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## FEIGHNER SENTENCED FOR SEPT. 2018 EXPLOSION OF SPIRIT SHOPPE

On Tuesday, April 30, April Feighner was sentenced to three years in prison and ordered to pay \$6,391.07 and Court costs of more than \$800 when she appeared in Richardson County District Court in connection with the September 2018 explosion of the Spirit Shoppe in Falls City and other drug-related charges.

Feighner was sentenced to one year in prison on a misdemeanor charge of attempted third-degree arson. She also was sentenced to one year in prison on a misdemeanor charge of use of an explosive device without a permit, and in a separate case, she was sentenced to 13 months in prison on a felony charge of possession of methamphetamine. The sentenced will run consecutively. She was allowed credit for 133 days served.

No injuries were reported in the 2018 blast that occurred before the store opened. The damage broke a window, damaged an ice machine and some merchandise inside the business.

According to interviews with Sheriff's Deputy Kirkendall, Feighner indicated a motive for this act believed it was some revenge against the Chief of Police (Officer Duane Armbuster) for harassing people. Feighner was arrested in connection with the explosion as well as for possession of a controlled substance, in the middle of October 2018.

In February of this year, she entered a plea of no contest to reduced charges as part of a plea deal. She had initially been charged with felony counts of use of an explosive to commit a felony and second-degree arson.

## FALLS CITY ACHIEVES 2019 MAIN STREET NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

Falls City has been designated as Accredited Main Street America™ programs for meeting rigorous performance standards set by the National Main Street Center. Each year, the National Main Street Center and its Coordinating Program partners announce the list of accredited Main Street America programs in recognition of their exemplary commitment to preservation-based economic development and community revitalization through the Main Street Approach.

"We are thrilled to honor this year's nationally accredited Main Street America programs for their commitment to preservation-based economic development and the revitalization of their commercial districts," says Patrice Frey, President and CEO of the National Main Street Center.

"The power of Main Street shines across the country through these vibrant communities, who have all worked to generate impressive economic returns, preserve community character, and celebrate local history. In 2018 alone, Main Street America programs generated \$4.93 billion in local reinvestment, helped open 5,310 net new businesses, generated 25,301 net new jobs, catalyzed the rehabilitation of 8,146 historic buildings, and clocked 2.2 million volunteer hours."

Each community's performance is annually evaluated by the Nebraska Main Street Network, which works in partnership with the National Main Street Center to identify the local programs that meet ten national performance standards. Evaluation criteria determine the communities that are building comprehensive and sustainable revitalization efforts and include standards such as fostering strong public-private partnerships,

documenting programmatic progress, and actively preserving historic buildings.

"Falls City being an accredited Main Street Community is a testament to the hard work and entrepreneurial spirit of the business and property owners. We are very fortunate to have a full and vibrant downtown. We only look for that to continue as we start the next phase of the Streetscape project this summer," said Amber Holle of the Falls City Chamber.

Main Street America has been helping revitalize older and historic commercial districts for almost 40 years. Today, it is a network of more than 1,600 neighborhoods and communities, rural and urban, who share both a commitment to place and to building stronger communities through preservation-based economic development. Since 1980, communities participating in the program have leveraged more than \$79.12 billion in new public, and private investment generated 640,017 net new jobs and 143,613 net new businesses and rehabilitated more than 284,936 buildings. Main Street America is a program of the nonprofit National Main Street Center, a subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Mainstreet will continue to improve thanks to the current 'Streetscape Project.' On April 29 AHRS started the project. The company will have 110 days to complete it, just in time for Cobblestone. Both sides of the 1600 block of Stone Street will have their sidewalks replaced, lowering the curbs and include decorative handrails and planter boxes similar to that in phase one. The intersection of 16th and Stone will feature bump outs but smaller than those on phase one.

## FALLS CITY SOUTH ELEMENTARY WINS BIG

News Channel Nebraska and United Healthcare partnered together for the Small Towns Matter campaign. A campaign that would reach and give back to Nebraska's most important asset, our children.

Registration was opened up to all elementary schools across the state of Nebraska. All elementary schools could be registered...by faculty, students, parents, and community members. The winning school would receive bicycle helmets for every student plus \$5,000. The registration closed in

April and Falls City South was chosen as the winning school.

There will be a celebration at Falls City South Elementary School on May 15, at 1:45pm. The celebration will commence on the south side of the school. There will be speeches from the following: Shawna Bindle - Mayor, Falls City; Rob Broomefield - CEO, UnitedHealthcare IA/NE/KS; Matt Milam - Executive Director, UnitedHealthcare Nebraska; Mike Wentz - Principal, Falls City South Elementary School; Tim Hecklenly - Superintendent, Falls

City South Elementary School; Andy Ruback - CEO, News Channel Nebraska; Mike Flood - Founder/Owner, News Channel Nebraska.

Immediately following, there will be the helmet presentation to all current students, 3rd through 5th grades, plus incoming 3rd graders for the 2019-2020 school year, plus the \$5,000 check presentation. The \$5,000 will be divided among South Elementary Teachers to be used to purchase educational materials. This celebration is open to the public.



Ciara Catlin



Tanner Cromer

## COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Community Medical Center Board of Directors is pleased to announce Ciara Catlin and Tanner Cromer as the recipients of its scholarships for 2019.

The scholarships, are awarded to students who are graduating from a high school in Richardson County, Nebraska, and to those entering a two or four year college with a declared major in the healthcare field. Scholarship winners are eligible to renew the scholarship for one additional year if they maintain a 3.0 GPA and retain a healthcare major.

Ciara Catlin, daughter of Brad Catlin and Sandy Warren, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. She will graduate this May from Falls City Sacred Heart. Ciara plans to attend Wayne State College in Wayne, NE and major in Pre-Medicine.

Tanner Cromer, son of Nick and Beckie Cromer, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. He will graduate in May from Falls City Sacred Heart. Tanner plans to attend Wayne State College in Wayne, NE and major in Pre-Pharmacy.

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## ENTERING THE FOURTH QUARTER

By Governor Pete Ricketts

The Legislature is entering the last quarter of its 90-day Legislative session. In the final weeks, there are many opportunities for Senators to put some points on the board and make our state more competitive. There are also great risks, however, that Senators could raise taxes, spend too much, and threaten our state's public safety. Here are a few of the top debates that will impact you as this legislative session starts to wind down.

**Largest Tax Increase Ever:** Last week, the Revenue Committee held a hearing on AM 1381 to LB 289, the largest tax hike in Nebraska history. It was met by overwhelming opposition. While only 4 people testified in favor of the tax increase at the public hearing, 49 people opposed it. Nebraskans testifying against AM 1381 represented agriculture, business, education, construction, grocers, retail, and local governments. Despite the public outcry against their plan, the Revenue Committee has only signaled they will add even more new taxes.

**Another Tax Increase:** Last week, I vetoed LB 472, which proposed to allow counties to raise the sales tax without a vote of the people. This bill is supposed to help Gage County pay off a hefty federal judgment they received. Traditionally, the Legislature has not authorized political subdivisions to impose new taxes on Nebraskans without a vote of the people. In Nebraska, we trust the people to make political decisions on a myriad of issues. These include referenda on the death penalty and Medicaid Expansion. Despite the claims by supporters of LB 472 to the contrary, I believe that you, the taxpayer, must have a voice in decisions about new taxes, and you will make the right decision for your community. Senators will consider my veto this week, and I urge them to sustain it.

**Controlling Spending:** It's a 90-day session, which means the Legislature is working on the next two-year budget. In January, I proposed a budget which controlled spending, held the rate of growth to about 3 percent, and included \$51 million of property tax relief. Last week, Senators voted to cut in half the amount of new property tax relief for you in the budget. This decision by the Appropriations Committee sends the message that the Legislature would rather keep taxpayer money for future spending than give taxpayers the relief they have been asking for. At a time when our farmers and homeowners need relief the most, it is wrong for Senators to withhold property tax credits. As the Legislature's Appropriations Committee moves their budget package to the floor, I urge Senators to restore the full amount of property tax relief I recommended.

**Public Safety:** Over the last four years, Nebraska has made much-needed investments in our Corrections system to keep people safe. For instance, we recently signed a new contract to reward our high-performing and most experienced Corrections Officers. This new agreement will make it easier to attract and retain great teammates. As a part of the budget, Senators are now considering a request for 384 high-security prison beds. This will help Corrections better manage their highest-risk inmates and add capacity to our system. Over the years, some have suggested letting dangerous criminals out of prison early instead of building the capacity the system needs. This approach risks public safety and will not work.

**Marijuana:** Early in the session, the Legislature's Judiciary Committee held a hearing on LB 110, which will broadly legalize marijuana, ostensibly for medical use, by allowing people to grow marijuana in their own homes for any ailment. The truth about "medical" marijuana is that doctors cannot prescribe it and pharmacists cannot distribute it. That means both production and distribution are unregulated and left to multinational companies who have financial incentive to distribute high-potency, addictive marijuana. Nebraska has seen how marijuana legalization has wreaked havoc in other states. Just last November, Missouri legalized "medical" marijuana. By February, Missouri was flooded with marijuana candy that was packaged to market to kids. For example "Stoney Patch Kids" are packaged like Sour Patch Kids. Add to that the increase in traffic accidents and fatalities around the country due to stoned driving, and it is clear it's a big risk to Nebraska's families. While the bill has not advanced from committee yet, the committee may still bring it back. I will work with Senators to safeguard public health and stop LB 110 from becoming law.

As session starts to wind down, we are entering the most critical phase where Senators will decide whether to raise taxes or provide tax relief. Will they spend more of your money or lower your taxes? If you'd like to contact your Senator and let them know you want tax relief, not tax increases, you can find their information at [www.NebraskaLegislature.gov](http://www.NebraskaLegislature.gov). To contact me, you can email [pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov](mailto:pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov) or call 402-471-2244.

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### WITH A MONTH LEFT, HERE'S SOME OF WHAT THEY'VE DONE

#### Capitol View

##### Nebraska Press Association

By: J.J. Schmidt

With less than a month left (18 legislative days) the 106th Legislature has been making progress on some lower profile measures that don't often take the spotlight like property taxes and the budget.

A sampling of measures passed ranges from relief for Gage County in a massive federal judgment stemming from a botched murder investigation 34 years ago to allowing the Tourism Commission to capitalize on an advertising campaign that has, honestly, taken the country by storm.

Lawmakers gave 43-6 final approval to a measure stemming from the "Beatrice Six" case in which a federal judge awarded more than \$28 million in damages to six men and women wrongfully convicted of the rape and homicide of a Beatrice woman in 1985. After they were exonerated by DNA evidence, the six sued in 2016 and the county was unable to pay after it learned its insurance policies had either lapsed or otherwise wouldn't cover the expense.

The bill (LB472) was brought by former County Board member Myron Dorn of Adams who was just elected to the Legislature. It authorizes a county board to adopt a resolution to impose a sales and use tax of 0.5 percent on transactions within the county to pay a qualified judgment rendered against a county by a federal court for a violation of federal law. The state tax commissioner will administer and collect the tax for a three percent fee. The money may be used only for the judgment and the tax will end after the judgment is paid or after seven years, whichever is earlier. The bill further requires that the county property tax levy be set at the 50-cent maximum for each year it imposes the tax. This appears to be the only way out of the unfortunate mess for the county.

Appropriations Committee Chairman John Stinner of Gering offered a bill (LB637) to allow the Nebraska Tourism Commission to develop and approve state marketing campaigns and develop and sell tourism products such as cups and T-shirts and banners and whatever in the wake of one of the state's most successful tourism campaigns. Revenue will go to the commission's promotional cash fund.

Stinner told his colleagues that the department was swamped with requests for such items after the "Nebraska, Honestly it's not for everyone!" campaign went viral before it was even launched. The Commission realized it didn't have the authority to create and sell such items. The 49-0 vote approved the measure, which takes effect immediately, just in time for peak summer travel season.

That's better than nice.

Two measures that will help economically disadvantaged areas of the state were offered by Omaha Senator Justin Wayne and passed by his colleagues. The first, Legislative Resolution 14, passed 43-2, will allow voters to approve a Constitutional Amendment in 2020 to extend the maximum length of time to repay tax-increment financing indebtedness in certain cases. If approved, the amendment will authorize the Legislature to extend the maximum repayment period for TIF indebtedness from 15 to 20 years if, due to a high rate of unemployment combined with a high poverty rate as determined by law, more than half of the property in a project area is des-

ignated as extremely blighted (a census tract with an average unemployment rate that is at least 200 percent of the average state unemployment rate and an average poverty rate of more than 20 percent).

Wayne also offered a bill (LB87) to require the state Department of Economic Development to provide a preference for grant applications at least partially located within an opportunity zone as designated by the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The bill passed 49-0. This is an opportunity to erase the black eye that TIF has earned over the years.

Lawmakers also passed LB713, sponsored by Omaha Senator Tony Vargas, to require the legislative fiscal analyst to create additional revenue and budget reports throughout the biennium to provide sustainable funding for projects into the future.

This is essential planning that transcends the edict that one Legislature cannot bind a subsequent one.

Also passed was LB390, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks, to require the state Department of Education to develop a model memorandum of understanding to govern the use of school resource officers or security guards. The document will include training requirements for the officers and requires the school to maintain records of each student referred for prosecution, including the reason for each referral and federally identified demographic characteristics of each student.

This, too, just makes sense. *J.J. Schmidt has been covering Nebraska government and politics since 1979. He has been a registered Independent for 20 years.*

### STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

#### THEME: MOTHER'S DAY

##### ACROSS

- May occasion
- Tzu
- Auto una
- Lyft alternative
- "On Golden \_\_\_"
- Zekkin of International Women's Day fame
- Forever and a day
- "The Simpsons" palindrome
- Angler's decoys
- "Mother, e.g.
- Friend in war
- Divided, it cannot stand?
- Black gold
- "Mother," e.g.
- Like anti-cruelty proponents
- "This land is your land..."
- Loan shark
- "Like Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard"
- "Captain Marvel" gene
- It also rises, in Spanish
- Faulkner's "As I Lay \_\_\_"
- Ant construction
- "Not my brother's \_\_\_"
- First Tudor monarch's number
- Meteorologist's line
- Battles royal
- Modus operandi
- Chocolate source
- Barrymore or Carey
- "Like grandmother on mother's side
- Like Al Yankovic
- Gaelic
- Life de vive
- On hand and needles
- She played Zuzu's mom in Christmas movie classic
- Left to a Russian
- Pastrami partner
- Greek H
- One quarter of a Presidential term

##### DOWN

- "School org. with moms (and dads) as members"
- Indian music
- Farm team
- Pool hall mishap
- Powerball, e.g.
- Playwright Chekhov
- Perfume property
- Lime-rich soil
- Mouse to a snake
- Fossil fuel
- Accepted truths
- Request to Geico
- "Mother's" song
- Tedium
- "Days of \_\_\_ Lives"
- Delivery room word
- Binary digits code
- Time runners
- What mothers want
- Locking grille
- "Sesame Street" regular
- Olympic cast-out
- Future fish
- Shining armor
- "Form of thank you to mom
- Gloomy and drab
- Jared's competitor
- Hosted
- Off-color
- With nobody to call your own
- Editor's insert
- Between harbors
- Controversy
- \*Mother's Day, e.g.
- Emmanuel Macron's mom, e.g.
- Toward shelter, nautically
- Volcano flow
- "The Art of \_\_\_"
- And no



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

**50 Years Ago - May 8th - May 14th, 1969**

Bishop Flavin announced that Father Chanta would be replaced as pastor of Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church by Rev. James M. O'Connor who also served as the head of the Falls City deanery.

Juniors from Falls City and Sacred Heart high schools were guests of Falls City business firms during Career Opportunity Day.

It was announced that Bob Brown, son of Mrs. Dorothy Brown and the late John (Jug) Brown, had taken a position with the Manned Space Center at Houston, TX.

Dr. Sam Cowan, Jr., was elected to the state board of directors of the Nebraska Optometric Association.

The San Francisco Warriors of the NBA drafted Iowa high school girls basketball star Denise Long who scored 93 points in a tournament game in 1968.

Patricia Weber was crowned Miss Falls City during a pageant sponsored by the Jaycees. Other contestants included Connie Fay Appleoff, Diana Mae Bindrum, Mary Kay Gillogly, Ruth Ann Schuhlenberg, and Margaret Snow.

Due to a flu outbreak Humboldt scored only nine points in the Southern Nebraska Conference track meet.

Linda McKim was elected president of the Falls City High Girls' Athletic Association.

Steve McQueen in "Bullitt" was showing at the Rivoli Theater.

A former Salem resident, Claude A. Relf, was elected president of the Conservation Federation of Missouri.

A huge sign saying "Welcome home 'Jumbo'" was displayed in the front yard of the Vernon Lippold residence to celebrate the return of their son, Spec. 4 Jim Lippold, after a year's duty in Vietnam.

The Falls City School board voted to increase the base pay for the district's teachers by \$300 to \$6,100/year. The district paid \$9/month for employee Blue Cross and Blue Shield health insurance.

The Falls City High relay team of Al Bachman, Bill Stalder, Gayle Swisegood, and Dale Yoelset set a meet and school record with a time of 8:23.7 at the Aksarben Conference Track meet.

Humboldt school district voters approved a bond issue to finance construction of a \$280,000 addition to their school building.

The James Oil company opened a new service station at Nebraska City increasing to six the number of stations they owned and operated.

It was Falls City High senior Beta Marsh who suggested "Eastview" as the name for the elderly housing project on E. 21st Street.

Action was postponed on a proposed Shubert village sewer system following a public hearing held by the Village Board.

There were 14 students in the 1969 graduating class at Dawson-Verdon. Dr. Sam Cowan, Jr. was president of the Sacred Heart Home and School Association.

Carol Heinzelman received an Associate of Arts Degree from Stephens College at Columbia, MO.

The Falls City Masonic Lodge was holding a reception to honor Lester Kister as the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery.

**25 Years Ago - May 8th - May 14th, 1994**

The Falls City Board of Education voted to extend a contract to Dennis Peters to serve as principal of Falls City High School.

The Southeast Consolidated boys track team captured the championship and the Humboldt boys finished second in a track meet at Nebraska City. In girls events, Southeast finished second and Dawson-Verdon third.

Sacred Heart's boys track team finished first and the Irish girls finished second at the Tecumseh Invitational.

Seven seniors made up the 1994 graduating class at Dawson-Verdon.

"PCU" and "Blank Check" were the movies being shown at River Twin Cinema.

Doug Ernst and Bob Tackett received their Eagle Scout Badges and Troop 393 Scoutmaster Roger Lampe was recognized for his over 10 years as the troop leader.

Southeast Consolidated School at Stella had a graduating class of 31 students.

District 56 voters turned down a proposed \$4.4 Mil. bond issue to renovate Falls City High School by a vote of 1,592 to 1,051.

Richardson County voters chose Democrat Charles Laux and Republican Keith Hayes as their party's candidates for Sheriff in the Fall election.

Jim Seifried out-polled fellow Republican Craig W. Martinosky 333 to 242 to advance unopposed to the Fall election.

The Sacred Heart Irish girls and boys track teams picked up district championships with the girls accumulating 146 points and the boys 217.

The Southeast Consolidated Mustangs picked up eight State Track Meet berths and the Humboldt Cardinals picked up four in the Class C District at Auburn.

Falls City High School basketball star Erica Younker signed a letter of intent to attend Highland Community College at Highland, KS.

Dan Mayo of Humboldt was honored as Richardson County Athlete of the Week after scoring 40 points in a meet at Nebraska City Lourdes and 34 at the Galaxy Conference meet.

Junior Rotarians of the month were Erica Younker and Sabrina Husseñeder, both seniors at Falls City High School.

**15 Years Ago - May 8th - May 14th, 2004**

Falls City Supt. of Schools Dr. Jon Habben praised the work of Judi Carter and other faculty members for securing a \$51,257 grant to enhance study of the Lewis & Clark Expedition.

In a bylined story Jan McMullen wrote an article about a hobby of her son, Rick, a Fed-Ex pilot who had completed four Ironman competitions consisting of a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride, and a 26.2 mile marathon.

On display at Merz Farm Equipment, Falls City, was a Massey-Harris 21 combine along with a 1949 Dodge 2-ton truck to commemorate the 1944 Custom Harvest Brigade during World War II.

Sportscaster and former UNL standout receiver Matt Davison was the Sacred Heart athletic banquet speaker and recalled that his Tecumseh Indian basketball team had defeated the Irish on their home floor.

The Southeast Nebraska Association of Retired School Personnel presented its \$1,000 Mina Stalder Scholarship to Dustin Johnson.

Hall Funeral Home held its Grand Opening and Open House at its new Falls City funeral home.

Humboldt-Table Rock/Steinauer graduated a class of 27 seniors.

"Cooper Nuclear Station operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety" was the report received following a Nuclear Regulatory Commission inspection.

Ground beef was on sale at Sunmart at just 99-cents/lb.

A permanent half-cent addition to the city sales tax won overwhelming support in the Spring election as did use of the funds to support bonding for a new library and swimming pool.

Advancing to the Fall election for District 1 State Legislator were Ron Zeigler and Lavon L. Heidemann.

Twenty-three athletes from four Richardson County high schools qualified for the state track meet.

Falls City Middle School "Students of the Month" were Kent Stejskal, 6th grade; Cheslie Alexander, 7th grade; and Mitch Liberty, 8th grade.

Winners of the Gus P. Scholz Memorial Scholarships were Aliza Kottich of Falls City High School and Carolyn Froeschl of Sacred Heart High School.

Falls City High had a graduating class of 73 and Sacred Heart a class of 25.

## A solution for chronic acid reflux and heartburn Procedure performed at CMC in Falls City

Community Medical Center (CMC) is excited to announce an innovative incisionless surgical procedure. What may have seemed like science fiction, surgery without an incision, is now a reality that is giving back patients suffering from chronic acid reflux and heartburn, or gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) a normal life. Roderick Warren, MD in Falls City, is now offering the TIF procedure for the treatment of GERD.

The advantage of TIF (transoral incisionless fundoplication) is that it is "surgery from within" performed through the mouth. Based on the same well proven principles of conventional, more invasive laparoscopic GERD surgery, the TIF procedure reconstructs the valve between the esophagus and the stomach to prevent reflux. Because the procedure is incisionless, there is reduced pain, no visible scar and most patients can get back to their normal activities within a few days.

"Chronic reflux affects a huge percentage of the patient population", stated Dr. Warren. "Most people see this as a benign disease; however it does carry a risk of significant complications. In addition, the drugs used to treat chronic reflux have recently been found to carry risks of their own. This procedure improves upon previously available therapies by offering a less invasive option with excellent rate of success and durability while significantly reducing the negative associated side effects of previous treatments".

In a healthy patient, there is a natural valve between the esophagus and stomach that forms a physical bar-

rier preventing stomach fluids from backwashing, or "refluxing" up into the esophagus. In a patient with chronic GERD, this valve has become dysfunctional. Many patients take reflux medications such as PPIs (proton pump inhibitors), which suppress acid production, to help relieve their heartburn symptoms. Even with PPIs, they are still unable to eat the foods they want and often need to sleep sitting up to reduce nighttime reflux. Additionally, recent studies have shown that long-term use of PPIs is linked to inadequate absorption of minerals<sup>1</sup>, chronic kidney disease<sup>2</sup> and dementia<sup>3</sup>.

CMC Administrator, Ryan Larsen, remarked, "We would like to recognize Dr. Warren for implementing this procedure at CMC. It is also our understanding that he is the only physician in Nebraska currently performing the TIF procedure. We are very proud."

The TIF procedure can significantly improve quality of life for patients. Clinical studies show that three years after the TIF procedure 70 percent of patients were able to completely stop PPI therapy, reflux esophagitis healed in 87 percent of patients and 91 percent of patients reported elimination of troublesome regurgitation. With millions of Americans diagnosed with GERD and not fully satisfied with their treatment options, the TIF procedure offers an excellent alternative.

If you, or someone you know, suffers with chronic GERD and would like more information about the TIF procedure please contact the CMC Outpatient Specialty Clinic at (402)245-6522.

## Deputy salaries not comparable with neighboring counties

*By Charlie Radatz*

Jon Kirkendall, Jail Administrator represented Sheriff Don Pounds at the Tues., Apr. 30 meeting of the Richardson County Commissioners as the Sheriff was unable to attend the meeting. A letter from Deputy Sheriff, Lyle McMann was presented to the Board expressing his concern with the current deputy salary and benefits package. Deputy McMam's letter made comparisons with other county offices and/or employees.

Rick Hardesty a former deputy sheriff from Johnson County was present. Hardesty explained to the Board the reasons he was not able to accept a deputy sheriff position in Richardson County when it was offered by Sheriff Pounds. Hardesty stated that the salary and benefits package was not comparable to that provided by surrounding counties and because the County did not pay a portion of family health insurance coverage it would not be feasible for him to accept the position. Hardesty said, however, that he was very interested in working for the Richardson County Sheriff's Office and complimented the Board and the County for having a very impressive working environment at the Law Enforcement Center.

Mike Reynolds who resigned his position with the Richardson County Sheriff's Department reviewed with the Board the reasons for his resignation. Reynolds said he was torn about leaving the Sheriff's Department as he also feels that the working environment in Richardson County is excellent and that Sheriff Pounds has a lot to offer to deputies due to his past law enforcement experiences as a Nebraska State Patrolman. However, Reynolds also said the salary and benefits package is not comparable to other jurisdictions in the area.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau reported on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges. Darveau said two recently hired employees had begun working for his department. He reported rock hauling is underway and road grading is being done to reclaim rock from the sides of the roadbeds.

Commissioners voted to award the contract for the purchase of culvert materials based on bids received during their previous meeting. Metal Culverts, Inc. of Jefferson City, MO for the sum of \$68,116.02. Approval was by a 3-0 vote. Bids received are on file for public inspection during regular working hours at the Office of the Richardson County Clerk.

County for coverage.

Commissioners went into executive session at 11:35 a.m. with County Attorney, Doug Merz and Merle Bachman to discuss litigation. They returned to regular session at 12:10 p.m.

A motion was also made by Commissioner Frank to authorize the Highway Superintendent to advertise for sealed bids for the sale and removal of the wooden structure at the Humboldt Shop site with bids to be received by 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2019. Approval was by a 3-0 vote.

Beckie Cromer, Executive Director of Falls City Economic Development and Growth Enterprise, presented the organization's quarterly report to the Commissioners and a copy of the report was placed on file. District 1 Chief Probation Officer of Nebraska Probation System Jeremy Behrends presented to the Board a report on the activity within the District and programs that are being developed. Behrends reported the five main programs being offered to parolees within the district are trauma resolution, money management, relapse prevention, crime victim empathy, dialectical behavioral therapy, and cognitive restructuring.

Jared Reimers of Congressman Adrián Smith's Office updated the Board on the Congressional activity that is currently going on in Washington D.C. He also reported on the work of the special committees on which Congressman Smith serves.

Dan Duren and Judd Allen representing the Nebraska Association of County Officials Benefits Services informed the Board that this would be the first year that Richardson County would be eligible to join the county employee health insurance pool since leaving the pool in 2017. The Board approved their request to provide a quote to Richardsonians in the area.

The meeting was adjourned after Commissioners approved a motion made by Commissioner Frank to allow the payment of all claims that had been submitted.



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Sun Mart of Falls City recently donated \$1,000 to Falls City Sacred Heart as part of its "Direct Your Dollars" campaign. Direct Your Dollars was launched in 2016 as part of Sun Mart's commitment to support the communities they serve. The year-round program replaces Support Our Schools in select locations. The store's general manager, Angie Phroper, presented the check to the school, front row, L-R: Jocelyn Olberding, Adisen Fischer, Jayme Ewers and Cathy O'Grady. Back row, L-R: Renee Kopf, Rita Weaver, Angie Phroper. Families from schools participating in the "Direct Your Dollars" campaign collect Sun Mart cash register receipts and the company makes a \$1,000 donation for every \$150,000 returned. (Photo by Chelsie Alexander)

## Falls City Educational Foundation announces 2019 Scholarship winners

The Falls City Educational Foundation Scholarship committee is pleased to announce the following scholarship award winners for the 2019-2020 school year.

Scholarship for members of the 2019 Senior Class and winners are: \$3,500.00, The Downey Family Scholarship, Franklin Fields; \$3,200.00, William and Genevieve Margrave Memorial Scholarship, Cade Schwang; \$3,200.00, William and Genevieve Margrave Memorial Scholarship, Jacob Joy; \$3,000.00, Ralph and Erna Baker Scholarship, Erin Brewer; \$2,500.00, Scott School Memorial Scholarship, Keegan Hunzeker; \$2,000.00, Brenner Twins Memorial Scholarship, Hailey Buchner; \$1,700.00, Falls City High School Alumni Association Scholarship, MaKayla Nagengast; \$1,700.00, Falls City High School Alumni Association Scholarship, Leslie Balderas; \$1,700.00, Rod and Janis Vandenberg Memorial Scholarship, Dylan Frederick; \$1,300.00, Harriett Hunker Scholarship, Dakota Fisher; \$1,000.00, Kathryn Bartek Memorial Scholarship, Chaydyn Butler; \$1,000.00, Jug Brown Memorial Scholarship, Collin Cook; \$1,000.00, Virgil J. Gerlt Memorial Scholarship, Heaven Norton; \$1,000.00, Orris C. Hatch Memorial Scholarship, Brett Foster; \$1,000.00, Dorothy M. Haws Family Scholarship, Halen Farmer; \$1,000.00, Orville and Helen Merz Memorial Scholarship, Elycina Gilkerson; \$1,000.00, Donna Weinert Memorial Scholarship, Josephine Crofford.

One Scholarship for past Falls City High School Graduate: \$5,000.00, Teacher Scholarship, Tayten O'Brien.

## SOCIETY

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

Reavis-Ashley Chapter D.A.R. met Friday, April 12, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Falls City, Nebraska at 12 noon. Members prepared for the Essay Tea at 1 pm that afternoon. Regent Glenda Nelson presided, at the short business meeting. Five members and two guests were present for the meeting. The opening prayer was offered by Chaplain Beverly Drogé Regent Glenda Nelson called the meeting to order. The D.A.R. ritual, Pledge of Allegiance, America's

Creed were recited by all.

The following reports were read: the President General's message, National Defense, Flag minutes and Indian minutes. A thank you was read from Sue Rottman. Regent Glenda displayed a picture of the barn quilt made by Sue. Glenda also passed pictures taken at State Conference and gave a brief report. Reavis-Ashley chapter received several certificates of award in areas of D.A.R. activity. Glenda also reminded members to turn in volunteer hours. Next meeting will be Friday,



The Stella Research Club held their annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 20 at the Village of Stella Park. Over 60 children and adults attended. Special prizes were given by the club and special items were given by Stella librarian, Sue James. Pictured above: The Easter bunny with the great grandchildren of Bill and Barb Ely of Stella.



May 10, 2019, 11 a.m., Cafe' Metro, Auburn, Nebraska. Hostesses will be Sue Rottman and Joy Robison.

The Essay Tea followed at 1 p.m. honoring the 14 students who won the essay contest. Family and friends were also present. Following the reading of the essays by the students, refreshments were served. The event was hosted by the members of the Chapter.

### Concordia Guild

The Falls City Chapter of the Concordia Guild of Seward was held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, six miles north, Falls City. Nine members and one guest, Barbara Shurtliff, were in attendance.

Connie Rowland opened the meeting with the devotion for the day based on Isaiah 15:3-5. She reminded us that Jesus Christ is the Savior of all and we are all his messengers to the world. The devotion closed with prayer.

President Jan Hubener called the business meeting to order and announced that dues were due today and it was again officer election time. Roll Call was taken and minutes of the October 15th meeting were read and approved. The March Newsletter from Concordia University of Seward was discussed about some changes coming. Ruth Grootius made a motion to leave current officers in place and wait for decisions from the Seward University Guild. The motion was seconded by Marjorie Eames and passed.

No other business came before the group so the craft food auction followed with president Jan and Barbara Shurtliff as the auctioneers.

Jessica Eaton, RRT, from Personal Care, Inc. was the speaker and informed us about the services available, Home and portable oxygen, CPAP equipment and supplies for sleep apnea patients. She talked about COPD, two lung diseases at the same time. She outlined the importance of Oxygen in our lives and how smoking, mold and dust from chemicals all are detrimental to our health. She encouraged those in attendance to stop by the office for further information.

The next meeting will be on July 15 at Christ Lutheran Church in Falls City at 1:30 p.m. with Marjorie Eames and Ruth Grootius hosting.

The group enjoyed strawberry topped cake, coffee and iced tea served by St. Paul hostesses.

The Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit #222 held their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 19 in the Shubert Park. Approximately 60 kids in the community attended. The golden eggs were found by preschool Parker Milus, Kindergarten through second grade Carter Meyerkorth, and third through fifth grade Tracey Stuheit.

## Free food for seniors in Humboldt

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) distribution clinic will be held in Humboldt at 624 3rd Street on Tuesday, May 21, 2019. An appointment is suggested.

CSFP provides nutritious foods to seniors who are age 60 or greater who live in Nebraska and are under the program income guidelines. Income guidelines have recently been increased, so those persons who were previously determined ineligible are encouraged to re-apply. Foods given through CSFP include canned fruits and vegetables; bottled juice; one percent liquid and non-fat dry milk; hot and cold cereals; canned meat; peanut butter and dried beans; cheese, pasta or rice.

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## Peru State's Bailey Bindle honored as Newman Civic Fellow

Campus Compact, a Boston-based non-profit organization working to advance the public purposes of higher education, has announced the 262 students who will make up the organization's 2019-2020 cohort of Newman Civic Fellows.

Bailey Bindle has been nominated as a 2019-2020 Newman Civic Fellow. She is double-majoring in Criminal Justice Counseling and Psychology, with a minor in Substance Abuse Counseling at Peru State College. Bindle is from Falls City, Nebraska. Bindle writes, "It is such an honor to have had my efforts recognized by Peru State's administration, and to be named a 2019-2020 Newman Civic Fellow."

"I am incredibly thankful for the opportunities that this school has given me, allowing me to flourish and take on new and exciting endeavors. I am truly looking forward to my next journey with this fellowship in the year to come!"

Dr. Dan Hanson, president of Peru State College, writes, "As a student at Peru State College, Bailey is a leader, working to create positive change on campus, in the state, and at the national level. Her commitment to improving life for others, along with her extensive leadership experience, position her well for a life of public leadership."

Bindle serves as vice president on the SADD National College Advisory Council and as SADD's National Social Media Coordinator. She has also been named to the Nebraska Impaired Driving Task Force and as a Governor's Highway Safe Association (National Traffic Safety Administration)

Expert Panelist.

Bindle is the Director of the Feeding 44 Program on the Peru State campus, working to ease food need in Nemaha County. In that role she has overseen the addition of some medical screening services to the food distribution model.

Her community service projects range from local projects in Peru, Auburn and Falls City picking up litter, visiting nursing homes and volunteering with athletic events, to regional events packaging food for Kids Against Hunger and volunteering with the Special Olympics, to national events like modeling for National Prom Day in New York and creating blankets with teens and First Lady of the United States, Melania Trump, in Virginia.

The Newman Civic Fellowship, named for Campus Compact co-founder Frank Newman, is a one-year experience emphasizing personal, professional, and civic growth for students who have demonstrated a capacity for leadership and an investment in solving public problems. Through the fellowship, Campus Compact provides a variety of learning and networking opportunities, including a national conference of Newman Civic Fellows in partnership with the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate.

The fellowship also provides fellows with access to apply for exclusive scholarship and post-graduate opportunities. "We are proud to recognize each of these extraordinary student leaders and thrilled to have the opportunity to engage with them," said Campus



Sacred Heart Journalism instructor, Erin Waller and six Sacred Heart students traveled to Norfolk for the state journalism competition on Tuesday, April 23. These six students were selected by a panel to compete at the NSAA State Journalism competition. Pictured with their awards are Mackensie Nelson, seventh place News Writing, Rachel Magdanz sixth place Sports News Writing, Hunter Bauman seventh place Sports News Writing, Chloe Schock eighth place Editorial Writing, Elle Friesch sixth place Entertainment Review Writing and Jena Reeves second place Entertainment Review Writing.

## SOCIETY

### Local Pro-Life group meets

*By Gail Howard*

Southeast Nebraska Lutherans for Life held their spring potluck meeting recently in Humboldt. The meeting was led by incoming President Keri Llewellyn, Pawnee City, Falls City, Humboldt and Elk Creek

churches were represented at the meeting. Members shared their about visits to the elderly in recognition of Life Sunday in January. The Life Walk in Lincoln was attended by several members as well. The new pro-life movie Unplanned was reviewed by Pastor Llewellyn and Keri, his wife. Upcoming events include the annual Mother's Day diaper drive.

## NOTICE

**ALL Christian Fellowship Events Scheduled at 4-Star Shooting Sports have been moved to the Sunday prior to the date scheduled due to conflicts. All other events remain the same.**



Pictured above, Back row, L-R: School Board Member June Bowers, Aidan Fanders, Alexa Timothy, Leah Goff, Sara Rue Falls City Lanes manager, Lorelei Lowe, Cohen Shields, Soraya Berg-Gordon Front, L-R: Aubrey Campbell, Fischer Courtney, Leo Rue, and Nori Rue

### FC Elementary award \$1,000 from Bowling to School Grant Program

Falls City North Elementary School was recently awarded \$1000 from the 2018 Bowling to Schools Grant Program through the Kids Bowl Free Summer Bowling Program hosted at Falls City Lanes.

Local Elementary and Middle Schools were nominated by Falls City Lanes, a Kids Bowl Free participating center. Schools must then accept their nomination to be considered for the grant. Falls City North School was one of 50 schools chosen out of over 19000.

This is the second time a local school has been awarded the grant. Falls City Middle School was a recipient in 2016. The Kids Bowl Free Program is designed by bowling centers to give back to the community and provide a safe, secure, and fun way for the kids and families to spend their summer months. Registration for the Kids Bowl Free Program is free for kids up to age 18 and provides two free games of bowling per day during designated days/hours as

set by the bowling center. Falls City Lanes is proud to participate in this program for the

fourth year this summer. Registration is now open at [www.kidbowlfree.com/falls](http://www.kidbowlfree.com/falls).

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# Falls City Journal Public Record

**(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

Teresa N. Tupper, of Omaha, count one assault-third degree, plead not guilty; count two, willful, reckless driving first offense, plead not guilty. Arraignment is scheduled for May 20, 2019.

Corinna J. Phroper, of Mornill, KS, count on possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead guilty, found guilty and fined, \$100, plus court costs. Show cause hearing is scheduled for June 13, 2019.

Mindy A. Monroe, of Auburn, count one, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty and fined \$25, plus courts. Show cause hearing was scheduled.

Chase Ramer, of Shubert, count one, issue bad check - \$0-\$500, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for May 13,

2019.

David D. Pierce, of Falls City, count one, no proof of insurance, plead not guilty; count two, drive under susp/before re-instate-state, plead guilty, found guilty; count three, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty; count four, operate vehicle without proof of ownership, plead not guilty. Trial is scheduled for June 10, 2019.

Jeremiah T. Eppens, of Falls City, possess marijuana one ounce or less, first offense, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$300, plus court costs. Show cause hearing is scheduled for June 3, 2019.

Ashley N. Twity, of Falls City, count one, possess controlled substance, waived-bound over; count two, possess marijuana one ounce or less-first offense, charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor without prejudice; count three, possess or use drug paraphernalia, charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor without prejudice. Case continued to May 28, 2019, in District Court for arraignment.

Terri Jo Clary, of Falls City,

count one, procure/sell alcohol to minor, plead not guilty. Pre-trial is scheduled for May 20, 2019.

Richard A. Strecker, of Verdon, count one DUI-.15+, plead not guilty; count two, possess/consume open alcohol container, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for May 22, 2019.

William L. Holbrooks, of Table Rock, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated-state, plead not guilty; no motorcycle operator's license, plead not guilty. Trial is scheduled for June 10, 2019.

William L. Holbrooks, of Table Rock, violate protection order, plead not guilty; count two, drive under susp/before reinstated state, plead not guilty. Trial is scheduled for June 10, 2019.

James P. Kelly, of Falls City, count one, DUI-.08 breath-first offense, plead not guilty; count two, clearance lights required, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for May 22, 2019.

**Small Claims Court**

Koch's Auto Service, Inc., vs. Steven E. Holthaus, Onaga, KS, judgment of Judgment Principal was entered for \$451.12 with simple interest rate 12 percent, balance due \$451.56. The judgment of Judgment court costs were entered for \$76, balance due is \$76. The judgment creditor is Koch's Auto Service, Inc. A NE Corp. The judgment debtor is Steven E. Holthaus individually. Steven Holthaus owes \$527.56.

#### District Court

Jeremy S. Rudder, of Salem, count one, possess child pornography-age 19 and over, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for June 4, 2019.

Cherish M. Lovell, of Wymore, NE, count one, escape when under arrest on felony chg, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for June 18, 2019.

Jessica L. Popejoy Hayes, of Falls City, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for June 4, 2019.

Jefferson D. Pfohl, of Falls City, count one, terroristic threats, charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor of prejudice; count two, dom. asslt-third degree, charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor with prejudice; count three, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, charge dismissed on the motion of the prosecutor with prejudice; count four, criminal mischief-\$0-\$500, plead no contest, found guilty, and fined \$100; count five disturbing the peace, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$100 plus court costs.

April M. Feighner, of Falls City, count one, use explosive to commit felony, first offense, need to use explosives without permit, plead no contest, found guilty-sentence includes, jail for a term of one year starting on April 30, 2019; count two, arson-second degree, amended to attempt at a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty, sentenced to jail for a term for one year starting on April 30, 2019, beginning on April 30, 2019, and restitution for \$6, 391.07. A hearing is scheduled for January 7, 2020.

April M. Feighner, of Falls City, possess controlled substance, plead no contest, found guilty, and sentenced to jail for a term of 13 months starting April 30, 2019; sentence includes credit for 133 days served, Post rel. sup. Admin. Enrollment fee of \$30. Post. Rel. sup. Prob. Fee. (monthly) of \$420, and drug testing fee of \$60. Hearing is scheduled for January 7, 2020.

Blake M. Westcott, of Falls City, count one, Del/dsp/dst/man/pos cntrl subs-Sch 1.2.3, amended to attempt at a class two felony, plead guilty, found guilty and sentenced to proba-

tion for a term of three years starting April 30, 2019; probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30. Jail for a term of 15 days beginning on November 1, 2019; jail for a term of 15 days starting on November 1, 2020; jail for a term of 15 days starting on May 1, 2021; jail for a term of 15 days beginning November 1, 2020.

Tracy L. Bray, of Kansas City, MO, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs of \$49.

Richard L. Martel, of Auburn, NE, count one speeding, 06-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs of \$49.

Gage M. Guiles, of Union City, TN, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs of \$49.

## ACCIDENTS

On April 22, 2019 Tammy Carter, of Falls City left the road way and struck a utility pole owned by the City of Falls City. An estimated \$1,500 in damage was done to the Carter vehicle; no damage was done to the Carter vehicle. No citation was issued.

On April 19, 2019, Jerrold Jones of Falls City was backing up to go around another car that waved him by and didn't see a motorcycle driven by Blake S. Gooch, of Falls City and bumped the motorcycle causing damage to the fender of the bike. An estimated \$1,000 was done to the motorcycle owned by Gooch. No citations were issued.

On April 16, 2019, Lucy Glean, of Falls City thought the car was in reverse, but it was in drive. The vehicle struck another parked vehicle owned by Patti Hawk of Nebraska City and a tree. There was an estimated \$1,000 in damage done to each vehicle. Glean was issued a citation.

On April 26, 2019, Cara Cepuran, of Falls City said she was eastbound and didn't see the vehicle approaching northbound, so she continued into

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Ellicyn Gilkerson and Cade Schwang accept the most outstanding athlete awards.



Guest Speaker, Ann Ringlein addresses the full house at the Tiger Athletic Banquet on Sunday evening.

## Falls City Tigers hold Athletic Banquet

*Story and photo by Brian McKim*

On Sunday evening, the Falls City Tiger booster club held its 49 annual Athletic Banquet at the Falls City Elks Lodge. After a welcome by Robbie Craig, Pastor Fay Ann Blaylock gave an invocation. Dinner was then served to the athletes, coaches, and parents by members of the Elks Club.

Ann Ringlein, the special guest speaker, then took the podium. Ringlein, a former cross country and track coach at Nebraska Wesleyan, gave her five secrets to success. 1) Show up. Ringlein said just showing up is 90% of the battle, but athletes must also be committed to what they do. 2) Tell the truth, in reference to the fitness level you are at for your perspective sport. Be honest about your strengths, play to your strengths but also work on your weaknesses. 3) Pay attention. Watch who you admire

or who is the most dedicated or best and learn from their commitment. 4) Do your best. Show up every single practice. When you walk off a field, course or court, know that you did the best you could do for that day. The final piece of advice Ringlein gave was not to become too attached to the outcomes. We can't always control what others do, enjoy the process, it should be celebrated as much as the outcome. Enjoy the practice and enjoy the experiences with your teammates. Ringlein finished by congratulating all the athletes and thanking everyone for having her down.

Six Tiger athletes were honored with the 3x4 awards, an award that is bestowed on athletes who letter in three sports for all four years. This year the list included Jessica Burns, Chaydyn Butler, Collin Cook, Ellicyn Gilkerson, Alex Rathie, and Cade Schwang.

Coaches from the fall, winter and spring sports then handed out awards to the athletes and recognized them for their hard work throughout the season. The night wrapped up with Athletic Director Don Hogue announcing this year Outstanding Girl and Outstanding Boy Athletes of the Year. The girl's winner was Ellicyn Gilkerson who lettered in volleyball, basketball, and track and the boy's winner was Cade Schwang who lettered in football, basketball, and track.

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Colin Niemeyer



Darcy Snethen

The Richardson Foundation, Inc. is pleased to introduce Colin Niemeyer and Darcy Snethen as the 2019 recipients of the Dale E. & Eileen M. Heineman Scholarship. Colin is a student at the University of Nebraska College of Pharmacy. He is a graduate of Falls City Sacred Heart and Peru State College. Darcy is a sophomore in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at the Bryan College of Health Sciences. She is a graduate of Falls City High School. The Richardson Foundation, Inc., via the Heineman Scholarship Fund will award \$1,500.00 to each winner for the 2019 academic year. The scholarships are offered to graduates of any Richardson County Nebraska high school who will be enrolled in a College or University program in medicine or other health care field. This includes those students enrolled in graduate programs. Congratulations and good luck, Colin and Darcy!

## SHERIFF'S SHARED MEDIA REPORT

April 29, 2019, Mason Corliss, 29, of Stella, was booked into Richardson County Law Enforcement Center on a Warrant for Forgery-2nd Degree/\$5,000 or more, Certificate of Title Violation X2, making a false statement under oath, and false registration.

April 30, 2019, April M. Feighner, 39, of Falls City, was arrested by a Richardson County Deputy in Falls City. Feighner was booked into the Richardson County Jail on hold for Nebraska Department of Corrections.

On May 1, 2019, Christopher W. Ivey, 43, of Falls City, was booked into the Richardson County Jail for Disturbing the Peace.

May 6, 2019, Donita Frederick, 57, of Falls City, was arrested by Richardson County Deputy and booked into Richardson County Law Enforcement Center on a warrant for driving under suspension and no valid registration.

## Tiger bats go silent in loss to Arlington

*By Brian McKim*

The Falls City Tigers baseball season came to a close on Friday evening in the opening round of the Class B-5 District tournament played at Omaha Skutt. The Tigers fell to Arlington, 10-2, for their eighth consecutive loss, finishing the season at 3-10.

Falls City looked good early on, jumping out to a 2-0 lead after the opening frame. Carson Bredemeier got a one-out single, followed by a base hit by Zach Beaver. An error by the third baseman allowed James Eickhoff to reach base and both runners to score to give the Tigers an early 2-0 lead. FC looked to add to the lead, but a runner was thrown out attempting to steal second base ending the threat. The bottom of the first inning didn't start out well for FC as pitcher Kyle Black walked the first three batters who came to the plate. Black then got two strikeouts and a line out back at him to end the inning with no runs.

Arlington tied the contest up in the bottom of the second inning, using two more walks, a sac bunt, a single and an error to make it 2-2. Arlington then took the lead for good in the fourth. An error allowed the first runner to reach base and two batters later they scored the go-ahead run on a single to make it 3-2. Falls City got a one-out walk by Kade Bredemeier and a single to RF by Carson Bredemeier, but two fly outs ended the threat with FC still trailing 3-2.

Arlington exploded for seven runs in the fifth frame to put the game out of reach. The inning began with an HBP, followed by two singles to make it 5-2 with two outs. Back to back walks loaded the bases and two more base hits and an error made it an eight-run lead, 10-2.

Falls City went down in order in the sixth and seventh inning, falling by a final score of 10-2. Arlington outhit the Tigers 9-3, and the Tiger defense committed four errors in the field to just one by Arlington.

Carson Bredemeier led the attack, going 2-2 with a walk and a run scored. Zach Beaver was 1-3 with a run scored. Kyle Black took the loss on the hill for the Tigers, lasting 4 1/3 innings, giving up six hits, six runs (three earned), four strikeouts and six walks. Tanner Pittman pitched the complete game for Arlington, allowing three hits and striking out 12.

## Tigers tune-up for districts at Sabetha

*By Brian McKim*

The Falls City track teams had their final tune-ups last Thursday in Sabetha before the District Track Meet. The Tiger boys finished with 77.5 points for a fifth-place finish, and the girls posted 39.5 points for a sixth-place finish.

The boys picked up points as Braden Kobza earned the only gold medal of the day for FC, winning the 800m run in a season-best time of 2:00.02. Jared Hawley took third in the same race with a time of 2:13.56. Jace Heckenlively ran to a fifth-place medal in the 200m dash (24.61), and Lane Burns was fourth in the 400m dash (54.66). Hawley continued his strong day with a silver medal in the mile in 5:02.23 and Eli Bottom ran an 11:14.99 for fourth in the 3200m. The boys 4x100m relay team of Burns, Heckenlively, Jayden Kreifels, and Leighton Vice finished fourth and the 4x400 team of Drake Butler, Kobza, Burns and Spencer Forsyth was second in 3:40.99. The 4x800 relay also ran a strong race as the team of Bottom, Hawley, Kobza, and Alex Rathie finished second in 8:59.01. Caden Simon was second in the long jump (19-2.5), and Butler was fifth (18-8.5) and Simon was also fourth in the triple jump at 39-9 and sixth in the high jump at 5-6. Jaxon Lunsford was fifth in the shot put at 42-9, and the 4x100 weight man relay team of Jaden Nolte, Thomas Fields, Lunsford, and Cameron Schramm was second in 51.66.

The girl's team picked up a sixth-place medal in the 100m dash from Ava Morgan (14.09) and a fourth-place finish in the 1600m run by Brenna Leyden (6:05.95). The 4x100 relay team of Lexie Buckminster, Jessica Burns, Morgan and Ellicyn Gilkerson was fourth in 54.76. Leyden anchored the third-place 4x800 relay team that included Nia Crawford, Emmy Lu Feek and Mazey McCullough (11:17.16). Ellicyn Gilkerson was third in the 100m hurdles in 17.96, Brylee Gilkerson was fifth (18.31), and Samantha Wissman was sixth in 19.06. Michelle Beer picked up a fifth-place medal in the discus, tossing 98-1.5 and Hannah Clary was third in the high jump, clearing the bar at 4-10. Clary also picked up a fifth-place finish in the triple jump (31-3.5) while Brynn Bruxellas was fourth at 31-6. The Tiger teams head into the final week before the State Track Meet in Omaha on May 17 and 18. The B-2 District meet will be held on Thursday, May 9 at Plateview High School with qualifiers moving on to run at Burke the following week.

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# Journal Sports

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Wednesday, May 8, 2019



Randee Witt, the daughter of Rich and Susan Witt, signed a letter of Intent to continue her volleyball career with the Peru State Bobcats. Last season Witt, led the Irish volleyball team with 47 ace serves and with 351 assists. Witt was also fourth on the team with 258 digs for the Lady Irish. Witt helped the Irish team finish with a 21-12 final record and a #6 final ranking by the *Omaha World-Herald* after falling to Ewing in the opening round of the 2018 State Tournament. Pictured above, L-R: front, Randee's mom, and Head Coach Susan Witt, Randee, and dad, Rich Witt. Back, Head Coach Laurie Schroeder, Graduate Assistant Jessica Martins, Fr. Tim Kennett, Assistant Coach Nicole Witt and brother Weston. (Photo by Brian McKim)



Head girls basketball coach, Luke Santo



Head Boys Basketball and Football Coach Doug Goltz

## Sacred Heart holds Athletic Banquet

*Story and photos by Brian McKim*  
Falls City Sacred Heart hosted their annual activities banquet at the Roh Activities Center on Friday, May 3. It was the first time the banquet had been held on a Friday, due to accommodating coaches and parents who attended the junior high track meet on Saturday.

Steve Kottich, filling in for Bob Aitken for the second consecutive year opened the evening thanking everyone for coming and welcoming the 2019 graduating class to the Alumni association.

Athletic Director Doug Goltz awarded the Murphy/Nolte scholarship to Jake Hoy. The \$1,000 scholarship has come from the same anonymous donor since 1995. Goltz then went on to thank the Booster Club, bus drivers, coaches and the "volunteer army" that help with events throughout the school year.

Pam Smith, the One-Act sponsor, thanked everyone involved in the year's production of "Murder, Actually," giving a special shout-out to the seniors who have been involved with

the productions. Susan Witt gave a heartfelt thank you to her volleyball seniors, including daughter Randee. Speech sponsor Stephanie Bippes congratulated the team on a fourth-place finish at this seasons State Speech Meet.

Head girls basketball coach Luke Santo as the question, "could we sell our season?", stating that many teams would be thrilled with the basketball season they had. "Losing to WyoNot in the finals was difficult but the season as a whole was a huge success," said Santo. He stated his graduating seniors finished their careers with a 105-8 record.

Brian Lemerond handed out the weight lifter of the year awards to Jake Hoy and Randee Witt and urged athletes in attendance to give track and field a try, "it builds confidence, and you learn to compete on your own."

Finally, Goltz spoke of the success of the football and basketball seasons, saying basketball was better but even worse than football. He spoke the heart his team showed in the semi-final game against Johnson-Brock, a game that no one gave them a chance in with Tyler Witt in the line-up. "This was probably the best team I've coached that didn't win a title," said Goltz.

Kottich finished the evening thanking everyone at the Head Table for the time and effort that went into all the activities.

## Tiger's Golf take second at JCC

*By Brian McKim*

The Tiger golf team competed last Thursday in the Johnson County Central Invitational in Tecumseh. As a team the Tigers finished second with a 370, trailing only the host school who fired a 315. Auburn finished one stroke behind the Tigers with a 371 for third.

The Tigers had three individuals finish inside the top-20, with Lukas Aldana paving the way with an 84 for fourth-place. Braden Oliver finished in the eighth position with an 87 and Jake Joy shot a 97 for 16-place.

Aldana shot an outstanding 40 on the front nine and followed it up with a very solid 44 on the back for his total of 84. Oliver went out with a 45 and came back into the clubhouse with a 42 for his 87. Joy, who finished 16, fired a 51-46 for his 97. Rounding out the top-five for the Tigers was Hunter Arnold with a 56-54 for a 110 and Keldon Campbell with a 57-56 for a 113.

The Tigers JV also competed on Thursday, shooting a 214 on nine holes. Garrett Clark led the way for FC with a 48. Lindsey McNeely was next with a 55, and Justin Brewer was right behind with a 57. Jack Findlay

fired a 59, and Dylan Frederick shot a 69 to round out the JV scoring.

The golf squad will play at Hidden Valley Golf Course on Tuesday for the Lincoln Christian Invitational and then will play at the Beatrice Country Club for the District Meet on May 13.

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**Read the clues below to fill in the crossword:**

- Mother \_\_\_\_\_ - old woman in nursery rhyme
- mother \_\_\_\_\_ - the nation of a family
- Mother \_\_\_\_\_ - our planet
- Mother \_\_\_\_\_ - first language learned
- Mother \_\_\_\_\_ - controlling force of life, events
- Mother-of-\_\_\_\_\_ - hard, shiny layer in shell
- Mother \_\_\_\_\_ - "author" of children's rhymes
- Mother \_\_\_\_\_ - protects/services smaller vessels
- Mother \_\_\_\_\_ - being a female who has children and is caring for them
- Mother \_\_\_\_\_ - main vein of gold in the hills

**Crossword Clues:**

- 1. tongue
- 2. country
- 3. Nature
- 4. Hubbard
- 5. ship
- 6. Earth
- 7. Goose
- 8. hood
- 9. lode
- 10. peay

**Word Search:**

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D V D G A G R Z B J B U Z I C A N D Y P L Q Y S L  
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silky pillow K C Q M W P T D G I F T S I L H E H G G O Q

**Other Activities:**

- Wow! There's a nice idea. Breakfast on a tray for Mom's special day!
- To see what the baby chicks are saying, look at each letter and put the letter that comes after it (in the alphabet) on the blank above.
- Pssst.... I wish they'd stop smothering us!
- So big! So fast! So clever! So smart!
- Love you, Mommy!

**Gifts and Fun Ideas for Moms**

A handmade card from you is a great present for your Mom. Use your own ideas to decorate it and write about your own feelings inside. It is a gift that lets your mother know how much she means to you, and it can be tucked away for her to cherish for many years. Unscramble the letters below to fill in the blanks to show some other gifts or ideas for Moms:

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## HOW YOUNG PEOPLE CAN AVOID THE DEBT TRAP

Rites of passage come in many forms. Some are religious ceremonies marking an important stage in a person's spiritual life, while others are less ceremonial but still impactful.

For many young people who are old enough to vote but not necessarily old enough to live completely independent of their parents, digging oneself out of debt is an early financial rite of passage. But youth and debt need not go hand in hand, even though statistics suggest otherwise.

According to the Federal Reserve, student loan debt reached historical highs in the first quarter of 2018, surpassing \$1.5 trillion for the first time ever. That figure is even more staggering when compared to figures from a decade ago, when total student loan was about \$600 billion. And it's not just student loan debt that's jeopardizing young people's financial futures. Consumer debt compiled through the use of credit cards has long been a thorn in the sides of young adults, many of whom apply for credit cards before they fully understand the concept of credit, only to learn the hard way that swiping credit cards comes at an oftentimes steep cost.

But while the young people of yesteryear might have landed

in debt by using credit cards for nonessentials like a night out with friends, a recent survey from the professional services firm PwC found that young adults currently between the ages of 25 and 34 are more likely to buy day-to-day essentials with credit. In fact, 20 percent admitted to doing so in the past six months, compared with just 6 percent of adults age 55 and over. That could be due to a number of factors beyond young adults' control, including low and stagnant wages, but it also might be a byproduct of young adults not knowing how to avoid debt. If it's the latter, then young adults can try to employ the following strategies to avoid falling into the debt trap.

- Explore your repayment options. According to Student Debt Relief, a private company that looks to educate and empower consumers about student loan debt, the average college graduate in the class of 2016 had \$37,172 in debt. That's nearly \$10,000 more debt than the average graduate from the class of 2011. Young adults struggling to repay their student loans can explore various options, including federal student loan repayment plans, such as the Pay As You Earn plan and

the Income-Based plan. Each plan is different, but young adults should know that they have many repayment options.

- Avoid consumer debt. Interest rates on credit cards can be high, especially for young people without lengthy credit histories. As a result, it's best to only use such cards for emergencies and not to pay for nights out with friends or a new pair of shoes. Consumer debt that's not paid off in full each month also can adversely affect young adults' credit ratings, which can hurt them when they get older and look to buy their own homes or other big-ticket items.

- Live at home. While many college graduates want to maintain their independence and live on their own after graduation, moving back in with mom and dad might be the most financially savvy move to make. Doing so allows young adults with jobs to begin building their nest eggs and can help them avoid having to use credit cards to meet their day-to-day needs. Debt ensnares many young adults.

But there are ways for young people to avoid debt and pave the way for a bright financial future.



Falls City celebrated Arbor Day on April 28, 2019 at Stanton Lake Park during the annual Earth Day Festivities. The Tree Board participated in the festivities by planting a Princeton Elm tree as a memorial for long time city employee Charlie Bentley who was a lineman, city council member and worked for decades pruning and removing trees as a side job. The Tree Board packaged trees and gave approximately 80 trees consisting of Burr Oak, White Swamp Oak, Pecan, and Black Hills Spruce to those in attendance during the festivities to take home to plant. Tree Board members are Ed Harris, Eleanor Last, John von Behren, Rob Gerwerk and Ben Simpson. Pictured above are Harris, Last, Von Behren, Carol Bentley, Sarah, Hannah, Brianna, Ethan Pfohl during the planting.



All members that attended state, besides the ag mechanics team. Back Row: Franklin Fields, Sara Gifford, Justin Brewer, Thomas Fields, Hunter Arnold, Dylan Frederick, Jack Findlay, Mick Craine, and Gracie Frederick. Front Row: Makayla Mason, Gwen Olberding, Erin Brewer, Raymond Feek, Brylee Gilkerson, Courtney McClintock, and Laney Feek.

## Falls City FFA members attend state

By Laney Feek

On Wednesday April 3, the Falls City FFA Chapter took 19 students to Nebraska State FFA Convention to compete with people from all over the state in various competitions.

On the first day, the Junior and Senior Parliamentary Procedure teams competed, both receiving bronze plaques. The junior team consisted of Makayla Mason, Raymond Feek, Brylee Gilk-

erson, Courtney McClintock, Sara Gifford, Thomas Fields, and Justin Brewer; the senior team consisted of Dylan Frederick, Laney Feek, Erin Brewer, Hunter Arnold, Jack Findlay, and Gwen Olberding.

Also competing the first day was the Ag Mechanics team, which consisted of Cole Kirkendall, Seth Brewer, and Keldon Campbell. On the second day, Thursday, April 4, welding com-

peted and placed in the top half. The team consisted of Hunter Arnold, Seth Brewer, and Mick Craine, with Mick Craine placing 5th out of 60 participants in OxyAcetylene and receiving a blue ribbon.

The Agronomy team also competed Thursday placing 51st out of 105 teams; Franklin Fields received a red ribbon, Erin and Seth Brewer received white ribbons.

The final competition to go on Thursday was the Ag Sales team, placing in the top half. Dylan Frederick and Jack Findlay received red ribbons. Last on Thursday, Seth Brewer and Dylan Frederick received third place at state in their proficiency areas; both got to walk on to stage to be recognized and received a plaque.

Two delegates were sent to represent our chapter and attended two meeting and voted on Friday. Those who went to State Convention went through the Hall of Chapters and various other booths throughout the convention center.

Finally, on Friday, Dylan Frederick and Erin Brewer both received their state degrees.

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## SBA Tops \$25 Million in disaster assistance loans

Director Tanya N. Garfield of the U.S. Small Business Administration's Disaster Field Operations Center-West announced today that SBA has approved more than \$25 million in federal disaster loans for Nebraska businesses and residents impacted by severe winter storm, straight-line winds and flooding that occurred March 9 – April 1, 2019. According to Garfield, SBA has approved \$3,093,300 for businesses and \$22,000,300 for residents to help rebuild and recover from this disaster.

"SBA's disaster assistance employees are committed to helping businesses and residents rebuild as quickly as possible," said Garfield. Businesses and residents in the Santee Sioux Nation; Antelope, Boone, Boyd, Buffalo, Burt, Butler, Cass, Colfax, Cuming, Custer, Dodge, Douglas, Hall, Howard, Knox, Madison, Nance, Nemaha, Pierce, Platte, Richardson, Saline, Sarpy, Saunders, Stanton, Thurston and Washington counties in Nebraska who sustained damages are encouraged to register prior to the May 20, 2019, deadline with the Federal Emergency Management Agency at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov). "Don't miss out on any assistance you may be entitled to by not registering for help. You don't need to wait for your insurance to settle or obtain a contractor's estimate," she added.

SBA continues to provide one-on-one assistance to disaster loan applicants in Disaster Recovery Centers and Disaster Loan Outreach across the disaster impacted areas of Nebraska. Center locations and hours can be obtained at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela> or by calling SBA at (800) 659-2955.

Businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. The SBA can also lend additional funds to help business and residents with the cost of making improvements that protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future. Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace their damaged or destroyed primary residence. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property. These low-interest federal disaster loans are available in the Santee Sioux Nation; Antelope, Boone, Boyd, Buffalo, Burt, Butler, Cass, Colfax, Cuming, Custer, Dodge, Douglas, Hall, Howard, Knox, Madison, Nance, Nemaha, Pierce, Platte, Richardson, Saline, Sarpy, Saunders, Stanton, Thurston and Washington counties in Nebraska.

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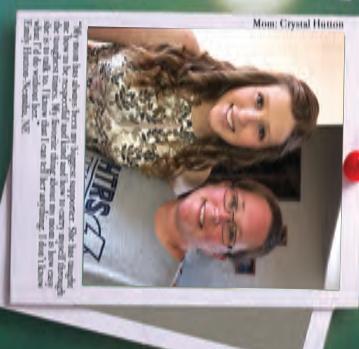
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