

## SHERIFF POUNDS OFFERS RESIGNATION TO COMMISSIONERS

Don Pounds e-mailed a letter of resignation to the Richardson County Commissioners on Saturday, July 6, 2019, offering his resignation as Richardson County Sheriff.

The e-mail was received and placed on the Tuesday, July 9, 2019 agenda for consideration and acceptance by the County Board of Commissioners. According to Nebraska State Statute §32-562, the resignation was not effective until accepted by the County Board. During the County Commissioners meeting, the Board appointed an interim County Sheriff until a permanent successor is duly appointed per Nebraska State Statute §32-563. Whomever is appointed will serve the remainder of the term until January 2022.

The Journal has obtained a copy of the letter of resignation, it follows in its entirety, below:

RE: Sheriff Don Pounds resignation  
 July 6, 2019  
 Commissioners;

This is to inform you that you have forced my resignation as Richardson County Sheriff effective July 6, 2019. Sergeant Roland Merwin was assigned the responsibility of Acting Sheriff on this date. All County property in my possession has been left in Acting Sheriff Merwin's custody.

As of July 31, 2019, you have subjected the Richardson County Sheriff's Office (RCSO) to no records management system. This is very dangerous to Officers and the public. You have reduced the Sheriff's Office to the point the only system left to run the com-

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## UTILITY RATE INCREASES RECEIVE SECOND ROUND APPROVAL

By *Charlie Radatz*

Recommended Falls City Utility rate increases received second round approval on 8-0 votes during the Mon., July 1, meeting of the City Council after questions were raised by two city residents and Mayor Shawna Bindle posted a Facebook comment on the rate increases.

Mayor Shawna Bindle stated, "A few of you may wonder why your city council voted for the increase in utility rates. I will share my thoughts on this heated topic. The city contracted an independent firm to do a rate study of the utilities. They determined the need for rate increases based on the current and projected markets as well as the need for infrastructure upgrades/repairs needed to ensure that we remain stable and in compliance with regulatory committees in the future. The firm that does the study reaps no benefits from the study, so it doesn't matter from their standpoint if they recommend to increase the rates or not. The council generally follows the recommendation of the Board of Public Works (BPW). The BPW knows our current utility needs as well as future needs and put a lot of time and thankless hours into what they do. I can assure you these decisions aren't taken lightly. I (as well as the rest of the council) pay the same rates as everyone else."

The ordinances increasing electrical, gas, water, and sewer rates need one more round of approval before going into effect beginning Oct 1st. As proposed, electrical rates are to be increased by two percent annually in

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## PALMTAG ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE

With endorsements of former Governor Dave Heineman and Congressman Jeff Fortenberry, small business owner and community leader Janet Palmtag has announced her candidacy for the Nebraska Legislature to represent Legislative District

1, which includes Richardson, Nemaha, Otoe, Johnson, and Pawnee Counties in southeast Nebraska.

"I am running for the Legislature to strengthen the quality of life in communities across southeast Nebraska. Farmers and ranchers across the district and state are struggling and need help now," said Palmtag in announcing her candidacy for the Legislature. "Property tax reform is needed to stabilize and strengthen our farms, downtown businesses, and families."

"I am grateful to the many residents of southeast Nebraska who have encouraged me to represent them in the Legislature and get things done," Palmtag said.

Palmtag was born and raised in Nebraska City and graduated from Lourdes Central Catholic School. She earned a Bachelor

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Back row, L-R: Kevin Malone, Rod Rowland, Marc Morehead, Dana Rathje, Steve Severin, Chris Halbert, Charlie Radatz. Front: Mitch Merz, Deb Eggleston, Gary Jom, Beckie Cromer

## STATE OF NEBRASKA HONORS FALLS CITY'S WORKFORCE AND EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

For the third time in 10 years, the Nebraska Diplomats and the Department of Economic Development (DED) have recognized Falls City, as an Economic Development Certified Community (EDCC). DED Business Development Consultant Deb Eggleston honored members of Falls City's Economic Development and Growth Enterprise (EDGE) board during the organization's monthly meeting on Thursday, June 20.

Falls City is one of 40 communities to earn EDCC certification in the program, sponsored by the Nebraska Diplomats and administered by DED. State officials established the program in 2005 to recognize communities for preparedness to attract new industries and grow existing businesses. The community received its original EDCC certification in 2009 and earned recertification in 2014 and 2019.

The EDGE team's focus on workforce development has grown significantly since 2014. EDGE's partnership with Southeast Community College (SCC) resulted in the recruitment and location of a new SCC Learning Center in 2016. A current, industry-specific construction project will provide additional tools for skills training in healthcare and manufacturing. EDGE and SCC partners anticipate completion of the new 10,000 square foot facility in late 2019 or early 2020.

As workforce opportunities at the collegiate level continue to grow, EDGE officials have also prioritized partnerships between industry leaders and Richardson County schools. Falls City EDGE actively works to establish relationships with manufacturing businesses through participation in National and Nebraska Manufacturing Day. The community's Educator Externship Program features intensive job shadowing and hands-on learning opportunities for area teachers. The program encourages the promotion of Falls City's manufacturing industry by providing educators with industry knowledge to share with high school students.

"As workforce needs across Nebraska rise, businesses and schools continue to create

unique programs to introduce students to outstanding careers in our state," said Nebraska Diplomats President Dan Duncan. "Threefold partnerships between local industry leaders, teachers and students promote ongoing opportunities within Falls City's workforce. Efforts like these are essential to this community's economic readiness encouraged by Nebraska's EDCC program."

"Local industries are happy to invite area youth into their companies, because one day, they will be part of this community's workforce," said FAST Global Solutions Plant Manager Jerry Koopman. "It's so important to support area students while giving them an inside look at what is available for their growth, right here in their own backyard."

Recent business expansions also support opportunities for growth in the community's workforce. The completion of Kearney Welding's 6,000 square foot manufacturing facility included the addition of five new employees.

The company's \$300,000 investment included new equipment for regional outsourcing services in welding and fabrication. In addition, Falls City Foods' site selection process led them to invest \$3 million in the community, resulting in a new

facility that now employs 19 people.

Armbruster Motor Company's recent expansion included updates to the business' auto body retail, maintenance and repair shop. The project is Falls City's fourth Tax Increment Financing (TIF) project, which included assistance for site preparation, paving and utility upgrades.

EDGE's recent option to purchase a 1,000-acre, Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) served speculative megasite was approved by UPRR in January. Falls City's work at the site with UPRR included the creation of a specific rail design concept.

"The Falls City EDGE team is made up of dedicated stakeholders who work very hard to foster growth and development in Falls City and Richardson County," said EDGE Executive Director Beckie Cromer. "We've created an environment conducive to economic development, and we are proud of these successes and being recognized as a part of the Economic Development Certified Community program. The EDGE program touches all aspects of community development, including business retention and expansion, workforce development, housing, company recruitment and community relations. We are #fallsacityproud!"

## Region V requests County funding

By *Charlie Radatz*

During the Tue., July 2, meeting of the Richardson County Commissioners Dave Merrill, Executive Director of Region V Services and C.J. Johnson, Executive Director of Region V Systems presented to the Board the Annual Report of his organization and requested that Richardson County continue with the local funding support for the next fiscal year in the amount of \$23,657.00.

Sheriff Don Pounds discussed routine business being done in the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Pounds mentioned that the current contract with Omnigo Software for the records management systems at the Law Enforcement Center will expire at the end of July and a new system is needed sooner rather than later.

During his regular Roads Department Report, Steve Darveau, Highway Superintendent reported on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week.

County Treasurer Amanda Bartek-Young presented to the Board pledge security receipts #392183364, 392201698 & 792005258 for approval from US Bank to replace receipts #392183364, 392178363 & 792005258. Motion was made by Frank to approve the pledge security receipts as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. Approval was by a 2-0 as Commissioner Dave Sichel was absent due to illness.

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# Dream Careers

By Governor Pete Ricketts

Are you looking for the career of your dreams? If so, Nebraska is the ideal place for you. We have one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation. We have the second-highest labor force participation rate among all states. Wages are growing rapidly. And we have tens of thousands of open jobs at any given time.

To help people take these jobs, my team has started a number of initiatives. From the middle school years to career launches and transitions, we are connecting the next generation of Nebraskans to the great opportunities awaiting them here in the Good Life.



In 2015, I worked with the Legislature to create the Developing Youth Talent Initiative (DYTI). Over the last four years, this program has introduced over 7,000 middle school students to great careers in manufacturing and information technology.

This week, the Department of Economic Development and I announced that a new round of DYTI grants will go to Orthman Manufacturing of Lexington, Reinke Manufacturing of Deshler, and Vistabeam Inventive Wireless of Gering. These new grants will raise awareness about these fields with 4,600 more students, so they can pursue their interest further at the high school level.

From Lincoln to Grand Island to Scottsbluff, schools have established career academies to equip young Nebraskans with skills ranging from welding to irrigation technology. To build on these opportunities, we have launched a new program through the Nebraska Department of Labor (DOL) called Jobs for America's Grads (JAG). JAG is designed to aid young Nebraskans who have faced challenging circumstances to take that next step in life after high school, whether it's the road to college or a great career. The program's goal is to give these students the skills they need for their next step. It uses project-based curriculum built with student input and a focus on STEM fields. In its first year, the program successfully launched in three schools with 82 students. Of those, all 13 seniors graduated, and we are working to expand it in the coming school year.

Beyond high school, the State of Nebraska has teamed up with job creators to offer a variety of apprenticeships. Over the past few years, we have worked to establish 125 registered apprenticeship programs, an increase of 44 percent since 2016. Registered apprenticeships help Nebraskans "earn while they learn" in fields ranging from manufacturing to telecommunications. This can provide a direct pathway to a great career. Earlier this year, we launched a new German-style apprenticeship program with the Industry Consortium for Advanced Technical Training (ICATT). In February, CLAAS and Graepel, two German companies with North American operations based in Omaha, became the first two high-tech manufacturers in Nebraska to officially sign on with ICATT and commit funds for the program.

Our efforts to help Nebraskans take advantage of great careers extend to our entire existing workforce through our reemployment and SNAP Next Step programs. Nebraska's DOL provides reemployment services to any Nebraskan seeking their next career opportunity. These services range from creating a resume to job search coaching to gaining new skills. All Nebraskans drawing unemployment benefits participate in these services. We have also connected families on food stamps to reemployment services in Grand Island, Hastings, Columbus, Norfolk, Scottsbluff, Sidney, North Platte, and most recently Lexington. Through this effort, called SNAP Next Step, we have helped Nebraskans achieve higher incomes, more financial independence, and less reliance on government assistance. As of April 2019, the average participant completing the program realized an increase in wages of more than \$900 a month, or \$11,000 a year.

These are just a few examples of the work happening across the state to connect people with great opportunities and the career of their dreams. We will keep pushing to expand initiatives that will help even more young people enjoy the Good Life as the best place in the world to live, work, and raise a family. If you have questions about this subject or any other, I hope you will email me at [pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov](mailto:pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov) or call 402-471-2244.



## Poll: Nebraskans favor more Nonpartisan Voter Rights

Capitol View  
Nebraska Press Association  
By: J.J. Schmidt

There's new traction in the efforts to expand the voting rights of the 21 percent of Nebraska voters who are registered Independents.

A poll from National Open Primaries, a nonprofit national leader on election reform, and Nonpartisan Nebraska, a state grassroots organization dedicated to protecting and expanding nonpartisan elections and governance, shows that a substantial majority favors an initiative to open Nebraska primaries to independent voters.

"Independents, like myself, now account for 21% of registered voters in Nebraska," Nathan Leach of Kearney, Director of Nonpartisan Nebraska said, "it's time to have a serious conversation about changing our closed, partisan primaries to a primary to allow all voters a fair and competitive election."

"More than 80 years ago, Nebraskans overwhelmingly approved creating the only nonpartisan Unicameral in the country—it's time to expand that reform to our primary elections and start removing partisanship from the ballot box," he said.

The poll of 917 registered Nebraska voters indicated nearly 68 percent of them support a top-two open primary for all state elections (where all candidates for office would be listed on a single unified ballot, all voters could vote for any candidate, regardless of their party registration, and the two candidates with the most votes would then advance to the general election). Only 18 percent of respondents disagreed.

Additionally, the poll indicated 71 percent of Nebraska voters believe that Independents should be able to participate in both the Democratic and Republican presidential primaries. Eighty-one percent of Democrats, 57 percent Republicans and 82 percent Independents supported the idea.

Seventy-two percent of Nebraska voters believe that the Legislature should not be controlled by any political party, with only 11% supporting majority control. They fear political control would hamper the efficiency of the legislature. Just look at recent rules debates led by Republican lawmakers that have wasted valuable time otherwise set aside for floor debate. Eighty-seven percent of Democrats, 60 percent of Republicans and 74 percent of Independents support the belief.

Seventy-two percent of respondents believe that partisan control of Congress has led to gridlock, needless bickering, and an inability to address real problems. Seventy percent of Democrats, 70 percent of Republicans and 76 percent of Independents agreed.

Not surprisingly, the poll indicated Nebraskans overall approve of the job President Trump is doing, but are more mixed

about Governor Ricketts, disapprove of the job the legislature is doing and are very disapproving of the US Congress. Pollsters said the numbers are consistent with how voters in other states rate their state and federal legislature.

Fifty-three percent said they approve of the job Trump is doing, 45 percent disapproved and 3 percent were listed as neutral. Rickett's job was approved by 39 percent with 45 percent saying they disapproved and 15 percent neutral. Only 28 percent of respondents approved of the job the Legislature is doing with 44 percent disapproving and 28 percent neutral. A mere 13 percent said they approved of the job Congress is doing with a whopping 76 percent saying they dis-

approve. Leach said that no decision has been made on pursuing the ballot issue to extend Nebraska's legislative open primary to include congressional races and statewide offices, but the poll indicated that if the question were on the ballot today, it would receive 51 percent approval, 26 percent disapproval and 23 percent neutral.

Leach encouraged Nebraskans interested in expressing their opinions on this proposal to visit the Nonpartisan Nebraska Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/NonPartisanNebraska/>) and leave a message.

J.J. Schmidt has been covering Nebraska government and politics since 1979. He has been a registered Independent for 20 years.

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## From the Journal Files

By Charlie Radatz

50-25-15 Years Ago

**50 Years Ago - July 10, 1969 - July 16, 1969**  
Richardson County was hit with a proposed 84 percent increase in the value of rural real estate and a 12 percent increase in the value of urban real estate by State Tax Commissioner Murrell B. McNeil.

Commodore Corp., with manufacturing facilities in Falls City, formed a new division to develop, build, and operate mobile home parks.

The Rivoli was showing "The Devil's Bride".  
Donkey Ball was providing entertainment at the Rulo Baseball Park.  
Richardson County Bank & Trust introduced Golden Passbook accounts paying five percent interest.

The City Council was about to adopt an ordinance to create a civil service system for appointment of policemen and fulltime firemen.

The Falls City Elks Midgets picked up their third victory in a row defeating Humboldt 5-4.

The Falls City Legion baseball team won its 5th & 6th games in a row and was paired with Bellevue in the second game of the Class A Junior Legion baseball tournament at Ralston.

Approximately 120 members of Company B, 134th Infantry, Falls City were headed to Camp Ripley, MN for training.

The twin bill at Breezy Hill Drive-in included "The Strange Affair" and Ursula Andress in "Anyone Can Play".

At 98 degrees it was the hottest day of the year in Falls City and 808 flocked to the municipal swimming pool to cool off.

Nebraska's "Mother of the Year", Mrs. G.C. Kennedy, Brownville, and a past "Mother of the Year", Mrs. Arthur J. Weaver, Falls City were featured speakers at BPW meeting.

A Four State Horseshoe Tournament at City Park attracted a number of participants with Marlin Potts, Leonardville, KS declared the winner after finishing the day with 6 victories and 1 loss.

Providing dance music at Camp Rulo was the Laverne Prohaska band on Sunday evenings and Don Beesley on Wednesday evenings.

Beverly Schuetz, Humboldt, NE, was the 1969 Queen of the Richardson County 4-H Fair.

The Falls City School Board adopted a budget of \$852,371 and voted to purchase a two-year option for 19 acres of land on the east edge of Falls City for possible future expansion.

The City Council was considering two related issues, possible relaxation of the city's animal control ordinance and the proposed annexation of property along the west side of the city where a number of horses and other livestock were pastured.

The Falls City Elks Midgets won their fourth game in a row and evened their season record to 8-8 after a 13-0 victory over Tecumseh.

Astronauts Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, Jr., and Michael Collins, were headed toward the moon aboard Apollo 11, after their Saturn 5 rocket blasted off from Cape Kennedy.

Falls City merchants swept up in the euphoria of the moon launch were having a Moonlight Madness sale on Tri-States Day.

Air conditioning due to hot weather caused an all-time record consumption of 8,200 kilowatts of electricity and city line crews were busy stepping up transformers to meet the power demand.

The Dawson-Verdon Girls Softball team improved their record to 12-2 after defeating the Vets Club 5-0 improving their chances to win a league championship.

**25 Years Ago - July 10, 1994 - July 16, 1994**  
The District 56 School Board voted to give itself the authority to increase the 1993-94 budget authority by a total of five percent or a total of \$230,000 for the 1994-95 school term.

"Country's Reminisce Hitch"; 10 Belgian horses, their seven drivers and handlers, and supporting vehicles; made a one day rest stop at the junction of U.S. Highways 36 & 75 and continued north on Hwy. 75 on their way to Centerville, Iowa.

Richardson County Highway Superintendent Tim Baxter received a plaque of appreciation for his service before heading to the next stop in his career path, Phelps County, NE.

Chaney Furniture bought out the remaining inventory of an Omaha furniture store that was going out of business and was conducting a "Buy-Out Sale".

Home Lumber was celebrating its Grand Opening in the former Sailor Bldg. Supply location at 200 W. 7th Street.

The Falls City Elks Midgets defeated Syracuse 8-7 and 10-5 in a double-header at Dallas Jones Park.

One-hundred-99 swimmers took part in a swim meet hosted by the Falls City swim team. Andrea Weaver set a pool record with a time of :20.34 in the 11-12 girls' breaststroke.

Vivian Hall, Falls City, received a plaque from the American Heart Association, Nebraska Affiliate, in recognition of her being selected as "Communications Volunteer of the Year".

Senior and Intermediate 4-H Home Economics Judging Contest winners included Beth Nemechek, David Nemechek, and Angela Weber. Junior judging contest winners were Devon Kottich, Jill Weber, Deirdre Kottich, Bridget Huppert, and Lisa Palmer.

**15 Years Ago - July 10, 2004 - July 16, 2004**  
A party was held to recognize the safe return of Vince Ross, 22, an Army Reservist after serving 18 months in Iraq.

Former state senator and state health planning director, Calista Cooper Hughes, Humboldt, died at the age of 90.

The First Annual Friends of the Library "Bikers for Books" Benefit Ride by motorcyclists was a 100 mile ride along roads in Southeast Nebraska and Northeast Kansas.

The top golfer in the St. Lantzy Memorial Junior Golf Tournament was Wes Dowell of Salado, TX, who shot an even par 70.

The Falls City Legion baseball team beat Nortonville 7-6 in a 12-inning game. Trailing 6-5 with bases loaded in the bottom of the 12th, Nick Schawang was hit by a pitch scoring Travis Ferris. Then Stephen Randall perfectly executed a suicide squeeze scoring Derik Lape to win the game. Travis Kopf, a former Sacred Heart and Doane College standout and a cornerback for the Lincoln Capitols National Indoor Football League team, was named to the Pacific North All-Star Squad.

Funds from the VFW and American Legion posts purchased a bugle that could be used to play a recording of taps at graveside services for former members of the armed services.

A number of awards were received by members of the Falls City High School cheerleading squad during a summer camp. Eleven team members received All American Nominations making them eligible to perform at the Hula Bowl or the Orange Bowl.

University of Nebraska Chancellor Harvey Perlman made a visit to Falls City and called the University the central institution in determining the future of the state.

Tremors of an earthquake 15 miles southwest of Shenandoah, IA were felt in Falls City about 7:17 a.m. July 16 but no damage occurred here.

The Southeast Nebraska Consolidated School board came to an agreement with its Teacher Association on a new contract calling for an increase in the base salary from \$23,950 to \$24,400.

County Commissioners consented to allowing the Verdon Rescue Squad to use a surplus ambulance no longer used by the Humboldt Ambulance Squad.

## Utility rate increases receive second round approval

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In 2020, 2021, and 2022 in all rate classes with the increases directed more toward monthly customer charges and summer usage. According to the J.K. Consulting Falls City's rates will still be competitive with those of neighboring utilities even with the proposed rate increases. The consulting firm stated that on a cash basis the electrical utility experienced a loss of \$26,000 in 2019 and if no changes in rates were made that amount was anticipated to increase to \$426,000 in Fiscal Year 2022 due to general cost escalation and the desire of the utility to fund capital improvements from revenue without issuing new debt.

As proposed, water utility rates are to increase by five percent annually for all rate classes in 2020, 2021, and 2022 for a cumulative rate increase of approximately 22 percent by 2022. The typical residential rate increase will be \$1.58 per month beginning October 2019 and \$1.66 per month beginning October 2020. On a cash basis, the water utility experienced a deficit of \$125,000 in 2019 and without a rate increase deficits would reach \$194,000 by Fiscal Year 2022. The major causes of the deficit were due to increased costs of operation and the capital costs of water treatment improvements. J.K. Consulting said Falls City water rates would be competitive with those of neighboring cities after the increases.

J.K. Consulting recommended increasing residential sewer rates by \$2.09 per month in 2019, \$2.24 per month in 2020, and \$2.40 per month in 2022, an increase of about 7% per year for a cumulative increase of 22.5 percent. The consulting firm indicated that on a cash basis the wastewater utility experienced a deficit of \$160,000 in Fiscal Year 2019 that would increase to \$226,000 by fiscal year 2020 if no changes were made in rates. According to the rate study, even after the increases the Falls City rates would remain competitive with those of neighboring communities.

J.K. Consulting recommended a 1.3 percent annual increase in natural gas rates to go into effect in October of 2019, 2020, and 2021. When adopted the typical residential bill will increase by \$1.11 per month for each of the three years. The existing rate structure was considered sufficient to pay projected operating expenses and the increase was recommended to provide sufficient revenue in case of low gas sales.

Mayor Bindle invited public comments at the meeting and questions were raised about whether the city council could allow more than one adjustment per year in the level payment plan and the reason why electrical rates are going up when Omaha Public Power District says its rates have not increased. Councilman Derrick Leyden responded that Falls

City has only one line connecting it to OPPD and requires the ability of the city utility to generate its own power in case that line goes down. City Administrator Gary Jom explained that the city has to make regular multi-million dollar improvements to maintain and update its utility systems like the recently authorized upgrade of the electrical line to its water plant at Rulo. Councilman Mitch Merz noted that the rates are increasing by only two percent and that is less than the rate of inflation.

The Council voted 8-0 to approve forgiveness of a \$125,000 Falls City Community Development Block Grant Program Income ReUse funds to Great West Teuwissen, LLC doing business

as Falls City Foods LLC. Administrator Jom said the company had met all city requirements to earn forgiveness of the loan.

The Council also voted 8-0 to approve an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for a Mutual Finance Organization. Under that agreement, each member agrees to levy the same agreed-upon maximum property tax rate for fire protection within their boundaries for one of every three years covered by the agreement. All property taxes collected by each member shall remain the revenue of each respective member but State funding provided by state law will be available for shared distribution by the Richardson County Mutual Finance Organization.

## Cobblestone Parade Grand Marshal nominations sought

Cobblestone is still two months away, starting on Thursday, August 22 and ending Sunday, August 25, but those two months will pass by quickly. According to long-time parade director, Lori Gottula, it's time to start planning parade entries, and/or nominations for the position of Grand Marshal.

"The theme this year is "The Wild Wild West," Gottula said. "The committee is always so proud of our entries, particularly the extravagant floats. I personally can't wait to see what people come up with this year."

Parade entries are accepted in multiple and varied categories.

"Entry in the parade is free," Gottula said. "We have business and commercial entries, churches and organizations, ball teams, people walking or riding bikes, motorcycles, bands, and just about anything else that people can think of. We accept anyone who can keep up with the pace of the parade."

Gottula stated that she is hoping for more bands than the parade has attracted in past years, and more color guards.

"This is the 100th birthday for the American Legion organization," she said, "So we hope that more color guards come to celebrate with us."

"We are also offering a small stipend to attending bands, rather than hosting a band contest," she said. "Most of the communities that have a lot of bands in their parades offer a stipend."

Donors are being sought to help cover those costs. Regarding the grand marshal, nominations are now being accepted. Nominees can be a person, couple, or group, and the only requirement is that she, he, or they must have contributed substantially to the betterment of the Falls City community. The contributions can be monetary, volunteer, work-related, or service-related.

"The honor is similar to a life-time achievement award," Gottula said. "The committee is looking for that person, couple, or group that has made a commitment to Falls City or its citizens long-term. Letters of nomination should be as detailed as possible, listing the reasons why the nominee should be considered."

Although Gottula does not vote on the nominees and is not present during the vote, she gathers all of the nomination letters, and hosts an anonymous committee that makes the selection. Letters of nomination can be sent to her at 2703 Abbott Street, Falls City, NE 68355, or by email at [gottula@sentco.net](mailto:gottula@sentco.net).

The deadline is August 1, 2019. For more information, contact Gottula at the email listed above, or at (402) 245-8145.

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## Community Medical Center GROUND BREAKERS

The history of Community Medical Center continues with recognition to those individuals or groups that made a difference in the success and stability of our medical facility - people we call Ground Breakers. **Dr. Louis V. Brennan** graduated from Creighton University Medical School in 1934 and interned at St. Catherine Hospital in Omaha. He entered medical service of the Veteran's Administration until 1939 when he entered the Army. He was discharged in 1946 and came to Falls City, Nebraska. He opened his own office above the First National Bank building until he purchased the Ketter Clinic in 1959. He was joined by Dr. R. L. Burghart in 1961.



Dr. Brennan took advanced work in surgery while on duty in the Army. His wife, Maxine Charbonneau Brennan stated in a 1956 Falls City Journal "Meet the Wives of Falls City Doctors" article, "He was a natural born surgeon." He practiced medicine in Falls City for almost forty years. Dr. Brennan and Maxine had four sons, Terry, Mike, Dick, and Pat. It was understandable with raising four boys; their lives were filled with many adventurous activities.

In addition to his love for family and medicine, with a very active practice, he had other hobbies. Dr. Brennan had a sizeable herd of Charolais cattle. He was an active outdoorsman, and hunting expeditions took him to many parts of the world.

Dr. Brennan suffered a heart attack while hunting elk in Colorado in 1984 and died there.

The gregarious doctor helped establish strong medical standards with a kind caring manner.

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Sun Mart has more than 155 stores in nine states that have given \$82,000 company wide and \$10,000 locally 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. Back, L-R: Terri Hogue, Middle School; Mike Wentz, South School; Father Lee Jirovsky, Sacred Heart; Joyce Jones and Kathy Hopp, First United Methodist Church; Lynne Davis, North School; front, L-R: Tanner Jackson and Alaina Jackson, grandchildren of Joyce Jones and children of Rachel and Joe Jackson. 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)

## NW MO State announces spring semester honor rolls

The Office of the Registrar at Northwest Missouri State University announced the names of students named to the Academic or President's Honor Roll at the end of the 2019 spring semester.

To be included on the Academic Honor Roll a student must carry a minimum of 12 credit hours and attain a grade point average of 3.50 or above on a 4.00 scale. Students named to the President's Honor Roll have attained a perfect 4.00 GPA for the semester.

Local students announced to the Honor roll are: Rachael L. Keithley, Academic Honor Roll, of Falls City and Cody N. Strauch, President's Honor Roll of Salem.



Bonnie Flessner turned 96 on Wednesday, June 19 at Falls City Care Center. She was surprised by Charlie Laux with cupcakes.

## SCC releases Dean's List

Southeast Community College in Nebraska released its Dean's List for the quarter recently completed on the Beatrice, Lincoln and Milford campuses.

To be recognized on SCC's Dean's List, a student must complete at least six quarter credit hours of the term with a minimum grade-point average of 3.5. Classes with a grade of "P" (Pass) do not count toward the six-hour minimum.

Shane Ellis Campbell, Falls City, Energy Generation Operations; Tristan Jenkins Keithley, Falls City, Electrical Technology; Alexander Eugene Kirkpatrick, Falls City, Energy Generation Operations; Brooke M Lotter, Falls City, Agriculture Business and Management

Technology; Andrew David Neddendriep, Falls City, Diesel Technology-Truck; and Hannah Marie Weaver, Falls City, Business Administration.

## Northwestern Iowa College Dean's list

Megan Vollmer, a student at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, has earned a spot on the Academic Dean's List for the spring 2019 semester.

The Dean's List is comprised of students who have achieved a semester grade point average of 3.50 or above while carrying a minimum of 12 graded hours. This semester, 379 students qualified for the Dean's List. Students who earned a GPA of 3.75 or higher are considered Collegiate Scholars, designated with an asterisk. Of the 220 Collegiate Scholars, 55 of them maintained a perfect 4.0 average and are recognized with a pound sign.

Vollmer is a senior and nursing major at Northwestern College. She is the daughter of Julie Vollmer, of Verdun.

Northwestern College is a Christian college of more than 1,300 students in Orange City, Iowa. Rated a top-10 Midwest-ern college by *U.S. News & World Report* magazine.

## RC Farm Service Agency extends app. window for Conservation Program

Richardson County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Brenda Fields today announced an extension of the deadline for Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) applications for producers impacted by the March flooding and blizzard. ECP sign-up, which began in Richardson County in early May, will now end on July 30, 2019.

The approved ECP practices include debris removal; fencing replacement and repair; grading, shaping and leveling of impacted fields; conservation structure rehabilitation; and shelterbelt rehabilitation. ECP assists producers with the recovery cost to restore the agricultural land to pre-disaster conditions. Approved ECP applicants may receive up to 75 percent of the cost of approved restoration activity.

"We recognize the challenges our producers have faced with this spring's weather," said Fields. "We hope the extension will allow all who would like to access this program the opportunity to submit an application."

Producers with damage must apply for assistance prior to beginning reconstructive work in order to qualify for cost-share assistance. This allows the FSA office to assess the need for on-site inspection and environmental compliance requirements, taking into consideration the type and extent of the damage. Some process efficiencies have been established for ECP applications to cost-share on basic fence repair and debris removal work that will not disturb ground below the plow line.

The use of ECP funds is limited to activities to return the land to the relative pre-disaster condition. Conservation concerns that were present on the land prior to the disaster are not eligible for ECP assistance.

For more information on ECP, please contact the Richardson County FSA office at (402) 245-2401.

## BUILDING PERMITS

Vickie Zeigler, 712 Pacific Street; utility shed-approved by Board of Adjustment, \$2,549.

Katherine Jordan, 804 East 17 Street; replace roof, gutter, siding, sidewalk, remove porch replace with concrete patio, \$300,000.

CKW Enterprises, 3424 North Hwy 73; roof, gutter, \$9,000.

Falls City Public Schools, 1400 Fulton Street; concrete north parking lot, \$10,000.

William Nussbaum, 2005 Harlan Street; garage, \$30,000.

Mitchell Unruh, 1119 East 19 Street; basement wall repair, \$10,000.

CKW Enterprises, 103 East 35 Street; interior remodel, \$20,000.

Robert and Deanna Ewing, 2209 Lane Street; roof replaced on garage and house, gutters, \$10,428.

Robert Carpenter, 3116 McLean Street; lean to/carport, \$7,500.

Mike and Janelle Martney, 2123 Chase Street; patio cover over existing concrete slab, \$2,600.

Anna Fiegenger, 412 East 20 Street; replace furnace and A/C, \$5,000.

Barb Parrish, 1814 Valley Avenue; water heater, \$800.

Donna Stumbo, 1911 Crook Street; sidewalk and driveway, \$4,000.

Brad Unruh, 1702 Abbott Street; water heater, \$1,000.

Doug and Barb Voegel, 701 West 15th Street; repair deck add wheelchair ramp, \$4,000.

M&T Buildings, 1817 Crook

## ACCIDENT REPORTS

On June 24, 2019, Matthew Rupert III of Omaha, stated the vehicle in front of him slowed so he slowed down and was struck by Justin Fee causing damage to the rear bumper of his vehicle. No damage was done to the vehicle Fee was driving that belonged to Scholl Lawn and Landscape; an estimated \$500 in damage was done to the vehicle Rupert was driving. No citations were issued.

Street; replace sidewalk and steps, \$3,800.  
Messler Trust, 2215 Lane Street; demo of residence and garage, \$8,200.

The First Presbyterian Church of Falls City, invites the community to celebrate in worship and praise during their expanded Music Ministry during the month of July.

We welcome back home, David von Behren graduate of Yale University along with our own Michele Gaskell who, will be playing separately and together as a duet.

The First Presbyterian Church 20th and Harlan Streets at 10:45 AM July 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th All are welcomed.

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## USDA announces investments in community facilities that will benefit nearly 2,500 rural americans

Rural Development State Director for Nebraska Karl Elmsphaeuser today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing \$84,000 in essential community infrastructure that will benefit nearly 2,500 rural residents.

"Modern infrastructure, whether it's for education, health care, public safety, or municipal services, is essential to the continued prosperity of rural communities," Elmsphaeuser said. "Under the leadership of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue and Acting Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development Joel Baxley, USDA is committed to partnering with rural communities to build and improve infrastructure for essential services."

The Pennsylvania Colony Historical Society of Nebraska is receiving a \$36,400 loan and \$47,600 grant to construct a new 40 x 52 sq. ft. building on the existing four-acre plot of land in Richardson County. The new building will be used to display additional artifacts that have been donated since completion of the first facility. The new building will also allow space to host cultural and social events.

Elmsphaeuser's announcement is in coordination with the recent announcement made by Acting Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development Joel Baxley that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has more than \$2 billion still available this year to invest in community facilities and infrastructure projects in rural areas. Baxley also released the names of 40 rural communities that are receiving a total of \$50 million for projects that will benefit 631,000 rural residents in 17 states.

USDA is making the investments and has additional funding available through the Community Facilities Direct Loan Program. Interested applicants should contact their USDA Rural Development state office.

The 40 projects Baxley announced today are in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Virginia. Below is a list of examples of projects in other states:

In Kansas, the city of Frankfort is receiving a \$265,700 loan to build a truck route for commercial traffic. The new route will redirect traffic around the city. Work will also include improving curbs, gutters, sidewalks and the stormwater drainage system along two city blocks.

The Wilderness Ranch Homeowners Association in Boise, Idaho, is getting a \$1.4 million loan to replace the Rush Creek and Water Treatment Plant bridges over Mores Creek. The bridges are unsafe and weight-restricted, making access to the water treatment plant and subdivision very difficult. The new bridges will ensure safe and unrestricted access over Mores Creek for the Wilderness Ranch Homeowners Association's 678 residents.

Fayette County in Ohio will use a \$20 million loan to construct a 54,443-square-foot law enforcement complex to house administrative offices, a 911 call center and a detention center. The existing facilities were constructed in the early 1990s and no longer meet the requirements of modern law enforcement operations. The expanded detention center will help alleviate overcrowding and allow for better separation of male and female inmates. Additionally, the new administrative offices and 911 call center will improve operational efficiency first responder times.

More than 100 types of projects are eligible for funding under USDA's Community Facilities program. Eligible applicants include municipalities, public bodies, nonprofit organizations and federally recognized Native American tribes. Projects must be in rural areas with a population of 20,000 or less.

USDA will make additional funding announcements in coming weeks. Congress appropriated \$2.8 billion for Community Facilities direct loans and grants in fiscal year 2019.

In April 2017, President Donald J. Trump established the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity to identify legislative, regulatory and policy changes that could promote agriculture and prosperity in rural communities. In January 2018, Secretary Perdue presented the Task Force's findings to President Trump. These findings included 31 recommendations to align the federal government with state, local and tribal governments to take advantage of opportunities that exist in rural America. Increasing investments in rural infrastructure is a cornerstone recommendation of the task force.

To view the report in its entirety, please view the Report to the President of the United States from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity (PDF, 5.4 MB). In addition, to view the categories of the recommendations, please view the Rural Prosperity infographic (PDF, 190 KB). USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit [www.rd.usda.gov/ne](http://www.rd.usda.gov/ne).

# OBITUARIES

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## Linda Junker

Linda Nadine Lovenburg Junker, 58, of Falls City, NE, passed away July 5, 2019. She was born January 4, 1961, to Jack and Doretta (Powell) Lovenburg in Alma, NE.

She graduated from Southeast Consolidated High School in Stella in 1979. She received a degree in Psychology and Social Work from Peru State College in 1996. She worked as a substance abuse counselor and children's advocate in Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri for over 20 years. Linda enjoyed camping, photography, traveling, and spoiling her grandchildren. Linda was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Mark Junker, father, Jack Lovenburg, a brother Troy Lovenburg and his wife Donna, a sister, Wendy Craig and her husband Robbie, her sons Jay Lovenburg and his partner Melissa Walker, Joshua Choate and his partner Trisha Ogden and her daughter Jenni Choate and her partner Jason Romano all of Falls City as well as six grandchildren, three nephews and a niece.

She was predeceased by her mother.

Her funeral will be held on Wednesday, July 10, 2019, at 10:30 AM at First United Methodist Church with Pastor Young Je Kim officiating. Interment will be in Steele Cemetery.

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

## Laverne and Tasker Sherrill

A graveside for Laverne and Tasker Sherrill will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 11:00 AM at Steele Cemetery with Reverend Young Je Kim officiating.

## Palmtag announces candidacy for NE Legislature

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of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and loved taking post-graduate courses in art from Peru State College in Peru, NE. She is a Past State President of the Nebraska REALTORS® Association, served as a Commissioner on the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission, a Commissioner for the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, a board member of the Nebraska City Veterans Building Project, and the Brownville Concert Series. She is a past member of St. Mary's Hospital Foundation, among other community groups. Palmtag is the founder

## Ruthanna Wheeler

Ruthanna Wheeler, 89, of Falls City, passed away July 2, 2019 at Falls City. She was born December 23, 1929 in Reserve, KS to Fred and Wilma Mae (Schmidt) Roesch.

She married Roy Wheeler on July 23, 1972 in Falls City. He passed away September 6, 2004.

Ruthanna was raised on a farm in Reserve and graduated Falls City High School in 1947. When married, the couple established their home in Falls City, moving to Gering, NE in 1989 and back to Falls City in July of 2001. She had been the church secretary at St. Paul's for 25 years. She was a

member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (20th and Towle St.).

Ruthanna is survived by her step-daughter, Angela Jones of Mitchell, NE and step-grandsons, Douglas and Gregory Jones. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Her funeral was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 10:30 AM at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (20th and Towle St.) with Reverend Andrew Chavak officiating. Interment was in Steele Cemetery.

Open visitation and viewing was on Monday.

## Jeffrey Mount

Jeffrey Mount, 56, of Machesney Park, IL, passed away July 3, 2019, at his home. He was born July 25, 1962, in Falls City to Jerry and Sherry (Pebbley) Mount.

He married Sheila Ramer Snodgrass in March of 1982 at Verdon, and they were later divorced. He married Patricia Leach on August 18, 1990, and they later divorced. He married Dawn Saunders on July 25, 1998, at Council Bluffs, IA.

He enlisted in the U. S. Navy on June 2, 1982, at Omaha, NE. He earned the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, Navy Pistol Sharpshooter, Navy Recruiting Service Ribbons, Navy Unit Commendation, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and Gold Wreath Awards. He retired and was honorably discharged on June 30, 2004, at Great Lakes, IL.

Jeffrey was raised in Falls City and graduated Falls City High School in 1980. Following his

retirement from the Navy, he moved to Illinois. He was a sales manager at Catching Fluid Power at Rockford, IL at the time of his death. He was a member of First Christian Church at Falls City.

Jeffrey is survived by his wife, Dawn of Loves Park, IL, children, Joshua and his wife Sarah of Falls City, Nathan of Council Bluffs, IA, Cassie Mount of Loves Park, IL, mother and step-father, Sherry and Wayne Gatz of Falls City, brother, Tony and his wife Donna of Falls City, Dawn Paulson and her husband Mike of Omaha, NE, Tiffany Schulenberg and her husband Roger of Falls City, five grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father and a nephew, Darius Schulenberg.

His funeral will be held on Thursday, July 11, 2019, at 11:00 AM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with Reverend Fay Ann Blaylock officiating. Interment will be in Steele Cemetery. Military guards services by the Navy Honor Guard assisted by the Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to service time at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

## Eleanore Gansloser

Eleanore Gansloser of Elgin, IL passed on July 6, 2019. She was born in Falls City, on August 9, 1923 to Steve and Dossie Bachman. She will be missed by her children, grandchildren, relatives, and friends. All loved by her.

Growing up on the farm near Rulo, during the depression and the early years of WWII imbued her with the philosophy and qualities of the "Great Generation", which she and Chuck embodied through their lives. She met Chuck Gansloser in Omaha where she was working and he was a soldier from Chicago stationed at Fort Crook (now Offutt Air Base). They

married. He was sent overseas, and she returned to Rulo until the end of the war. They then set up home in Chicago's southside where she was a stay-at-home mom.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Chuck, son Michael, daughter Patricia Eurich (Dave, Elgin), and brothers John, Joe, and Eddie Bachman. She is survived by daughter Carol Burns (Bill, S. Elgin) and son William Gansloser (Mary, W. Dundee). She is also survived by five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Burial was private and a celebration of her life will be held at a later date.





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of J.J. Palmtag Realty, which has offices in Nebraska City, Auburn and Rock Port, MO. Janet is married to John Palmtag. They have three children and two grandchildren. The 2020 Primary election will be on Tuesday, May 12, with the General Election to follow on Tuesday, November 3.

**FLOYD B McCARTY, RAISED IN FALLS CITY AND GRADUATE OF THE CLASS OF 1951, WILL BE BURIED IN STEELE CEMETERY ON JULY 13TH AT 10:00. THOSE WHO KNEW FLOYD ARE INVITED TO ATTEND HIS BURIAL SERVICE.**

**Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer Public Schools** are replacing the old wood and metal bleachers at the football field. If you are interested in the used bleachers please contact Sherri Edmundson, Superintendent by July 15, 2019.



## Classic Club 8 holds two woman scramble

On Saturday, June 29, Classic Club 8 Golf course hosts a two-woman scramble. Fifteen teams from Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska participated in the tournament.

Second flight winners included Lynne Davis and Renee Kopf, third place; Gail Froeschl and Linda Jones, second place; and Micki Schussler and Jo Eyberg, first place.

In the first flight, Linda Santo and Dina Sells placed third; Julianne Kopf and Hannah Milam finished second; and Kathy Seber and Dixie Araya finished first.

In the championship flight, Jeanette Kragel and Mary Stannard placed third, Bonnie Enneking and Sharon Enneking finished second and claiming the tournament title was the team of Dorothy Towle and Julie Hall.

Flag prizes were won by Sharon Enneking, Julianne Kopf, Uli Holladay, Megan Goff and Renee Kopf.



Catcher Silas Amunalluah can't get the tag down in time as the runner scores from third.

## Blue Storm Seniors can't get over the hump

Story and photo by Brian McKim

Tuesday evening the Blue Storm Seniors hosted Sabetha at SNC field. Sabetha led 4-1 after three innings and held on for the 9-3 win.

In the second, Ransom Campbell worked around a pair of one-out walks to get out of trouble to keep the game scoreless. In the bottom of the second FC squandered a scoring opportunity. Jack Fiegenger got things started with a one-out single to right field. With two outs James Eickhoff was hit by a pitch and Caden Simon walked to load the bases; however, a ground out to the shortstop ended the inning with no runs scored.

Sabetha got on the board in the third. With a runner on second, Campbell got a ground out to second, but a two-out single, three walks and a costly error gave Sabetha a 4-0 lead. FC tried to bounce back as Kade Bredemeier led off with a single to right field. A ground out moved the runner, and Bredemeier eventually scored as Campbell reached on an error.

Again, walks led to a run in the fifth as Sabetha got two walks and a passed ball to take a 5-1 lead. Sabetha tacked on four more runs in the seventh with the help of two walks, an error and three singles to make it 9-1 with three outs to go. FC wasn't ready to call it a game quite

yet. Calvin Crouse began the inning with a walk, and Kade Bredemeier brought home the run with an RBI triple to center. Campbell then came through with a sac fly to make it 9-3, but FC could get no closer.

K. Bredemeier was 2-4 at the plate with a triple and RBI. Campbell finished 1-3 with a double and RBI, and Fiegenger was 2-3. Campbell took the loss on the mound, throwing three innings, allowing two hits and four runs (two earned).

On Wednesday FC took to the road for a game versus Doniphan County. Doniphan raced out to a 4-0 lead after two, but FC scraped back into it before eventually falling 6-4.

Errors by FC to start the first and second innings led to runs. Doniphan got one unearned run in the first, and in the second an error and base hit made it 2-0. A walk followed by another single gave the home team a 4-0 lead.

On the mound, K. Bredemeier worked out of trouble in the third. With two outs, Bredemeier issued three straight walks before getting a pop out to himself to end the inning and escape further damage. FC rallied in the fourth, with two outs Fiegenger drew a four-pitch walk. Will Vitosh then singled to left field followed by a walk by Eickhoff to load the bases. A single by Braden Oliver scored Fiegenger

and Vitosh to make it 4-2. The next batter, Simon reached on an error to score Eickhoff and make it 4-3.

Doniphan struck again in the bottom of the inning. With two outs, they got a single and a double to extend their lead to 5-3. FC threatened in the fifth with two singles and a walk, but a double play ended any chance of runs.

Again, an error to begin the inning came back to haunt FC. A double and walk followed the error to load the bases and a second walk made it 6-3 with no outs. An infield fly, a strikeout and ground out prevented a big inning and kept FC in the game. In the seventh, Stephen Acton led things off with a base hit to left field. A walk by Vitosh put two runners on with two outs. An error by the shortstop allowed Oliver to reach base and score Acton to make it 6-4. A ground out with the tying runs on base ended the game with FC falling 6-4.

FC out hit Doniphan 8-5, but errors proved to be too costly. Oliver finished 2-4 at the plate while Kade and Carson Bredemeier, Acton, Fiegenger, Vitosh and Simon all had base hits. Kade took the loss for FC, pitching four innings, allowing five hits, six runs (one earned) and six walks. FC fell to 4-12 for the season.

## Junior's slide continues

By Brian McKim

As the 2019 Blue Storm Juniors season winds down, they are still in search of the seasons' first win. On Tuesday, Falls City hosted Sabetha for their final home contest of the year. The game was tight early, but a substantial eight-run fourth inning sent the Blue Storm to another loss, 18-0.

Sabetha got two doubles and a single in the opening inning to take the 2-0 lead. Sam Dunn led off the bottom half of the inning with a base hit; however, three consecutive strikeouts ended the inning for FC.

Sabetha made it 6-0 in the second, using four singles and a double to tack on four more runs. The fourth inning proved disastrous for Falls City as Sabetha got six singles, two walks, a double and an error to put the game out of reach at 14-0. In the bottom of the inning, Dalton Helmick worked a one-out walk. Steven Riggs then singled to right field, moving Helmick to third. Helmick was caught napping though, getting picked off to end the threat.

Sabetha added four more runs in the fifth and FC went down silently to end the contest at 18-0. The Blue Storm were out hit 19-2. Dunn and Riggs had the lone hits for FC while Silas Amunalluah added two walks. Charlie McNeely took the loss, lasting three innings, allowing eight hits, six runs and striking out two. FC pitchers walked just four batters in the game, and the defense committed only two errors.

On Wednesday Falls City hit the road for a game against Doniphan County. Again, FC struggled at the plate, getting out hit 10-2 but defensively played error-free ball.

FC went down in order to begin the contest on three consecutive ground outs. Jaxyn Strauss started well on the hill, starting the game with a ground out and a strikeout. However, Doniphan got a two-out triple, followed by a single to right field to give the home team a 1-0 lead.

In the second frame Jon Craig got a one-out base hit to center, but back to back strikeouts ended FC's threat. Doniphan then put on a hitting clinic. After a ground out to first to begin the inning, Doniphan sent ten consecutive batters to the plate without recording another out. It all started with a double, two singles, a walk, a single another walk a grand slam to center, back to back triples and single. Before the inning was over the Blue Storm trailed 10-0.

In the third Charlie McNeely got a line drive single with one out but Dunn ground into a 6-4-3 double play to end the inning. FC never threatened again as they dropped the contest 10-0.

Craig and McNeely each had singles for FC and Strauss pitched all three innings, allowing ten hits, ten runs, striking out two and issuing two walks. With the pair of losses, Falls City falls to 0-16 for the season.

## Region V requests County funding

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Commissioners reviewed the monthly operating statement for June, 2019. They also approved fee reports from the following officials for fees they collected during the month of June, 2019: Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist. Court, \$990.00; Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk, \$259.51; Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds, \$9,302.75.

Commissioners adjourned their meeting after voting to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted prior to the meeting.

Commissioners Caverzagie and Frank convened as a Richardson County Board of Equalization at 1:00 p.m. Roll call was answered by Commissioners Frank and Caverzagie, County Assessor, Pam Vice and Deputy County Clerk-Elections, Patty Brown. Commissioner Sichel was absent.

Property valuation protests were heard for protests 2019-006 through 2019-028. David Genoa was present and withdrew his protest number 2019-016.

Destroyed property protests were heard for protests 2019-004 through 2019-031.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a notice of valuation change by the County Board of Equalization. Motion seconded by Frank. Approval was by a 2-0 vote.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m. and approval was by a 2-0 vote.

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Brown Marmorated stink bug

### What is that bug?

This year there are a number of different insects showing up in the area, and I am sure by the end of the summer we can expect many more. A couple of years ago we had high numbers of the Painted Lady Butterfly; and unfortunately we are seeing thistle caterpillars in soybean fields this year causing some damage. This is the larval stage of the Painted Lady Caterpillars. Be prepared to see the Painted Lady Butterflies later this summer. A few years ago we had the silver spotted skipper butterfly and larvae that caused some damage to soybean fields. I actually saw a young larva of this insect as well. The last couple of weeks I saw an insect all over the linden tree blossoms and also several other flowers that were pollinating. A few years ago I thought it was a striped blister beetle, but after further research I discovered that the insect that was covering our linden trees and other plants was the soldier beetle. The big difference between these two insects is blister beetles are pests that will eat on plant foliage, while soldier beetles are beneficial insects that prey on pests; such as aphids, caterpillars, eggs and soft-bodied insects. The soldier beetle also looks similar to the lightning bug, without the light. So if you see some beetles around your flowers and they are not eating the foliage, they very well may be soldier beetles and you don't need to worry about them.

Another pest you should be aware of is the Japanese Beetle. Some of these beetles started showing up last year. You guessed it, their favorite foliage to eat is the leaves of the Linden or Basswood tree. In high numbers they can completely defoliate a Linden tree. They usually do not cause irreparable damage to your Linden trees and they will recover, but defoliation year after year by this beetle can be harmful. Be sure to keep an eye out for this beetle. Another insect that can cause significant damage to crops and other plants is the Brown Marmorated Stinkbug. This bug has shown up periodically in southeast Nebraska, but not in high numbers. It appears to be moving westward from the east coast and damages fruits, vegetables and soybeans, while being a nuisance to homeowners as well. We actually have a trap set at the courthouse in Auburn this summer to see if any are in our area.

There will be a number of other insects showing up later in the summer. Aphids will be on several tree leaves. Aphids suck the sap out of plant material. In general aphids are not going to harm a large tree, but if you have a large infestation on vegetable crops, flowers or other ornamentals, treatment may be required with a pesticide. With all the rain and plenty of standing water, mosquitoes will be a major concern this year. Be prepared with repellent because of the diseases spread by mosquitoes. Ticks are another concern. High numbers have been reported already in southeast Nebraska, so use the appropriate repellents for this pest if you are outside, especially in the country.

We will keep you abreast if specific insect infestations or problems develop. If you identify an insect problem, feel free to contact me at our Extension office at (402) 274-4755.

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## NASA - the U.S. Space Program



Have you ever heard of "NASA"? NASA is the space program of the United States. Its Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas is where astronauts train. The Mission Control Center, also located there, monitors every space flight. Rockets are launched from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Read the clues below to learn more about NASA and to fill in the crossword puzzle.

- Years after the Wright Brothers made a powered airplane flight (1903) the government started an agency called NACA to research flight (1915). It built and \_\_\_\_\_ over 130 aircraft.
- In 1957, The Soviet Union (Russia) launched Sputnik, the world's first artificial \_\_\_\_\_ into space.
- On July 29th, 1958 President Eisenhower changed NACA into NASA - the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. NASA would not only research traditional flight, but \_\_\_\_\_ flight too.
- Russia also had a space program and on April 12, 1961 Yuri Gagarin became the first human to \_\_\_\_\_ the Earth.
- On May 5, 1961 Alan Shepard became first U.S. \_\_\_\_\_ to travel into space. He traveled 116 miles high, and his flight lasted 15 1/2 minutes.
- In September 1961, President John F. Kennedy gave a speech saying, "We choose to go to the \_\_\_\_\_," hoping to inspire Americans to support a historic space mission.
- In 1962, John Glenn became the first \_\_\_\_\_ to orbit the Earth.
- Saturn V \_\_\_\_\_ to be used in Apollo 11 moon mission, completed first test flight.
- Apollo 11 used 5 F-1 rocket engines. These engines had 32 million \_\_\_\_\_ EACH - as powerful as 35,000 NASCAR race cars.
- July 16, 1969 - \_\_\_\_\_ 11 launched from Kennedy Space Center in Florida with Col. 'Buzz' Aldrin, Lt. Col. Michael Collins and Cmdr. Neil Armstrong aboard.

Wildflowers growing on the rooftop of the building help to lower the energy needed to heat and cool it.

- The Apollo 11 rocket was launched in Florida, but the mission was \_\_\_\_\_ from Houston, TX almost 1,000 miles away!
- July 20, 1969 - Cmdr. Neil Armstrong took the first steps on the moon and said, "One small step for a man, one giant leap for \_\_\_\_\_."
- November 20, 1998 - NASA worked with space programs from four other countries to launch the International Space \_\_\_\_\_ (or ISS).
- NASA started with only 4 major \_\_\_\_\_ and about 8,000 employees. Today, NASA has more than a dozen locations and over 18,000 people.
- NASA continues to explore and research to try to understand our universe through \_\_\_\_\_. Someday, NASA may put a person on Mars!

### So, You Want to be an Astronaut?

What skills or background do you think that you would need to have to even be considered for astronaut training? Read the clues below. Circle A or B.



- education
  - A. a college degree; for example: biology or computers
  - B. a junior high school diploma
- experience
  - A. no experience needed
  - B. three years of professional work or 1,000 hours piloting an aircraft
- personality
  - A. strong leadership, teamwork and communication skills
  - B. short temper, bossy but funny
- eyesight
  - A. "eagle eyes" - able to read a book from a mile away
  - B. perfect 20/20 vision, (with eyeglasses is okay)
- height
  - A. must be between 5 feet, 2 inches and 6 feet, 2 inches tall
  - B. must be over 7 feet, 2 inches tall to reach controls

### Astronaut Training

What kinds of training do you think people need to become astronauts? Match the first part of the clues below to the second part to show that you understand the training.

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# Sheriff Pounds offers resignation to Commissioners

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plated law enforcement system is pen and paper. The current Records Management System (RMS) is Omnigo. Omnigo has proven to not be a good fit for the RCSO in Nebraska. Another company, Jamin (CRIMES) (Justice Data Solutions), was identified as a Nebraska compatible RMS and Jail Software program. The Jail management portion of this program was purchased, installed and running successfully on the RCSO computer sever several months ago.

The contract with Omnigo for RMS was set to expire July 31, 2019. In the normal course of business, I researched, identified and submitted a purchase order on April 18, 2019 to you for the purchase of CRIMES for the new RMS for the Sheriff's Office. As with good business practice, I explained to you at the time I wanted a one month overlap of the two RMS to ensure the data was being recorded accurately in the new system and the data in the old system could be transferred to the new system with verified accuracy. It became obvious from day that one Commissioner was adamantly against this. For this reason, on June 11, 2019 I submitted a purchase order request to continue the use of the Omnigo system. The purpose of submitting this subsequent purchase order was to ensure at least some type of RMS was in place. The purchase order for Omnigo was denied. During the Commissioner's meeting on June 25, 2019 Commissioner Caverzagie was reminded that there was a purchase order for the renewal of Omnigo and Commissioner Caverzagie replied, that's not going to happen. As I have done several times from April 18, 2019 to present, I explained to you that a RMS is absolutely necessary for the operation of the Sheriff's Office. I recommended, as evidenced by the purchase order dated April 2019, that I determined CRIMES was the best RMS for the Sheriff's Office. Every time RMS for the Sheriff's Office was discussed I reiterated that the new RMS needed to be in place one month prior to the expiration of the Omnigo software (ex-

pires 7-31-19).

During the July 3, 2019 Commissioner's meeting I explained to you that Wendy, the CRIMES saleswoman, explained to me that the CRIMES program had to be engineered for the RCSO which takes a month. Wendy stated if she received a signed contract from Sheriff Pounds on July 3, 2019 and a promise from Sheriff Pounds that the check for payment was "in the mail" Wendy would rush the engineering of the RCSO Crimes software on the RCSO computer server. Wendy said that there would be no overlap of the systems with CRIMES going active August 1, 2019. Anyone with common sense knows this is a terrible risk to take with an untested new engineered program to be put into use in a law enforcement system that depends on 100% accuracy for the protection of life, property and the safety of Officers.

When I left the Commissioner's meeting on July 3, 2019, I was of the understanding that you would give me the approval, as I requested during the meeting, to sign a contract with CRIMES and assure Wendy that "the check was in the mail" latter that day so we could have a RMS system operational August 1, 2019. The media was also of that understanding as evidenced by all the media reports following the Commissioner's meeting. As of July 6, 2019 you have not given me approval to sign a contract with CRIMES nor assured me "the check was in the mail." With your statement that Omnigo renewal "That's not going to happen," in addition to your failure to approve my April 18, 2019 purchase order for the CRIMES shows me the RCSO will be using scratch paper and pencils to run the Sheriff's Office.

I can not operate the Richardson County Sheriff's Office without a RMS. You have failed to provide the means to operate the RCSO, which I believe is against the state statute. Therefore, I have been forced to resign to avoid the personal liability you have created for me.

As I have stated many times, I be-

lieve your purpose in this is to give all control of the Sheriff's Office to the City of Falls City. This belief is based upon many things including your statement during your motion to approve the CRIMES RMS based upon the condition that it be only installed on the Falls City Police computer server, at which time you turned to Falls City - City Administrator Gary Jorn and asked "that's the way you wanted it right?" Gary Jorn replied "YES," then the Commissioners voted. I informed you I would not allow the RCSO to be controlled by the Falls City Police Department.

Falls City Chief of Police Duane Armbruster stated he does not want the RCSO program on the City's server but would allow it if requested.

There are many things to consider in this situation. The Falls City Police Department (FCPD) will not allow the RCSO Information Technology person to work on the RCSO CRIMES program since it is on the FCPD server without the FCPD Information Technology person present. Under these circumstances the County would be charged for both IT person's fees. Under these circumstances the City ultimately controls the Sheriff's Office computer system. This proposal is dependent on the internet having no connectivity issues and the fiber cable not being cut or malfunctioning.

If must also be noted there is ab-

solutely not cost savings for the RCSO software to be installed and operating from the FCPD computer and many risks.

This whole situation started when Sheriff Pounds uncovered a \$130,000 (which increase[sic] to \$140,000 & \$150,000) annual charge to Richardson County for funding a shortfall in the operation of the Richardson County 911 system with a State 911 Board Member and determined something was fishy about the shortfall when Nemaha County Nebraska received basically the same amount of money and could not spend it all LEGALLY. When Sheriff Pounds questioned why the Commissioners were making the payments the Commissioners at the time stated they did not understand the charge but the deadline came up so they went ahead and paid it. After Sheriff Pounds' insistence it was determined the charges were not legitimate and the payments were stopped. This caused a decrease in funding to the City of Falls City.

The voters of Richardson County voted me in twice to stand up for what I believe is right. I am doing what I believe is the best for the Citizens of Richardson County, not just what is best for the City of Falls City.

I refuse to become a puppet for the City of Falls City and hereby stand up for the Citizens of Richardson County to do what I believe is right which is resulting in this resigna-



Don Pounds

tion.

In January of 2019 the Falls City - City Attorney initiated a criminal investigation against me on state and/or federal charges. As every person representing the County is entitled too, I requested an Attorney to assist me with the defense against this charges that if they would have been founded would have also made the County liable. After repeated requests I still was denied an attorney and had to face a criminal investigation that included several Sheriff's Office employees being involved. Thanks to the professionalism of the entire Office the case was unfounded. This is a basic right of mine that the Commissioners denied me. To no surprise the City of Falls City was the initiator of this accusation.

I wish the employees of the RCSO the best in the rocky road ahead  
Don Pounds #919, Sheriff

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