lost two this year. These members are either mothers, wives, sisters, or daughters of relatives killed while on active duty.

Door prizes were awarded. Awards and Certificates were handed out.

Department Advisory and AEF Chairman, Barb Washburn reported that "Purses with a Purpose" were distributed to shelters, facilities, missions, and the Salvation Army in four states. At last count, 1,320 purses were donated. This should be reported on your Unit's Community Service report as three hours per purse, and \$25.00 per purse. If you have any purses or totes you wish to donate, contact Department or give to your Unit President and they will be taken to Department offices.

Legislative Chairman, Kay Ebeler, with the help of Ruth Hietbrink and Deb Albers, will be sending out information on many things that need to be reported. Please count the number of people and veterans you come in contact with. She also commented on the bills that are in place by the legislature.

Leatrice Doolen, NE Veterans Home Chairman, will be sending the Unit Presidents a "needs" list for veterans or you may contact patihowe@nebraska.gov. Of the funds received for the VA, five pocket talkers were given out.

Norma Arington gave the Registration Report. There were 32 members and four guests present. Poppy orders were distributed to the Units.

Installation of the 2019-2020 District 13 officers was done by Department President, Beverly Neel, and Chaplain, Kathy Mazur. Linda Patchen was installed as President, Amanda Washburn as Vice President, Doris DeJonge as Secretary & Treasurer, and Ruth Hietbrink as Chaplain. Amanda Washburn gave the Resolution report. The 2019 Fall Round-Up will be held in Humboldt on October 26, 2019. Pawnee County extends an invitation to the 2020 District 13 Convention. Date TBA.

Before adjournment, "God Bless America" was sung, the Colors were retired, and Ruth Hietbrink read a Closing Prayer.

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Winners of Peru State's 46th Annual Business Contest

For the 45th year, Peru State College hosted the Annual High School Business Contest. More than 400 students from Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas high schools competed for scholarships and awards.

Competitions were held in 16 different disciplines, including accounting, advanced accounting, business communications, business ethics, business law, business math, computer concepts, economics, entrepreneurship, introduction to business, job interview, keyboarding (skills), marketing, personal finance, web page design, and word processing.

First-place winners in each of the 16 categories were awarded \$500 tuition scholarships for on-campus full-time enrollment at Peru State College. Medals were awarded to first through fifth place winners.

Advanced Accounting: first place, Zach Beaver of Falls City, instructed by Donna Eickhoff; fourth place, Grace Kanel of HTRS, instructed by Joan Dreier

Business Ethics: fourth place, Keegan Hunzeker of Falls City, instructed by Donna Eickhoff.

Business Law: second place, Clarence Schuler of HTRS, instructed by Joan Dreier. Business Math: first place, Zach Beaver of Falls City, instructed by Donna Eickhoff; third place, Grace Kanel, of HTRS, instructed by Joan Dreier.

Computer Concepts: fifth place, Zach Beaver of Falls City, instructed by Donna Eickhoff; fifth place, Will Stalder of HTRS, instructed by Joan Dreier.

Job Interview: fourth place, Keegan Hunzeker, of Falls City, instructed by Donna Eickhoff.

Keyboarding: first place, Will Stalder of HTRS, instructed by Joan Dreier. Marketing: fourth place, Kaitlyn Frey, of HTRS, instructed by Joan Dreier. Web Page Design: Issac Bittner of HTRS, instructed by Joan Dreier.



The Sacred Heart Student Council held a blue jean and red shirt day on Friday, February 14th - Valentine's Day. For a \$1 donation students could wear jeans and a red shirt to school. The Student Council raised \$221 for the American Heart Association. This fundraiser was part of the Student Council's #CauseKindness campaign. (above, L-R) senior student council members: Teresa Morehead, Chloe Schock, Tanner Cromer, Rande Witt, and Ciara Catlin.

Falls City MS girls basketball

The girls traveled to Cook and played Johnson County Central on February 21, 2019. Both teams came away with wins and played very well defensively. The B team won 49-0.

High scorers for the game: Emily Vitosh with 17 points and Rae-Ann Thompson with 10 points.

The A team won 50-7. High scorers for the game: Elyse Poppe with 14 points and Reece McNeely with 10.

The girl's basketball team played Johnson-Brock at FCMS on Tuesday night February 19, 2019, and took two wins. Both teams are now 7-0 for the season.

The B team won 34-6 holding them to one point - a free throw, in the second half. High scorers for the game: Hannah Collier with 10 and Emily Vitosh with 23.

High scorers: Elyse Poppe with nine and Ashleigh Kirkendall with seven.

The girl's basketball team played Pawnee City at Home on February 14, 2019. The B team won 56-2 letting Pawnee City score their only two in the 3rd quarter.

High scorers for the game: Hannah Collier and Christina Gilkerson with 16 points each and Makinley Scholl with 12 points.

The A team won 48-3 leaving them scoreless in the second half. High scorers for the game were Chelssa Sells with 12 points and Elyse Poppe with 11 points.

On February 7, 2019, the girls played at Auburn. The B team allowed Auburn six points - only allowing one in the second half with a final score of 34-6.

High scorers for the team Makinley Scholl with 14 and 2-2 at the line; and Hannah Collier with eight.

The A team had a battle until the end ultimately taking the win 27-20. Auburn was up three at the half, and the Tigers left them scoreless in the fourth.

High scorers for the game: Elyse Poppe with nine, Chelssa Sells with seven, and Ashleigh Kirkendall with six.

On January 31, 2019 HTRS at Humboldt. HTRS was an A only game. They won 42-4. High scorers: Elyse Poppe with 10 points and Ashleigh Kirkendall and Chelssa Sells each with eight.

SOCIETY

FC Does Drive #56

Members of the Falls City Drove 56 met Monday evening at the Elks Lodge. Nancy McKim, President, called the meeting to order. Phyllis Kreutzer led the group by reciting the Lord's Prayer, followed by the Flag Salute. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written. Roll call was taken with three officers absent.

A donation of \$100.00 was given to the: Back Pack Soup Supper" to be held at the Prichard Auditorium March 12th. The Does will be serving the meal for the Junior/Senior Prom April 6th at the Prichard Auditorium.

Volunteers are needed. We will be making our annual donations to local charities. They are American Cancer; Sacred Heart and Falls City School Proms; Summer Rec; Ministerial Association; Richardson County Cancer.

We also sponsor a small girls' softball team and have donated

to SENCA. Mary Ann Wenz and Shelia Kirkendall served refreshments.

Door prizes were won by Dianne King, Marlene, and Nancy McKim. Hostess for the March 11th meeting are Sandy Johnson, Susan Witt, Carolyn Hogue, and Trish Butler.

ACCIDENTS

On February 22, 2019 Brandon Schwang of Falls City was backing into the driveway with a trailer on his truck. The trailer on vehicle struck the city of Falls City gas meter on the west side of the residence at 1115 Harlan Street. An estimated \$500 in damage was done to the gas meter. No damage was done to Schawang's vehicle. No citation was issued.

On February 26, 2019, Douglas Cooper of Falls City was stopped for the red stop light facing south at 21st and Harlan Street. Linda Voltz of Falls City stated she was running late for work, was in a hurry and came in too fast. Voltz hit drywall in

the bed of the Cooper truck. Dry wall was owned by Jim Murphy of Falls City. Estimated cost of damage to drywall was \$60; estimated cost of damage to Voltz vehicle was \$900. No citations were issued.

STUDENTS

Resident Assistants named at NCTA

Aggie students help oversee campus life in the residence halls at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture.

The 12 resident assistants who live in and supervise campus housing are student employees at the Aggie Community.

The resident assistants advising Aggies in their "home-away-from-home" for the spring semester include Jordan Phroper, of Falls City.

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Two scholarships will be awarded; each scholarship is in the amount of \$1,600.00. The scholarships will be awarded this spring to graduating seniors from any of the three county high schools who plan to continue their education at an accredited four-year college or university beginning the fall term of 2018. One scholarship will be awarded to a student furthering their education in the business field and the other to a student majoring in the field of agriculture. The scholarship selection committee consists of a panel of five community leaders. Applicants are selected based on their personal achievements, academic success, recommendations and without regard to economic need.

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

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

COUNTY COURT

Lana Bachman, 44, count one, contribute to delinquency of child, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$300; count two, contribute to delinquency of a child, charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor with prejudice; count three, contribute to delinquency of a child, charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor with prejudice; count four, contribute to delinquency of a child, charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor with prejudice and ordered to pay court costs of \$50.

Jacob Morgan, 28, count one, maintaining a nuisance, plead guilty, found guilty and fined a city fine of \$25 and \$49 in court costs.

Jacob Morgan, 28, count one, animal running at large, plead guilty and found guilty, and fined a city fine of \$25; count two, animal running at large, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count three, dogs and cats, unlicensed, plead guilty, found guilty, sentenced includes city fine of \$25; count four, dogs and cats-unlicensed, plead guilty, found guilty and fined a city fine of \$25; count five, dogs and cats-unlicensed, amended to count dropped/dissmised, ordered to pay \$49 in court costs.

Charlene Henry, 28, count one, no proof of insurance, charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor with prejudice; count two, unlawful/fictitious display of plate/renewal, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; count three, disobey stop lights, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; count four, fail to use seat belt, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs of \$50.

Sarah Lunsford, 25, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$0-\$500,

plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100. Case continued to March 25.

Vernon Wisdom, 37, count one, assault-third degree, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100. Case continued to March 25, 2019.

Tyler Huey, 27, count one operate motor vehicle/avoid arrest-misd., plead not guilty; count two, fail to use turn signal, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for March 25, 2019.

April Rath, 34, count one, drive under suspended/before reinstated-state, plea is changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for April 24, 2019.

Brian McFeeters, 30, count one, theft-shoplifting \$0-\$500, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for March 25, 2019.

Thomas Bassett, 36, count one, drive during revocation/impound second-third, plead not guilty. Charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor with prejudice.

Nicole Harkendorff, 40, count one, violate protection order, plead not guilty. Jury trial is scheduled for April 17, 2019.

Andrew Reed, 25, count one, violate protection order, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, domestic Asslt-third degree, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty; count three, criminal mischief-\$0-\$500, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for April 15, 2019.

Donald Baxter, 44, count one, domestic asslt-third degree, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes state fine of \$150, court ordered probation for a term of six months starting on February 27, 2019 and court costs of \$50.

August Mattan, 66, count one, drive during revocation/impound-first, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for March 11, 2019.

Robert Neeman, 34, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$0-\$500, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for March 11, 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.

Nick Schuetz, 34, count one, dropped/dissmised; count two, drive under susp./before reinstated state; count three, dropped/dissmised. Fined \$100, Court costs of \$50 and Sheriff's Fees of \$8.50.

CITATIONS

Jaden Cooper, of Humboldt, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, no operators license/waiverable, plead guilty, found guilty, fined \$75. Case continued to March 25.

Linda McNealy, of Humboldt, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs of \$49.

Frances Oleen, of Topeka, KS, count one, speeding 06-10, amended to vehicle owner permits law violations, plead guilty, found guilty, fined \$25 and court costs of \$49.

DISTRICT COURT

Jefferson Pfohl, 34, count one, terroristic threats, plead not guilty; count two, dom. Asslt-third degree, plead not guilty; count three, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, plead not guilty; count four, criminal mischief, plead not guilty; count five, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for March 26, 2019.

Donald Richbourg, 19, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess, or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for March 26, 2019.

Julia Sprouse, 28, count one, possess firearm while commit felony, plead not guilty; count two, possess firearm while commit felony, plead not guilty; count

three, possess firearm while commit felony, plead not guilty; count four, possess firearm while commit felony, plead not guilty; count five, possess firearm while commit felony, plead not guilty; count six, possess firearm while commit felony, plead not guilty; count seven, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for March 26, 2019.

Cherish Lovell, 27, count one, escape when under arrest on felony charge, plead not guilty. Pretrial is schedule for April 9, 2019.

Jeffrey Morley, 29, count one, assault-second degree, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty; count two, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty; count three, resist arrested-second/subsequent offense; count four, assault ofcr/hlth care prof-third degree, plead not guilty; count five, terroristic threats, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty; count six, trespass-sec-

ond degree/defy order to leave, plead no contest, found guilty; count seven, criminal mischief \$0-\$500, plead no contest, found guilty; count eight, disturbing the peace, plead no contest; count nine, disturbing the peace, plead no contest, found guilty; count ten, disturbing the peace, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for May 7, 2019.

Tommy Bassett, 36, Del/D/D/M/P/ contr subs near school-first, amended to possess marijuana over one ounce to one pound, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for May 7, 2019.

Thomas Bassett, 36, count one, Drive while revoked from DUI/refusal, amended to drive while revoked from DUI/refusal, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, leave accident-fail to furnish info-first, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for May 7, 2019.

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Road to State: Lady Irish's quest for three-peat falls just short

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run of two consecutive state titles in class D2.

Senior Ahren Ebel hit a pair of free throws to start the game to give SH a 2-0 lead. After a Wynot try, it was Rachel Magdanz hitting a layup to make it 4-3. A shot off the glass by McKenzie Witt and a baseline jumper by Erison Vonderschmidt gave the Irish an 8-7 lead after the first quarter.

The wheels came off in the second quarter for the Irish. Wynot began the period with a steal and a layup to give the Blue Devils a 9-8 lead, a lead they wouldn't relinquish. With 4:35 on the clock the Irish got their first points of the quarter on a Magdanz shot in the paint to make it 12-10. Another Blue Devil steal led to a layup and foul and increased the lead to 16-10 with 3:30 to go in the half. Finally, with 1:45 on the clock Ebel got to the hoop for a layup to stop the bleeding at 20-12; however, Wynot raced down the court and got the bucket right back less than 10 seconds later. The dagger came with less than :02 to go as Wynot drained a three and ran off the court to the locker rooms with a 25-13 lead, outscoring the Irish 18-5 in the second quarter. Wynot used a full-court press and trapped the Irish ball handlers and forced more turnovers (14) than points for the Irish (13) in the first half. SH made just 5-16 field goals in the first half and had only two assists.

With a championship on the line, the Irish came out in the second half with a little more vigor cutting into the Wynot lead, 30-21 by the end of the third. The Blue Devils again got a quick hoop to start things off and saw their lead sitting at 30-16 with 5:50 to go in the third. SH then went on a 5-0 run to end the quarter getting a hoop from M. Witt and then another Ebel layup to cut the lead to 10 with just under two minutes to go. A

Vonderschmidt free throw completed the Irish scoring and got the Irish within striking distance heading into the final period.

Vonderschmidt cut the lead to seven with a layup at the 7:20 mark in the fourth. With 5:43 to go the Irish got their first three of the night on a Magdanz bomb from the left wing to make it 34-27. She then hit 1-2 free throws with 5:03 to go to make it 36-28. An Ebel layup with 3:30 got the Irish back to within seven at 37-30, but Wynot struck right back to increase the lead to 39-30 with 3:10 left in the season. All seemed lost, but then Elizabeth Keithley completed a three-point play followed by another Magdanz trifecta to make it 39-36 with 1:30 to go, sending the Irish faithful into a frenzy. The turning point came with 1:09 on the clock. The Irish trapped a Wynot player at mid-court and a traveling violation call was made, followed by a timeout, again sending Irish fans through the roof. As the Irish girls returned to the court to run an offensive play the ball was awarded to the Blue Devils. It seemed the only people in the arena that knew the referees had awarded Wynot a timeout before the turnovers was the Blue Devils and the referees.

Sacred Heart got a steal and with :23 to go Danielle Bippes scored on an inbound play after a timeout and drew a foul. Bippes had a chance to tie the game with the free throw, but it was just off the mark. The Irish got a steal but committed a turnover with :05 to go giving the Blue Devils the ball back. A missed free throw by Wynot and an Irish rebound gave SH one last chance with 1.4 seconds to go. After an Irish timeout, the ball was heaved to mid-court where Magdanz hauled in the pass and launched a desperation shot that was just off the mark and Wynot celebrated their sixth state title in the last nine years.

When asked about the no-call on the turnover Coach Santo responded, "there was some confusion there. I thought we had the ball, it had happened before, and they gave them the timeout, and I understood that, but I thought on the sideline that they had signaled travel but I guess the other ref was near Steve (Wieseler, Wynots coach) and they gave them a timeout before is how they gave it to us. We were drawing up a play, we thought it was our ball, we were kind of confused, but the refs said they gave them the timeout."

SH outshot the Blue Devils 41 percent to 33 percent and committed just six second-half turnovers. SH finished 13-32 from the floor and made 10-19 from the foul line. The 20 turnovers proved too costly even though SH had a 32-27 edge under the glass as well. Magdanz led the Irish comeback with 12 points and four rebounds. Ebel finished her career with eight points, and two assists and Vonderschmidt added eight points and eight rebounds. Krelly Heimes led Wynot with 11 points. Wynot led for 26:09 in the game a saw their lead grow to as big as 14 points

before the Irish rallied back.

"The first half was disappointing, just the way we weren't ready and just kind of spooked. We challenged them at halftime to keep battling back and give yourselves a chance, and there were times in the third quarter I felt it was slipping away but they kept chipping away and finally got a little momentum and that helped. They battled, and I'm proud of them," said Coach Santo. "This one is going to hurt for a while when you're trying

to defend, and you've been here before, and you have that excitement, and you don't get there, and you're so close it's disappointing. We did a lot of great things, great leadership from our seniors and great contributions from our young girls."

The Irish finished the season with a 25-4 record while Wynot improved to 22-6. Freshmen Rachel Magdanz and Erison Vonderschmidt were also named to the Class D-2 All-Tournament team.

Lady Irish use big second half's and find themselves back in the finals

Story and photos by Brian McKin

In the opening round of the state tourney, the Lady Irish took on the 19-5 Ewing Tigers at Lincoln Southwest High School on Thursday morning. SH got off to a slow start, leading just 11-9 after one quarter and 22-16 at the half before blowing the doors off in the second half to secure the 58-39 win.

Eri Vonderschmidt got the scoring started for SH with a hoop with 6:38 to play. With 4:15 to go Rachel Magdanz hit a layup to give the Irish a 4-3

lead. Another hoop by Vonderschmidt in the paint, followed by a McKenzie Witt layup made it 8-6 with 2:00 to go. Rande Witt then drained a three from the corner to give SH the 11-9 lead after one period.

Danielle Bippes hit back to back baseline jumpers for the first four points of the quarter for SH. A shot off the glass by Vonderschmidt and a jumper by R. Witt gave the Irish a six-point lead at the half.

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Irish boys punch ticket to state tourney

By Brian McKim

The top-seed Sacred Heart Irish boys were rewarded after defeating Johnson-Brock in sub-districts with a game against the Crawford Rams (7-16) in Cozard for the District finals. With the new sub-state set up, designed to get the top eight teams to state, the Irish were forced to travel 237 miles one way for the game that ended with a running clock and the Irish heading back to Lincoln to defend their title.

Sacred Heart ran out to a 12-0 lead before the Rams finally got in the scoring column with just less than three minutes to play in the first quarter. Drew Bippes had eight first-quarter points, including a bucket off

the glass to put him over the 1,000-point mark for his Irish career. The Irish went on to lead 14-5 after one quarter.

Crawford hit a bucket to start the third quarter to get the Rams within seven at 14-7, but SH used a 21-6 run to close out the quarter and led 35-13 at the half. Tyler Witt got back to back baskets to make it 18-7. An offensive rebound and put back by Jarrot Simon made it 23-7, and a steal and layup by Bippes gave the Irish a 25-7 lead. After a bucket by Witt, the Rams scored the next four points to make it 27-13. The Irish closed out the half with a trey by Austin Sells, a hoop by Del Casteel after an offensive rebound and a three by Jakob

Jordan as time ran down to give SH the 22-point halftime advantage.

Sacred Heart scored the first 12-points of the third to make it 47-13 when Crawford finally got a bucket with less than a minute to go in the third quarter. The Irish went on to outscore the Rams 27-10 in the second half to clinch the 62-23 win and advance to the state tourney.

The Irish connected on 46 percentage of their shot attempts while holding the Rams to just 23 percentage from the floor, including just 2-24 from behind the arc. The Irish also owned the glass with a 39-21 rebounding edge.

Tyler Witt led the Irish with 17 points on 8-14 shooting and Witt pulled down 11 rebounds. Bippes finished the game with 14 points, four rebounds, and four assists. Simon added seven points and two steals. Jake Hoy and Casteel each added seven rebounds and Hoy led the Irish with five of the teams 18 assists. London Giliam led Crawford with eight points, and Will Ackerman had five points on 1-12 shooting, making just 1-10 from behind the arc.

The Irish, 24-1, will face (18-8) Blue Hill on Thursday morning at 10:45 a.m. at Lincoln Northeast High School. With a win, SH will face the winner of the Johnson-Brock/Humphrey St. Francis game at 7:00 p.m. on Friday at the Devaney Center. The Finals will take place at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday at Pinnacle Bank Arena. Blue Hill is led by 6-3 forward John Himmelberg with 13.2 ppg and 5.8 rpg. MJ Coffey, a 6-0 freshman guard, is scoring 9.7ppg and has 96 assists. For the Irish Witt is averaging 18.1 ppg and 9.8 rpg. Bippes is scoring 12.3 ppg and has 136 assists, and Simon puts up 9.8 ppg and pulls down 4.8 rpg.

Lady Irish use big second half's and find themselves back in the finals

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A three-pointer by Rande Witt with 5:30 made it 27-18, and Ahren Ebel followed up with a hoop to give SH an eleven-point advantage. Then Ewing came charging back and with 4:00 to go cut the lead to 29-26 after a three-point bucket. SH then went on a 15-1 run to close out the quarter to make it 44-27 heading into the final eight minutes. Ebel hit a shot in the paint, followed by a pair of free throws by Magdanz. Magdanz then got a steal, a layup and foul for a three-point play. A Bippes layup made it 38-27 and back to back treys by Magdanz in the final :30 gave SH a huge confidence booster heading into the fourth quarter. Magdanz hit for 11 points in the final 2:09 after scoring just two first-half points. SH sealed the game hitting 10-13 free throws in the final period to clinch the win 58-39.

Magdanz finished the game with 19 points, 17 coming in the second half. Vonderschmidt added 16 points, and Rande Witt hit for eight. Brenna Wagner had 11, and Sidney Stallbaum had 10 for the Tigers.

On Saturday night the Irish faced a familiar foe, the Sterling Jets, at the Devaney Center in the semi-finals. The Irish opened the game with a 5-0 run and saw the lead grow to 10-4 after one quarter. The Jets got to within three to start the second quarter, but a three by Rande Witt from the wing gave SH the 13-7 lead. With 5:00 to go Magdanz got an offensive rebound and put back to make it 15-9. Then it was Danielle Bippes scoring the next six Irish points, dropping in one baseline jumper after another. A three by the Jets cut the lead to 21-15 heading into the half.

The game stayed tight in the third with SH outscoring the Jets 8-7 to make it 29-22 with one quarter to go. Ebel hit a shot from the elbow with 7:35 to go to start things off. A bucket by Magdanz in the paint followed by a turn-around in the paint by Bippes made it 27-22. Two free throws by Vonderschmidt with :15 to go closed out the quarter for SH with a 29-22 lead.

The Irish went on a tear in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Jets 19-5 to earn a trip back to the championship game. Again, Ebel set the tone with a layup to start things off followed by a hoop off the glass by M Witt. Back to back hoops by Ebel made it 41-27 with 3:15 to go. The Irish sealed things with a hoop after an offensive rebound by Vonderschmidt and 3-4 free throws. Freshman Emma Littrel got the games' final points with :48 to go on a jump shot to make the final 48-27. It was the fifth meeting of the two teams this season with the Irish owning a 4-1 advantage over the Jets. Sterling dropped to 22-6 for the year while the Irish improved to 25-3.

Bippes had a massive game for the Irish with 10 points. McKenzie Witt and Ebel each had nine, and Vonderschmidt added eight. Magdanz finished with seven points, Rande Witt had three, and Emma Littrel added two. Colby Theis led Sterling with 11.

Despite losing season, Tigers show promise for next year

By Brian McKim

The Falls City boys basketball team finished their season last week with a loss to the Auburn Bulldogs, 61-50, in sub-districts at Lourdes Central High School. With the loss, the Tigers season came to an end with a final record of eight wins against 13 losses. Falls City was 2-4 at home and finished 6-9 on the road this season. The Tigers never lost more than three games in a row but at the same time failed to win more than twice in a row.

A tough loss (31-29) to Syracuse to start the season, but FC came right back with a win against Diller-Odell. FC then took Johnson-Brock to the wire, falling 48-43, to the then Class D2 top rated Eagles. Falls City then dropped consecutive games to Plattsmouth and Nebraska City before picking up a win against Lourdes Central. In mid-January, the Tigers took second place in the Thunder Classic in Seneca, Kansas. FC dropped a heart breaker to JCC in overtime and then fell to the HTRS Titans and Elmwood-Murdock before going on the road to beat the Fairbury Jeffs to close out the regular season.

Senior Collin Cook led the Tigers offensively this season with 264 points for a 12.6 ppg average. Mason Crawford was next with 197 points, good for 9.4 per game and Kade Bredemeier finished with 182 for 8.7 per contest. Caden Simon added 162 points for 7.7 ppg, and Senior Cade Schawang averaged 4.7 ppg and finished with 98 total points. Cook also led the team under the glass with 100 rebounds while Schawang was right behind with 95. The playmaking was spread out this season with Simon leading the way with 41 assists, Schawang had 38, Cook had 37, Crawford finished with 36, and Bredemeier added 32. Defensively Simon led the squad with 23 blocked shots and 16 steals. Schawang led the Tigers with 27 steals, and Bredemeier added 26.

As a team the Tigers made 39 percent of their shot attempts, making 363-919 shots while opponents made 41 percent of their efforts 374-896. Falls City also drained 94-321 three-point attempts with Bredemeier leading the way with 37. FC converted 61 percent of their shots from the charity stripe, making 151-245. The Tigers out-rebounded opponents 520-454 and had more assists 206-158.

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Local students making the list were: Alexander Fairchild-Flynn, of Dawson, Morgan Bletscher, Brenden Heckenlively, Meredith Poppe, and Rudy Vrtiska, of Falls City.

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District #56

Agenda for the Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM, Monday, March 11, 2019 at the Central Office at Falls City Middle School

- 1.0 Business Items: 1.1 Roll Call, Open Meetings Act Notice, and Pledge of Allegiance

- 2.0 Informational Items/Reports: 2.1 Staff Student Organization Report- Mental Health Partnership - Jamie Jacobs, LHM

- 3.0 Old/New Action Items: 3.1 Final Reading on Policy Reviews and Revisions

5.0 Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM, in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School.

District #56

Special School Board Meeting March 7, 2019 - 5:00 P.M. Central Office at Falls City Middle School

- 1.1 Roll Call 1.2 Approval of Absences 1.3 Verification of Advance Publication 1.4 Approval of Agenda 2.0 Facilities Planning Discussion 3.0 Adjourn

Nemaha N.R.D.

The Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold their regular meeting of 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 14, 2019 at the NRD headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

FCPD STATISTICS

February 25, 2019: four misc. calls; one call referred to other agency; one accident call; three welfare check calls; one suspicious subject or vehicle calls; one ambulance call; two 911 calls; one warning-non-working brake light; one citation or child abuse.

February 26, 2019: two calls for information only, two accident calls; one found or lost property call; three calls referred to another agency; one motorist assist call; four misc. calls; one check welfare call; six 911 calls.

February 27, 2019: one welfare check; one ambulance call; two motorist assist calls; two accident calls; three investigation calls; one truancy calls; one

OBITUARIES

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Michael McGinnis

Michael C. McGinnis, age 81, died February 16, 2019.

Michael is survived by his wife, Shirley McGinnis; children, Debra Hall, Michael McGinnis Jr. (Peggy), Ernest McGinnis (Stacy), Jeff McGinnis (Patty), Douglas McGinnis, Michelle Thompson, Melissa McGinnis; sister, Margaret Weagle; grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers and two sisters.

misc. call; two 911 calls; one citation for possession of marijuana, one ounce; one citation for possession of drug paraphernalia.

February 28, 2019: one ambulance call; five parking complaint calls; one animal complaint call; one motorist assist call; two misc. calls; one information only call; three 911 calls.

March 1, 2019: two investigation calls; one accident call; one records check; one civil standby; four misc. calls; one 911 hang up; one domestic disturbance; two animal complaints; one open door; one warrant arrest; two 911 calls.

March 2, 2019: two ambulance calls; one information only; one misc. call; one welfare check; one warrant arrest; one 911 call; one warning for no passing zone; one unlawful display of plates.

March 3, 2019: one noise disturbance; one 911 hang up; one domestic disturbance; three ambulance calls; one animal complaint; three misc. calls; one call referred to other agency; one law enforcement assist; one check welfare; one suspicious subject or vehicle; nine 911 calls.

SHARED MEDIA POLICE REPORT

March 1, 2019: Lisa Auxier, 29, of Humboldt, was arrested on two warrants for failure to pay fines.

March 2, 2019: Robert Hillard, 47, of Falls City was arrested for driving while suspended.

Buddy Graves, 36, of Salem was arrested on a warrant for failure to pay fines.

Forrest Fitzgerald Jr., 26, of Falls City was booked into Richardson County Law Enforcement Center on a warrant for fail to pay fines.

March 3, 2019: Forrest Fitzgerald Jr., 26, of Falls City, was booked into Richardson County Law Enforcement Center for domestic assault and false imprisonment.

Anthony Uitts, 29, of Salem was arrested for driving under the influence.

ACCIDENTS

On March 1, 2019, an unknown vehicle was north of north curb line of 11th street and east of east curb line of Chase St. No witnesses to collision. Viewed footage from surveillance camera in the area. No evidence was observed within the footage to further the investigation.

Will the kind soul, who happens to find the wheel that I recently lost off my car in a pothole on East 14th Street, please give me a call. It's really been difficult trying to drive on the three I have remaining. -Jim Sefried

Gary Wilson

Gary Dean Wilson, 86, of Bern, Kansas was born on July 15, 1932, in Humboldt,

to Clarence and Laura (Korber) Wilson. He attended country school near Bern, KS and graduated from Bern High School with the class of 1949.

Soon after graduating, Gary enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served his country for a four-year enlistment and was honorably discharged.

After his service in the navy, Gary continued his education by attending a refrigeration trade school where he earned a degree. In 1958, he accepted a job in Falls City, at an appliance store. In 1972, Gary went into partnership with Herbert Overfield Jr. at G & H Hardware. After retiring, he moved back to the family farm near Bern where he has resided since. Gary loved being

outdoors where he enjoyed fishing, hunting, and camping. He was an avid reader and passed along all of his books from his book club to other family members.

Gary passed away on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, at Pawnee County Memorial Hospital in Pawnee City.

He was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by family and friends.

Memorial Services was held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2019, at The Wherry Mortuary, 919 "G" Street in Pawnee City, with Pastor Ken Tubbesing officiating.

Inurnment was at the Bern Cemetery in Bern, with military honors conducted by the U.S. Naval Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675-8517.

Ralph W. Stutheit

Ralph Edwin Stutheit, 81, of Humboldt, was unexpectedly called for a fishing trip in Heaven, Wednesday, February 20, 2019. He was born

at home to Edwin and Nadine (Reid) Stutheit on November 3, 1937,

in Humboldt, where he grew up and attended Humboldt High until joining the United States Air Force in 1955, missing his senior year.

After serving his country for four years, he returned to Humboldt. Only nine days into civilian life, he became a heavy equipment operator and met the love of his life, Clara Portrey, at the local café in Dawson. The couple soon married and started their family. They were known to "cut a rug" with their smooth dancing style. In addition to helping his parents run "The Camp," Ralph owned Stutheit Construction, a soil conservation company. After many years in business, Ralph later joined the Contractors Teamsters Union #571 and continued to operate heavy equipment throughout the remainder of his career until his retirement in 2005. Because no hard working man is ever retired, he sold bait by raising minnows and catching worms (even in the rain on his hands and knees) as well as cutting down trees to make firewood.

Ralph was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed traveling the backroads searching for wild game or watching the snow geese take off at Squaw Creek. Most notably, Ralph was known to be quite the fisherman. There is not a pond, lake, or river in the surrounding area he couldn't catch a fish out of. He loved to swap stories with his friends and neighbors at the local co-op or around the table at morning coffee. Frequently, he could be seen waving to the passerby's

while enjoying his koi pond next to the house. The Stutheit front porch is quite a popular place to be. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend who will be forever loved, forever missed, and always in our hearts.

Ralph's Legacy Continues Through: Devoted Wife of 58 Years: Clara (Portrey) Stutheit, Children and Spouses: Deb

(Jess) Hughes, Michael (Karen) Stutheit, Ann (Mario) Mendez, Mary (Mike) Morris, Grandchildren: Brooke, Evan Hughes, Michaela, Austyn Stutheit, Renzo, Adrian Mendez, Shonda (Joey) Gingerich, Latiasha Applegarth, Joey (Amanda) Applegarth, Andrew Morris, Great Grandson: Bentley Stutheit, Siblings & Spouses: Carol (Wayne) Minchow, Robert (Shirley) Stutheit, Roger (Carolyn) Stutheit, In-Laws: Barbara Shields, Helen Fox, Leon (Kathy) Portrey, (Judy Portrey), Numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

In Heaven to Welcome Him: Parents: Edwin and Nadine Stutheit, Parents-in-law: Charles & Rose (Johnson) Portrey, In-Laws: Mary Moore, John Portrey, Lawrence (Carol) Portrey, Rosie (Donald) Weddle, (Mary Kay Portrey), (Earl Fox), Nephew: Doug Minchow, Great Nephew: Taylon Artman

Services: A celebration of life will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 15, 2019, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 312 4th Street, Dawson, Nebraska, with Father Kenneth Hoelsing officiating.

Greeting: Family will greet friends and relatives from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2019, at St. Mary's Reception Hall, located directly across from the church.

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Reasons a mutt should be your next dog

"Mutt" and "mongrel" have long had negative connotations, but there's no need to turn one's nose at mixed breed dogs.

Dogs of any kind, regardless of lineage, can be cherished companions who offer years of tireless love and affection. In fact, mutts have gained steam as dogs of choice thanks to new, more trendy monikers, such as "designer dogs" or "cross-bred pups." In addition, many well-recognized purebred dogs popular today were likely once amalgams of different breeds that were carefully crafted to acquire the desirable traits of popular breeds.

Many mixed-breed dogs are beautiful, well-behaved pets. The American Veterinary Medical Association states that 36.5 percent of American households have dogs. Many of those pooches are mixed-breed dogs. Here's a look at what can make mutts stand-out pets.

- **Healthy pup:** Mixed-breed dogs may not be prone to genetic diseases specific to one particular breed and may be less likely to develop an inherited disorder. According to Dog Reference, something called "hybrid vigor" explains how a mutt's mixed ancestry makes it harder and more robust. The average lifespan of a mutt is longer than that of most purebred canines. This doesn't replace the need for quality veterinary care, however.

- **Life-saving choice:** Animal shelters are often bursting at the seams with mutts. Choosing to adopt a mixed-breed dog can reduce overpopulation and ensure that dogs will not be euthanized.

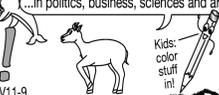
- **Affordability:** Mutts are typically more affordable than pure breeds because a person is not paying for lineage, show titles and AKC registration. Some mutts actually may be free if a family is giving away puppies.

- **Unique qualities:** No two mixed-breed dogs are the same — even among litter mates. That individuality can be an advantage.

- **Moderated traits:** Many purebred dogs were bred to serve specific purposes of the breed. A Border Collie, for example, is designed to herd and requires rigorous exercise to remain healthy both physically and mentally. Stripped of that primary job, a dog might be destructive or become depressed. Comprised of different breeds, a mutt may have a less intense drive to fulfill its breed standards, perhaps making it a more easygoing pet.

- **Trendy:** Thanks to puggles and labradoodles, it's now chic to have a mutt.

Mixed-breed dogs can be the ideal puppy pets and can be a first stop in one's search for a new canine pal.

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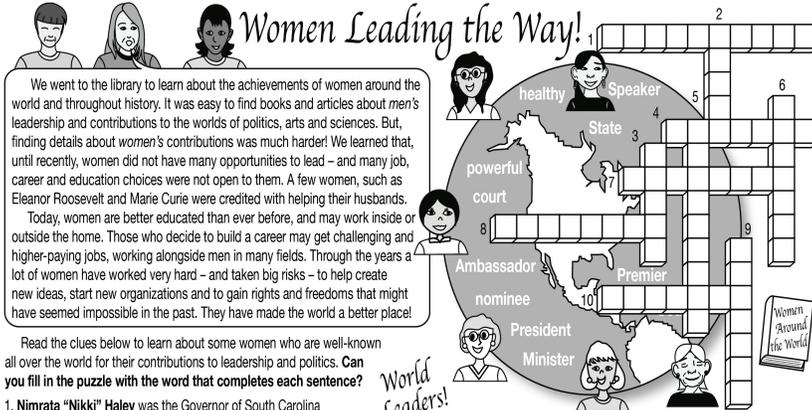
Women Leading the Way!

We went to the library to learn about the achievements of women around the world and throughout history. It was easy to find books and articles about men's leadership and contributions to the worlds of politics, arts and sciences. But, finding details about women's contributions was much harder! We learned that, until recently, women did not have many opportunities to lead — and many job, career and education choices were not open to them. A few women, such as Eleanor Roosevelt and Marie Curie were credited with helping their husbands.

Today, women are better educated than ever before, and may work inside or outside the home. Those who decide to build a career may get challenging and higher-paying jobs, working alongside men in many fields. Through the years a lot of women have worked very hard — and taken big risks — to help create new ideas, start new organizations and to gain rights and freedoms that might have seemed impossible in the past. They have made the world a better place!

Read the clues below to learn about some women who are well-known all over the world for their contributions to leadership and politics. Can you fill in the puzzle with the word that completes each sentence?

World Leaders!



1. **Nimrata "Nikki" Haley** was the Governor of South Carolina and United States _____ to the United Nations.
2. **Condoleezza Rice** was the first female African American Secretary of _____, a job in which she traveled the world and talked to powerful people.
3. **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** is a Justice on the U.S. Supreme _____. She helps to decide what the U.S. Constitution means!
4. **Nancy Pelosi** is the first female _____ of the House of Representatives, one of the most powerful positions in the American government.
5. **Tsai Ing-wen** is the first female _____ of Taiwan.
6. **Michelle Obama**, a writer, lawyer and former First Lady of the United States. She encourages people to work on a _____ lifestyle.
7. **Angela Merkel** has been Chancellor (leader) of Germany since 2005. She is one of the most _____ women in the world.
8. **Kim Campbell** was the first (and only) female Prime _____ of Canada. She served in her position for about 4 months!
9. **Rachel Notley** is the _____ of Alberta, Canada. (A job similar to a state Governor in the U.S.)
10. **Hillary Clinton** was First Lady, Senator, Secretary of State and the first female _____ for U.S. president for a major political party.

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These women are famous for their contributions in the fields of health and medicine. Read about them, then find and circle their names in the puzzle.

1. **Clara Barton** — started The American Red Cross, which provides emergency assistance to people facing disasters and teaches people how to perform first aid.
2. **Elizabeth Blackwell** — first woman to graduate from medical school with an M.D. and become a doctor.
3. **Mother Teresa** — nun who organized missions in 123 countries to help the poor, sick and dying; won the Nobel Peace Prize.
4. **Dr. Antonia Novello** — First female U.S. Surgeon General; was in charge of public health in the United States.
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L-R: Sophia Nelson, Madison Littrel, Emily Wertenberger, Emma Littrel, McKenzie Wertenberger, Ahren Ebel, Paulin Pester, Alexis Schroeder, and Elyse Poppe. (Photo by Brian McKim)

68th Annual Richardson County student art contest

By Lori Gottula

The 68th annual Richardson County student art contest, sponsored by district one of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, attracted 703 entries this year from six county schools.

All four of Falls City's public schools participated, as did Sacred Heart, and Humboldt/Table Rock/Steinauer.

The exhibition, which hangs in the Stalder Gallery of the Falls City Library and Arts Center, will be on display during regular library hours through Saturday, March 23, 2019. An artists' reception was held last Wednesday.

The local competition is also sponsored by the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council. Coordinator Rita Seid has organized the contest and show for the past 11 years.

"This contest would never happen without the support of our local administrators and teachers, or the volunteers from the Arts and Humanities Council who helped hang the show," she said. "This year, we also had two students from Gayle Weinert's art class at Falls City public school volunteer." According to Seid, she and those who judged or helped hang the entries were amazed by the quality this year.

"There are some very talented art students in Richardson County," she said.

Several of the entries advanced to the state competition, which will be held in tandem with the GFWC state convention in York on April 4 - 6, 2019. Seid will transport the entries, and bring them back to Falls City when the convention is over.

Falls City High School senior Paulin Pester received the Best in Show award at the district contest. She also received the Best in Category and first place designations in the Graphic Design category, and second place in 2D/mixed media. Three of her works advanced to the state contest.

Other students who won Best in Category awards are listed as follows, by name, grade, school, category, and medium. All of the category winners qualified for state, as designated by the asterisks.

*Emma Littrel, 9, FCHS, drawing/colored pencil; *Emily Wertenberger, 11, SH, drawing/pencil; *Ahren Ebel, 12, SH, watercolor; *McKenzie Witt, 11, SH, 2D/mixed media; *Madison Littrel, 11, SH, 3D/mixed media; *Alexis Schroeder, 9, FCHS, printmaking; 8th grade; *Elyse Poppe, FCMS, pencil; Kacy Brewer, Sacred Heart, colored pencil; Grace Malcolm,

Sacred Heart, sharpie 7th grade; *Sophia Nelson, FCMS, pencil; Emily Vitosh, FCMS, watercolor.

Those who placed first in grades K - 6 also qualified for state. The winners were: 6th grade, *Sierra Vermeer, FCMS; 5th grade, *Beata Clark, South School, painting; 4th grade, *Jazzy Strecker, South School, crayon; 3rd grade, *Bella Johansen, South School, colored pencil; *Hallie Young, North School, crayon; 1st grade, *Gunner Patnode, North School, crayon; Kindergarten, *Kylie Ramsey, North School, crayon.

The remaining awards are listed as follows, with asterisks denoting those entries that qualified for state. (The state convention only accepts one student per class per medium.)

Drawing/colored pencil/pastels/crayon: 1st, *Blake Frederick, 11, SH; 2nd, *Michael Wickham, 10, SH; 3rd, Lauren Malone, 9, SH; Honorable mentions, Erison Vonderschmidt, 9, SH; Morgan Mattan, 10, SH. Drawing/pencil: 1st, *Chloe Schock, 12, (charcoal) SH; 2nd, *Abby Harms, 10, FCHS; 3rd, *Chloe Schock, 12, (pencil) SH; Honorable mentions; *Abigail Boatright, 9, FCHS; Emma Killingsworth, 9, FCHS; Kailey Peeks, 10, SH; Brittney Steinhauser, 10, FCHS; Clary Schuetz, 10, FCHS; Jordyn Curtis, 12, FCHS.

Oil/acrylic: 1st, *Mazey McCullough, 11, FCHS; 2nd, *Chrissy Ivey, 11, FCHS; 3rd, Emily Gilkerson, 11, FCHS; Honorable mentions; Brianna Pfohl, 11, FCHS; Brett Foster, 12, FCHS. Watercolor/tempera: 1st, *Brittney Steinhauser, 10, FCHS; 2nd, Teresa Morehead, 12, SH; 3rd, Jackson Fiegner, 10, SH.

2D/Mixed media: 1st, *Brianna Pfohl, 11, FCHS; 2nd, *Paulin Pester, 12, FCHS; *Paige Stamper, 11, SH; Honorable mention; Mazey McCullough, 11, FCHS. 3D/Mixed media: 1st, *Austin Sells, 12, SH; 2nd, Tyler Witt, 11, SH; 3rd, *Nia Crawford, 9, FCHS; Honorable mention, *Michael Wickham, 10, FCHS.

Graphic design: 1st, Paulin Pester, 12, FCHS; 2nd, Chris Cochran, 12, FCHS; 3rd, Heavyn Norton, 12, FCHS; Honorable mentions; *Hannah Clary, 11, FCHS; Chris Cochran, 12, FCHS; Jordyn Curtis, 12, FCHS. Printmaking: 1st, Chase Nolte, 9, FCHS; 2nd, Chloe Knobbe, 9, SH; Emma Littrel, 9, SH; Honorable mention, Nia Crawford, 9, FCHS.

Eighth grade: 1st, Macy Keller, pencil, SH; 2nd, Jodie

Uhri, pencil, FCMS; 3rd, Reece McNeely, pencil, FCMS; Honorable mention, *Kacy Brewer, colored pencil, SH; Grace Malcolm, Sharpie, SH; Carson Sells, colored pencil, SH; Madison Jones, pencil, FCMS.

Seventh grade: 1st, Ciara Martin, pencil, FCMS; 2nd, *Emily Vitosh, watercolor, FCMS; 3rd, Danny Bledsoe, mixed, FCMS; honorable mentions; Nevada West, pencil, FCMS; Gabriela Foster, pencil, FCMS; Saylor Hutflies, SH, mixed media.

Sixth grade: 2nd, Lily Foster, FCMS; 3rd, Olivia Frederick, pencil, FCMS; honorable mentions; Malesa Wickham, pencil, FCMS; Estela Lopez-Torralba, pencil, FCMS; Abbiegale Finmer, mixed, FCMS; Trinity Pierce, mixed, FCMS.

Fifth grade: 2nd, Molly Jo Ebel, South School, tempera; 3rd, Brenden Lemerond, SH, watercolor; honorable mentions; Carlea Dunkhas, South School, tempera; Addison Sayer, South School, crayon.

Fourth grade: 2nd, Wyatt Cooce, South School, watercolor; 3rd, Trayce Stutheit, SH,

marker; honorable mention, Gabi Young, South School, crayon.

Third grade: 2nd, Adrian Coetzee, SH, mixed; 3rd, Olivia Mirelez, South School, colored pencil; honorable mentions; Ryann Westengaard, SH, crayon; River Macardican, South School, crayon.

Second grade: 2nd, Ashlyn Alexander, North School, crayon; 3rd, Andre Shafer, North School, crayon; Honorable mention; Peyton Weddle, North School, crayon.

First grade: 2nd, Dierks Foster, North School, crayon; 3rd, Delana Richey, North School, crayon; honorable mention, Raelynn Gruber, SH, watercolor.

Kindergarten: 2nd, Tatum Hall-Russell, North School, crayon; 3rd, Mia Lemerond, SH; Tempera; Honorable mention; Mason Simpson, North School, crayon.

Several local businesses and individuals provided prizes for the winners. They were (in alphabetical order): American National Bank, Carrie Clark (Port

Arthur, Texas), Frontier Bank, Lori and Randy Gottula, Butch and Dobby Haws, Kaylie and Zach Ractliffe, Schulenberg Bakery, Sonic Drive-In, and Thrivent Financial.

The local chapter of the General Federation of Women's Clubs has been part of Falls City for the past 115 years.

For more information about the organization's student art contest, contact Rita Seid at rseid@sentco.net or 402-245-7237 (cell).

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