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Santa listens to two good boys talk about their wishes. L-R: Kaitlin Shafer, Jackson Shafer, Santa and Nolan Shafer.

Santa Claus visits Falls City

Story and photo by Lori Gottula

Cool temperatures and rainy conditions last Friday night forced the Falls City Chamber of Commerce to postpone Santa's visit from Friday night to Saturday at six p.m. However, the Christmas opening and "Shop Small Saturday" events continued on as scheduled, and appeared to be unaffected by the weather.

The majority of chamber businesses were open Friday night, and were busy despite the rain and Santa's postponement.

Dozens of business owners and managers commented that they were very pleased with the walk-in traffic that night, and echoed that sentiment Saturday. They were happy with the resulting sales, as well. One manager even commented that her store's sales had been good all week.

"We've been very busy since last Sunday, when we started our 20 percent off sale," said Joan E. Stice, manager of the Brown's Shoe Fit store on Harlan Street, "But this weekend has been particularly busy."

Debbie Witt and Barb Sailors agreed. The two joined together for a pop-up store in the building south of Brown's, and saw foot traffic from Missouri and Kansas in the morning, and the Falls City area primarily in the afternoon. Debbie sells country crafts and home goods through DKW Creations, and Barb sells packets of dried goods that, when combined with a few additional ingredients like eggs or meat selections, make delicious dishes. The company she represents is called The Gourmet Cupboard.

"We've had a really good day," Debbie said. "The weather has been great, so that has helped."

Misty Voltmer at Hometown Floral on Harlan said the same. "We've been pleasantly surprised," she said. "We thought that the relocation of the craft show from Prichard Auditorium to Seid's Event Center north of town might hurt us, but we've been really busy because of the great weather."

Representatives of the craft show were excited as well. The show's $2 admission fee and other proceeds go annually to the Richardson County Cancer Fund, and organizers were happy that the 54-degree day brought a steady flow of traffic out to Seid's.

"A lot of people are walking out with bags in their hands, so that's good," organizer Mike Gilmore said. "We had a lot of people this morning, and it's been steady all afternoon."

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County Commissioners vote to meet every two weeks

By: Charlie Radatz

After having discussed the possibility a week earlier of changing from weekly meetings to a schedule of meetings every two weeks, Commissioners voted during their Tues., November 26, meeting to do just that. A motion was made by Commission Chairman David Sickel to adopt Resolution 2019-2020-21 to change the meeting dates of the County Board for the year 2020 to every two weeks beginning January 14, 2020, with the Annual Reorganizational Meeting. Commissioner Caverzagie seconded the motion, and when the vote was taken, it was passed with all three Commissioners voting aye.

The Resolution states that while the Richardson County Board of Commissioners has historically met weekly, the Board determined that scheduling meetings on a bi-weekly basis is sufficient to conduct and finalize the business of Richardson County.

The Board designated the following as the regular meeting dates in the year 2020: January 14 (the Annual Meeting) and 28; Feb. 11 and 25, Mar. 10 and 24; Apr. 7 and 21; May 5 and 19; Jun. 2, 16, and 30; Jul. 14 and 28; Aug. 11 and 25; Sept. 8 and 22; Oct. 6 and 20; Nov. 3 and 17; and Dec. 1, 15, and 29.

Laura Osborne, Grant Administrator of the 4 County Juvenile Grant program requested the Board considers entering into revised contracts with her and Maxine Schatz to implement the 4 County Juvenile program and diversion program in Nemaha, Johnson, Pawnee, and Richardson counties. The agreements were revised to include some minor changes in wording and to provide more detail on payment for services provided to youth who are being served. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the revised contracts with each of the program administrators.

Sheriff Hardesty and Chief Deputy Roland Merwin reviewed with the Board the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center during the prior week.

Clayton Hardenberger, the Jail Administrator, informed the Board that Sheriff's Department personnel had met with Community Medical Center staff,

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The full-time staff at Project Response, an advocacy agency for domestic violence that serves the counties of Richardson, Nemaha, Pawnee, Otoe, and Johnson. Left to right: Courtney Brook, advocate; Robyn Batterman, program coordinator; Desary Johnson, sexual assault advocate; Ashley Robertson, executive director. Not pictured: Alyssa Cline, advocate.

Project Response gives the gift of hope all year long

Story and photo by Lori Gottula

Let's call her Hannah, even though that's not her real name. Her real name is confidential because revealing it would put her in danger. Why? Because Hannah is a survivor of domestic violence.

Her name and story are both familiar to Ashley Robertson, executive director of Project Response, a non-profit advocacy agency based in Auburn, Nebraska. Ashley prefers to call her a "survivor" rather than a "victim."

"We don't call any of our clients victims because that term suggests weakness or powerlessness," Ashley said, during a recent interview at her office. "The survivors that we serve are anything but weak, and our objective is to help empower them, not to make them feel like victims."

There are a lot of "thems" out there, too. People just like Hannah. Their stories are very similar, too.

Hannah is a contributing member of society, a Sunday school teacher, and mother of two grown children. She's been married to her abuser for decades, but has never told anyone that he belittles, controls and hits her.

Her husband is the primary breadwinner in the family. He's a deacon at his church, and a coach for his grandson's city rec baseball team. Behind closed doors, he's an abuser who controls the money and everything Hannah does. He "lets" her go to the grocery store, but makes her stick to a list. He doesn't let her have friends, so she has no one to talk to. He won't let her go anywhere without him, and if she does, he hits her. People just think she's a homebody. She's not.

She stays for a variety of reasons. One is because she really does love him. He's not abusive ALL the time. He's charming, funny, and often a good dad. She believes that the good times are worth the bad ones.

Another reason she stays is because she's been isolated for years. Her family and friends have abandoned her because she was never available for them. She's never told anyone about the abuse, so she thinks no one will believe her. She has no money either, so she has no resources if she does leave.

She's scared, too. She's been told if she leaves, he will beat her, kill her, take the children, hurt the children, hurt someone in her family. The list of threats goes on and on. So it's easier if she stays.

There are a lot of women in our communities who are just like Hannah. She could be anyone—your neighbor, relative, friend, or the girl at the end of the block who rarely leaves her house. No matter what her name is, if you know her and suspect abuse in her home, befriend her. Ask Questions. Don't walk away then. Listen. Really listen. If she confides in you, then tell her about Project Response.

The agency, which serves Richardson, Nemaha, Johnson, Otoe, and Pawnee counties, is based primarily in Auburn, but has a satellite office in Nebraska City. It has a 24-hour hotline at 1-800-456-5764, and a website with an escape button, just in case a survivor needs to end the search for help immediately. That website is projectresponseinc.org.

Project Response has come a long way since its beginning in 1987. It was born when one of the founders, Phyllis Oakley Heidzig of Auburn, discovered that the five counties in southeast Nebraska were the only ones in the state without an advocacy agency for women and men in abusive situations. (Men are sometimes the survivors rather than the perpetrators, but because the majority of cases involve abused women, we will use the term "her.")

Phyllis herself was a survivor of domestic violence, and after 13 years of marriage, left her abuser for the sixth and final time.

"My husband and I had left Colorado and were living in the country near Humboldt," she said, in a recent telephone interview. "When I left him, I moved back to my hometown of Auburn with my three children. He showed up one night with a gun and forced me to wake our kids. My son, who was 10 at the time, told his dad he was sick and ran to the bathroom. He slipped out the back door and ran to my uncle's

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Growing Opportunities for a World-Class Workforce

By Governor Pete Ricketts

As I travel across Nebraska, one thing I hear consistently from businesses is their need to find skilled workers. Whether to replace retiring teammates or expand their business, Nebraska companies are looking for talent to help their operations grow and thrive. In a statewide survey of businesses, more than 71 percent stated it was difficult to find skilled workers.

To meet this need, my team has partnered with the US Department of Labor (USDOL), businesses, and educators to establish Registered Apprenticeship (RA) programs in a wide range of industries. Registered Apprenticeships are recognized by the USDOL and involve a mix of on-the-job training and educational instruction. RA programs result in a certification accepted throughout the United States.

In July, the Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL) received a grant from the USDOL to expand Registered Apprenticeships across the state. Since January 2016, Nebraska has increased its number of RA programs by 44%, and several more are in development. In total, there are approximately 4,700 Registered Apprentices currently participating. Of these, 3,770 enrolled during the federal fiscal year of 2019.

National Apprenticeship Week is celebrated annually in November to promote the value of this "earn while you learn" model of workforce development. Last week, Lieutenant Governor Foley attended a signing ceremony to mark the launch of a new RA program. Duncan Aviation in Lincoln started the first airframe technician Registered Apprenticeship program in the state. "We now have a true pathway to help new team members become knowledgeable, well-rounded aircraft technicians," said Jeremy Rangel, Duncan Aviation Airframe Manager. "The work-based learning strategy helps Duncan Aviation increase team member skills and engagement while developing the company's future leaders."

To give the next generation of Nebraskans exposure to great-paying professions, we're introducing students to IT and manufacturing careers at ages 12-13. Gaining familiarity with these opportunities at an early age greatly increases the likelihood that students will pursue them. In 2015, we started the Developing Youth Talent Initiative (DYTI) to bring together local businesses and public schools to introduce middle school students to in-demand occupations. Through DYTI, students can explore these jobs through hands-on learning activities.

Students who develop an interest in IT or manufacturing can then take part in a high school career academy to gain industry-specific skills. From Sandy Creek to Scottsbluff, schools are creating these academies to enhance students' workplace readiness and to give them the opportunity to earn college credits prior to graduation. In many communities, schools and businesses have partnered to offer Youth Registered Apprenticeships so that high school students can supplement classroom study with work-based learning.

College students seeking a 2-year or 4-year degree can register for an RA program to gain a working knowledge in their chosen vocation while simultaneously earning college credits. Alternatively, youth can go directly into an RA program after high school. All RA programs include a classroom learning component, and many employers will pay the way for apprentices who later wish to attain a degree. This arrangement allows them to make money right out of high school and limits their college student debt. With these programs, we're building a pipeline of talent—starting in middle school and extending through college—to fill the many jobs that companies like Facebook, Google, Cargill, and Costco are bringing to Nebraska.

Last week, I led a trade mission to Germany to promote Nebraska as a place for companies to invest. The German American Chamber of Commerce in the Midwest and German businesses in Nebraska are developing new apprenticeships in our state to create an educational pathway to great-paying jobs. Earlier this year, CLAAS and Graepel, two German companies with North American headquarters in Omaha, launched Nebraska's first German-style apprenticeships with the Industry Consortium for Advanced Technical Training (ICATT). The program trains to German standards of excellence and cooperates with Metropolitan Community College, allowing graduates of ICATT to receive an associate's degree upon completion. ICATT graduates are exactly the sort of highly skilled workers that international manufacturers are looking for when they set up operations in Nebraska.

Private businesses are not the only organizations creating apprenticeship opportunities. Our team at the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is developing a pre-apprenticeship program. DHHS has partnered with Associated Builder and Contractors to create a USDOL Quality Pre-Apprenticeship program for welders and electricians. It will be offered at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers. Pre-apprentices completing this program will begin earning industry-recognized credentials. They will have the opportunity to participate in an Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) Registered Apprenticeship program when they turn 18.

These are just some of the examples of Registered Apprenticeship programs creating opportunities for Nebraska workers and filling business needs. If you are interested in becoming an apprentice, contact your local Nebraska Department of Labor office. Companies interested in starting a Registered Apprenticeship program should contact Elliott Cain (elliot.cain@nebraska.gov) or Scott Asmus (scott.asmus@nebraska.gov). More information is available on NDOL's YouTube channel and at http://dol.nebraska.gov. If you'd like to tell me about your experience as an apprentice, I hope you will contact me at pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov or by calling 402-471-2244.

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Property Tax solution faces competition from petition drive

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

It looks like a legislative committee has come up with a plan to address the state's nagging property tax problems. Weeks of meetings by the Revenue Committee resulted in the plan, which now needs buy-in from the Governor. Aye, there's the rub.

During a recent legislative retreat, Revenue Committee Chairwoman Sen. Lou Ann Linehan of Elkhorn told her colleagues the committee has spent a large portion of the interim looking at the property tax problem from a number of angles. While it won't be easy to get a bill passed in the 60-day session, the Legislature has no choice.

Looming over the whole discussion is a petition circulating that would provide landowners a state income tax credit equal to 35 percent of their annual property tax bill. Of course, it would also blow a $1 billion hole in the state budget to provide the necessary funding.

Linehan said the petition drive is not the best way to go; yet she understands that it comes from people who are so frustrated with legislative inaction that they are willing to put lawmakers "in a box." But, she said, local officials — members of county boards, city administrations, community colleges, natural resources districts and school boards — have to cooperate, too. They have to slow down their spending.

She suggested that lawmakers become educators and set the record straight with constituents about where the money comes from and where it goes. A failure to find solutions will result in people and businesses leaving what they perceive to be a high tax state.

Senator Steve Erdman of Bayard, a staunch supporter of the petition drive, said his colleagues are focused on the wrong thing if they're only looking at those who collect and spend the taxes instead of those who pay them.

If you've read this column before, feel free to insert my favorite property tax line here. It's all about whose ox is getting gored. Erdman is a farmer and farmers claim they pay more than their fair share of property taxes.

He said the proposal from the Revenue Committee, as it stands, would simply fuel more people to sign the petition. "We need to focus on the taxpayer and not those who receive the taxes."

Committee member Sen. Tom Briese of Albion said he fears the final product will not provide meaningful and sustainable property tax relief. Committee member Sen. Mike Groene of North Platte thinks the end product will be enough to make a dent in property tax bills, but not enough to slow the petition drive.

Groene and Linehan have been meeting with Gov. Pete Ricketts who sharply opposed the committee's initial tax plan during the 2019 session. He said the governor is reasonable. He is listening.

Groene said the petition initiative proposal would embed the property tax reduction plan within the state constitution. He thinks it could be a tool to scare the status quo, scaring people to try to be reasonable.

He might be right, but let me tell you three things that scare me:

The initiative would change the constitution. Once changed, those changes are hard to undo.

The initiative would be on the ballot at the same time as half of the Legislature is up for election. How many of those senators are going to chance speaking up on a topic that could cost them an election?

Yes, the governor might be listening. But to whom?

Aye, there's the rub!

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17. *Car safety invention
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24. Unstable mesons
25. Four-legged friends
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28. Apple leftovers
31. Multicolored horse
32. *Acronym that revolutionized TV-watching
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37. Like some suspects?
39. CrÈme de cassis plus wine
40. Like Ferris Bueller
43. Monet's water flower
45. Out of focus
47. Provide with gear
48. Cover with a story to tell?
49. Beginner
50. Charlie Parker's sax
51. Golden Fleece ship
52. Season to be jolly
53. High school club
54. *Air____, vehicle restraint
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50 Years Ago - Dec. 4, 1969 - Dec. 10, 1969

Two court cases appealing condemnation awards granted for land taken by the state for Harlan Street improvements were settled out of court.

A front page photo showed the massive framework for the new Commodore Corp. plant being built south of Falls City along Highway 73.

The Rivoli Theatre was showing "Destroy All Monsters" and "Hell's Angels '69."

Farmers Co-op Oil Assn. was celebrating dividend days by discounting gasoline prices by a nickel per gallon and a free grease job provided with each purchase of ten gallons or more.

Alvin Tubach was elected chairman of the Richardson county school redistricting committee.

Aerial tennis was an intramural sport for girls at Falls City High.

Letters were mailed out encouraging donations to the Falls City United Fund.

Falls City was cited during a Community Awards event for its cultural enrichment.

A dusting of snow was helping citizens get into the Christmas spirit.

Falls City retailers were open evening hours for 12 days during the Christmas shopping season.

Village of Verdon began requiring property owners to obtain a building permit for improvements costing $500 or more.

Falls City High Basketball Coach Eldon Lindquist got a birthday present one day early when his Tigers defeated Syracuse 52-46.

Sacred Heart lost its season opening basketball game with Palmyra 67-61. Tecumseh defeated Humboldt 68-41. Dawson-Verdon opened its season with a 74-41 victory over Elk Creek. And, Sterling downed Southeast 73-61.

The National Organization for Women was campaigning for appointment of a women as astronauts and U.S. Supreme Court Justices.

Ten Falls City families hosted visitors for a fundraising "Tour of Homes" to benefit the Community Hospital Auxiliary.

Eureka Chapter No. 5, Royal Arch Masons, celebrated its 100th Anniversary.

High winds rolled recently fallen snow into snowballs, some as large as 18 inches in diameter.

In high school basketball, Humboldt defeated Sacred Heart 73-57. Filley defeated D-V in overtime 78-71, and Nehawka outscored Southeast 78-67.

Dave Kottich got the only first and the Tiger wrestling team finished fourth in a quadrangular at Auburn.

Paul Sharrar, a partner in the Chaney-Hodgens-Sharrar funeral home, sold his interest in the mortuary to Dean Marshall of Tilden.

A new state law provided that school board members serve four year terms, and the District 56 school board extended by one year the terms Dr. Richard Gentry and Harold Harroun..

J.O. Richmond was re-elected as Chief of the Falls City Volunteer Fire Department.

Falls City High basketball cheerleaders were Bonnie Cook, Sheri Prater, Suzanne Holmes, Julie Falter, Deb Brecht, and Vicki Adams.

25 Years Ago - Dec. 4, 1994 - Dec. 10, 1994

Mayor Bill Farmer, new council members Joe Wittwer and Bill Vossen, and incumbent council members Marshall Maddox and James Smith were sworn in by City Attorney Richard Halbert and retiring Mayor Steve Kottich.

The Falls City Chamber of Commerce had five new directors; Dr. Tom Bartek, Mike Castle, Joni Milam, Dana Rathje, and Steve Severin.

During the Company B Christmas Party plaques of appreciation were presented to retiring members of the Guard unit: S-Sgt. Byron Estes, S-Sgt. Walter Honea, S-Sgt. Earl Cander, 1st Sgt George Lambert, and S-Sgt. Ron Holman.

In their season openers with Syracuse, the Falls City Tiger boys won 60-52 and the girls lost 48-42. The Tiger girls whipped Omaha Flanagan 96-17 but lost to Savannah 57-43. Sacred Heart's girls lost at Sterling 52-39 The Irish boys won their game 58-56.

The Dawson-Verdon girls were 3-0 after defeating Midway-Denton 59-37 and the Jet boys were 2-1 after losing to Midway 56-34.

Brad Olberding at 112 and Tom Wissman at heavyweight won championships and the Falls City wrestling team finished 5th in the seven team Wymore Southern Invitational.

Humboldt Cardinal wrestlers picked up three medals and finished 9th in the ten team Conestoga Invitational.

River Twin Cinema was showing "The Professional" and "Forrest Gump".

Falls City Middle School "Students of the Month" were Andy Halbert, Abby Feek, and Nick Strauss.

Southeast Consolidated "Students of the Month" were Kris Shubert, Karissa Lockard, Janelle Findlay, and Nate Nuss.

One-hundred singers from area churches performed the Christmas Cantata "God So Loved" at Prichard Auditorium.

Over $4 million in building permits were issued by Falls City in 1994, with the largest of the projects a $2.3 mil. Community Hospital expansion and remodeling project.

Motions to suppress evidence in the murder trials of John Lotter and Thomas Nissen were denied by District Judge Finn.

Fire destroyed a home in Salem owned by the Brown family and occupied by Tim Lekey, Susan McHenry, and their five children.

The Bell-Jenne Historical House was decked out for Christmas tours including one tree with 50 angels, snowflakes, and stars from Furlong Designs of Salem, Ore.

Nebraska offensive tackle Zach Wiegert was awarded the Outland Trophy for the nation's top interior offensive or defensive lineman.

Southeast Consolidated grad Karen Kuker was in her final season as a member of the Bethany College women's basketball team.

Two members of the Sacred Heart football team, Nate Froeschl on defense and Chris Carpenter on offense were selected as Football Players of the Year by the Huskerland Prep Report.

The 800 block of McLean Street was honored in the Noel Lights Contest conducted by the Chamber's Pride Committee.

7th and 8th grade math teacher Terri Hogue was honored as Falls City Middle School Teacher of the Quarter.

Middle School "Students of the Month" were Jordan Cudney, Cassie Brandt, and Michelle Grady.

Honored as Junior Rotarians by the Falls City Rotary Club were Sia Georgakiopoulos and Michael McCullough.

15 Years Ago - Dec. 4, 2004 - Dec. 10, 2004

Ron Bennett was appointed to fill a vacancy on the District 56 School Board.

The City Council approved the site chosen for the City's Aquatic Park

Jerry Oliver was appointed to fill a vacancy on the City Council.

The Southeast consolidated One-Act Play group placed first at the D2-1 District play production competition.

The Falls City boy's and girl's basketball teams lost their home openers with Syracuse, the boys by 52-38 and the girls by 39-28. The HTRS girls lost 55-47 and the Titan boys were defeated 45-40 in games at Diller-Odell. Sacred Heart won its season opening games at Sterling, the girls 58-35 and the boys 66-37.

Project Response gives the gift of hope all year long

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house across the street. The police arrived just in time."

After Phyllis found the stamina to stand on her own, she wanted to empower other survivors to do the same. She wanted them to be free to live their best lives. While researching grants, she discovered that the Department of Health and Human Services had money available for the very services that she wanted to offer. As a result, she, a volunteer board, and then Falls City police chief Gary Spencer helped open the first Project Response office at St. Mary's Hospital in Nebraska City. Realizing that the facility needed to be more centrally located, they later moved it to Auburn.

Fast forward thirty years. The agency is now funded by donations, grants, commitments from four of the five counties that it serves, and revenue from the Neighborhood Closet, a thrift store in Auburn. However, Project Response's mission has remained the same: the elimination of domestic violence and sexual assault through empowerment, education, social action, and support services.

Ashley Robertson has been the agency's director for the past two years. However, she has worked at the office on-and-off since 2014. She also has a degree in psychology from Peru State College.

She currently works with four other full-time advocates at Project Response plus two full-time employees and one part-time at The Neighborhood Closet. All of the advocates are trained for emergency and non-emergency situations. Every case is kept strictly confidential.

"We are required by law to report child abuse," Ashley said, "but everything else is absolutely confidential. We are so committed to confidentiality that we won't even acknowledge a client in public unless she approaches us first. Then, we will be cordial, but we will never act like we know her professionally."

That confidentiality is one of the main reasons for the organization's success. Another is its open-door policy.

"There is no judgment here," Ashley said. "If a woman tells us that she has been or is being abused, we will believe her and serve her. There are no income requirements, and no questions asked. If she needs emergency shelter, we'll find it. We will exhaust all resources to help her, and we'll do so without judgment, whether she leaves her abuser or not.

"Research has shown that survivors go back to their abusers an average of seven to nine times before they finally leave," Ashley said. "We know that statistic, we understand it, and we will be there for the survivors no matter what."

Being there means several things.

"Most importantly, it means that we listen to and believe those who come to us," Ashley said. "Sometimes survivors just need someone to listen! If one of them asks for professional advice or guidance, then we offer it."

Being there also means providing basic needs for the less fortunate, whether they are survivors of domestic violence or not. Project Response does so with its food pantry at the back of the office building at 908 13th Street in Auburn. People are asked to use the alley, find the Project Response office, and ring the doorbell.

"We keep the pantry at the back so that we can maintain privacy for anyone who may be in the office at that time," Ashley said. "The pantry is primarily funded by the Auburn Presbyterian Church, and is there for anyone who finds himself or herself in need."

Families or individuals can use the pantry once a month, and in emergency situations. It is stocked with non-perishables like canned goods, cereal, and boxed dinners, and with necessities like soap, shampoo, and diapers.

The agency also provides clothing vouchers that its clients (or those in need) can use at The Neighborhood Closet, which is located at 1118 J Street in Auburn. The vouchers can be used every three months and in emergencies.

And finally, being there means providing aid to anyone in the five-county service area who has experienced or is experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking. The advocates at the office will do anything they can to help make things easier.

They will help fill out requests for protection orders, provide temporary shelter, and find housing. They will also locate short-term counseling. In emergency situations, they will even meet survivors at the hospital, to provide support and assistance during very frightening times. "We just want survivors to know that they are not alone," Ashley said.

The same is true for those who are caught up in the world of human trafficking. All of the advocates at Project Response are trained to handle such cases, but Robyn Batterman, the program coordinator, has dealt directly with the issue in all five of the counties that Project Response serves.

"We all want to bury our heads in the sand and think that sex trafficking isn't happening in our communities," she said, during a short interview. "But it is happening. I have seen it first-hand in all of the larger communities, including Falls City."

Robyn said that she witnessed the trafficking of women inside a public place that she frequented when she was working in town. A young woman would leave the location with one man, return a short time later, then leave with another man. When the manager of the location grew suspicious, the police were called, and the trafficking stopped.

"But that just means it moved to another location," Robyn said. "The men who typically traffic young women and girls aren't going to stop doing it as long as there is a demand. They're just going to move somewhere else. Typically, they are watching the girls, too. They are either with them, or are lurking somewhere in the shadows."

The handler, (or pimp, as he used to be called) is often a boyfriend or relative, but sometimes he's a captor who has lured the girl away from her loved ones under false pretenses.

"We know of one girl who came here from out of state. She was promised a place to stay while she got a CNA license and a job," Robyn said. "When she got here, her captor took her driver's license, and forced her to sell herself for money. "These horrific actions won't stop until we stop the supply and demand," Robyn said.

"We have to educate residents of our communities about the reality of trafficking, as well as the reality of domestic violence and sexual assault."

The advocates at Project Response are doing both to the best of their abilities. But ending these violent crimes will take us all. So what can we do?

"Pay attention to your surroundings," Ashley Robertson said. "If a situation appears questionable, or you believe it's dangerous, call the police. If you think a woman is being abused or trafficked, ask questions. And keep asking, even she says she's o.k. "Secondly, if you have the means to provide shelter for someone who's being abused or trafficked, then do."

Those who can't help directly can help indirectly by donating to Project Response. Its longevity speaks for itself. The office accepts donations of all kinds—money, or contributions of food and necessities for the food pantry, clothing and household items for The Neighborhood Closet, or gifts of time. Volunteers who are willing to work the hotline are especially coveted.

"We provide all of the training," Ashley said, "When our office isn't open, the calls are transferred to our cell phones. That way, we can live our lives and still serve."

If you can't serve in that way, then give.

Every donation tells a survivor – survivors like Hannah—that someone really does care. Hannah could be anyone—your niece, your sister, your friend. She could be the girl in your class who wears the same clothes every day, or the woman on Facebook who looks like she's got it all together.

The thing that all of these women need more than anything else is hope. Hope that their lives can be different and better. Hope that they can break free of the chains that bind them. So search your heart this Christmas, then call Project Response at (402) 274-5092, and give the gift of hope.

Santa in FC

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Hannah Wright, whose family traveled to the show from Columbus, NE to sell custom-made hair-styling products through Lilla Rose, was equally positive. "It has definitely been worth the trip," she said.

Susan Losson of Susan's Quilt Friends out of Troy, Kansas, said her sales were worth the trip, too.

"I wasn't sure what to expect when my husband and I left the house in fog this morning," she said. "But the day turned out to be beautiful, and the sales have been great as well."

That beautiful day turned into a blustery, cold night as soon as the sun went down, but that didn't stop the 250-plus Santa seekers from forming lines at 5:30 p.m. to catch Santa's arrival at 6:00.

At the top of the hour, a team of black horses pulling a white carriage pranced up to the mini-park, with Santa on the carriage seat and driver Jesse Balman of Chillecothe, MO, at the reins. Wide-eyed children and a group of carolers welcomed both.

Santa, who eerily resembled former resident Mike Pethoud, took his place in the Santa house while parents hustled their children into one of two lines. One was for Santa's lap, and the other was for free carriage rides on the beautiful Cinderella-style carriage owned by Wayne Duncan of Savannah, MO.

A third line formed then, too. It was for hot chocolate and cookies, provided by the Falls City volunteer fire department. Former fire chief JR Wisdom said that the firefighters' contribution was part of the department's outreach program.

"We do a lot more than fight fires," he said. And it was obvious that the firefighters enjoyed it as much as the children did. Nearly one-dozen showed up in battle-ready gear to distribute hot cocoa to shivering patrons.

The cocoa was needed, too. Kids in stocking caps, mittens, blankets, and sleeping bags waited their turns in line as bitter winds blew. But each child who left the Santa house, or climbed out of the carriage, had a smile a mile wide. Each also received a coloring book from the Falls City Chamber of Commerce via board member Kaylie Ractliffe, a gift that produced even brighter smiles.

And that is the reason the volunteers do it. The smiles on the kids' faces and the twinkles in their eyes. The twinkles that show that magic is still alive and well at Christmas.

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Jones Air Conditioning is the Chamber's Member of the Month

By Amber Holle

Like previous honorees Jim Hill's, Jones Air Conditioning is another business on Chase Street that is not lacking in the experience department. Forty-five years in business makes the Jones' team heavily equipped to handle all your heating, cooling, and plumbing needs.

Gary and Linda Jones started Jones Air Conditioning in 1974. In the beginning, it was a small operation, but they quickly realized there was an increasing need for their services. They moved into a storefront on Chase Street in 1984. In 2014 they needed more space and moved their office across the street to the corner of 16th and Chase, where they are located today. They employ four additional individuals, not including Tugs, the loveable office cat.

Jones' offers a variety of services for your home or business, including heating, cooling and boilers. Installation and repair, plumbing, sewer and drain service. They stock equipment, parts, and supplies. They also install water softeners, water heaters, disposals, faucets, sinks, toilets, and much more. Basically, they can do it all!

SENCA Gift giving tree is now up at the FC Library until Dec. 6th

The SENCA Holiday Gift Giving Tree has gone up at the Falls City Library and Arts Center and will be up until December 6.

You can pick up a child's description to buy for and help make this Christmas season extra special for them.

Gifts must be dropped off no later than Monday, December 9th, please call Tiffin Bauman at 402-883-0218 or you can also drop gifts off at the SENCA Office Room #101 at the Courthouse.

Please make sure you mark on the bags or boxes who the gift is from as well or you can return the gift tag from the tree.

Also please list the family's code name or number on all packages along with what child the gift is for. For example, list the family ID # 100 and child A, child B etc. "100A, 100B" etc.

It is not required that you wrap the gifts .

If you have questions, you can contact Tiffin Bauman at 402-883-0218.

You can make Christmas special for a local child this year.

Julie Bauman, CPA awarded the 2019 Distinguished Service to the Profession Award

The Nebraska Society of CPA's announced that Julie D. Bauman, CPA, was recognized and honored with the Society's highest award. Due to her decades of dedicated service to the Nebraska Society and for her outstanding leadership in the Nebraska business community, she was awarded the 2019 Distinguished Service to the Profession Award. A member of the Society since 1995, Julie has continually served on Society Committees and boards, where she often assumed leadership roles. She spent 12 years on the Society Board of Directors, 23 years on the Governmental Accounting and Auditing Committee, a year on the Fall CPE planning Committee and three years on the Nominating Committee. Julie served as secretary of the Society Board for two years and was elected chairman of the board in 2011. Following her term as chairman, she continued her service to the Society and served for six years on the Foundation Board of Trustees. She also served on the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Governing Council for three years and has been an AICPA member for 24 years.

Julie D. Bauman

Her service to the AICPA as a voting member to the council, brought landmark decisions for the AICPA to launch the CGMA designation and propel the organization to become the Association of International Certified Public Accountants.

Throughout her career, she has volunteered and shared her CPA skills for the good of Nebraska. She served as treasurer on the board of the Nebraska Enterprise Fund. She was appointed to the Judicial Nominating Commission for the Supreme Court Judicial Fifth District, by former Governor Dave Heineman. For the upcoming year, Julie has been appointed by the Nebraska Supreme Court to serve a three-year term to the Client Assistance Fund.

Southeast Community College receives $500,000 for distance learning project

USDA Rural Development Nebraska State Director Karl Elmshaeuser today announced that $500,000 will be utilized for a distance learning project in Southeast Nebraska.

"Increasing education through technology, enhanced equipment and software that brings educators and students together virtually, helps rural areas to have access to expanded education," said Elmshaeuser.

Southeast Community College (SCC) will implement a distance learning project in Southeast Nebraska for healthcare education in a 15-county service area (Cass, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, Saunders, Seward, Thayer York).

Elmshaeuser's announcement is in coordination with U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Donald "DJ" LaVoy who announced today that USDA is investing $42.5 million in 133 distance learning and telemedicine projects in 37 states and two U.S. territories. USDA is providing the funding through the Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) grant program. These investments will benefit 5.4 million rural residents.

Applicants eligible for Distance Learning and Telemedicine grants include most State and local governmental entities, federally-recognized tribes, nonprofits, for-profit businesses and consortia of eligible entities. In Nebraska, contact General Field Representative Roger Meeks for more information on the DLT program at 402.416.4936 or roger.meeks@usda.gov.

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

To view the report in its entirety, please view the Report to the President of the United States from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity (PDF, 5.4 MB). In addition, to view the categories of the recommendations, please view the Rural Prosperity infographic (PDF, 190 KB).

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov.

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Sitting, Brynna are her parents Vanji and Paulo. Standing, Drew Olson, Concordia Women's Basketball Coach, and Max Milam, Tigers Girls Coach.

Bruxellas signs with Concordia University

Falls City HS Senior Brynna Bruxellas signed her letter to further her career with Concordia University Womens Basketball program. The three sport athlete and averaged eight points per game her junior campaign. Bryanna is also a 38 percent three pt. shooter a year ago. Brynna works hard in practice and is a very good defensive player. Brynna is the daughter of Paulo and Vanji Bruxellas.

Front, L-R: Deena Beer, Michelle Beer, Mike Beer. Back, L-R: Allison Haines, FC Head Coach; Julie Frederick, Past FC Head Coach; Brandi Stewart, Head Coach at Bethany College.

Beer signs with Bethany College

Michelle Beer recently signed her letter with Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas. She has been a standout middle blocker on the Falls City volleyball team as well as a four year starter along with being a four year letter winner for the Lady Tigers. In her four years on the court, Michelle has totaled 569 career kills with 284 coming in her senior year. She's added 417 digs in her career with over half of them coming in her senior year. Michelle contributed 97 career total blocks and 87 career aces. Michelle was also a team captain this past season for the Tigers. Michelle is the daughter of Mike and Deena Beer.

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Lions Club News

By Ron Rist, Past District Governor, Lions of Nebraska; Humboldt Lions Club President

Communities around the world are in great need, facing challenges that seem to grow and multiply. Nevertheless, Lions work tirelessly, whether it is reaching out to neighbors cross town or across borders. They create lasting positive change. Thanks to grants from Lions Clubs International Foundation, Lions receive the support they need to take on some of the world's most daunting cases.

Through Campaign 100, Lions and LCIF are preparing to make large-scale, deep-rooted change by Increasing service impact by providing the resources needed to reduce global vision impairment, empower youth worldwide, and support disaster relief. Lions fight diabetes. By reducing its prevalence, it improves the quality of life for those diagnosed. Expanding Lions' global causes to combat hunger, battle childhood cancer, and protect the environment are significant issues to deal with.

Lions have long taken a stand against hunger. Now, with the LCIF Hunger Pilot Grant Program, Lions can do even more to feed the hungry. Imagine the impact of a new or expanded school-based feeding program, or the development of new ways to store food so it does not spoil, or a dedicated vehicle to collect and deliver food to elderly community members. With funding for initiatives like these, Lions can ease the burden of hunger.

Every two minutes, a child is diagnosed with cancer. This startling statistic prompted Lions to adopt childhood cancer as a cause area, and LCIF is empowering Lions to support families with children battling cancer. Through the LCIF Childhood Cancer Pilot Grant Program, Lions can create housing where families rest, sleep, or cook while their child is receiving treatments or provide reliable transportation. Lions can also improve patients' quality of life by creating programs where the children can learn, exercise, and play.

Lions' success through grants is thanks to the generosity of donors. Lions who attended the recent Lions Clubs International Convention in Milan, Italy, received the great news that Campaign 100 reached its 2018-2019 fundraising goal, with funds totaling $110,903,738.00. This is substantial progress toward the campaign's ultimate aim of raising $300 million. This is an ambitious goal that needs participation from every Lion worldwide.

Commissioners vote to meet every two weeks

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some problems were reviewed, and that the issues will be addressed.

Sheriff Hardesty and Chief Deputy Merwin also reported that they would be meeting with the Falls City Police Department and Richardson County Emergency Management to review radio systems and the possibility of joining a statewide radio dispatch system.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau, Jr. did not have his regular weekly meeting with the Board as he was assisting the road crews in preparing equipment and supplies for winter storms and snow removal.

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

Obituaries

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Janice Ione (Berkley) Roush

Janice Ione (Berkley) Roush, 83, long time resident of Morrill, KS, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 24, 2019 at the Sabetha Community Hospital in Sabetha, KS. Janice will be forever remembered for her love of children, her kindness and the pure, simple joy she always maintained in her life.

Janice was born in Hamlin, KS, on August 6, 1936, to Dale and Dorothy (Kimmel) Berkley. Janice's mother passed away shortly after Janice's birth, leaving Janice, and her brother, Clair, to be raised by their grandparents, Maurice and Ione Berkley. Janice attended school in Hamlin, KS, and graduated from Hamlin High School in 1954. Janice met the love of her life, Samuel Roush, at the Sycamore Skating Rink, and they were later married on September 25, 1955, and enjoyed 63 years of a wonderful marriage.

Janice was particularly gifted in caring for the elderly, and always had at least one elderly person she loved and cared for. She also had a devotion to children while being a member of the Morrill Baptist Church and leader of the Morrill Tip Top 4-H Club. Caring for the elderly and being with children gave Janice her greatest joy and allowed her to touch so many lives. She particularly loved the Church Women's Missionary Society and the Sunday pot luck dinners following church services. She was a long-time leader of the 4-H Club and spent hours encouraging and coaching the members. Janice was an excellent cook, managed a huge garden, enjoyed craft projects and loved times spent with family on her front porch waving to passer-by's.

Janice leaves a Christian legacy of kindness, gentleness, faithfulness and joy, all qualities she passed on to her children and grandchildren. She is survived by her son Eldon Roush, wife Janet, granddaughter Emma, all of Overland Park, KS, daughter Jane Sunderland, husband Robert, granddaughter Anna, grandson Isaac, of Sabetha, KS, grandson Luke and his wife, Carlotta, both of Lawrence, KS, and daughter Mary Kaye Howard, husband Scott, granddaughter Christal, granddaughter, Makayla, granddaughter Kate, granddaughter Charli Kaye, all of Topeka, KS. Janice was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel Roush and brother, Clair Berkley.

The family wishes to express love and gratitude to the physicians, staff and caregivers at the AC Home and the Sabetha Community Hospital. The family suggests memorials in memory of Janice, in lieu of flowers, to the Kansas Foster and Adoptive Children Scholarship Fund in Topeka, KS or Grains for Hope in Sabetha, KS sent in care of Popkess Mortuary, 823 Virginia Street, Sabetha, KS 66534.

Celebration of Life Service was held on Friday, November 29, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. at the Popkess Mortuary Chapel in Sabetha, KS. The family greeted friends from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. prior to service time. Shane Spangler officiated. Interment was made in the Morrill Cemetery.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.popkess-mortuaries.com.

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-By Melissa Shreve

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

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

COUNTY COURT

Natalie C. Auxier, of Omaha, count one, false reporting-misdemeanor, plead not guilty; count two, possess or obtain legend drugs (Legend drug means drugs that are approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and that are required by federal or state law to be dispensed to the public only on prescription of a licensed physician or other licensed provider.), plead not guilty. A jury trial is scheduled for January 24, 2020.

Joshua J. Parrish, of Tecumseh, count one, drive during revocation/impound-first, plead not guilty, found guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for February 3, 2020.

Nathaniel C. Edwards, of Omaha, count one, dom asslt-third degree, plead not guilty, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for January 8, 2020.

James R. Flaherty, of Auburn, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined $75 and court costs.

Rogelio Reyes, of Omaha, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined $75 and court costs.

Thomas A. Georges, of Rulo, count one, CMV-Wheel/rims, plead guilty, found guilty and fined $25; count two, CMV-Brakes general, plead guilty, found guilty and fined $50 and court costs.

Brigette C. Schuman, of Lawrence, KS, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined $25 and court costs.

Dawn E. Gutzmer, of Humboldt, NE, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined $25 and court costs.

David G. Vice, of Shubert, count one, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined $25 and court costs.

Ian H. Kann, of Lincoln, count one, speeding 21-35, plead guilty, found guilty and fined $200 and court costs.

Riley J. McCullough, of Falls City, count one, speeding 15-20, plead guilty, found guilty and fined $125 and court costs.

Chase L. Ramer, of Shubert, count one, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead no contest, found guilty and fined $25; count two, no proof of ownership, plead no contest, found guilty and fined $50and court costs.

Henry O. Flott, of Omaha, count one, speeding 21-35, plead guilty, found guilty and fined $200; count two, careless driving, plead guilty, found guilty and fined $100 and court costs.

Paige N. Frederick, of Rulo, count one, theft-shoplifting $0-$500, plead not guilty. Trial is scheduled for December 16, 2019.

Mindy S. Scott, of Stella, count one, criminal mischief-$501-1,499, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for December 16, 2019.

Joshua Darden, of Falls City, count one, offenses; weeds (fourth offense) plead not guilty, found guilty, and includes a city fine of $125; count two, maintaining a nuisance (fourth offense), plead no contest, found guilty and includes a city fine of $100 and court costs.

Joshua E. Murphy, of Falls City, count one, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, plead no contest, found guilty and fined $250 and probation for a term of 18 months starting July 10, 2019; drug testing fee of $20. Probation administrative enrollment fee of $30, regular probation fee of $450, jail sentence of 30 days starting on January 13, 2020 and court costs. Pretrial is scheduled for December 16, 2019.

Jeremy J. Butrick, Falls City, operate motor vehicle/avoid arrest-misd., plead not guilty; count two, obstruct a peace officer, plead not guilty; count three, false reporting-misdemeanor, plead not guilty; count four, drive during revocation/impound-first, plead not guilty; count five, no proof of insurance, plead not guilty; count six, improper/defective vehicle lighting, plead not guilty; count seven, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead not guilty; count eight, careless driving, plead not guilty; count nine, violate stop or yield sign, plead not guilty; count ten, no motorcycle operator's license, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for December 16, 2019.

Toni M. Noonan, of Falls City, count one, no proof of insurance, plead guilty, found guilty and fined $100 and court costs.

William Runkles, of Falls City, count one, maintaining a nuisance, plead guilty, found guilty, and fined $40; count two, unregistered, wrecked or junked vehicles, plead guilty, found guilty and fined $20 and court costs.

Michael T. Tackett, of Falls City, count one, drive during revocation/impound-first, plead guilty, found guilty; count two, drive during revocation/impound-first, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for December 18, 2019.

Ashley Pohlman, of Falls City, count one, animal running at large, plead guilty, found guilty and fined $25 and court costs.

Tauna F. Frederick, of White Cloud, KS, count one, obstruct a peace officer, plead not guilty; count two, no license on person, plead not guilty; count three, refuse to submit to pretest, plead not guilty; count four, fail to use turn signal, plead not guilty; count five, possess/consume open alcohol container, plead not guilty. Jury trial is scheduled for January 10, 2020.

Shelby R. Kuker, of Falls City, count one, theft-shoplifting $0-$500, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for December 18, 2019.

Kyle D. Scates, of Falls City, count one, theft-shoplifting $0-$500, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for December 18, 2019.

Michael E. Kirkendall, of Falls City, count one, dom asslt-third degree, amended to attempt of a class one misdemeanor, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for December 11, 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. Hearing is scheduled for December 18, 2019.

Charles E. Reynolds, of Falls City, count one, trespass-second degree/defy order to leave, plead not guilty; count two, criminal mischief-$0-$500, plead not guilty; count three, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty. Trial is scheduled for December 9, 2019.

Zachary D. Twitty, of Falls City, count one, stop sign violation, plead not guilty; count two, negligent driving, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for December 9, 2019.

Randy J. Pere Zayas, of Highland, CA, count one, speeding 6-10, plead not guilty. Trial is scheduled for January 8, 2020.

DISTRICT COURT

Matthew W. Hanesworth, of Falls City, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for December 10, 2019.

John D. Cooper, of Humboldt, count one, use firearm to commit a felony, plead not guilty; count two, terroristic threats, plead not guilty; count three, carry concealed weapon-first offense, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for December 10, 2019.

Natalie C. Auxier, of Council Bluffs, IA, count one, burglary, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for December 17, 2019.

Natalie C. Auxier, of Council Bluffs, IA, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for December 17, 2019.

Corinna J. Phroper, of Falls City, count one, theft-shoplifting $0-$500 third/subs, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for December 10, 2019.

Joseph M. Sweigart, of Topeka, KS, count one, theft-rcv stolen prop $5,000+, plead not guilty; count two, burglary, plead not guilty; count three, burglary, plead not guilty; count four, theft-shoplifting $0-$500, plead not guilty; count five, unauth use propelled vehicle-first, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for December 10, 2019.

Corinna J. Phroper, of Salem, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for December 10, 2019.

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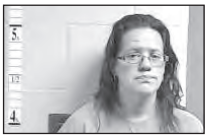

On November 20, 2019, Richardson County Deputies arrested, Jennifer Judd, 36, of Falls City, on a Failure to Pay fines and Costs Warrant for Issue Bad Check $0-500 and a Failure to Pay Fines and Costs Warrant for Animal Running at Large and Dogs and Cats; Unlicensed. Judd was booked into the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center.

On November 22, 2019, Richardson County Deputies arrested Lucy Ezell, 33, of Falls City, on a Failure to Pay fines and Costs Warrant for No proof of insurance, No licence on person, Improper/defective vehicle lighting, Fail to use seat belt. Ezell was booked into the Richardson County Jail.

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Unfinished business for Lady Irish basketball team

By Brian McKim

Heading into the 2019-20 basketball campaign, the Irish girls' basketball team has one thing on their minds, finishing what they started last year in Lincoln. The Irish came within one point of a Class D2 state championship last March, falling 39-38 to Wynot at Pinnacle Bank Arena. The Irish are coming off a 25-4 record and #2 final ranking in D2.

Coach Luke Santo will return for his 14th season and will be helped out by Adam Santo and Holly Westengaard. Santo sports a rather impressive record of 312 wins against just 45 losses

The Irish will return four starters from last year's team. Sr. McKenzie Witt, a 5'7 point guard, will anchor the Irish offense. Witt averaged 6.2 ppg and 5.5 assists per game last season. Jr. Danielle Bippes, a 5'8 forward scored 6.2 ppg and pulled down six rebounds per game last season. Santo will start two sophomores this year. 5'10 Rachel Magdanz led the Irish in scoring as a freshman with 10.6 points per game and four rebounds. 5'10 Erison Vonderschmidt will also be a potent option on offense as she averaged 9.8 ppg and eight rebounds per contest as a freshman. The Irish lost three seniors from last seasons team, Ahren Ebel, Elizabeth Keithley, and Randee Witt.

Witt, a two-year starter, will handle the ball most of the time for the Irish. "We need her to look to score more and be more aggressive offensively," said Santo. On leading scorers, Magdanz and Vonderschmidt Santo said, "Rachel is one of the better ball handlers, but we would rather have her off the ball so she can score more. Erison is as athletic of a post player as you will find in Class D2. She has a nice jump shot, she can drive and get to the rim with her left hand, and she can score with her back to the rim."

Last season the Lady Irish won the Freeman Holiday Tourney, the Pioneer Conference Tourney, the District final, and finished second at the State Tourney.

Sacred Heart lost the second game of the season last year, 50-45 against Lourdes Central on December 4. The Irish then won 11 consecutive games before falling 25-23 in OT against Sterling in the MUDECAS tourney on January 10. Five days later, the Irish fell 31-25 at Jefferson Mo. SH didn't lose again until the state championship, winning 12 in a row.

"We went through a low point last year in January that cost us a chance at a MUDECAS championship and led us to not playing well for a stretch," said Santo. "That will also be used for motivation this year. Solid leadership can help us get through or avoid those low points. Last year was another great year, but we're disappointed that we came up short in the championship. That should provide plenty of motivation for us this year to try to get back and give ourselves another shot. It won't be easy because Class D2 will have some pretty good teams at the top."

Look for the Irish to get back to Lincoln, but they will have to contend with defending champ Wynot and a very athletic Humphrey St. Francis. Allison Weidner of Humphrey just committed to the University of Nebraska to play basketball.

The season gets underway this Friday when the Irish host the Sterling Jets with girls JV action set for 5:00 p.m.

Irish boys have sights set high

By Brian McKim

The Class D2 Falls City Sacred Heart Irish boys basketball team put together a dominating season last year but ultimately fell short of their championship goal. Entering the state tournament, the Irish boasted a 24-1 record and seemed like a sure bet to repeat on the floor at Pinnacle Bank Arena. The basketball gods had other ideas, as all-stater Tyler Witt went down in the opening round with an ankle injury, and the Irish battled to a first-round win at the buzzer thanks to a three-pointer as time expired by Jamie Stice.

No one gave the Irish much of a chance against Johnson-Brock in the semi-finals. The Irish led by double digits halfway through the fourth quarter, before Johnson mounted a comeback and eventually beat SH 48-45 and went on to win the Class D2 championship.

Doug Goltz enters his 34th season as head coach of the Irish. In his time at Sacred Heart, Goltz has won 645 games to just 175 losses. Goltz has also won nine state championships, winning his first in 1988 and his last in 2018. The Irish will enter the season as a favorite to be in the finals again, along with Humphrey St. Francis, Loomis, Mullen, Johnson-Brock, Mead, and Stuart.

On the plus side, the Irish return four starters from last year's team, the downside, they lose All-State guard Drew Bippes. Bippes was second on the team last year, averaging 13.3 ppg and led the team with 142 assists and 53 steals. Sr. Tyler Witt, a 6'3 forward, will anchor the Irish again this season. Witt average 17.7ppg, and 9.7 rebounds per contest to lead SH last season. Also returning is 6'3 Sr. Jarrot Simon. Simon added 9.8 points and 4.9 rebounds per game last season. 5'11 Sr. guard Jake Hoy returns, averaging 6.6 points and three rebounds and Jamie Stice, a 5'10 Sr. guard averaged 3.7 points and two rebounds per game.

Look for juniors Kyle Bauman, a 6'1 forward (1.7ppg and 1.3 rpg), Del Casteel, a 6'0 forward (2.6ppg and 3.1rpg), and Jack Fiegener, a 6'2 forward/guard (1.4ppg and 1 rpg) to all contribute this year. Also, look for 5'11, sophomore guard, Jakob Jordan (3.2 ppg and 1.1 rpg) to be on the court this winter for SH.

"We return four starters, including All-Stater Tyler Witt. We must replace our All-Stater and four- year starting point guard Drew Bippes. We have good experience and athleticism. Our schedule will make us tough," said Coach Doug Goltz.

The Irish boys will tip-off the season at home on Friday, December 6, against the Sterling Jets. JV action will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Friday at Prichard Auditorium. Sacred Heart will then hit the road for two consecutive games on Tuesday, December 10, at Lourdes Central and then Thursday, December 12, at Doniphan West. Big games on the Irish schedule this year include the Freeman Holiday Tournament (Dec, 27 and 28), the Steve Vertin Classic in St. Joe on January 4, the MUDECAS Tourney Jan 13-18, at Auburn January 21 and against Johnson-Brock on January 30.

The orange and black struggle on the football field in 2019

By Brian McKim

The Falls City Tiger football team wrapped up the 2019 season, dropping their final six games of the fall, finishing at 3-6. After a 44-8 win over Syracuse on Homecoming, the Tigers were on the cusp of being ranked it Class C1 at 3-0. FC then suffered a loss to Fairbury, followed by a defeat at Lincoln Christian and dropping their third game in a row, a 38-7 loss to Ashland-Greenwood. The Tigers saw their losing streak continue with a loss at Nebraska City, a loss to Lincoln Lutheran, and finally a hard to swallow 15-10 loss to the Auburn Bulldogs to finish the season.

For the season, the Tigers offense gained 2,271 yards while their opponents finished with 2,468. Falls City had 1,039 through the air and 1,232 on the ground, averaging 252 yards of offense per game. The Tigers turned the ball over 24 times while Falls City's defense took the ball away 13 times.

Senior Kade Bredemeier did all the passing for FC throughout the season, completing 64 of 140 pass attempts for 1039 yards. Bredemeier threw for seven TD's and while getting picked off 12 times. His longest pass of the season covered 81 yards. Leighton Vice led the ground attack for the Tigers, finishing with 484 yards on 105 carries. Vice had a long run of 42 yards and scored two touchdowns. Drake Butler was next for FC with 272 yards on 44 touches, and Bredemeier finished with 85 carries for 134 yards and six scores.

Trey McAfee was the leading receiver this season with 22 grabs for 552 yards and four scores. Jayden Kreifels had 13 receptions for 296 yards and two scores, Butler finished with four catches for 70 yards, and Jace Heckenlively added ten grabs for 69 yards and a TD.

Defensively the Tigers were led by defensive back James Eickhoff. The senior led the team with 77 total tackles and a team-high three interceptions. McAfee was next for FC with 60 stops, seven for loss, and a fumble recovery. Butler finished with 58 tackles and two ints. Hunter Arnold added 56 tackles, including four for loss, and Jaden Nolte added 53 stops, three sacks, and nine tackles for loss.

Kicker Lukas Aldana finished the year making 3/6 field goal attempts and converted 13of 14 PAT kicks. Aldana handled the bulk of the punting duties as well, averaging 20.72 yards on 36 kicks. Bredemeier led the kick returner, averaging just shy of 21 yards per return on 14 tries, and Heckenlively had nine returns for 149 yards.

"The season obviously didn't end the way we hoped it would have," said Coach Darin Fritz. "we started the season 3-0, then ended with a six-game losing streak. These players were hard workers and continued to work hard throughout the season, with good attitudes. The senior class will be missed next year; they are a good group and good students who will do well after graduation. Looking forward to next season. We will have a lot of experience coming back, as well as some players coming back from injury. Our work ethic during this offseason will be pivotal in how we do next season."

The All-District teams were recently announced and FC was represented by two seniors, WR/LB Trey McAfee and C/NG Braden Oliver. The Tigers also had five players named honorable mention. Seniors Hunter Arnold, TE/LB, QB/DB Kade Bredemeier, WR/DB James Eickhoff, Junior Jayden Kreifels WR/DB and sophomore OL/DL Jaden Nolte.

Tigers look to rebound from last season

By Brian McKim

The Falls City Tiger boys basketball team will look to build from last season's success and improve upon their 8-13 record from a season ago. Gone from last year's squad are leading scorer Collin Cook (12.6 ppg) and Cade Schawang (95 rebounds).

Returning for Coach Don Hogue will be 6'1 Sr. guard Mason Crawford. Crawford averaged just under ten points a game last season while adding 36 assists. 5'11 Sr. guard Kade Bredemeier finished last season scoring nine points per contest and 6'3 Sr. swingman Caden Simon was solid with eight points per game, 41 assists, and 23 blocked shots. Bredemeier was a 40 percent three-point shooter a season ago, and Simon is a great athlete and decent shooter. Also look for Trey McAfee, a 6'0 Sr. guard to contribute. McAfee is a hard-working, defensive specialist. In the post, look for 6'5 Hunter Arnold and 6'3 Tyler Uhri to work for rebounds under the glass. Also, Brock Hogue, a 5'10 Jr. and Will Vitosh, a 6'0 Jr., can lead the offense and handle the ball.

Coach Hogue is beginning his 21st season as Head Coach of the Tigers. Hogue enters the season with an overall record of 269-213. Hogue will be assisted in his coaching duties this season by Jason Bredemeier and Riley Schoemaker "We should be better and have a little more depth," said Hogue. "We've got to play great defense and transition the ball. Running our sets in the half-court will be key."

The Tigers will begin the season on the road for the first four games. The season will tip-off on Friday, December 6, at Syracuse. The Tigers will then travel to Diller-Odell on Tuesday, December 10, and Johnson-Brock on Thursday, December 12. The following Tuesday, December 17, FC will be at Southern, and finally Friday, December 20, the Tigers will play in front of their home crowd for the first time, taking on Plattsmouth. FC will take on Ashland-Greenwood this season in the SE Nebraska Shootout in Auburn on January 2 and will play at rival and defending Class C1 State Champion Auburn on January 31.

Better start essential for Lady Tigers

By Brian McKim

The Lady Tigers will be kicking off the 2019-2020 basketball season this week when they travel to Syracuse on Friday, December 6. Last season the Rockets beat the Tigers 58-37 to begin the year. FC started slowly last year, dropping the first five games of the season before rebounding and finishing the year with an 8-13 mark.

Head Coach Max Milam will be entering his tenth season at the helm for the Lady Tigers. Milam brings with him 92 wins against 120 losses. Milam will be helped out on the sidelines this season by John Furrow and Allison Haines.

Coach Milam will have leading scored Hannah Clary back on the court this winter. Clary, a Sr. averaged nine points per game and two assists. Also back is Sr. Brynna Bruxellas, who averaged eight points, three rebounds, and two assists per contest. Bruxellas made a team-high 25 shots from beyond the arc last season. Falls City will also return Sr. Michelle Beer, who averaged six points and five rebounds per game.

The Tigers lost three seniors from last season's team, Hannah Kirkendall, Ellicyn Gilkerson, and Jessica Burns. Kirkendall averaged eight points and seven rebounds per game last season. Gilkerson made 21-60 three-point shots last season while adding 42 assists. As a team, the Tigers made 38 percent of their shot attempts last season. Also look for junior Eryn Snethen, Jr. Sara Black and So. Chase Nolte to contribute to FC this year. All three started games last season and will have high expectations.

"We also have a very talented group of underclassmen that should help us improve as they gain game experience," said Coach Milam. "The girls have been working very hard in practice, and we are looking forward to a fun season. If we play with confidence and the young girls get game time, we feel the talent is there to play into March (state)."

Just like the boys, the girls' team will begin the season on the road for the first four games of the season, finally returning home on December 20 for their home opener versus Plattsmouth. The Lady Tigers will be at Auburn on Friday, January 3, at Maryville, Missouri, on January 17.

The Lady Tigers need to get off to a better start this season. Two seasons ago, Falls City went 0-8 to start the year, and last season they were 1-7. If the Tigers can pick up a couple of early wins, they can gain confidence and momentum, and turn it into a very successful season.

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Keep safety in mind when decorating for the holidays

Decorations help make the holiday season a magical time of year. Stores are awash in color and twinkling lights, and similar imagery is on display in private homes.

Designing holiday displays can be a great way for families to spend time together and kick off the celebration. In fact, according to Electrical Safety Foundation International, around 90 percent of Americans decorate their homes for the holidays.

When trimming the tree and decorating this holiday season, families must keep safety in mind. A little planning and some precautionary measures can ensure displays are enjoyed all season long. Travelers Insurance offers the following holiday decorating safety tips.

• Do not overload outlets. Plan displays according to the number and location of available outlets.

• Never exceed the maximum number of light strands that can be attached together.

• Use lights and products that have been tested for safety. Certification marks like UL, ETL and CSA are from nationally recognized laboratories.

• LED lights should be used whenever possible. Such lights consume less energy and run cooler than other bulbs.

• The ESFI says candles start almost 50 percent of all decoration fires. Minimize the risk by using candles only when they can be monitored. Artificial candles can be used in place of real candles.

• Check for freshness in live trees. A fresh tree will last longer and is less of a fire hazard than an old tree.

• Place Christmas trees at least three feet away from all heat sources, including fireplaces and heaters.

• Use decorations that are non-combustible or made from flame-resistant materials.

• Pay attention to the age recommendations of decorations to see if they can be used in homes with young children. Some items, however common, are choking or strangulation hazards.

•Avoid putting small, "mouth-sized" decorations near the ground or on lower limbs of trees, where young children can easily reach them.

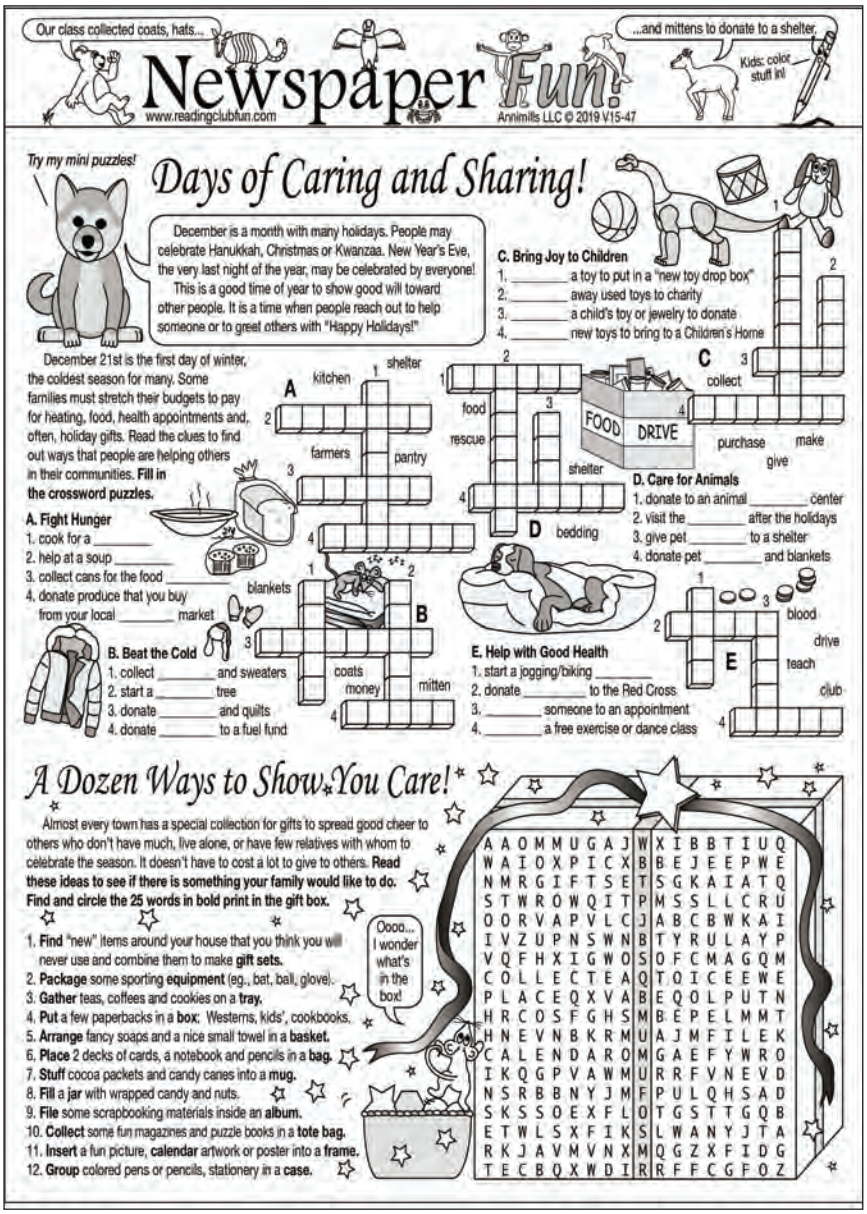
• Exercise caution when hanging decorations at high heights. Make sure the ladder is secured and have a spotter who can hold the ladder and pass items up safely.

• Outdoor electric lights and decorations should be plugged into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters, or GFCIs.

• Exercise caution when decorating near power lines that extend to the house.

• Keep hung stockings far away from open flames so they do not catch any errant embers.

These are just a few suggestions for decorating a safely for the holiday season.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA
CASE NO: 19-203
PUBLICATION NOTICE
In the Matter of the Application of Garl Eldon Spaulding to Change His Name
Petitioner,

To Whom It May Concern:

You are hereby notified that the undersigned filed his Petition in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska on the 8th day of November, 2019, the object and prayer of said Petitioner being to change the name of the undersigned from that of Garl Eldon Spaulding to Bud Garl Spaulding. You are further notified that the undersigned intends to present his said application for change of name to said court on the 17th day of December, 2019 at the hour of 11:30 a.m. of said day or soon thereafter as he can be heard. At that time any person or persons objecting to such change of name may be present and present their objections to the court.

Dated this 8th day of November, 2019.

Garl Eldon Spaulding

20-27-4-11

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA
IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST CREATED BY
WILLIAM H. SCHAWANG, JR.,
Settlor
Estate No. PR18-50
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR TRUST ADMINISTRATION PROCEEDING PURSUANT TO NEBRASKA UNIFORM TRUST CODE §30-3814 and §30-3819

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Trust Administration Proceeding Pursuant to Nebraska Uniform Trust Code §30-3814 and §30-3819 has been filed in the above entitled matter and is set for hearing in the Richardson County Court on December 18, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. Said proceeding is initiated to allow Trustee to pay Trustee's feeds and expenses are requested and for the Court to confirm actions of the Trustee required pursuant to the Fifth Amendment and Restatement of Trust of William H. Schawang, Jr dated April 12, 2016.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
RESOLUTION 2019-2020-20

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Richardson County, Nebraska have deemed it necessary to consider the vacation or for the abandonment of the following described road:

a 66 feet wide road to be vacated by Richardson County, being located in the SE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 30, Township 2 North, Range 18 East of the 6th P.M., Richardson County, Nebraska, the center line of which is described as follows: Commencing at the SE corner of said Section 30, Thence S87 31'21"W (assumed bearing) on the south line of the SE1/4 of said section 30, 840.28 feet; thence N02 28'39"W, 112.18 feet to the point of beginning, said point also being the intersection of a driveway; thence S85 08'01"E, 149.12 feet; thence S72 13'12"E, 156.05 feet to the beginning of a curve to the left; thence on said curve having a radius of 96.92 feet, an arc length of 59.02 feet; a chord bearing S89 39'55"E, 58.11 feet; thence N67 27;51"E, 20.00 feet to the westerly end of a bridge; also known as a portion of 709 Road beginning at a point approximately 1795.67 feet east of 661 Avenue and then running east approximately 363.28 feet to the west approach of a closed bridge on 709 Road in which said bridge and that portion of 709 running east of the closed bridge was vacated on September 10, 2019.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners have received a report dated October 29, 2019 from the Richardson County Highway Superintendent finding no reason that the portion of 709 Road described above should not be vacated and/or abandoned, and

WHEREAS, State of Nebraska, Statute No. 39-1724 states that the Board of Commissioners shall adopt a resolution fixing the time, date and place for public hearing to hear input from the public pertaining to vacation of said road,

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that on December 17, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room, Richardson County Courthouse, Falls City, Nebraska, a public hearing will be held to hear input from the public pertaining to the closure and vacation of the above described road.

ADOPTED THIS 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019.

David D. Sickel, Chairman
Terry Frank
John Caverzagie

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

27-4-11

District #56

Agenda for the Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM, Monday, December 9, 2019 at the Central Office at Falls City Middle School

The agenda sequence is provided as a courtesy. The board reserves the right to consider items in the sequence it deems appropriate. Therefore, we encourage patrons to attend the meeting from the beginning.

1.0 Business Items:
1.1 Roll Call, Open Meetings Act Notice, and Pledge of Allegiance
1.2 Approval of Absences
1.3 Verification of Advanced Publication
1.4 Approval of Agenda
1.5 Approval of Previous Minutes
1.6 Audiences
1.7 Approval of Treasurer's Report
1.8 Approval of Claims
2.0 Informational Items/Reports:
2.1 Staff/Student/Organization Report:
2.2 Principal's Reports:
2.3 Board President's Report:
2.4 Superintendent's Report:
2.4a Legislative & Organization Update
2.4b Building and Grounds Update
2.4c Continuous School Improvement & Strategic Plan Report
2.4d Policy Planning
2.4e Negotiations Planning
2.4g Superintendent Meetings
2.4h Board Member Meetings
2.4i Other
2.5 Board Committee/Member Reports:
3.0 Old/New Action Items:
3.1 Final Reading on Policy Reviews and Revisions
3.2 Other
4.0 Executive Session: Requested by member, approved by majority, as per statute
5.0 Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings TBD.

City Of Falls City

GENERAL CLAIMS
SEPT 2019
ADMINISTRATIVE

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA ... $19,297.36
BRAD GRIFFIN CONSULTING, EX ... $519.98
CITY OF F.C. DEBIT CARD, EX ... $43.80
CLUNE & COMPANY LC, EX ... $97.50
F.C. ECONOMIC DEVPT &, EX ... $10,000.00
FALLS CITY MERCANTILE, EX ... $92.39
GENERAL PETTY CASH, EX ... $13.70
HALBERT, DUNN & HALBERT, SR ... $3,473.00
ONENECK IT SOLUTION LLC, EX ... $1,961.39
PEST CONTROL SERVICES OF SE NE, SR ... $110.00
PRO SERV, EX ... $631.44
QUILL CORPORATION, SU ... $431.64
RYAN BAUMAN, EX ... $340.00
SNC SENTCO.NET LLC, SR ... $625.65
TASC, EX ... $407.79
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $1,229.74
WOLFES PRINTING, SU ... $120.64
TOTAL ... $39,396.02

POLICE DEPARTMENT

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA ... $48,598.76
BRADEN SHILEY, EX ... $81.88
CITY OF F.C. DEBIT CARD, EX ... $39.32
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY, EX ... $303.40
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FINANCE, EX ... $448.00
ED ROEHR SAFETY PRODUCT, EX ... $1,518.34
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX ... $17.88
FLEET SERVICES, EX ... $1,090.04
GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN NORTH, EX ... $272.00
HALBERT, DUNN & HALBERT, SR ... $1,032.50
HARMONS OK TIRE STORE, EX ... $46.00
MECHANIC SHOP, EX ... $44.35
NEBR LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING EX ... $52.00
PATRICK STAMPER, EX ... $42.49
POLICE DEPT- PETTY CASH, EX ... $69.26
QUILL CORPORATION, SU ... $17.48
SNC SENTCO.NET LLC, EX ... $513.03
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT, EX $2,558.84
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $12.88
VERIZON, EX ... $120.21
WINDSTREAM, EX ... $1,432.42
WOLFES PRINTING, SU ... $67.98
TOTAL ... $58,379.06

FIRE

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA ... $3,801.57
BCBS OF NEBRASKA, EX ... $634.86
EMERGENCY APPARATUS MAINTENANCE EX ... $2,611.64
FLEET SERVICES, EX ... $57.50
HALBERT, DUNN & HALBERT, SR ... $577.50
HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT, EX ... $342.50
MR AUTOMOTIVE, EX ... $167.52
SNC SENTCO.NET LLC, SR ... $165.98
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $3,297.85
WILTSE ELECTRIC, EX ... $2,925.00
TOTAL ... $14,581.92

STREET DEPARTMENT

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA ... $24,427.07
BLETSCHER TRUCKING, EX ... $1,852.62
CONCRETE INDUSTRIES INC., EX ... $6,062.51
DESERT DIAMOND INDUST. EX ... $199.00
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX ... $36.93
FLEET SERVICES, EX ... $1,029.57
HARMONS OK TIRE STORE, EX ... $17.12
HOME LUMBER CO, EX ... $142.39
KELLER CONSTRUCTION CO, EX ... $782.10
MECHANIC SHOP, EX ... $573.76
NE SALT & GRAIN CO, EX ... $4,985.15
SNC SENTCO.NET LLC, SR ... $52.15
UTILITY CONSULTANTS INC, EX ... $333.00
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $5,033.54
WHETROCK, INC, EX ... $377.41
TOTAL ... $45,904.32

PARKS

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA ... $10,606.54
AGCO PLUS, EX ... $5.14
CINDY SANTO, EX ... $30.00
FALLS CITY MERCANTILE, EX ... $12.49
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX ... $305.47
FLEET SERVICES, EX ... $373.82
FRY & ASSOCIATES, INC, EX ... $306.75
HELENA CHEMICAL CO, EX ... $132.00
HUSKER ELECTRIC, EX ... $59.50
JIM HILL'S, EX ... $52.50
MECHANIC SHOP, EX ... $36.57
MIKE & CHERYL SISK, EX ... $60.00
SCHEITEL FEED & SEED, EX ... $525.00
SENCA, EX ... $3,900.00
SNC SENTCO.NET LLC, SR ... -$43.72
TODD VALLEY FARMS, INC, EX ... $155.50
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $5,839.33
TOTAL ... $22,356.89

AUDITORIUM

ENGINEERED CONTROL INC, EX $8,087.50
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX ... $3.99
HILLYARD/KANSAS CITY, EX ... $928.29
J.F. AHERN COMPANY, EX ... $215.00
JIM HILL'S, EX ... $25.45
PEST CONTROL SERVICES OF SE NE SR, ... $110.00
SNC SENTCO.NET LLC, SR ... $145.74
TRUE VALUE HARDWARE, EX ... $18.18
UNIFIRST CORPORATION, EX ... $50.46
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $1,815.28
TOTAL ... $11,399.89

ANIMAL CONTROL

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA ... $3,442.24
CITY OF F.C. DEBIT CARD, EX ... $19.75
FLEET SERVICES, EX ... $75.01
OPPD, EX ... $40.68
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $11.16
TOTAL ... $3,588.84

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ARMBRUSTER MOTORS, EX ... $12,154.06
CITY OF F.C. DEBIT CARD, EX ... -$6.85
FRONTIER BANK & VISION 20/20 INC EX ... $8,941.38
WILDERNESS FALLS LLC, EX ... $4,002.54
WOLFES PRINTING, SU ... $105.72
TOTAL ... $25,196.85

911 EMERGENCY SERVIC

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA ... $18,554.23
SNC SENTCO.NET LLC, SR ... $58.04
WINDSTREAM, EX ... $1,432.42
TOTAL ... $20,044.69

LIBRARY

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA ... $13,780.27
CLUNE & COMPANY LC, EX ... $3,732.75
EBSCO INFORMATION SERV, EX ... $2,163.72
FALLS CITY MERCANTILE, EX ... $253.06
INGRAM, EX ... $480.75
J.F. AHERN COMPANY, EX ... $245.00
KAWRES, EX ... $31.00
LIBRARY - PETTY CASH, EX ... $224.64
OCLC, INC., EX ... $155.17
PRO SERV, EX ... $261.45
QUILL CORPORATION, SU ... $236.99
RICHARD GILKERSON, EX ... $210.00
SNC SENTCO.NET LLC, SR ... $285.67
TOPEKA FOUNDRY & IRON WORKS EX ... $428.00
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $2,647.43
TOTAL ... $25,135.90

LIBRARY GRANT

LIBRARY - PETTY CASH, EX ... $16.59
TOTAL ... $16.59

CEMETERY

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA ... $5,771.39
AGCO PLUS, EX ... $95.11
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX ... $20.97
FLEET SERVICES, EX ... $387.74
JONES & JONES, EX ... $800.00
MECHANIC SHOP, EX ... $192.28
SNC SENTCO.NET LLC, SR ... $47.73
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $86.58
TOTAL ... $7,401.80

AIRPORT

ACTERRA GROUP, EX ... $12,892.66
AHERN AVIATION, EX ... $468.00
SUE BUCKMINSTER, EX ... $250.00
DAWN BENNETT, EX ... $100.00
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX ... $72.91
IES COMMERCIAL INC, EX ... $462.50
PHILIP CHAFFEE, EX ... $2,320.00
SNC SENTCO.NET LLC, SR ... $140.38
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $377.24
WOLFES PRINTING, SU ... $105.72
TOTAL ... $17,189.41

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REGISTER OF DEEDS, EX ... $16.00
WOLFES PRINTING, SU ... $105.72
TOTAL ... $121.72

C.D.B.G.-GRANTS

NJC CONTACTING, EX ... $4,945.00
SE NE DEVELOP DISTRICT, EX ... $1,236.85
TOTAL ... $6,181.85

UTILITY CLAIMS
SEPT 2019
ELECTRIC

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA ... $74,195.17
ADMIN DEPARTMENT, SU ... $36.21
AGCO PLUS, EX ... $14.45
BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY, EX ... $1,600.00
BORDER STATES, EX ... $5,221.60
CCS, INC, EX ... $6,456.00
CLUNE & COMPANY LC, EX ... $48.00
DEBIT CARD ACCOUNT, EX ... $144.61
DUTTON-LAINSON CO., EX ... $62,991.93
FALLS CITY POST OFFICE, EX ... $397.00
FC SANITATION SERVICE, SR ... $341.00
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX ... $311.96
FARMERS REPAIR & MACHINE SHOP EX ... $9.24
FLEET FUELING, EX ... $810.23
GENERAL FUND, EX ... $40,468.80
HALBERT, DUNN & HALBERT, LLC SR ... $743.75
HOME LUMBER COMPANY, EX ... $9.52
HUSKER ELECTRIC SUPPLY, EX ... $1,027.18
JONES & JONES, EX ... $405.00
MCMASTER - CARR, EX ... $51.67
MECHANIC SHOP, EX ... $144.97
MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY OF NEB, EX ... $175,612.90
OLSSON ASSOCIATES, EX ... $1,072.50
OPPD, EX ... $93,392.37
PRO-SERV, EX ... $315.00
RESCO, EX ... $50,730.38
SNC, SR ... $311.58
TASC, EX ... $205.00
UCI UTILITY CONSULT INC, EX ... $1,089.00
UTILITIES SECTION, EX ... $45.00
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $10,872.59
UTILITY DEPT/PETTY CASH, EX ... $250.00
WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC., EX $73,798.97
WILSON BOHANNAN CO, EX ... $299.13
WOLFES PRINTING, SU ... $178.10
TOTAL ... $603,600.81

WATER DEPARTMENT

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA ... $28,429.52
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT, SU ... $6.33
BRANDON SCHAWANG, EX ... $900.00
CLUNE & COMPANY LC, EX ... $9.50
CORE & MAIN LP, EX ... $2,574.26
DEBIT CARD ACCOUNT, EX ... $705.22
EDWARDS CHEMICALS, EX ... $890.41
FALLS CITY MERCANTILE, EX ... $36.63
FALLS CITY POST OFFICE, EX ... $79.99
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX ... $71.02
FLEET FUELING, EX ... $69.00
HACH CHEMICAL CO., EX ... $166.71
HALBERT, DUNN & HALBERT, LLC SR, ... $8.75
HELENA CHEMICAL CO, EX ... $48.02
JIM HILL'S, EX ... $8.03
MCMASTER - CARR, EX ... $101.29
MECHANIC SHOP, EX ... $269.39
NEBRASKA DEPT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, EX ... $86.25
NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH, EX. $1,097.00
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION, INC., EX ... $2,549.00
PRO-SERV, EX ... $63.45
SNC, SR ... $162.30
TASC, EX ... $39.80
UCI UTILITY CONSULT INC, EX ... $46.00
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $5,827.62
UTILITY DEPT/PETTY CASH, EX ... $87.45
VESSCO INC., EX ... $390.17
WOLFES PRINTING, SU ... $17.03
TOTAL ... $44,740.14

MECHANIC SHOP

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SU ... $5,799.45
AGCO PLUS, EX ... $342.74
DEBIT CARD ACCOUNT, EX ... $33.44
FALLS CITY AUTO SUPPLY, EX ... $571.07
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX ... $42.47
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, EX ... $297.89
FARMERS REPAIR & MACHINE SHOP, EX ... $96.28
HULLMAN FORD-LINCOLN-MERCURY EX ... $41.93
MECHANIC SHOP, EX ... $25.46
MID TOWN SERVICE CENTER, EX ... $20.00
MR. AUTOMOTIVE, EX ... $582.12
O'REILLY, EX ... $23.98
R & M AUTO SALVAGE, EX ... $20.00
ROSE EQUIPMENT CO., EX ... $210.70
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $2.54
TOTAL ... $8,110.07

GAS DEPARTMENT

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA ... $45,186.10
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT, SU ... $33.49
AMERICAN PUBLIC GAS ASSOC., EX ... $1,786.23
BORDER STATES, EX ... $1,874.64
CCS, INC, EX ... $325.00
CLAYTON ENERGY CORP, EX ... $51,024.48
CLUNE & COMPANY LC, EX ... $40.00
CONCRETE INDUST, INC., EX ... $333.25
CONSOLIDATED PIPE & SUPPLY CO INC, EX ... $184.46
FALLS CITY POST OFFICE, EX ... $318.00
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX ... $104.64
FLEET FUELING, EX ... $406.58
GENERAL FUND, EX ... $4,634.38
HALBERT, DUNN & HALBERT LLC, SR ... $4,806.50
INDUSTRIAL SALES CO, INC, EX ... $485.10
MECHANIC SHOP, EX ... $250.85
ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC, EX ... $72.19
PRO-SERV, EX ... $253.00
SNC, SR ... $238.09
TASC, EX ... $163.00
UCI UTILITY CONSULT INC, EX ... $712.00
US BANK, EX ... $39,459.48
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $610.31
UTILITY DEPT/PETTY CASH, EX ... $200.00
WILSON BOHANNAN CO, EX ... $99.71
WOLFES PRINTING, SU ... $67.00
TOTAL ... $153,668.48
GENERAL TOTAL ... $810,119.50

SEWER CLAIMS
SEPT 2019
SEWER

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA ... $23,088.72
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT, SU ... $6.00
ALLIED SYSTEMS, INC, EX ... $1,215.70
BROWN COUNTY TRANSFER STATION EX ... $122.61
ELLENBERGER CONCRETE PRODUCTS LLC, EX ... $830.03
FALLS CITY SANITATION, SR ... $90.00
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX ... $1,225.53
FLEET FUELING, EX ... $146.61
MECHANIC SHOP, EX ... $430.15
MIDWEST LABS, INC., EX ... $279.54
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC, EX ... $74.46
NE DEPT. OF ENVIR. QUALITY, EX ... $150.00
NSAWWA, EX ... $115.00
NSI LAB SOLUTIONS, EX ... $185.75
SNC, SR ... $161.47
TRUE VALUE HARDWARE, EX ... $58.82
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $12,247.15
UTILITY DEPT/PETTY CASH, EX ... $3.75
WOLFE'S PRINTING, SU ... $213.64
TOTAL ... $40,644.93

City Of Falls City

GENERAL CLAIMS
OCT 2019
ADMINISTRATIVE

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA ... $8,964.08
AHRS CONSTRUCTION CO., EX ... $1,780.45
CITY OF F.C. DEBIT CARD, EX ... $131.90
CLUNE & COMPANY LC, EX ... $97.50
DEARBORN NATIONAL, EX ... $68.40
FC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EX ... $20,000.00
FALLS CITY JOURNAL, EX ... $248.07
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX ... $189.50
GENERAL PETTY CASH, EX ... $15.00
HALBERT, DUNN & HALBERT, SR ... $1,855.20
JULIE DECKINGER, EX ... $114.84
MILLER MONROE COMPANY, EX $5,608.00
NATIONWIDE, EX ... $217.00
ONENECK IT SOLUTIONS LLC, EX ... $403.38
RYAN BAUMAN, EX ... $630.00
SNC SENTCO.NET LLC, SR ... $594.60
TASC, EX ... $188.10
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $985.77
TOTAL ... $42,091.79

POLICE DEPARTMENT

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA ... $47,737.91
BRITE, EX ... $5,445.00
CAROLINE G. SEDLACEK, PH.D., P.C., EX ... $700.00
CITY OF F.C. DEBIT CARD, EX ... $388.61
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY, EX ... $267.00
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FINANCE, EX ... $448.00
EVIDENT, INC., EX ... $200.25
FAMILY MEDICINE, EX ... $173.00
FLEET SERVICES, EX ... $1,431.70
GENERAL PETTY CASH, EX ... $165.00
HALBERT, DUNN & HALBERT, SR $1,650.00
HARMONS OK TIRE STORE, EX ... $18.00
INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CENTER EX ... $43.80
MECHANIC SHOP, EX ... $91.34
MID TOWN SERVICE CENTER, EX ... $18.00
MILLER MONROE CO, EX ... $17,782.00
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE, EX ... $60.00
NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CN, EX ... $220.00
NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, EX ... $198.00
POLICE DEPT- PETTY CASH, EX ... $92.98
RICHARDSON CO COURT, EX ... $3.00
SNC SENTCO.NET LLC, SR ... $514.88
THE RADAR SHOP, EX ... $258.00
UTILITY CONSULTANTS INC, EX ... $65.00
VERIZON, EX ... $120.23
WOLFES PRINTING, SU ... $90.60
TOTAL ... $78,182.30

FIRE

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA ... $3,728.29
BCBS OF NEBRASKA, EX ... $634.86
DEARBORN NATIONAL, EX ... $172.70
EMERGENCY APPARATUS MAINTENANCE EX ... $6,695.67
FLEET SERVICES, EX ... $20.25
MECHANIC SHOP, EX ... $9.99
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR SYSTEMS EX ... $125.66
MIDWEST FIRE PROTECTION INC, EX ... $200.00
MILLER MONROE CO, EX ... $8,281.00
SNC SENTCO.NET LLC, SR ... $165.98
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $3,482.54
TOTAL ... $23,516.94

STREET DEPARTMENT

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA ... $25,149.44
CONCRETE INDUSTRIES INC., EX $1,869.56
FALLS CITY AUTO SUPPLY, EX ... $195.64
FALLS CITY MERCANTILE, EX ... $85.34
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX ... $38.93
FLEET SERVICES, EX ... $1,874.94
MECHANIC SHOP, EX ... $1,960.11
MILLER MONROE CO, EX ... $27,111.00
MR AUTOMOTIVE, EX ... $116.33
SNC SENTCO.NET LLC, SR ... $52.00
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $5,397.07
TOTAL ... $63,850.36

PARKS

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA ... $9,624.48
ACCO, EX ... $884.95
EL CAMINO ELECTRIC, LLC, EX ... $55.80
FALLS CITY MERCANTILE, EX ... $171.20
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX ... $364.45
FLEET SERVICES, EX ... $314.38
HOME LUMBER CO, EX ... $1,377.95
HUSKER ELECTRIC, EX ... $140.75
JIM HILL'S, EX ... $24.00
MECHANIC SH, EX ... $144.68
MILLER MONROE CO, EX ... $12,816.00
NORTHERN SAFETY CO., INC., EX ... $120.79
O'REILLY, EX ... $35.97
SNC SENTCO.NET LLC, SR ... -$95.00
TRIPLE "S" CONSTRUCTION, EX ... $110.00
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $3,006.40
TOTAL ... $29,096.80

AUDITORIUM

ENGINEERED CONTROLS INC, EX ... $414.36
FALLS CITY MERCANTILE, EX ... $184.76
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX ... $175.21
J.F. AHERN COMPANY, EX ... $215.00
JONES AIR CONDITIONING, EX ... $162.00
MILLER MONROE COMPANY, EX $6,428.00
PUTTERMAN ATHLETICS, EX ... $308.00
SNC SENTCO.NET LLC, SR ... $143.46
UNIFIRST CORPORATION, EX ... $50.78
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $1,719.19
TOTAL ... $9,800.76

ANIMAL CONTROL

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA ... $3,601.35
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX ... $53.97
FLEET SERVICES, EX ... $134.00
MILLER MONROE COMPANY, EX $1,793.00
OPPD, EX ... $43.13
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $11.83
TOTAL ... $5,637.28

SENIOR CENTER BUILDI

JONES AIR CONDITIONING, EX ... $120.00
MILLER MONROE COMPANY, EX ... $571.00
TOTAL ... $691.00

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CLINE WILLIAMS WRIGHT JOHNSON & OLDFATHE, EX ... $10,000.00
MILLER MONROE COMPANY, EX ... $1,897.35
TOTAL ... $11,897.35

911 EMERGENCY SERVIC

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA ... $18,231.89
BROOKE TAYLOR, EX ... $51.86
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY, EX ... $29.30
SNC SENTCO.NET LLC, SR ... $58.77
TOTAL ... $18,371.82

LIBRARY

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA ... $14,577.88
AMERICAN HISTORY, EX ... $29.95
ARTHRITIS TODAY, EX ... $10.00
ASTRONOMY, EX ... $45.96
ATOMIC RANCH, EX ... $29.95
BACKWOODS HOME MAG, EX ... $16.00
BON APPETIT, EX ... $18.00
BRITAIN, EX ... $24.95
DISCOVER MAGAZINE, EX ... $26.70
ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING COMPANY EX ... $5,653.00
ENGLISH HOME, EX ... $24.95
FALLS CITY MERCANTILE, EX ... $124.25
FULLER CLEANING COMPANY, EX ... $80.00
GARDENS ILLUSTRATED, EX ... $45.00
HARPER'S MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION EX ... $22.97
HGTV MAGAZINE & FOOD NETWORK MAGAZINE, EX ... $12.00
INGRAM, EX ... $7,657.37
INTERIOR DESIGN, EX ... $19.95
J.F. AHERN COMPANY, EX ... $245.00
JOHNSON CONTROLS, EX ... $6,132.40
LADYBUG, EX ... $29.95
LIBRARY - PETTY CASH, EX ... $303.53
MECHANIC SHOP, EX ... $3.59
MILLER MONROE COMPANY, EX $7,099.00
OCLC, INC., EX ... $155.17
OLDHOUSE JOURNAL, EX ... $31.00
RICHARD GILKERSON, EX ... $225.00
SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE, EX ... $11.00
SNC SENTCO.NET LLC, SR ... $289.88
TECHSOUP, EX ... $228.00
THE HUMBOLDT STANDARD, EX ... $36.00
THE LIBRARY STORE INC, EX ... $396.22
THE NEW YORKER, EX ... $119.99
THE SHOPPER, INC., EX ... $95.90
THE SUN, EX ... $39.00
TIME, EX ... $49.92
TRUE VALUE HARDWARE, EX ... $14.99
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $2,141.04
WILDWEST, EX ... $29.95
WOLFES PRINTING, SU ... $276.75
TOTAL ... $46,372.16

LIBRARY GRANT

LIBRARY - PETTY CASH, EX ... $22.05
TOTAL ... $22.05

CEMETERY

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA ... $5,370.73
CITY OF F.C. DEBIT CARD, EX ... $8.75
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX ... $2.99
FLEET SERVICES, EX ... $67.25
HARMONS OK TIRE STORE, EX ... $400.00
JONES & JONES, EX ... $800.00
MILLER MONROE CO, EX ... $2,405.00
SNC SENTCO.NET LLC, SR ... $47.73
TRUE VALUE HARDWARE, EX ... $16.58
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $86.34
TOTAL ... $9,205.37

AIRPORT

BENNETT REFRIGERATION, EX ... $297.00
SUE BUCKMINSTER, EX ... $200.00
DAWN BENNETT, EX ... $100.00
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX ... $23.99
MECHANIC SHOP, EX ... $4.99
MILLER MONROE CO, EX ... $12,792.00
PHILIP CHAFFEE, EX ... $2,320.00
SNC SENTCO.NET LLC, SR ... $140.38
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $311.99
TOTAL ... $16,190.35

MUTUAL FINANCE ORGAN

CITY OF F.C. FIRE DEPT., EX ... $18,580.00
CITY OF HUMBOLDT, EX ... $8,307.00
DAWSON RURAL FIRE DIST, EX ... $717.00
FC RURAL FIRE DIST, EX ... $1,591.00
HUMBOLDT RURAL FIRE DIST, EX ... $1,695.00
ROBERT W. AITKEN, CPA, PC, EX ... $1,340.00
STELLA RURAL FIRE DIST, EX ... $3,164.00
VERDON RURAL FIRE DIST, EX ... $567.00
VILLAGE OF DAWSON, EX ... $803.00
VILLAGE OF RULO, EX ... $717.00
VILLAGE OF SALEM, EX ... $905.00
VILLAGE OF SHUBERT, EX ... $784.00
TOTAL ... $39,170.00

CAPITAL IMPROV. SINK

AHRS CONSTRUCTION CO., EX ... $91,247.51
SNYDER & ASSOC, EX ... $9,952.40
TENNIS COURTS UNILIMITED INC, EX ... $2,200.00
TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, EX ... $45.00
TOTAL ... $103,444.91
GRAND TOTAL ... $497,541.24

UTILITY CLAIMS
OCT 2019
ELECTRIC

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA ... $71,952.13
73 REPAIR, EX ... $400.00
ABOUT FENCE LLC, EX ... $82.36
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT, SU ... $72.60
ALTEC INDUSTRIES INC., EX ... $55.71
AMERICAN PUBLIC POWER ASSOC EX ... $2,584.31
APEX PUMPING EQUIP. INC, EX ... $175.89
BORDER STATES, EX ... $270.28
CCS, INC, EX ... $13,222.00
CLUNE & COMPANY LC, EX ... $48.00
CORE & MAIN LP, EX ... $15,899.64
CORNHUSKER STATE INDUST, EX ... $342.00
DEBIT CARD ACCOUNT, EX ... $265.75
FALLS CITY JOURNAL, EX ... $41.00
FALLS CITY POST OFFICE, EX ... $396.00
FC SANITATION SERVICE, SR ... $297.00
FAMILY MEDICINE, EX ... $100.00
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX ... $156.31
FLEET FUELING, EX ... $946.77
GENERAL FUND, EX ... $77,384.45
GRAINGER, EX ... $1,974.73
HALBERT, DUNN & HALBERT, LLC, SR ... $271.25
HARMON'S O.K. TIRE STORE, EX ... $14.00
HEALY LAW OFFICES, LLC, EX ... $437.50
HELENA CHEMICAL CO, EX ... $152.47
HOME LUMBER COMPANY, EX ... $58.83
HUSKER ELECTRIC SUPPLY, EX ... $5,756.85
JIM HILL'S, EX ... $33.71
MECHANIC SHOP, EX ... $523.93
MILLER-MONROE CO., EX ... $139,294.00
MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY OF NEB EX ... $91,713.17
NEOPOST USA INC, EX ... $5,034.00
OPPD, EX ... $98,884.07
RAY LUHRING, EX ... $78.30
RESCO, EX ... $456.36
SNC. SR ... $315.75
SR ...
TASC, EX ... $93.00
TINA FERRIS, EX ... $42.34
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD, EX ... $1,510.00
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $7,255.29
UTILITY DEPT/PETTY CASH, EX ... $310.00
WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC., EX ... $1,706.65
WOLFES PRINTING, SU ... $158.50
TOTAL ... $540,766.90

WATER DEPARTMENT

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA ... $70,967.33
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT, SU ... $55.66
SU ...
BAVCO BACKFLOW APPARATUS & VALVE CO, EX ... $138.30
CLUNE & COMPANY LC, EX ... $9.50
CORE & MAIN LP, EX ... $6,161.06
DEBIT CARD ACCOUNT, EX ... $754.07
EDWARDS CHEMICALS, EX ... $1,207.50
FALLS CITY JOURNAL, EX ... $8.08
FALLS CITY POST OFFICE, EX ... $79.69
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX ... $134.95
FLEET FUELING, EX ... $154.98
LINCOLN WINWATER WORKS, EX ... $218.18
MECHANIC SHOP, EX ... $146.38
MEYER HOME CENTER, EX ... $252.50
MILLER-MONROE CO., EX ... $28,151.00
MISSISSIPPI LIME CO., EX ... $4,985.43
NEBRASKA DHHS DIV OF PUBLIC HEALTH, EX ... $1,265.00
NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH, EX ... $78.00
NEOPOST USA INC, EX ... $101.00
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION, INC., EX ... $13.13
SOJKA'S PLUMBING, EX ... $981.03
SNC, SR ... $157.23
TASC, EX ... $19.11
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $7,163.48
UTILITY DEPT/PETTY CASH, EX ... $78.05
UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO., EX ... $65.93
WOLFES PRINTING, SU ... $101.11
TOTAL ... $123,447.68

MECHANIC SHOP

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA ... $5,175.87
AGCO PLUS, EX ... $315.38
FALLS CITY AUTO SUPPLY, EX ... $378.28
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX ... $167.08
FLEET FUELING, EX ... $71.00
HARMON'S O.K. TIRE STORE, EX ... $48.00
HULLMAN FORD-LINCOLN-MERCURY EX ... $57.19
MID TOWN SERVICE CENTER, EX ... $17.00
MILLER-MONROE CO., EX ... $1,864.00
MR. AUTOMOTIVE, EX ... $1,393.80
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, EX ... $454.97
ROSE EQUIPMENT CO., EX ... $438.17
WOLFES PRINTING, SU ... $89.19
TOTAL ... $10,469.93

GAS DEPARTMENT

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA ... $47,320.68
SA ...
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT, SU ... $22.60
CCS, INC, EX ... $960.00
CLAYTON ENERGY CORP, EX ... $39,278.56
CLUNE & COMPANY LC, EX ... $40.00
CONSOLIDATED PIPE & SUPPLY CO INC EX ... $988.84
CORE & MAIN LP, EX ... $949.00
DEBIT CARD ACCOUNT, EX ... $718.09
FALLS CITY JOURNAL, EX ... $33.00
FALLS CITY POST OFFICE, EX ... $317.00
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX ... $122.83
FARMERS REPAIR & MACHINE SHOP, EX ... $129.60
FLEET FUELING, EX ... $479.16
GENERAL FUND, EX ... $11,661.41
GROEBNER & ASSOC, INC., EX ... $829.19
HALBERT, DUNN & HALBERT, LLC SR ... $210.00
HOME LUMBER COMPANY, EX ... $23.81
INDUSTRIAL SALES CO., INC., EX $2,206.32
KOONS GAS MEASUREMENT, EX $2,092.05
MECHANIC SHOP, EX ... $301.39
MILLER-MONROE CO., EX ... $14,406.00
NEOPOST USA INC, EX ... $4,934.00
ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC, EX ... $44.93
SCHEITEL FEED & SEED, EX ... $93.63
SNC, SR ... $231.30
TASC, EX ... $76.00
TRUE VALUE HARDWARE, EX ... $50.85
US BANK, EX ... $9,459.74
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $665.92
UTILITY DEPT/PETTY CASH, EX ... $147.00
WOLFES PRINTING, SU ... $75.00
TOTAL ... $138,867.90
GRAND TOTAL ... $813,552.41

SEWER CLAIMS
OCT 2019
SEWER

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA ... $23,360.13
BROWN CO TRANS STATION, EX ... $138.86
CCS, INC, EX ... $17,789.00
CONCRETE INDUSTRIES, INC., EX $1,319.38
FALLS CITY SANITATION, SR ... $272.70
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX ... $629.48
FLEET FUELING, EX ... $387.54
HALBERT, DUNN & HALBERT, L.L.C. SR ... $61.25
HELENA CHEMICAL CO, EX ... $144.38
HOME LUMBER COMPANY, EX ... $10.23
MECHANIC SHOP, EX ... $43.23
MILLER & ASSCOCIATES, EX ... $1,180.00
MILLER MONROE INS. CO., EX ... $21,417.00
MUNICIPAL SERVICE & SUPPLY CO. EX ... $129.19
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC., EX ... $664.78
EX ...
NSI LAB SOLUTIONS, EX ... $99.50
SNC, SR ... $169.30
USA BLUEBOOK, EX ... $162.70
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX ... $10,537.85
TOTAL ... $78,516.50

Nemaha N.R.D.

The Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 12, 2019 at the NRD headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska. Individual committee meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

A Director/Staff Recognition Event will be held at 5:00 p.m. An agenda is being kept current at the office – 62161 Hwy 136, Tecumseh, NE 68450.

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Help Wanted

JOB OPENING

The Nemaha County Hospital has the following open position:

~ Full-time environmental services worker ~ day and evening hours. This position would be responsible for janitorial services for the hospital. Benefits, retirement, and competitive salary.
Contact Susie Shupp, CHRO at 402-274-6121 with questions. You can apply at:
https://nemahacountyhospital.applicantpool.com/jobs/
EOE Employer/Vet/Disabled

NEMAHA COUNTY HOSPITAL
2022 13th STREET - AUBURN, NE

46-48

SABETHA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

Part-Time Social Worker – 16 hours per week for Home Health and Hospice. Must have MSW or BSW and be licensed in Kansas. Responsible for patient and family assessments, participating in coordination of care meetings and all aspects of the bereavement program. Will be primary backup for Hospital Social Worker as well.

Part-Time Night RN - Shifts are 5pm-5am every rotating 3rd weekend. Responsible for total patient care within assigned nursing unit.

An excellent base salary is offered for these positions including vacation, holiday, sick time and pension. If interested in these opportunities visit the hospital's website at www.sabethahospital.com or call Julie Holthaus, Human Resource Director at 785-284-1584. 48-49

HELP WANTED
Heavy Equipment Operator/ General Labor
Pay based on experience & qualifications. Call for details. Rulo, NE
Anthony - 660-442-6165, Cell
402-245-4021, Home

47-48

Truck Drivers Needed
Local runs, home nightly.
Excellent pay = 20%
Must have or be able to obtain a CDL & Med. Card.
Anthony - 660-442-6165, Cell
402-245-4021, Home

47-48

The White Cloud Health Center has an opening for a Health Insurance Benefits Coordinator/Biller. This position is located in the Business Office at the White Cloud Health Center (WCHC) in White Cloud, KS.

The purpose of this position is to function as the biller for the facility and patient health benefits coordinator by identifying patients with eligibility for alternate resources, assisting them with enrollment process, serving as advocate for Native American and Non-Beneficiary patients in the effective utilization of alternate resources, and acts as a liaison between the Business Office and non-WCHC providers and facilities. The benefit coordinator assists in all billing of patient care services at the clinic as well as providing relief for patient registration services such as greeting patients, checking patients in and out of appointments for dental and clinic, schedules appointments, and answering the phone.

- Hours: Monday- Friday 8:00 – 4:30
- 13 paid holidays
- Health, Vision, & Dental Benefits
- 401K with up to 3 % matching
- Retirement Benefits

Qualifications: High School graduate or GED equivalent, Technical Trade School, bachelor's degree preferred.
1 year in a medical office practice, previous experience with patient check in and out, coding and billing, and ACA Market Place plans.
Applications must be received at the Iowa Tribal Office 3345 B Thrasher Road White Cloud, KS no later than 4:30 P.M. on Wednesday December 11, 2019.
For more information, contact Brenda Lunsford at 785-595-3258
Application is found at https://www.iowatribeofkansasandnebraska.com/job-openings

Sac and Fox Nation Housing Authority

Full Time Maintenance Laborer: Provide general maintenance including snow removal, lawn mowing, weed eating, cleaning, painting, light repair and general maintenance of housing units. This position requires a valid driver's license, must be 18 years of age or older, and able to lift up to eighty (80) pounds occasionally. Must be able to pass a drug test. Full-Time employment and excellent benefits package for the right person. Applications are available at 106 W. 4th St. #12 Reserve, KS 66434 or by calling 785-742-2210 or 785-742-7471 Ext. 2500. 48-49

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NOTICE FOR CLEANING SERVICES

Falls City Airport Authority is accepting applications for the purpose of cleaning the main terminal building at Brenner Field.

The description of the cleaning services required are as follows: cleaning, vacuuming, mopping, dusting, washing windows. Areas to be cleaned include; restrooms, Pilot's lounge, hallway and lobby.

Interested persons can apply by submitting an application and references to the City Clerk, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska.

The Falls City Airport Authority reserves the right to accept any applicant which they deem most advantages to the Falls City Airport Authority and to reject any or all applications submitted.

If any applicant has any questions with reference to the above described services, please contact Gary Jorn, City Clerk at (402) 245 - 2707 or you may review the area to be cleaned at the Falls City Airport.

Gary Jorn
CITY CLERK
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HOTLINE NUMBERS

Project Response Hotline *(Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Prevention Agency)*	1-800-456-5764
National Domestic Violence Hotline	1-800-799-7233
National Sexual Assault Hotline	1-800-656-4673
National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline	-866-331-9474
Nebraska Respite Network	1-866-737-7483
Nebraska Elder Abuse/Neglect Hotline	800-652-1999
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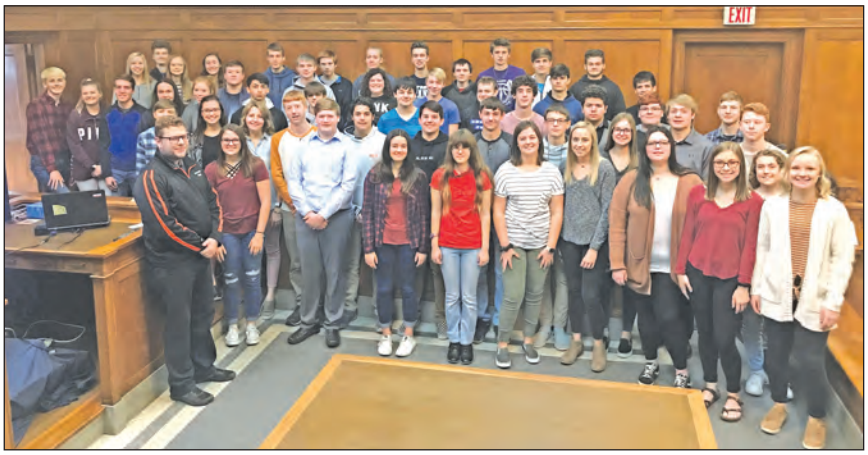

THE ANNUAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT DAY was held Nov. 18 at the Richardson County Courthouse. High school juniors from the two county schools — Falls City High, and Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer received a day-long introduction to local government operations. The day started with General Assembly in the District Courtroom and welcome by David Sickel. An Invocation was given by Norma Arington of the Richardson County ALA. Curtis Maschman, Richardson County Court Judge, gave the Oath of Office. David Sickel, Richardson County Board of commissioners gave the Introduction of County Officials and Dick Arington, Richardson County Legion gave the introduction of the American Legion and Auxiliary Officers. The students were then given a tour of the Nebraska County Government by Richardson County ALA President, Tana Brown. The students then heard from Senator Julie Slama and a National Guard Speaker before a visit to the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center.

Accidents

On November 18, 2019, according to police reports, Abigail Harms, of Falls City and Hellen Walker, of Falls City were both parked in the parking lot of Falls City High School. Video from the school showed that Harms started backing out of the parking space but stopped to allow pedestrians to walk through. Walker began backing out and struck the bumper of Harms, scraping the side of Walker's vehicle. Harms said she stopped to let people go by and Walker said she never saw Harms' vehicle. An estimated $800 in damage was done to each vehicle. No citations were issued.

On November 14, 2019, according to police reports, Ruth Groothuis, of Falls City, stated that she turned onto McLean Street from 21st Street. Groothuis stated she didn't see the parked vehicle owned by Eric Holle, of Falls City, until just before she hit it. Groothuis hit the parked vehicle. Groothuis' vehicle went under the vehicle owned by Holle lifting it and pushing the rear of it into the street and the front into a street sign. An estimated $5,000 in damage was done to the Groothuis vehicle; Holle's vehicle was totaled and $50 in damage was done to the street sign. No citation's were issued.

On November 16, 2019, according to police reports, Forrest Gaston II, of Morrill, KS, pulled into Dylan Leafty, of Rulo, and hit the driver's side door. Gaston pushed/pulled Leafty half a block south on Harlan Street causing severe damage. Gaston then took off south out of town without stopping at the accident scene. Leafty's vehicle was totaled; there was an estimated $500 in damage done to the Gaston vehicle. A citation is pending.

So, year two of the Scott Frost project is in the books. Not quite the improvement fans were hoping for, 4-8 to 5-7, but, baby steps people. We need to flat-out come to terms with the fact that Nebraska football was awful when Coach Frost took over, and he is trying his best to pull us out of the black hole.

One thing we learned this season is we need to temper our expectations a bit. While Frost and Company are slowly rebuilding a once-proud program, it will take time to get all the athletes in the positions that they need. Recruiting needs to be at the forefront. We need big, mean offensive and defensive lineman. We need tall and fast wide receivers who can get downfield or catch a pass in traffic over the middle and big, fast running backs who can run North and South, not so much East and West. Mostly we need athletic players, looking to sell out on every play.

I may have been off just a little bit in my sure thing, lockdown, preseason column. I had Nebraska at 9-3 with wins over Colorado, Indiana, Purdue, and Iowa. Come next season, I will probably make the same mistakes because even after all the hardships, I still bleed red.

Now on to the Iowa game. As much as I try to keep positive about Coach Frost, one thing I can't get on board with is his play-calling. How many quick outs can we run to a receiver? A play that loses yards more often than it gains yards. Also, the end of the game play calling gets to me. With a game on the line or within reach, our coaches look to playing it safe, going for overtime instead of the win. When your 5-6 and need a win to become bowl eligible, you pull out all the stops, be aggressive. Leave Luke McCaffrey in the game at QB if he has the hot hand, because really, what do you have to lose by giving the freshman a chance? McCaffrey has looked good in his limited opportunities and looks decisive when he decides to tuck the ball and run. I smell a quarterback battle brewing for the Spring, and I'm excited about it.

Now I'm going to try to get the NSAA's attention a little bit. First off congrats to a very talented Humphrey St. Francis Flyers football team on winning the Class D2 title last Monday at Memorial Stadium. Now here's my problem with the whole playoff system, and I'm not sure how you fix it. No offense to the teams from the West side of the playoff bracket, but they usually aren't as well equipped to hold up to the competition like the teams from the East. From the best that I can tell, going back 32 years to 1988 when Humboldt won the State Championship, the East team has prevailed 26 of the 32 times. Once again, I'm not sure how to remedy this problem, but often time the semi-final in the East is the real State Championship. This year SH lost to HSF 24-16 in the Semi's, and Humphrey defeated Pleasanton 70-16 in finals. Now you tell me which two teams deserved to be in Lincoln

Good Samaritan Society Home Care of SE NE named to top 500 of the 2019 ABILITY HomeCare Elite

Good Samaritan Society Home Care of Southeast Nebraska today announced that it has been named to the Top 500 of the 2019 HomeCare Elite, a recognition of the top-performing home health agencies in the United States. For 14 years, HomeCare Elite has annually identified the top 25 percent of agencies and highlighted the top 100 and top 500 agencies overall.

The ranking is developed by ABILITY® Network, a leading information technology company helping providers and payers simplify the administrative and clinical complexities of healthcare; and sponsored by DecisionHealth, part of the H3.Group.

"We're pleased to recognize GSS Home Care of SE NE for exemplifying best practice in patient care," said Christine Lang, senior director for ABILITY Network. "GSS Home Care of SE NE's home health professionals have demonstrated exceptional commitment to care quality and the patient experience."

Jessica Gerdes, Administrator-HCBS of GSS Home Care of SE NE, credits the staff's compassion, experience and ownership with the agency's capability to achieve recognition as one of the HomeCare Elite.

"We are extremely proud of Jessica and her team – their dedication to the patients and families they serve is stellar and very much appreciated," said Julia Cowing, Executive Director - Nebraska.

"Congratulations to GSS Home Care of SE NE from all of the staff at DecisionHealth," said Marci Geipe, product manager at DecisionHealth. "Your leadership and staff have placed a premium on the patient care your agency provides, as showcased by your quality outcome scores. The entire community benefits from the compassion that your staff shows toward your patients, leading to cost savings for the entire healthcare system."

GSS Home Care of SE NE receives this national ranking in the Top 500 Medicare certified home health agencies in the United States out of 8818 agencies in 2019. Previously ranked, Top 100 in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 and in the top 500 in 2012.

HomeCare Elite agencies are determined by an analysis of performance measures in quality outcomes, best practices implementation, patient experience (HHCAHPS), quality improvement and consistency, and financial health. In order to be considered, an agency must be Medicare-certified and have data for at least three outcomes in Home Health Compare.

Out of 8,818 agencies considered, 2,207 are recognized on the 2019 HomeCare Elite winners list overall.

The entire list of 2019 HomeCare Elite agencies can be downloaded by visiting the ABILITY Network website at abilitynetwork.com/homecare-elite.

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List the family's code name or number on all packages along with what child the gift is for and who the gift is from. Questions? Call Tiffin Bauman.