

MANAGEMENT, NON-UNION AND PART-TIME CITY EMPLOYEES RECEIVE THREE PERCENT ANNUAL PAY RAISES

By: *Charlie Radatz*

During its Mon., Nov. 4, meeting the City Council by an 8-0 unanimous vote to adopt a three-year salary and wage schedule granting annual salary and wage increases of three percent annually to management, non-union, and part-time city employees. Under that plan, City Administrator Gary Jom's salary will increase from the current \$77,324 incrementally to \$79,643, \$82,033, and \$84,494; the Assistant City Administrator's pay was increased by \$2.00 per hour in the first year and successively by three percent in each of the next two years; Utility Superintendent Ray Luhning's salary will go from the current \$74,318 to \$76,547, \$78,844, and \$81,209; and Chief of Police Duane Armbruster's from the present \$70,662 to \$72,781, \$74,965, and \$77,214. The Assistant Chief of Police wages will increase by \$2.50 per hour in the first year and by three percent in the successive two years. Annual pay raises of three percent will be granted a part-time certified police officer, a part-time dispatcher, a fire truck driver and a part-time Library Aide with both part-time dispatchers and fire truck drivers with more

than five years service starting at the slightly higher rates of \$16.77 for part-time dispatchers and \$16.03 for fire truck drivers. The Aquatic Park manager's salary was increased to \$2,080 monthly, and all other Aquatic Park employees received three percent pay raises for 2019-20.

The Council voted 7-1 to accept the offer of Dan Pfister to donate his labor for refinishing of the Prichard Auditorium floor with the only cost to the city being the materials used, estimated at \$1,393.36. It voted 7-1 to exempt District 56 from the city requirement of replacement of an East 9th Street sidewalk along with South School property.

Administrator Jom reported city crews are tarring streets and urged citizens to make their job easier by not parking on East-West Streets as the crews work their way south. Jom said city crews are trimming trees and reminded citizens of the requirement that branches not be lower than 12 feet above streets and eight feet above sidewalks.

Mayor Bindle expressed appreciation to the Hartman and Poppe families for their beautification of the new parking area north of the ballfields.



Honored guest speaker CW3 (RET) Joel Baker

WE'RE HERE TO "CELEBRATE THE SERVICE OF THOSE FINE MEN AND WOMEN PAST AND PRESENT"

Story and Photo by *Nikki McKim*

County residents again celebrated some of our most heroic, by doing the most meaningful thing you can do by remembering our Veterans. Children marched, American flags were placed on homes and on each corner of Courthouse square on this incredibly cold and snowy November day, and hundreds gathered at the Falls City Public Schools gym for the annual Veterans Day program held each year.

Richardson County and Falls City citizens can be counted on to step up recognize those who served or are currently serving on any given day. Every day we show our pride, but on a day like

November 11, when we line Stone Street to salute our Veterans, we show how deep our American pride and our pride in our Veteran's indeed runs. Much like last year, the cold wind stung the skin as people filed into the gym at Falls City High School to attend the annual Veterans Day Program.

Each year the children of Falls City remember those who have served and who are currently serving by participating in the parade to honor and remember those who sacrifice so much for our freedom. Unfortunately this year the parade was cancelled due to the weather.

The Falls City Veterans Day Celebration held Monday, November 11, at 11 a.m. at Falls City

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TWO ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH VEHICLE BREAK-IN

On November 3, 2019, at about 2:00 p.m., the Falls City Police Department received a complaint of a vehicle break-in at Sapp Brothers in Falls City. Upon responding to investigate the vehicle break-in, an officer of the Falls City Police Department made contact with two individuals parked on the south side of the building.

It was believed that the passenger of the vehicle was Michael A. Costa. Mr. Costa had active warrants out of Brown County,

Kansas. Mr. Costa was questioned about his identity, and a false name was given. When the officer attempted to detain the subject, he physically resisted and continued to claim that he was someone else.

The individual was placed in handcuffs and it was confirmed that he was Michael A. Costa. Mr. Costa was placed under arrest for False Reporting and Obstructing a Peace Officer.

An investigation at the scene revealed that Mr. Costa had met with a minor in order to sell him marijuana. Marijuana and a digital scale were recovered.

Mr. Costa was booked into Richardson County Jail on the following charges: Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana to a Person Under Eighteen Years of Age (28-416) (4) (a), Class 2 Felony; False Reporting (28-907), Class 1 Misdemeanor; Obstructing a Peace Officer (28-906), Class 1 Misdemeanor; Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor (28-709), Class 1 Misdemeanor; Mr. Costa is also being held on a Brown County warrant for Possession of Methamphetamine.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO GET BODY CAMERAS AND VIDEO EQUIPMENT

By: *Charlie Radatz*

During the Tues. Nov. 5 meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners, Sheriff Hardesty and Chief Deputy Roland Merwin reviewed with the Board the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week.

The Board discussed with the Sheriff and Chief Deputy possible purchase of video camera equipment for the patrol vehicles and body cameras for the deputies. Following that discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Caverzagie to purchase the video camera equipment to update the patrol vehicles and the body camera systems for the deputies, a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Frank and was approved by a 3-0 vote. The video equipment will be purchased from Brite for a total purchase price as quoted through the Nebraska State Bid Contract #142550C for a total of \$138,874.00. Also made part of the motion

was direction for county officials to contact the firm, D.A. Davidson, to prepare necessary documents to finance the purchase through the Nebraska Association of County Officials Lease Purchase Program.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau reported on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frank to adopt Resolution 2019-2020-19 to authorize the Chairman to sign the Year-End Certification prepared by the County Highway Superintendent for submission to the Nebraska Department of Transportation. Commissioner Caverzagie seconded the motion and approved by a unanimous vote.

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees they collected during the month of October 2019: Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk, \$209.00; Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of

Deeds, \$8,840.75; and Pam Scott, Clerk of District Court, \$745.50.

The Board also reviewed the October 2019 monthly operating statement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sichel to approve the replacement of a pledge security receipt for the Richardson County Clerk issued from F&M Bank receipt #392133623 to be replaced with receipt #392202823. Commissioner Frank seconded that motion and approved by a 3-0 vote.

The Board discussed the option of designating an appointment to the Community Wildfire Protection Plan steering committee with the Nebraska Forest Service/Southeast Nebraska Regional Planning Area. No action was taken on that item.

The meeting was adjourned after Commissioners voted to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted during the week prior to their meeting.

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HONORING NEBRASKA'S VETERANS

By Governor Pete Ricketts

One hundred years ago, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11, 1919 as Armistice Day to mark the first anniversary of the peace treaty that ended World War I. From that point forward, Armistice Day became an annual commemoration of America's World War I veterans. Congress officially declared Armistice Day a federal holiday in 1938. Sixty-five years ago, in 1954, President Eisenhower renamed the holiday as Veterans Day to extend recognition to all U.S. veterans.



This year, I've had the opportunity to express gratitude to many of our state's heroic veterans. Last week, I was on hand as the Consul General of France awarded a Nebraska veteran—Ed Morrisette—with the French Legion of Honor. The honor recognized Mr. Morrisette for his brave actions to liberate France from Nazi German occupation. Mr. Morrisette landed on Omaha Beach

75 years ago on D-Day, dodging machine gun fire to help the Allies gain a foothold in Normandy. Prior to deploying to mainland Europe, Mr. Morrisette had already served in military campaigns in North Africa and Sicily during World War II. While in North Africa, he shot down a German fighter (a Messerschmitt 109), and he later received a Bronze Star for his valor in combat.

On the actual anniversary of D-Day in June, I visited the Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home in Bellevue to present award certificates to 24 World War II veterans residing there. It was a stirring sight to see the faces of Nebraskans, now well into their 90s, who had fought on the front lines to defend American freedoms from the Nazi regime. While I am on a trade mission to Germany next week, Lieutenant Governor Foley will be in Kearney at the Central Nebraska Veterans' Home for the unveiling of the Reflections of Service sculpture. The life-size bronze statue, which will be dedicated on November 11th, pays tribute to veterans by poignantly depicting their memories of combat and desires for peace. On December 6th, we will celebrate Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day at the State Capitol. Ed Guthrie, the last Nebraskan known to have survived the Pearl Harbor attack, plans to attend the ceremony. Veterans like Mr. Guthrie are true heroes, and their selfless sacrifices are deserving of our admiration and deepest appreciation.

It's fitting that we thank our veterans by bestowing honors, building statues, and hosting parades. But we can also repay their service by enacting laws and policies to better meet their day-to-day needs. My administration has taken a number of steps to make Nebraska a more friendly and welcoming home for our military families and veterans. One of our biggest areas of focus over the past couple of years has been giving our military families easier access to education and job opportunities. We adopted a new rule to enable military spouses to receive a three-year teaching permit in Nebraska with a valid out-of-state license. We passed legislation so that military families reassigned to Nebraska can preliminarily enroll in a school district. We expanded the hiring preference in Nebraska to include spouses of service members. We enacted a law to allow active duty military members or their spouses to be licensed realtors in Nebraska without paying a licensing fee, provided they have a valid license from another state. We also entered into the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact, which allows nurses to have one multi-state license. This makes it easier for military spouses to begin work in nursing after moving to our state. Through these initiatives, and a host of others, the State of Nebraska is thanking our veterans in practical ways.

In the upcoming legislative session, we're working to pass LB 153. Last year, Senator Brewer introduced the bill at my request, and Senator Lowe prioritized it. LB 153 exempts 50% of military retirement benefit income from state income taxation. Over 13,000 military retirees in our state would benefit from the bill. LB 153 has already gained significant bipartisan support, and I'm optimistic that the Unicameral will pass it in 2020.

One of the many things I love about Nebraskans is the gratitude and respect they show to veterans. Nebraskans organize honor flights, send notes of appreciation, and give generously to build veterans memorials and parks. We're doing our part at the State as well, creating policies to support the 130,000 veterans who live in Nebraska. As we approach Veterans Day, be sure to show gratitude to the veterans in your family and community, and stop to say thanks if you see a serviceman or woman in uniform. Also, if you have ideas on how our state can become an even better home for veterans and military families, I hope you will contact me at pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov or by calling 402-471-2244.



Other states have different approaches to prison reform

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

Oklahoma has decided to alleviate prison overcrowding by releasing inmates doing time for some non-violent offenses. And, they have lessened some penalties on those same crimes to avoid sending more inmates into the system in the future.

In Nebraska, we're giving hiring bonuses to attract guards and forcing mandatory 12-hour shifts. The prison system remains at 159 percent of capacity at one institution, but wages and work hours have created a bigger staffing crisis, which has attracted the attention of the system's top brass and Governor. The Nebraska Legislature's Judiciary Committee has been working on alternative sentencing and other measures to reduce the population. But the "do the crime, do the time" mentality prevails.

Oklahoma's law, signed by Republican Gov. Kevin Stitt, builds on a ballot initiative passed by voters in 2016 to help ease the incarceration crisis by reducing punishment for certain nonviolent crimes. While the voter-approved law affected future offenders, the bill that passed a Republican-led Legislature makes the move retroactive, resulting in an estimated 1,000 to 3,500 inmates being released and the chance for approximately 60,000 former prisoners to get their records expunged. Coupled with that bill are others, not yet passed, aimed at addressing a criminal justice system that many believe is too expensive, ineffective and creating a generational cycle of crime and punishment. As in many other states, Oklahoma prisons operate as the default answer for drug addiction and mental illness.

Oklahoma's Board of Corrections says it needs \$884 million to expand capacity by another 5,200 beds. Director Joe Allbaugh said the state continues to send more people to prison, and it costs real money to house, look after and provide those individuals with required medical care.

Sounds familiar. Term-limited former state Senator Kris Steele assembled a team of Oklahoma business leaders, policy analysts, lawyers, advocates and former felons to address the issue that piqued his interest when he saw the large amount of taxpayer money going to corrections and realized that didn't correlate with a safer state. Despite sending more people to prison, Oklahoma had more crime than its contiguous states. And the criminal justice system is broken.

Oklahoma is doing some other things right, such as transitional homes for formerly incarcerated people to get them on their feet. Programs of education, mental health, rehabilitation and family structure are also helping. BancFirst founder H.E. Rainbolt said the state has to move beyond a system that has become "a felony factory." In Mississippi, Republican Governor Phil Bryant signed legislation in April that will allow ex-offenders to obtain professional licenses despite their criminal record. The Mississippi Fresh Start Act prevents occupational licensing boards from creating policies that prevent ex-offenders from holding certain jobs. Bryant, a former law enforcement officer turned leader

in criminal justice reform, has also signed into law an expansion of the state's intervention courts – an alternative to jail time – to include mental health and veterans' courts, in addition to drug courts. Nebraska, to its credit, has those as well.

How about a court for drunken driving issues in Nebraska?

The bottom line, put fewer people behind bars and increase formerly incarcerated peoples' chances of success after their release. Though Mississippi still has the third-highest incarceration rate in the country, scholars call the state a key leader in the area of criminal justice reform. Bryant told a panel of the National Governors Association Winter Meeting earlier this year that Mississippi has reduced its prison population by 11 percent and saved the state \$46 million in incarceration costs since the new laws took

effect. In Pennsylvania, inmates and their children are encouraged to work together on craft projects during visitation. The Annie E. Casey Foundation has funded the program in an effort to continue family relationships and prevent traumatized children. The director of the state's Human Relations Commission came up with the idea to allow children and their parents to experience natural bonding during their time together.

Three states with some great ideas for criminal justice reform. Come on Nebraska, we can do better than hiring bonuses and mandatory 12-hour shifts for corrections staff.

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STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: WORLD CUISINES

ACROSS

- Caribbean vacation destination
- "How Green ____ My Valley"
- Elementary particle
- His oyster?
- Where couples are joined?
- Most common vowel in English language
- Relating to a node
- E in BCE
- Makes better
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- *Sm'g'asbord, e.g.
- Dwindle
- In a frenzy
- U.N. workers' grp.
- Notary Public's mark
- Vandalizing a car
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- Priests' robes
- Type of eclipse
- One on a list
- *Like cuisine in a fancy restaurant
- Salacitae site
- Las Vegas' main street
- Very pleased with oneself
- Location of ACL and MCL
- John Cusack's time machine, 2010
- Upper hand
- Caribou kin
- Student aid
- Four quarters
- *Pelmeni and borscht, e.g.
- *Samosa and biryani, e.g.
- Remove, as in a Pinterest post
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- One of Five Ws
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- Got an A
- *Tom Kha Gai and Gaeng Daeng, e.g.
- Horned birds
- Classic TV series "____"
- Israeli money
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- *Chinese pan
- Egg white
- *Coddle and soda bread, e.g.
- Another word for Bingo
- Not hidden
- Regrettably
- Exclamation of disgust
- Aburd
- Innie or outie
- *Spanokopita, e.g.
- Do like exhaust pipe
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- Flapper's accessory
- Funds
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- Number of planets
- Metal enemy
- *"Do ____ others..."
- Rustic skewer
- Cosine's counterpart
- Mischiefous fairies
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From the Journal Files
By Charlie Radatz
50-25-15 Years Ago

50 Years Ago - Nov. 13, 1969 - Nov. 19, 1969

Three Falls City High School seniors were named to the Twin Rivers All-Conference team, running backs Mark Jilek and Dave Kottich, and quarterback Bill Stadler.

Dawson-Verdon lost its final game of the season to Diller-Odell, 38-7.

The Southern Belles won their game with the Maze All-Stars 85-84 with antics like one girl hoisting another above her shoulders for an easy lay-up. Jim Balke and Duane Dixon were new operators of the Dawson elevator. America's Apollo 12 was successfully launched from Cape Kennedy, FL. Green Thumb projects employed four men working three days a week painting, working on flower beds, and planting trees.

Four Sacred Heart football players and two from Humboldt were named to the All Conference football squad of the Southeast border conference. Selected were Tony Ahern, Steve Huffles, Dave Snider, and Dan Bird of the Irish and Rich Hartun and John Moyer of the Cardinals.

Being shown this week at the Rivoli were "Rascal", "Goodbye Columbus", "Those Daring Young Men in their Jaunty Jalopies".

The Falls City Elks Lodge organized a bus trip by 70 Husker fans from Falls City to the Huskers game with Kansas State in Manhattan.

A convict doing time at the Kansas prison honor camp confessed to the three year old theft of cattle from the Carl Hill farm south of Stella.

Stanley Duerfeldt received the first place trophy in the Richardson County Bank's Junior Feeder program.

Eighty juniors from Richardson County high schools participated in the annual County Government Day at the County Courthouse.

Nebraska (7-2) accepted an invitation to play Georgia in the Sun Bowl.

The City Council adopted a Comprehensive Plan for city development.

A production of "Get Smart", based on the television series, was to be the first all-class play of Falls City High School.

David Sichel and his wife Alyce received the Jaycees "Outstanding Young Farmer" award during the annual Farmers and Merchants Banquet attended by 1,400.

The city council passed an ordinance granting the police department authority to impound abandoned vehicles and a survey of the southeast part of town identified 36 such vehicles.

Al Bachman and Norm Olson were added to the Tiger football players selected to the Aksarben all-conference team.

Falls City High All-State Musicians included Pat Niehaus, Glen Rider, and Mike Charbonneau.

25 Years Ago - Nov. 13, 1994 to Nov. 19, 1994

Montana Schullenberg, 7, was honored for saving the life of his father by racing from his burning house into Preston awakening his great-grandparents who called 911.

John James, who was principal at the time for the Humboldt schools, was hired as the new superintendent of both the Humboldt and Dawson-Verdon Schools.

During the 4-H Leaders Banquet Vivian Hill was honored for 25 years of service and Lester Duerfeldt for 40 years.

The County Board of Commissioners learned that the cost of prosecuting John Lotter Tom Nissen in a triple homicide had grown to more than \$120,000 and their actual trials had yet to begin.

The VFW Appreciation Award for service to veterans organizations was presented to Staff Sgt. Marshall Maddox.

The Sacred Heart Irish football team recorded its 76th victory in a row and advanced to the state championship game by defeating the Beemer Bobcats 60-20 in the Class D2 semifinals.

Dawson-Verdon's Ryan Hogue won honorable mention in football and Missy McLaughlin an honorable mention in volleyball as the Homesteader Conference recognized its all-conference athletes.

The Paxton Tigers eliminated the Southeast Consolidated Mustangs in the Class D1 State Volleyball Tournament with a two set victory, 15-5, 15-7.

The Humboldt Cardinals top offensive players during their 7-2 season were Terry McMann who rushed for 1,151 yards on 110 carries, Eric Hunzeker for 526 yards on 73 carries, and quarterback Zac Garriss who gained 444 yards on 65 carries and completed 34 of 68 passes for 618 yards.

Falls City School Board members Kathy Bartek and Ralph Huettner received Awards of Achievement from the Nebraska Association of School Boards.

One-hundred-four persons attended the Veterans Day program in Shubert sponsored by the Auxiliary of American Legion Post 222.

The Falls City Tiger football team finished with a 5-4 record. Quarterback Darcy Zimmerman completed 66 of 129 passes, gained 927 yards, and threw for eight touchdowns. Leading rushers for the Tigers were Darcy with 282, Marc Martin with 269, Chad Scholl with 205, and Jason Waggoner with 203.

The Journal's "Richardson County Athlete of the Week" was Nate Froeschl of Sacred Heart who during the previous week scored 34 points.

Selected by fellow students to represent non-traditional students at the 1994 Peru State Homecoming Celebration were Kurt Sweet, Nebraska City, and Robin Minard, Falls City.

Falls City High School Principal Dennis Peters was the speaker for a Rotary Club meeting and described the practical vocational education students were receiving at his school.

15 Years Ago - Nov. 13, 2004 - Nov. 19, 2004

First Ward City Councilman Patrick Hoy submitted a letter of resignation to take a position with Big Sky Airlines of Billings, MT, a position that would require him to begin training in Billings on Dec. 6th.

The City Council granted a request from District 56 to create a no parking zone 150 feet west of Harlan Street on the north side of 26th Street to make it a safer area for motorists and for parents and children entering a north entrance of the Parent-Child Center.

Four Falls City Sacred Heart seniors, Josh Choate, Jeremy Kearney, Kyle Kirkendall, and Logan Kopf were named to the Pioneer Conference All Conference First Team.

Former Falls City High School athletes Jordan Cudney and Shane Vollmer played their final game as members of the Doane College football team.

Former Falls City Sacred Heart teammates squared off against one another in a women's college basketball game at Crete. Ashley Howard's Crete Tigers defeated Sally and Kelsi Witt's Peni State Lady Bobcats 78-58. Former Sacred Heart volleyball standout Allison Weaver was a starter on the 23-8 Doane College volleyball team.

Former Dawson-Verdon state champion runner Adam Lippold was a member of the Doane track team.

The American National Bank's Community Builders Award was presented to Joann Auxier.

Mayor Marshall Maddox presented Keys to the City to Francis Seid, Matt Froeschl, Dorothy Towle, Bev Seid, Mary Whitehouse, Tom Hillyard, Hank Schwartz, Augie Strecker, Mike Prosser, Kevin Scheitel, and Larry Merz.

Megan O'Grady of Sacred Heart won Pioneer Conference Volleyball All Conference first team honors. HTRS freshman Kali Schnacker earned second team honors, and Irish junior Cassie Metzner and sophomore Liz Bieker made the third team.

Falls City High senior cross country runner Alissa Gyhra was named to the Class C All-State Team by the NSAA.

The Falls City Rural Fire Protection District received word that it qualified for a \$71,820 FEMA grant.

We're here to "celebrate the service of those fine men and women past and present."

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High School, began with the posting of colors by the Falls City Ceremonial Guard with the playing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" by the FCHS Band and the Sacred Heart Band under the direction of Mr. John Furrow.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Young Je Kim, United Methodist Church of Falls City, Gale Dunkhas, FCHS Principal, welcomed everyone and introduced the honored guests.

"Armed Forces-The Pride of America!" was performed by the combined music departments of Falls City and Sacred Heart High Schools under the direction of Mrs. Alisha Sutton, F.C. Sutton, Choir, Mr. John Furrow, and Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, F.C.S.H. Music.

The Veteran's Day message was delivered by honored guest, CW3 (RET) Joel Baker, Pastor of the First Baptist Church Woodlawn, Clarksville, TN.

CW3 (RET) Baker, a 1993 Falls City High School graduate, said, "Let me begin by saying I'm by no stretch an expert on what it means to be a veteran and I don't believe I'm the most qualified spokesman for all veterans. However, I'm extremely honored to be here and will do my best to honor all veterans past and present."

CW3 (RET) Baker introduced himself and shared a bit about his background, "I guess I'll start by answering the questions, "Who is this guy and why is he here?" The first is pretty simple; the second is a little more complicated. Let me begin by telling you a little about my story. I was born and raised in this town. I walked the same halls of this school, sat in the same bleachers, wrestled on the same mats, was seen by the same doctors, fished the same rivers and ponds, and could probably tell you exactly where to find those students who like to skip class."

CW3 (RET) Baker said that his parents still lived near Falls City, and his brother still served the community as a detective, and his sister recently came back to serve the community as well. "So, to answer the first question of who I am: I'm a God-fearing, Gospel preaching, family loving, whole heart serving, Nebraska football following, the prodigal son who finally came home."

CW3 (RET) Baker joined the Nebraska Army National Guard in 1992 and attended Basic Combat Training the summer between his junior and senior years of high school. Upon his graduation from High School, he attended Advanced Individual Training at Fort Knox, KY, as a Bradley Fighting Vehicle Systems Mechanic serving in Co B from 1992 to 1997. CW3 (RET) Baker then joined the Active Duty Army in July of 1997 and spent the next 20 years serving, including the 4th Infantry Division, 3rd Armor Division, 2nd Infantry Division, 101st ABN

Division, and the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment to name a few. He has seen four combat tours, three to Iraq one to Afghanistan along many short tours to include South Korea and Africa.

CW3 (RET) Baker said he was there to "celebrate the service of those fine men and women past and present who answer the question our country asks time and time again; "Who will go, whom shall I send?". Those Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines who step up and say, "Here I am, send me." Those service members who have made and continue to make up the very fabric of freedom our nation is so blessed with."

CW3 (RET) Baker told the crowd, "Thirty years ago I sat in those seats" as the first Gulf War was heating up and he was a punk kid who didn't have a clue what serving others and serving his Country meant.

"Then one of the greatest men I knew, Marshall Maddox, introduced me to the idea of enlisting in the Nebraska Army National Guard, and for the first time, my eyes were opened to the community. Up to this point, teamwork was something I never fully grasped though Coach Windle and Coach Campbell tried to pound it into my thick skull. It ultimately took a six-foot, 200lbs Drill Sergeant with a scar that stretched from his eyebrow to the base of his 18.5" neck to convince me that teamwork is a must."

He said that he didn't just survive basic training, but he thrived. He received every benefit that the National Guard had to offer him, which at the time was the Montgomery G.I. Bill, along with a small state tuition assistance program for continuing education. But he still wasn't sure what he wanted to be when he grew up, so he went into the Active Army.

The Army provided his family with a steady income, housing, and medical care as well as a paid secondary education and advancement opportunities.

"However, one of the greatest things it provided was a community built on a common unity forged from complete trust in one another and a bond that can only be formed through shared experiences. It's a magnetic pull that causes service members to come together no matter where they are," said CW3 (RET) Baker.

By 2007 CW3 (RET) Baker had worked his way up to Sergeant First Class and was en-

couraged to submit an application for consideration as a Warrant Officer. He was appointed as a Warrant Officer One. He was then commissioned in 2010 as a Chief Warrant Officer and served the remainder of his career, retiring in 2017 as a CW3.

"I came in under the old Army motto "Be All You Can Be," and I took full advantage of that by attending every military school I could. Everything from swinging on a rope from a helicopter to jumping out of a perfectly good airplane. From HVAC and welding certifications to an Associate's Degree in Technology. I took advantage of it all. I will continue to tell anyone considering the military that the opportunities are almost endless, but there's a catch, you must count the cost. The cost of being a servant. After all, that is where you get the title service member. These servants are willing to take their service all the way to the grave for you and for me. They have counted the cost and weighed out the risk and still said yes. These are the men and women we honor not just today but every day," said CW3 (RET) Baker.

To close his speech, CW3 (RET) Baker said, "I'd like to attempt to be a voice of those whose voice has been taken. To pay the highest honor to those who paid the highest price. From the birth of our nation to the present day, what would those Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines want us to know? I believe it's this: I love you deeply; God loves you infinitely more; Surrender to the Savior; I counted the cost, and I would do it again.

CW3 (RET) Baker and his wife Dawn have four kids, one grandson, and two dogs. He retired from the Army in 2017, and he now resides in Clarksville, TN, where he serves as a worship pastor.

The morning celebration closed with the Benediction, and the retirement of colors by the Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard and the playing of "God Bless the U.S.A.," by the combined bands.

The celebration which usually continues with the annual parade down Stone Street in the afternoon, had to be cancelled due to frigid temperatures and snow.

Later that evening, a Veterans Day dinner and program was held at First United Methodist Church where Veterans and their guests were treated to a meal.

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(Left) Seth Brewer and Tyler Uhri deliver lunch to a farmer at the scales. (Right) Gwen Olberding gives each farmer various merchandise donated by sponsors.

Falls City FFA helps Feeds Farmers

Submitted by FFA Chapter Reporter, Gracie Frederick

October 22nd the Falls City FFA joined with B103.1 to help serve the farmers an appreciation lunch at Consolidated Grain and Barge. From the hours of 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jack Findlay,

Braydon Frederick, Laney Feek, Gracie Frederick and Gwen Olberding stuffed sack lunches. While Seth Brewer, Tyler Uhri, Justin Brewer, and Ray Feek delivered it to them at the scales. Gwen Olberding was also interviewed by B103.1 about what

FFA means to her and why it is an important program in our schools. Our chapter has been helping with Feed the Farmers for three years and we plan to continue in the future.

SOCIETY

The DuBois Community Foundation presented Kyle and Kari Wilhelm a check from the proceeds of the poker run held to raise money for medical expenses for their newborn baby girl, Charlie.

Charlie Wilhelm is doing great and has been able to have her feeding tube removed! She will have to have continued heart surgeries through the years as she grows, but is stable. She loves tractor rides, puppies, and eating.

Submitted by Bonnie Kanel

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Be wary of the complex pros and cons of Medicare Plans

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

By Trudy Lieberman, Community Health News Service

Along with crunchy leaves and pumpkins, fall brings a slew of advertising for insurance plans that fill the gaps in Medicare coverage. Misleading and confusing messages continue to reach beneficiaries and those nearing Medicare age. To take myself as an example,

I've received an invitation to a Medicare Advantage plan informational meeting. I've gotten a solicitation from my physician's medical group offering a "zero-cost, no obligation way to review coverage" online or over the phone. The "review" is likely to bring a sales pitch for a plan.

A mailer from another plan offered "a friendly, money-saving Medicare Advantage Plan" that seemed to promise the moon: savings of up to \$2,380 a year, maximum dental coverage of \$1,500, and a \$750 hearing aid allowance, a drop in the proverbial bucket considering the average cost of two hearing aids is about \$4,500. One seller seemed to think I was on both Medicare and Medicaid and pitched a "special needs plan." Since I wasn't a candidate for such an arrangement, was the insurer trying to get in the door to sell a regular Medicare Advantage plan?

Too many people fall for those kinds of pitches. Shopping to cover the gaps in Medicare is a task no one should take lightly. The stakes are too high.

Medicare is a fine program, but it was never meant to cover everything. It's based on the old Blue Cross model of insurance common in the 1960s where the company paid 80 percent of the medical bill and the patient paid 20 percent. An industry selling Medigap policies sprang up to cover the 20 percent, and deceptive sales practices plagued the business for years.

Congress ended that and standardized the coverage into 10 plans (11 today, including a high-deductible plan) that give people a broad choice for covering what Medicare does not pay. If people bought Plan F or Plan C as their supplemental insurance, they were pretty much covered for most illnesses.

Beginning next year, however, new Medicare beneficiaries — those who turn 65 on or after January 1, 2020 — won't be allowed to buy Plan F or C. Congress wants more beneficiaries in Medicare Advantage plans, so it eliminated the option to buy the most comprehensive plans. Lawmakers wanted seniors to pay more for their care.

They can still buy Plan G, which offers the same protection as F except that it doesn't cover the Medicare Part B deductible, which is \$183 next year. People already on Medicare can still buy Plans F or C.

The goal is to push more people into Medicare Advantage plans, a private alternative that is a step toward privatizing the entire program. To move the process along, the government has overpaid insurers to provide the care, which enables them to offer inducements to join. Considering that about one-third of Medicare beneficiaries have moved to MA plans, that strategy seems to be successful.

But does it come at a cost? Serious questions have arisen about the overpayments the government has made using taxpayer dollars, overpayments that allow plans to offer gym memberships and even Apple Watches, monitoring devices, to new enrollees as one plan is doing. In September six Democratic senators wrote to Medicare noting that taxpayers have overpaid MA plans more than \$30 billion over the last three years and that Medicare has "taken little to no action to correct" the over-billing and overpayments.

Even more troubling, the letter also says that several other government agencies such as the Office of the Inspector General have raised "serious concerns" about MA plans that fail to meet the needs of older adults and those with disabilities.

The letter raises questions about the kind of care beneficiaries are actually receiving and notes that Medicare's own audits have found "widespread and persistent Medicare Advantage performance problems related to denials of care and payment" that "threaten the health and safety of their members."

Those are government watchdogs raising a red flag about problems getting care when you're really sick and need good insurance.

Medicare Advantage plan advisers note that traditional Medicare does not put a limit on the amount a beneficiary must pay out of pocket each year while MA plans do — \$6,700 for in-network providers and \$10,000 for those out of network. They usually don't mention that a good Medigap policy will cover those amounts, but the premiums may be higher than for an MA plan heavily subsidized by the government.

The trade-off becomes what it does with all insurance: pay now in the form of higher premiums or pay later in the form of higher expenses if the worst happens.

Insurers seldom mention that tough trade-off when they host those informational meetings for shoppers.

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Farm Service Agency announces disaster relief payments for loss of on-farm stored commodities in Nebraska

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Nebraska announced payments now are available to eligible producers who lost stored commodities due to natural disaster in 2018 or 2019. The On-Farm Storage Loss Program (OFSLP) was authorized by the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act of 2019.

Administered by FSA, OFSLP provides payments to eligible producers in impacted counties who suffered uncompensated losses of harvested commodities including grains, oilseeds and hay stored in on-farm structures. For producers to receive payment, the losses must be directly related to an eligible disaster event such as floods, tornadoes, snowstorms and wildfires that occurred during 2018 and/or 2019.

"There are producers throughout the country who had their on-farm storage structures damaged or destroyed by natural disasters during 2018 and 2019," said FSA State Executive Director Nancy Johner. "This disaster recovery program pays eligible producers who lost their on-farm stored commodities. We encourage producers who suffered a loss to contact their county FSA office for program information and application."

To be eligible for OFSLP, the farm storage structure must be located on the farm, not used for commercial storage and would have, under normal circumstances, maintained the quality of the commodity. Commodities stored in warehouses are not eligible for OFSLP. Program payments are made for the loss of the stored commodity and not for the loss of the structure itself. Commodities eligible for OFSLP include: barley, canola, chickpeas (large and small), corn, cotton, crambe, dry peas, flaxseed, grain sorghum, hay (alfalfa and all-hay), lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, rapeseed, rice, safflower seed, sesame seed, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

FSA uses a national payment rate per commodity, which is based on market or harvest prices. Payments will be calculated using a 75 percent factored FSA payment rate multiplied by the quantity lost while stored. OFSLP has a payment limitation of \$125,000 per entity. Adjusted Gross Income does not apply to OFSLP and an acreage report is not required for this program.

For specific commodity payment rates, to submit an application, or for additional program information, contact your local USDA Service Center. Find your local USDA Service Center, visit farmers.gov/service-locator.

ACCIDENTS

On October 30, 2019, according to police reports, Shelly Leyden was turning left out of a parking lot when she hit a vehicle that was parked owned by Shawn West. An estimated \$2,000 in damage was done to the Leyden vehicle. An estimated \$1,000 in damage was done to the West vehicle. No citation was issued.

On October 31, 2019, according to police reports, Julie D. Shafer was backing from the parking stall at Kwik Shop and didn't see a vehicle owned by Artus G. Davis because of the sun. Shafer hit the vehicle owned by Davis causing minimal damage to both vehicles. An estimated \$500 in damage was done to the Shafer vehicle; an estimated \$1,000 in damage was done to the Davis vehicle. No citation was issued.

On November 1, 2019, according to police reports, the point of impact was about 30' south of south curb line of 5th street and about 150' west of east curb line of Wilson Street. Kyle Wissler was traveling at a high rate of speed in a reckless manner and was not able to navigate the curve in the roadway. The vehicle left about 120' of skid

marks before striking the curb going airborne over a ditch, then colliding with and jumping over a retaining wall striking a storage tank and causing the vehicle to become high centered. The vehicle was totaled. Tanks owned by Helena Chemical, Inc suffered \$500 in damage; a retaining wall suffered \$3,000 in damage. No citation was issued.

On November 3, 2019, according to police reports, the point of impact was about 200' south of the south curb line of 18th street and about 4' east of the west curb line of Barada. A vehicle owned by Marsha Frederick was legally parked curbside. Helen Goltz said she was parking, she backed up and thought she might have backed into the vehicle owned by Frederick. Goltz said she checked and didn't see the damage. An estimated \$500 in damage was done to the Goltz vehicle; an estimated \$1,000 damage was done to the Frederick vehicle.

On November 6, 2019, according to police reports, Darin Markham backed into a gas meter owned by the City of Falls City. No damage was done to a vehicle owned by Eric Froeschl. An estimated \$1,000 in damage was done to the gas meter. No citation was issued.



First grade: Mrs. Huddelston, Robbie Sanders, Asher McCullick, Kieson Pohlman, Elise Miller, Mr. Nelson.



Fourth grade: Mrs. Huddelston, Brayden Nichols, Jacob Furrow, Kaleb Kaiser, Kiersta Martin, Mr. Nelson.

First and Fourth grade classes at Falls City South School make food pantry donations

The month of October the first and fourth grade classes at Falls City South School made sizeable donations to the local Food Pantry.

Once a month different classrooms will have the choice to donate something from the list to help the SENCA Food Pantry. This is strictly a volunteer assignment, as this activity will be used to teach citizenship in helping

the community. Each class will have the opportunity three times during the school year to help donate.

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and size four diapers, baby wipes, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, soap, laundry detergent, and dish soap.

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

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

DISTRICT COURT

Julia M. Sprouse, of Stella, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, resist arrest-first offense, plead not guilty; count three, obstruct government operations, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for December 3, 2019.

Julia M. Sprouse, of Stella, count one, possess firearm while commit a felony, amend to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty; count two, possess fire arm while commit a felony, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty; count three, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count four, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count five, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count six, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count seven, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count eight, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for December 3, 2019.

Jeremy J. Buttrick, of Falls City, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty. Case

continued. Bryant J. Jorn, of Falls City, count one, theft-rcv stolen prop \$5,000+, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for February 18, 2020.

Leann R. Willits, of Morrill, KS, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for December 3, 2019.

Travis G. Sherman, of Wahoo, count one, sexual assault-first degree, plead not guilty; count two, burglary, plead not guilty; count three, false imprisonment-first degree, plead not guilty; count four, sexual assault-without consent-third degree, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for December 3, 2019.

Nicolas L. Mora, of Humboldt, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count three, unlawful/fict. Display of plate/renew tab, plead not guilty; count four, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Case continued.

Daniel J. Finer was granted a dissolution of marriage from Brittny K. Finner.

COUNTY COURT

Bryant J. Jorn, count one, resist arrest-first offense, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for November 13, 2019.

Bryant J. Jorn, count one, unauthorized use of propelled vehicle-first, plead not guilty. Case continued.

Jefferson D. Pfohl, of Falls City, count one, theft-rcv stolen prop \$0-\$500, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for November 20, 2019.

Ian L. Malcom, of Lincoln,

count one, operate motor vehicle/avoid arrest-misd, plead not guilty; count two, drive under susp/before reinstated-state, plead not guilty; count three, improper/defective vehicle lighting, plead not guilty; count four, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty; count five, fail to use turn signal, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled.

Julian M. Cooper, of Humboldt, count one, dom asslt-third degree, plead not guilty; count two, criminal mischief \$0-\$500, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for November 13, 2019.

April N. Rath, of Elberon, VA, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$0-\$500, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for December 4, 2019.

Carl W. Barlow, of Falls City, count one, no proof of insurance, plead guilty, count two, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead not guilty; count three, operate vehicle w/o proof of ownership, plead not guilty; count four, drive under susp/before reinstate-state, plead not guilty. Show cause hearing is scheduled for November 18, 2019.

Mark Galaska, of Falls City, count one, maintaining a nuisance, plea no contest, found guilty, fined \$25; count two, unregistered, wrecked or junked vehicles, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Shelby R. Kuker, of Falls City, count one, theft-shoplifting, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for November 25, 2019.

Kyle D. Scates, of Falls City, count one, theft-shoplifting \$0-\$500, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for November 25, 2019.

Rebecca Fouraker, of Salem, count one, issue no-account check less than \$500, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for December 2, 2019.

Myshela A. Wyrick, of Table Rock, count one, DUI-alcohol-first offense, plead not guilty; count two, willful reckless driving-first offense, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for November 25, 2019.

Austin W. Minard, of Omaha, count one, DUI-15+, plead not guilty; count two, willful reck-

less driving first offense, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for November 25, 2019.

Lucas S. Barr, of Liberty, NE, count one, DUI-alcohol-first offense, plea is not guilty; count two, refuse to submit to test-first offense, plead not guilty; count three, refuse to submit to pretest, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for November 25, 2019.

Shawn C. Brabec, of Omaha, count one, obstruct a peace officer, plead not guilty; count two, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty; count three, trespass-second degree/defy order to leave, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for November 25, 2019.

David D. Wamsley, of White Cloud, KS, count one, DUI-08 breath-first offense, plead not guilty; count two, refuse to submit to test-first offense, plead not guilty; count three, refuse to submit to pretest, plead not guilty; count four, possess marijuana one ounce or less-first offense, plead not guilty; count five, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Case continued.

Ryan M. Arnold, of Falls City, count one, assault-third degree, plead not guilty; count two, willful reckless driving-first offense, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for November 18, 2019.

Joseph M. Sweigart, of Topeka, KS, count one, theft-rcv stolen prop \$5,000+, finding is probable cause; count two, burglary, finding is probable cause; count three, burglary, finding is probable cause; count four, theft-shoplifting \$0-\$500, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count five, unauth use propelled vehicle-first, amended to count dropped/dissmised. Case continued.

Rachael A. Riding, of Seneca, KS, count one, disturbing the peace, plea is no contest, found guilty and fined \$50 and court costs.

CITATIONS

Jonathan D. Dirksen, of Lincoln, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Paul C. Yoessel, of Hiawatha, KS, count one, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Jesse Lucero Gomez, of Omaha, count one, fail to display proper number of plates, plead guilty, found guilty and fined

\$25; count two, excess windshield and/or tinting, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Shelbi M. Audsley, of Prescott Valley, AZ, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; count two, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Rebecca E. Schulka, of Weeping Water, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Scott J. Hartman, of Falls City, count one, unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab, plead guilty/admit, found guilty and fined \$50 and court costs.

Anthony J. Shafer, of Shubert, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Kayshin T. Whittaker, of Sabetha KS, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Jason L. Arlington, of Stella, count one, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Jason L. Arlington, of Humboldt, count one, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Jason L. Arlington, of Stella, count one, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Donovan C. Murphy, of Topeka, KS, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Casey G. Witt, of Falls City, count one, speeding, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Stacy L. Ebel, of Falls City, count one, speeding, 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Koner J. Hogue, of Falls City, count one, speeding, 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Kayshin T. Whittaker, of Sabetha, KS, count one, speeding, 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Brandon R. Sells, of Falls City, count one, stop sign violation, plead guilty, found guilty and fined, \$75 and court costs.

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Danielle Bippes goes for the kill against Wynot Thursday night at Lincoln Northeast



Taylor Frederick skies for a kill in the second set Thursday night against Wynot

Tiger volleyball shows improvement throughout this season

By Brian McKim

The Falls City volleyball team, under first-year Head Coach Allison Haines, wrapped up the 2019 campaign with a 9-20 final mark. The Lady Tigers fell to Wilber-Clatonia in the first round of sub-districts to see their season come to a close.

Falls City finished the season averaging 8.7 kills per set, 60 total blocks, 14.7 digs per set, and 129 ace serves for the season. As a team, FC finished with 580 total kills on 2085 attempts. The Tigers also finished with 985 digs and 539 assists.

Individually for Falls City, Michelle Beer did most of the damage at the net, finishing with 266 kills on 791 attempts. Allyssa Mez was next with 97 kills on

389 attempts. Eryn Snethen finished the season with 68 kills on 258 tries.

Beer also led the team with 30 ace serves, while Lexie Buckminster was right behind with 29, and Jessa Beckner added 24 for FC.

Rae Ann Thompson led the defenders with 29 total blocks. Beer added 27 blocks, and Chase Nolte had 20. Beer was also tops on the team with 208 digs for the season. Buckminster added 173, Snethen added 110, Kailyn Frederick had 107, and Beckner finished with 101.

The duties of ball-handling were split this season, with Josie Riggs finishing with 194 assists and Beckner adding 184.

When asked about the progress made throughout the season, Coach Haines replied, "I want to say that this group of girls took a huge step in the right direction to get this program back on track. It started in the summer with perfect attendance in both the weight room and open gyms from every member of the team. They improved by winning more games than last year. They only lost once at home, after not winning a game at home last year. We also placed third in our home tournament and giving this group of seniors their first varsity trophy in high school volleyball. All six seniors played a vital role on this team; throughout the year, they all started a varsity game. They will all be missed. The underclassmen will have HUGE rolls to fill as the stat leaders in all categories will be lost to graduation. Seven returning players, along with some promising up and comers from the jr. high, there is a lot to look forward to in the future."

Although the final record may not reflect it, this Tiger team vastly improved as the season went on and took a giant step in the right direction to change the culture of Tiger volleyball.

Blue Devils squeak past Irish

Story and photos by Brian McKim

The seventh-seeded Sacred Heart Irish took the two-seed, Wynot to the wire on Thursday evening at Lincoln Northeast High School in the opening round of the Class D2 State Volleyball Tournament. The Irish fell in five sets 25-27, 25-13, 22-25, 25-17, and 11-15.

In the first set, the Lady Irish held the lead, 24-21, but the Wynot Blue Devils got on a roll and completed the thrilling come from behind win 27-25. Sacred Heart controlled the second set, leading 18-12 at one point, evening the match at one win apiece with a 25-13 win. With the score tied at 22-22 in the third set, the Blue Devils scored the final three points to pull out the win

25-22 and take a two-sets to one lead. With their backs against the walls, the Lady Irish again came out and dominated the higher seed, winning 25-17 to force a winner take all fifth set. SH held a slim 16-14 lead before outscoring Wynot 9-3 down the stretch to force the final set. Wynot held the advantage in the last set all the way through, as the Irish fell 15-11, ending their season.

The Irish finished the season with a 21-14 record while Wynot improved to 25-3 with the win. In the next round, the Blue Devils fell to eventual D2 champion BDS in five sets.

Leading the way for Sacred Heart were Erison Vonderschmidt and McKenzie Witt.

Vonderschmidt led the Irish attack with 14 kills while Witt was close behind with 12. Danielle Bippes finished with seven, Lainey Ebel and Rachel Magdanz each had two, and Taylor Frederick added one. Vonderschmidt also led the defense with two blocks while Witt and Bippes each had one.

SH finished with six ace serves in the match, led by senior Mackenzie Nelson and sophomore Lainey Ebel, each with two. Magdanz and Vonderschmidt each added one ace. Vonderschmidt also led the team with 27 digs while Bippes finished with 21. Emma Frederick added 18 digs, Witt had 15, Ebel finished with 12, Taylor Frederick and Magdanz each had five, and Emma Littrel contributed one. As she has done all season long, Magdanz led the playmaking with 30 assists. Vonderschmidt and Ebel each had two, and Witt finished with one assist.

The large Irish contingent may not have got the win they hoped for, but they did see the Irish girls give their all and take the favorite to the wire before dropping the match.

"The girls fought really hard!" said Head Coach Susan Witt. "I felt that they served tough! I am very proud of our team!"

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QB Jakob Jordan celebrates a Del Casteel touchdown run

Irish continue to march towards Lincoln

Story and photos by Brian McKim

The Sacred Heart Irish football team improved to 10-0 on the season with a convincing 56-6 win over Clarkson/Leigh. The Patriots came into the contest at 7-2 with their only losses to Class D1 top-ranked Howells-Dodge and Class D2 top-ranked Humphrey St. Francis.

The Irish wasted no time in getting onto the scoreboard. After the opening kickoff, SH went 42 yards in three plays for the games' first score. Jake Hoy took an option left, got a couple of crushing blocks from Branson Darveau and Brogan Nachtigal, and sprinted 26-yards for the TD. After a Hoy conversion run, SH led 8-0 fifty-six seconds into the game. Clarkson/Leigh got close with 4:35 to play in the first quarter, hitting a 21-yard touchdown pass to get within two points at 8-6. After a couple of three and outs, the first period came to a close with the score remaining at 8-6.

The second quarter began

nically for the Irish as Hoy got his second TD of the day, a 14-yard run. Hoy took a sweep right, spun past a defender and went into the end zone for the score. After a Hoy conversion run, SH led 16-6 with 11:14 left in the half.

The next two Irish possessions ended with a turnover on downs at the Patriot 14 and an interception in the Patriots red zone. However, the Irish defense came up big again, as Hoy picked off a pass on the second play of the drive, giving the Irish the ball back at midfield. Del Casteel got in on the scoring action, driving into the end zone from two yards out to cap off an eight-play 40-yard drive, to give SH a 24-6 lead with 1:37 to play in the first half.

Casteel recovered a fumble on the ensuing drive with :12 remaining, giving SH one last chance to add to their lead before the half. QB Jakob Jordan had Hoy open running down the middle of the field, but the ball fell just off his fingertips,

leaving the Irish with a 24-6 halftime advantage.

Clarkson, feeling the need to get something going, went for it on fourth and five at their own 20-yard line to begin the second half. Max Froeschl broke up the pass, giving SH a short field. Two Casteel carries resulted in another TD, opening the Irish lead to 32-6.

After a three and out by the Irish defense, Sacred Heart struck again. This time Jordan found Hoy sprinting down the field for a one-handed catch that resulted in a 39-yard TD on the first play of the drive. A Casteel run for the PAT made it 40-6 with 7:06 still to play in the third.

The final score of the quarter came with :22 left as Hoy got his fourth touchdown of the night, a seven-yard run to make it 46-6. Jordan kept for the conversion, and SH led 48-6.

The Irish defense forced a punt by the Patriots on the opening drive of the fourth quarter. Hoy fielded the kick and went down the sideline, finally getting forced out at the Patriot seven. On the next play, Casteel ran over a defender for his third TD of the night, to make the score 56-6 with 9:40 left in the game. With a running clock, the JV finished off the game, as the Irish cruised past the Patriots 56-6.

The Irish defense held the Clarkson/Leigh rushing attack to just 103 yards and another 21 through the air for 124 total yards of offense. Meanwhile, the Irish amassed 180 rushing yards and 117 passing yards for 297 yards of total offense.

Casteel led the pound and ground attack for SH with 83 yards on 14 carries and three TDs. Hoy finished with 69 yards and three TD's on ten attempts. Jordan completed 6/12 passes for 117 yards, a TD, and an INT. Hoy was also the leading receiver with five catches for 101 yards and a TD. Tyler Witt added one grab for 16 yards.

Darveau led the tough Irish defense with 12 tackles, three for losses. Hoy added ten stops, including two for loss, and Sloan Lenard had eight stops, two going for loss. The Irish also converted all seven point-after attempts in the game.

With the win, the Irish earned a spot in the third round of the playoffs. SH will be taking on the 10-0 Bloomfield Bees. Much like Clarkson/Leigh, the Bees will look to line up and run the ball, averaging 335 yards per game on the ground.

The Irish will kick off at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12 in Bloomfield.



Jake Hoy follows the blocks of Brogan Nachtigal and Del Casteel on Wednesday's win over Clarkson Leigh



The good thing about a bye week is the Huskers can't disappoint us. The bad side of a bye week is I get to watch other teams play and see how far we have to go to get back to where we need to be.

For instance, the LSU/Alabama Saturday afternoon. Those two teams have so many game-changers on both sides of the ball it's ridiculous. LSU has beaten four top-ten teams this season, a pretty impressive stat. The Crimson Tide, on the other hand as beaten one top-25 team, Texas A&M. Other than that, Alabama has played no one, but they are always held in high regard. Congratulations to the LSU Tigers for knocking off Alabama, we are all sick and tired of hearing about them.

Did Nebraska make a mistake by leaving the Big 12 for the Big 10? If they were currently in the Big 12, they would fall somewhere between Oklahoma St. and Kansas St. Probably sporting a record of 6-3ish and about .500 in the conference. In the Big 10 West division, Good Old Nebraska U sits at 4-5 overall and 2-4 in the conference, ahead of only Northwestern. Nostalgia sometimes blurs our thoughts, and we yearn for the old Big 8 or Big 12 days, but I'm here to tell you it wasn't all roses their either. Remember how Texas controlled everything, and I mean everything. We may be down right now, but we're not out.

Another question people have been mentioning to me is the coaching staff. I had a couple of people before the season began, tell me Coach Frost and his staff should be fired. I just laughed it off, thinking what do these guys know. I've never been a big Frost fan as many people close to me can attest but isn't it too soon to turn on the golden boy. I know Florida St. fired Coach Willie Taggart less than two seasons into his contract. Taggart sported a 9-12 overall record in his short stint at FSU. Arkansas just fired Coach Chad Morris twenty-two games into his Head Coaching stint with a 4-18 record. Coach Scott Frost currently sits at 8-13 in his alma mater with three games left in the season. I think Coach Frost has a little longer leash than some, but if the Husker faithful have to endure another season like the last few, the Boo Birds will come calling.

With all this said and done, if the Huskers can find a way to knock off two rated teams in Iowa and Wisconsin to wrap up the season, then it could still be seen as a successful year. At 4-5 with three games to go, Nebraska needs at least two wins at this point to reach a bowl game. The prestige of making the postseason pales in comparison to the extra month of practice the Huskers would be given due to making a bowl game. Right now, recruiting and practice are the two top needs in Lincoln, and getting to six wins would help with both.

The Huskers will host Wisconsin on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. in Lincoln. The Badgers have won the last six games in the series and lead the overall series 9-4. Don't look for much to change here. However, the game must be played, and anything can happen once the ball game begins. A win on Saturday would go a long way in silencing the critics. Let's hope Big Red is ready to play. Go Big Red.

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Good time to soil sample this fall

By Gary Lesoing

Fall is an excellent time to soil sample fields for nutrients following harvest. In 2019 there were a number of fields in southeast Nebraska that showed signs of nitrogen deficiencies, with potential for other nutrient deficiencies or imbalances. Reports of preliminary stalk nitrate tests show low stalk nitrate levels that indicate a probable nitrogen deficiency that will also result in lower corn grain yields.

The erratic weather conditions we experienced this past growing season resulted in extreme growing conditions throughout southeast Nebraska. As we plan for 2020 it is important to use fertilizer wisely and being efficient as possible with the fertilizer that is applied. With the erratic weather patterns and some torrential rains we sometimes have received, there is potential for nutrients to be lost through erosion, leaching or denitrification. You may want to consider soil sampling fields for nutrients, such as phosphorus, potassium, sulfur and nitrogen. With very irregular precipitation patterns this growing season, crop yields will probably be extremely variable this year, with some very good to excellent yields and others, poor to average.

Depending upon soybean yields in 2019, you may be able to apply a significant nitrogen credit (at least 40 lbs. of N) for 2020 corn following soybeans.

Nutrient deficiencies in soil can also have a significant impact on yields of both corn and soybeans. If you soil sample, you may be able to save on your fertilizer bill for next year. Soil pH can have a real impact on nutrient availability and consequently reduce yields, particularly soybeans. Liming could help improve the availability of nutrients in your fields and help improve yields. This is why soil sampling is important. If you have fields that have not been sampled for several years, it may be a good time to sample these fields.

Under irrigation where yields are usually less variable than dryland crops, there is heavy removal of nutrients in the grain that may need to be replaced for next year's crops. Soil sampling in the fall or winter also allows for more time in planning limestone and fertilizer programs for the coming year. The UNL publication EC117 "Fertilizer Suggestions for Corn" provides excellent advice for sound fertilizer management and gives you the tools to make sound decisions on fertilizer needs for corn.

This publication can be accessed on the web at: <http://agronomy.unl.edu/faculty/ferguson/ec117.pdf>.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension also has a nitrogen calculator available on the web you can use to

calculate nitrogen needs for your corn crop. If you go to this link: <http://cropwatch.unl.edu/soils> and then click on Corn Nitrogen Recommendations Calculator, you will be able to access this tool.

If you have questions on soil sampling, soil test labs in Nebraska or other questions, feel free to contact me at University of Nebraska Extension-Lincoln in Nemaha County at (402) 274-4755 or your local county Extension office.

FC Native Kamden Sipple initiated into the MO Military Academy Corps of Cadets

On October 19, 2019, Kamden Sipple of Falls City, Nebraska was officially inducted into the 131st Missouri Military Academy (MMA) Corps of Cadets at the MMA Passing Through Ceremony.

The Passing Through Ceremony is a generations-old MMA tradition that officially welcomes new cadets into the corps following their successful completion of the Crucible, Maroon Phase training and handbook test.

The Crucible is a series of mental and physical obstacles that challenge cadets as an individual and a team, with tasks such as a 5-mile hike, a 1.5 mile rope carry, climbing challenges, conditioning drills and more. Maroon Phase training and handbook tests consist of learning MMA regulations, honor code and decorum.

"We have tested their hearts, we have tested their grit, we have tested their perseverance," MMA Commandant Col. Rick Grabowski said at the ceremony. "They are standing here today because they never quit - they kept going."

To signify his official rank in the corps, Sipple was awarded his MMA hat brass, an emblem which mirrors the MMA crest.

Parenting is a challenge

Parenting is a challenging, yet rewarding role that many adults take on lovingly. Data from the U.S. Census Bureau indicates that there were 73.7 million children under age 18 living in families in 2016. Canadian Census results found roughly 5.8 million children living in private households with parents in 2016, the most recent year for data.

Parenting is a hard job that evolves as children age, and moms and dads may wonder if there is anything they can do to be better parents. Raising successful, happy and well-rounded children takes effort, and the following tips may help parents along the way.

Take care of yourself: It's hard for parents to serve as good role models for their children if they aren't taking care of themselves. A little self-reflection and some positive changes can help parents set strong examples for their youngsters.

Beware of comparisons: Parents often wonder what they may be doing wrong, especially when they see other children meeting milestones that their

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Dixie (Mullins) Babb Trusty

Dixie (Mullins) Babb Trusty passed away October 28, 2019 in Kingman, AZ.

She was born on January 20, 1945. She was raised in Salem, NE. She was the daughter of the late Clyde Mullins and Opal Mullins Hollenbeck.

Dixie was a wonderful mother, grandmother, homemaker, friend and sister. She was a die-hard Kansas City Chiefs fan as well as a "Big Red" Cornhusker fan.

She is survived by her daughter, Bonnie Wheaton and son, Tim

Babb; her loving grandchildren, Jessica Wheaton and Tyler Babb; sisters, Phyllis Davis and Karen Kanatzar and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Ray Trusty; sister, Naomi Weibel; brothers, Bob Mullins, Bill Mullins, Jon Mullins and Jerry Mullins.

A graveside service was held on November 4, 2019 at Mountain View Cemetery, Kingman, AZ.

Life-Saving Lives on the Line: motorists reminded to move over for responders National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week is Nov. 10-16

First Lady of Missouri, Teresa Parson knows all too well the dangers first responders face along the highways. First Lady Parson's brother, Rick Seiner, was working as an EMT and loading a crash victim into an ambulance when a passing driver struck and killed him.

"It's a very hard time for a family to have to live through something like this," First Lady Parson said. "It's something I hope no one has to live through."

But across the country, it's something hundreds of families experience each year. In their tireless efforts to save lives, responders often put their own at risk. In fact, traffic incidents are the leading cause of death for EMS responders and law enforcement officers. To remind motorists what's on the line, the Federal Highway Administration has declared the week of Nov. 10-16 as National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week.

There were more than 155,000 traffic crashes in Missouri in 2018. As part of the Missouri Department of Transportation's work to maintain a safe and reliable transportation system, MoDOT emergency response personnel respond to more than 6,000 traffic incidents each month on average.

On Thursday, Nov. 14, MoDOT's Southwest District—coordinating with local law enforcement, fire, EMS, towing and Missouri State Highway Patrol crews—will conduct a full-scale traffic incident management (TIM) exercise. The agencies will stage a highway incident at the Springfield-Branson National Airport at 1:30 p.m. to ensure crews are adequately prepared to respond to these emergencies.

"TIM programs help ensure the right people arrive at the right location to help keep people safe and traffic moving freely," said Jon Nelson, chair of the executive committee of the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety. "But it's a dangerous job, and drivers increase the risk of harm when they don't slow down or move over if they can."

When motorists approach MoDOT or any other responders or emergency vehicles on the side of the highway with flashing lights, they should move over. Missouri's Move Over law requires drivers to either change lanes or slow down when approaching stationary MoDOT, law enforcement or other emergency vehicles with flashing lights. To help protect those who protect us, all 50 states enforce some form of the Move Over law.

"When you're driving through these scenes, someone's life depends on you," First Lady Parson said. "If we're focusing and just doing what we should be doing when we're in the driver's seat, crashes like the one that killed my brother would not happen."

"The bottom line is that we want everyone to make it home at the end of the day. These responders are out there to keep the highways clear and safe for us," Nelson said. "We need to do our part to keep them safe for responders, too."

children may not be achieving. According to Harvey Karp, MD, author of "The Happiest Toddler," babies develop rapidly and each child is unique.

One set of abilities is bound to develop faster than another, Karp says. Making comparisons between children, whether it's with youngsters' siblings or friends, can be a recipe for conflict and self-doubt. Speak with a pediatrician if you have concerns about development.

Be an active listener: Being an attentive parent includes listening to youngsters. Encourage kids to share their points of view on activities or topics they feel are important. That can reassure children they know

they can come to you without fear of reprisal, even when they may have been out of line. This strengthens the bond between parents and their children.

Explain you are human, too: Sometimes children need to see that their parents are not perfect to realize they needn't be perfect either. The website Aha Parenting! recommends parents apologize when they are wrong and use such instances to teach kids that adults are human, too.

These are just a few of the many steps parents can take to form strong bonds with their children and be the best parents possible.



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Sacrament of Penance: Saturday, 5 p.m., Sunday, 30 minutes before Sunday Masses, week-days, before each Mass daily or by appointment.
Adult Inquiry and Instruction Classes: Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
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Sacrament of Penance: Saturday, 5 p.m., Sunday, 30 minutes before Sunday Masses, week-days, before each Mass daily or by appointment.
Adult Inquiry and Instruction Classes: Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
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The growing threat of diabetes

Diabetes diagnoses are on the rise, and the numbers are warping. According to the World Health Organization, the number of people with diabetes totaled 108 million in 1980. By 2017, the International Diabetes Foundation was reporting that figure had risen to 425 million adults, with estimates that it may be as high as 629 million by 2045.

Diabetes is not just a global health issue, but a financial concern as well. The IDF reported that diabetes caused at least \$727 billion in health expenditure in 2017.

Despite its prevalence and the financial toll it takes on families across the globe, many people, including parents, admit they are in the dark about warning signs of diabetes. In fact, in 2018 researchers with the IDF released a report indicating that four in five parents have trouble recognizing the warning signs of diabetes. That can be detrimental to their own health as well as the health of their children.

The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases notes that symptoms of type 2 diabetes, which is the most common form of the disease, often develop slowly and can be so mild that people do not notice them. However, people who notice any of the following symptoms should discuss them with their physicians immediately:

- increased thirst and urination,
- increased hunger,
- fatigue,
- blurred vision,
- numbness or tingling in the feet or hands,
- sores that do not heal, and
- unexplained weight loss.

Parents who notice their children exhibiting any of the above-mentioned symptoms should ask their youngsters if they are feeling unusual in any other ways, as kids may not think to report symptoms to their moms and dads. In addition, parents should call their children's pediatricians if they notice any symptoms that may be indicative of diabetes.

Much is still unknown about diabetes, including, in certain instances, its causes. For example, the NIDDK says that scientists think that type 1 diabetes is caused by genes and environmental factors, including viruses, that may trigger the disease. Research as to the potential causes of type 1 diabetes is ongoing. Lifestyle factors and genes play a role in the formation of type 2 diabetes. For example, being overweight, obese and physically inactive are factors that increase a person's likelihood of being diagnosed with type 2 diabetes. Therefore, a healthy diet and routine exercise can be great ways for people to reduce their risk for type 2 diabetes. Insulin resistance, genes and family history are some additional factors that scientists have linked to type 2 diabetes.

Diabetes diagnoses are on the rise across the globe. More information about diabetes is available at www.niddk.nih.gov.

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Count on Me!

Counting Across the Ages
Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

- numerals
- system - used in computers
- and loes
- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7...
- tally marks or _____ in sand
- _____ in leather pouch

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You Can Count On Me, Boss!
This busy beaver works hard for his boss. He is counting the logs in the swamp. He wants to keep good records of the number he has in stock. He is using paper and a pencil to help him keep track. What other things can we use to count, add or keep records?

Fill in the spaces with letters from the word "count" to find out. (Hint: cross off each letter as you use it.)

1. ____ ash regis ____ er
2. ____ mp ____ er
3. ____ al ____ ia ____ r
4. abc ____ s
5. ____ lar

Inventory Sheet

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Why People Count Things

I'm not sure how I got stuck with this job, but you can count on me when you need help counting. If you need to know how many of something you have, you must count the items.

Throughout history, people all over the world have counted items using different systems. Once they know the number of their items, they use a symbol to mark it down or enter it into their computers. Just think of all the counting of merchandise that must be done in stores or all the counting of money in banks.

Count your money so it doesn't just "fly away"!

We're Number One!
Why bother to count? We do it because we like to measure and keep track of things. We like to know how much we have and how much we need. Can you find and circle the words or phrases to the right in the puzzle?

We like to count our: merchandise, belongs, place in line, rank, population, money, time, age, weight, height, miles traveled, animals.

Count on Me!
Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

- count spoonfuls, cups to _____ the right amount when baking
- we use rulers, yardsticks to count inches to measure _____
- count _____ beats to keep time - all musicians on same timing
- we organize our _____ by counting hours, days, weeks
- we count to _____ items up...for three dogs need three leashes
- count money to _____ or make change
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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA NOTICE OF FORMAL HEARING FOR COMPLETE SETTLEMENT AND FOR DETERMINATION OF INHERITANCE TAX Estate of William H. Schwabing, Jr., Deceased. Estate No. PR18-26

Notice is hereby given that the Personal Representative has filed a final account and report of his administration, a Formal Pledge for Complete Settlement, determination of Personal Representative fees and attorney fees, and a Petition for Determination of Inheritance Tax which have been set for hearing in the Richardson County, Nebraska Court on November 25, 2019 at 11:15 a.m.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Trustee under the Deed of Trust filed on May 24, 2012, in Book 248, Page 237, in the Office of Richardson County Register of Deeds will sell the following described property at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in the lobby of the Richardson County Courthouse, Falls City, NE, Richardson County, Nebraska, on the 5th day of December 5, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. The property is legally described as follows:

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DATED: October 11, 2019 O. William VonSeggern, #14341 Attorney for Frontier Bank Trustee and Beneficiary 16-23-30-13

Notice In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska Estate of Merilyn V. Kettley, Deceased Estate No. PR19-37 Notice is hereby given that on October 22, 2019, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Jonathon Kettley of 71475 650 Ave., Falls City, NE 68355, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before December 30, 2019 or forever be barred. Nancy A. DeKlotz Clerk of the County Court County Court of Richardson County 1700 Stone Street, Rm 205 Falls City, NE 68355

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA NOTICE OF FORMAL HEARING FOR COMPLETE SETTLEMENT AND FOR DETERMINATION OF INHERITANCE TAX Estate of Glendon Ray Runyan, Deceased. Estate No. PR19-1

Notice is hereby given that the Personal Representative has filed a final account and report of his administration, a Formal Closing Pledge for complete settlement, determination of Personal Representative fees and attorney fees, and a Petition for Determination of Inheritance Tax which have been set for hearing in the Richardson County, Nebraska Court on November 20, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

Nancy A. DeKlotz Clerk of County Court Michael R. Dunn, #16825 Richard L. Halbert, #11659 Christopher C. Halbert, #22609 Halbert, Dunn & Halbert, L.L.C. 111 East 17th Street Post Office Box 447 Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447 Phone: (402) 245-4486 30-6-13

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of Execution issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska in an action wherein City of Falls City, Nebraska, is the Plaintiff and Jeff Moyer is the Defendant, Case #CI 18-154. I will sell at 10:00 A.M. on the 6th day of December 2019 at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Courthouse on the 1st floor corridor in Falls City, NE in said county and state, the following real property, to-wit: North Street Salem, Nebraska 68433. Legal description as follows: Parcel ID#740097199 Salem OT Blk 120 Lots 6 & 7 (2L)

Dated this 1st day of November 2019 Sheriff Rick Hardesty Jr. Richardson County, Nebraska 13-20-27

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of Execution issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska in an action wherein City of Falls City, Nebraska, is the Plaintiff and Jeff Moyer is the Defendant, Case #CI 18-153. I will sell at 10:00 A.M. on the 6th day of December 2019 at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Courthouse on the 1st floor corridor in Falls City, NE in said county and state, the following real property, to-wit 915 Wilson Street, Falls City, NE 68355. Legal description as follows: Parcel ID#740062131 Falls City O T Blk 190 Lots 5 & 6 (2L)

Dated this 1st day of November 2019 Sheriff Rick Hardesty Jr. Richardson County, Nebraska 13-20-27

VILLAGE OF SALEM

The Village of Salem is requesting bids for snow removal for the 2019-2020 season. Bidders are required to provide their own equipment and bid by the hour. Bidders will be required to show proof of insurance. Bids will be accepted until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 3, 2019. Bids may be sent to Village of Salem, PO Box 297, Falls City, NE 68355.

Carolyn Glathar Village Clerk 13-20

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of an Execution issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska in an action wherein City of Falls City, Nebraska, is the Plaintiff and Jeff Moyer is the Defendant, Case #CI 18-153. I will sell at 10:00 A.M. on the 13th day of December 2019 at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Courthouse on the 1st floor corridor in Falls City, NE in said county and state, the following real property, to-wit: North Street Salem, Nebraska 68433. Legal description as follows: Parcel ID#740098209 Salem OT Blk 120 Lots 6 & 7 (2L)

Dated this 6th day of November 2019 Sheriff Rick Hardesty Jr. Richardson County, Nebraska 13-20-27

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

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Dated this 6th day of November 2019 Sheriff Rick Hardesty Jr. Richardson County, Nebraska 13-20-27

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

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Dated this 6th day of November 2019 Sheriff Rick Hardesty Jr. Richardson County, Nebraska 13-20-27

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, Case CI 18-160. MIDWEST MANAGEMENT, Plaintiff, vs. LINDA L. CONRADE, NKA LINDA L. LUGINBILL, SHAWN D. LUGINBILL, CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES, JOHN DOE AND MARY DPE, and all other persons/entities UNKNOWN claiming any right, interest or title in the real estate described herein.

To: Shawn D. Luginbill, John Doe, Mary Doe; and all other persons/entities UNKNOWN having or claiming any right, interest or title in Lots 21 and 22, Block 193, Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska.

You have been sued by Midwest Management. The object of the plaintiff's Complaint is to foreclose on Tax Sale Certificate No. 20160402 for the delinquent taxes on the real estate described above. The taxes due under the certificate are for the 2014 thru the first half of 2016 taxes plus interest at the rate of 14% per annum. The Complaint asks the court to find that the taxes are a lien against the real estate, as provided by law, and that upon establishment of such lien, the real estate, which may remain unencumbered, be sold at public sale to satisfy the decree so entered, together with interest and costs, including attorney fees as provided for and by Nebraska Revised Statute 877-1009, as amended, and that the defendants be forever barred of all claims upon, interest in, right or title to, lien upon or equity of redemption in the real estate upon confirmation of this sale. To defend this lawsuit an appropriate written response must be filed with the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, 1700 Stone Street Falls City, Nebraska, within 30 days of the last publication of this notice. If you fail to respond, the court may enter a judgment for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

MIDWEST MANAGEMENT, Deana K. Walocha, #21652 405 N. 115th Street, Suite 100 Omaha, Nebraska 68154 (402) 399-9049, ex. 103 Attorney for the Plaintiff 13-20-27

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Falls City Homefront Development, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, filed a Statement of Dissolution with the Nebraska Secretary of State and has been dissolved for all purposes except the winding up of its affairs. Anyone having claims related to the LLC shall promptly file the same setting forth the nature of the claim and amount and shall mail the same to:

Falls City Homefront Development, LLC c/o Kevin Malone 1818 Harlan Street Falls City, NE 68355

All claims against the LLC shall be barred unless an action to collect the same is brought within 5 years of the third publication of this notice.

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County Commissioners

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OCTOBER 29, 2019 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2019. Roll call was answered by Frank Caverzagie and Sichel. The invocation was given by Chairman Sichel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chairman Frank. Chairman Sichel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2019, meeting as read. Motion seconded by Frank, ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Frank to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Caverzagie, ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Steve Darveau, Highway Superintendent reported on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this week. He reported that the bridge on 710 Trail East of Dawson has been completed. Future bridge construction projects were also briefly discussed. The Board also requested that Mr. Darveau prepare a short statement to include with the 1st statement of information regarding the County's driveway and field access and culvert policy and to remind land-owners of the responsibility they have to maintain the brush along county road right-of-way. NE State Statute.

COUNTY TREASURER Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the replacement of 2 pledge security receipts as presented by County Treasurer from F&M Bank, receipt #392133623 11/29/2013 and receipt #39233623 4/12/2013 to be replaced with receipts #392205402 and #392205404. Motion seconded by Sichel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sichel to accept from the County Treasurer the district warrant report, 18 unpaid personal property tax warrants totaling \$6,947.27. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF DEPT. Sheriff Hardesty assigned Deputy Roland Merwin reviewed with the Board the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center. His past weeks, County Building Maintenance Technician was also present for the meeting.

The quotes presented at last week's meeting for the purchase of in-car cameras and other law enforcement technology equipment for the patrol vehicles were further reviewed and will be considered again at next week's meeting. The Board also received notice from the Nebraska Jail Standards that the Annual Jail Inspection was conducted on October 17, 2019. The State Fire Marshal needs to provide documentation of an annual inspection conducted by the State Fire Marshal to be in full compliance. This documentation has been received from the State Fire Marshal's Office.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Cost Allocation Plan Motion was made by Sichel to approve the Countywide Cost Allocation Plan for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Motion seconded by Frank, ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

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

CLAIMS

(The claims listed below are available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.) Aetna, ins. 55057.80 Bob Barker Co., supp. 751.40 Cash Wa Distributing, supp. 681.75 Consolidated Management Co., supp. 98.22 Consolidated Plastics, supp. 397.85 Culligan, supp. 80.03 DAS State Accounting, serv. 448.00 East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv. 257.69 Farm & City Supply, supp. 2.42 General Fire & Safety, supp. 131.50 Godemann, Mgmt. reimb. 340.63 James, Charles DDS, serv. 513.00 Jones Air Conditioning, serv. 60.00 Lippman Law Office, 171.00 Mgr., Douglas reimb. 625.54 NE Dept. of Health & Human Services, serv. 180.00 NE Commission on Law Enforcement, serv. 20.00 Orrin, William, serv. 75.00 Pest Control Services of SE NE, serv. 45.00 Piny Bowers, supp. 170.74 Bull, supp. 609.33 Richardson County CPR, serv. 60.00 Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb. 85.74 SummerOne, serv. 16.22 True Value, supp. 30.22 Vetrion, serv. 334.51 TOTAL GENERAL FUND: \$62,856.60

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND Culligan, supp. 29.85 Hamm Inc., recheck, reimb. 15360.07 Northern Safety Company, supp. 59.87 OPD, serv. 42.31 Operator & Exp. reimb. 27.00 Unifirst, supp. 55.10 TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND \$15,575.10

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Motion seconded by Frank, ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

David D. Sichel, Vice-Chairman Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

Why children should spend more time with their grandparents

(StatePoint) Play is important for everyone, no matter their age -- and when grandparents, parents and children play together, that's where the real benefits of unstructured fun are discovered.

"Play time with adults of different ages is not just a chance for families to bond, these interactions with positive role models can help children develop a range of important social, language and problem-solving skills," says Dr. Amanda Gummer, child psychologist and an expert contributor to TheGeniusofPlay.org.

Adults benefit from play time too. As one grows older, the free unstructured fun enjoyed in childhood is often replaced with structured activities like sports, card games and solving crosswords. Time spent with youngsters can keep adults young and give them a chance to relive more carefree days.

According to The Genius of Play, a national initiative whose mission is to raise awareness about the importance of play and help parents make play a critical part of raising their kids, here are three reasons why inter-generational play is good for young children:

- Unstructured play tends to be collaborative, encouraging cooperation and honesty.
• Spending time with older adults helps children understand how aging works, and later accept their own aging.
• Grandparents are storytellers and their wisdom and experience can open children's horizons further, as well as ignite imagination and creativity.
When it comes to adults, inter-generational play is beneficial in the following ways:
• Children bring innocence, joy and laughter to any situation, helping adults reduce stress.
• Active, busy play time can keep an older adult vital and

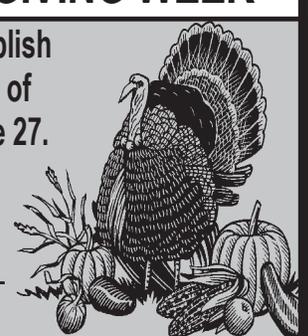
healthy. Indeed, those that play with children burn more calories, experience fewer falls and become less reliant on walking aids, according to studies.

• Play time is good for an aging adult's mental and emotional health. Games can help seniors maintain cognitive skills and retain memory, and the quality time with children can prevent feelings of loneliness and boost positivity.

Whether you're young, old or somewhere in between, these three tips from The Genius of Play can help you make the most of the time together:

- Share your favorite games with your grandchildren. From hide-and-seek to hula-hoops, introducing them to the games you played years ago is a great way to connect and make new memories.
• Give children an opportunity to express themselves by letting them share their ideas for what they want to play with you. They'll be more enthusiastic about participating if they get to call the shots sometimes. In today's tech-savvy world, grandchildren might want to play with a toy that uses augmented reality or teaches coding skills. This can be a great way to engage with them on their level and learn more about their favorite activities. Plus, you'll be learning something new!
• Let your grandchildren win and lose the game sometimes. This is a great chance to boost self-esteem while learning about good sportsmanship. For more play ideas, expert advice and resources for families, visit TheGeniusOfPlay.org.
There's no doubt about it, inter-generational play is beneficial to everyone along for the fun. Be sure to carve out play time for your family, particularly when visiting with older relatives.

THE JOURNAL'S SCHEDULE FOR THANKSGIVING WEEK The Journal Will Publish Normally the week of Thanksgiving on the 27. THE DEADLINE FOR THE WED., DEC. 4 PAPER BE WED., NOV. 27 BY NOON. The Office will close early on Wednesday, Nov. 27 at noon and will remain Closed Thanksgiving Day and Friday, Nov. 29



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Twenty-Eighth annual Luminaries in Horton

In 1991, the South Brown County Ministerial Association (SBCMA) began a project during the Christmas season to bring the story of Christ's life to this area. What was begun as a one-year experiment was so well received that it has continued and is now in its 28th year. This year the Luminaries — the Festival of Lights — will take place on Sun., Dec. 1, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. (or longer if cars are still going through the display.)

The Luminaries stem from an old Spanish custom of putting candles in paper bags weighted with sand. The candles are lit and put along the path to one's home on Christmas Eve to light the way for the Christ Child to come into the home and into the lives of the people who live there.

In Horton, 1300 candles light the 10-block route, which will have 17 living scenes of representative times in the life of Christ. The people of area churches dress in Biblical clothes and form still pictures (tableaus) from the prophecy in Isaiah about the coming of Christ, to His Crucifixion and, ultimately, His Ascension into Heaven. Colorful costumes, music, backdrops designed by the churches, and even live animals are part of the scenes along the way.

The city of Horton turns off the streetlights in this area so that the luminaries are even more pronounced. It is a beautiful, peaceful display, which people can enjoy from the comfort of their own vehicles. If people don't wish to drive, they may board a free shuttle at Jim's Thriftway, 240 East 15th, which will take them through the Luminaries.

For those who drive, the route begins at 14th and Central and ends at 14th and First Avenue East. A route guide which indicates all of the scenes will be handed out at the beginning of the drive.

The SBCMA asks that you remain in your vehicles because people who are walking can be a distraction to those who are driving. Also, because the lights are low, uneven places in the sidewalks may not be seen as well, and there could be a danger of falling. The churches in the SBCMA are First Baptist of Horton, First Christian of Horton, First United Methodist of Horton, St. Leo's Catholic of



The classmates in attendance at the 40-year reunion were: Front row, seated: Susan Zoeller Walkup, Lori Adams Thompson, Robert Werner Royle, Mary Sue Martin, Frederick Martin, Lesa Crofford, Chris Bachman Pokorny. Second row, kneeling: Gayle Runyan, Joy Koso Moore, Sharon Baldwin Hull, Melinda Martin Keedy, Michelle Hackett Henry, Cindy Simpson McLean. Third row, standing: Terri Bauman Messner, Dana Bauer, Lowell Eickhoff, Debra Vollmer Hauck, Ron Strecker, Mike Harmon, Kim Kuhlman Oliver, Dawn Eckler Moorehead, Ladd Goff, Dennis Henry, Chris Cole Myer, Robert Hunzeker, Sondra Bindle Haarberg, Debra Cooper Bailey, Kevin Scheitel, Mary Ann DiVona Thomas, Randy Sickle, Cathy O'Grady Goza, Rodney Godemann, Rodney Joy, Les Zentner, Janet Waddle Carlson, Steve Steinman, Ron Coonce, Bobby Lock, John Martin, Joe Keithley, Terry Wiltse, Tony Kopf.

FCHS CLASS OF 1979, 40-YEAR REUNION

The Falls City High School class of 1979 gathered on the weekend of Friday,

September 13th for its 40-year reunion. The class members met at The Den on Friday, where the committee had prepared decora-

Horton, the United Church of Muscotah, Everest Christian, and Zion Lutheran of Everest. President of the Association is Dr. Ronald Lee Cobb of the First Christian Church of Horton.

The SBCMA asks people who live along the route or on the connecting side streets to keep their own Christmas lights turned off between 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 1 so that the impact of the scenes will be more vivid. Yard displays can be especially distracting against the lights of the Luminaries. The members of the association thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

The Luminaries is a free event; however, there is an opportunity at the end of the route to donate to the Ministerial Association, if you so desire. The money will be used to support the ministries of the SBCMA. Come and enjoy this beautiful event as we prepare our hearts for the Christmas season.

tions, plus candles and pictures in honor of the 10 classmates who have passed away.

The evening included a class photo on the cobblestone streets downtown, and a shuttle to Falls City High School's homecoming football game. The classmates returned to The Den afterward to reminisce and reconnect.

On Saturday, some of the attendees golfed, and others had breakfast or drove around town to look at the improvements that Falls City has made. That afternoon, everyone gathered on the high school lawn for the dedica-

tion of the new electronic sign that the class had purchased. Afterward, the alumni and their guests toured the high school.

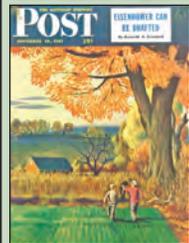
That evening, the group gathered for a buffet dinner at the Elks Club. Angie Hunzeker took a picture of the group in front of the Falls City Library and Arts Center, and that photo is included.

The weekend was a rousing success, as more than 50 percent of the classmates attended at some point throughout the two days. The classmates who were there are listed beneath the picture. Those who have passed

away are: Tami Weaver Feek, John Harroun, Doug Ramer, Kevin Romine, Brad Sefried, Greg Smith, Rick Kopf, Colleen Norris, Kevin Ivey, and Linda Lovenburg Junker.

BRINGING HOME THE SKUNK

November 15, 1947



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