



FALLS CITY HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL RETURNING FOR 2020

The Falls City Chamber of Commerce has recently announced their 2020 Hot Air Balloon Festival will be held June 13-14 at Brenner Field in Falls City.

After the success of the 2019 Festival (brought back after a hiatus of 24 years) the committee decided to make this an annual event for families to look forward to every summer.

The 2019 Hot Air Balloon Festival brought an estimated 5,000 people to the community of just 4,500. The two-day event features a Saturday evening balloon flight and an early Sunday morning lift off, both weather pending. On Saturday you can also find musical entertainment,

food, drinks and activities for the kids to enjoy at Brenner Field. A balloon glow, or "field of fire," is held at dark. On Sunday, enjoy a pancake breakfast while watching the balloons take flight.

The event committee is still finalizing all the details, including an improved event layout and parking.

Vendors are encouraged to contact Amber Holle for more information on the event, at directorcems@sento.net.

To follow updates find the Chamber on Facebook, 2020 Falls City Hot Air Balloon Festival, or on the Chamber's website, www.falls-city-area-chamber.com.

STRAIGHT FROM SANTA'S MAILBAG

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON, WE'RE PLEASED TO SHARE THESE HEARTWARMING LETTERS FROM SANTA'S YOUNGEST LOCAL FANS



FALLS CITY SACRED HEART KINDERGARTEN

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me presents. This Christmas I am hoping for a new barn. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else; give my dogs new toys.
Love, Chase Kirkendall

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my Big LOL Surprise. This Christmas I am hoping for a Big Sister LOL Doll. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else; give them a bandaid.
Love, Julia Keithley

Dear Santa,
Thank you for celebrating Christmas. This Christmas I am hoping for Magnet Tiles. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else; invite my friends to play.
Love, Hattie Johanson

FROM THE FILES

1970's, 80's & 90's

Published in the Falls City Journal in the 1970's. Typed as printed

Dear Santa Claus, I want a baby go by by. And a record player. If my brother ask to have a record player do not give him one. Because we have to share it because my mother and father do not want us to have two. From Dena Bogle.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a pool table and two pool stick and it cost 588. Your friend Kirby Oliver.

Dear Santa, I want a doll that drinks and we or baby fender love. And a burnet wig. How is Mrs. Santa and the elves? Hope fine. I have to brothers and 4 sisters counting me. I'll go down the line from oldest Linda, Marcell, Diana, Cindy, Fred, Ed. That all I got to say. Cindy Ann Cavanaugh.

Dear Sainita Claus, I would like an LD, bracelet, jewelry, watches and whatever else you would like to bring me. Thank you. Love Darlena Lori Miller. P.S. And a caloulator. Thank you.

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CONTRACT APPROVED FOR EXTENDING WATER SERVICE TO NEW SUBDIVISION

By: Charlie Radatz

Falls City's City Council approved by unanimous 8-0 votes all items before them during their Mon., Dec. 16, meeting. Among items receiving approval was a contract with Rieschick Drilling, Falls City, to build a water main extension to loop the water system to serve the new Champions Crossing subdivision and Wilderness Falls Addition as recommended by the Board of Public Works. The contract is for \$36,331. It is one of several contracts that will be part of extending streets and utilities and preparing the site to create six relatively large lots for residential development in an area south of the Community Medical

Center. Tax Increment Financing will underwrite the costs of those improvements. The base value of each lot has been estimated at \$7,500 and after construction of new homes each lot is anticipated to be worth a minimum of \$150,000. The project is being undertaken due to the relatively small supply of lots suitable for new home construction.

The Council provided a favorable recommendation for approval of a special designated Liquor License for the Spirit Shop to serve alcoholic beverages for a Whitetails Banquet at Prichard Auditorium scheduled for January 11th.

The Council took up discussion of an item tabled during its previous meeting, the installation of school traffic signals with flashing lights along Fulton Street. Councilman Derrick Leyden who had brought the item to the attention of the full council reported that the signalized signs have been ordered and that he and City Administrator Gary Jorn will canvas the area and determine where the new signs may best be placed to warn motorists that children will be crossing intersections to go to and from school in that area.

The City Administrator advised the Council that the boiler used to heat water at the Falls City Aquatic Center was not functioning properly and the Council authorized him to seek bids to determine the costs to repair or replace the unit.

COMMISSIONERS REVIEW STATE AUDITOR REPORT WITH COUNTY AG SOCIETY

By: Charlie Radatz

At the request of the Board of Richardson County Commissioners, members of the Richardson County Agricultural Society met with them during their Tue., Dec. 17, meeting to review the recent financial review of the Ag Society done by the Nebraska State Auditor. Those present from the Ag Society were James Standerford, Glenn Hayward, Joe Standerford, Allan King, John Cander and Joe Cook. County Attorney, Doug

Merz was also included in the review. The Board asked the Ag Society to make an effort to comply with the recommendations of the State Auditor to come into compliance with the findings that were documented. Members of the Ag Society indicated that they would make continuous reports back to the County Board on their progress to correct the findings as they are completed.

Sheriff Hardesty and Chief Deputy Roland Merwin reviewed with

the Board the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. Discussion was held on the scheduling of deputies, jailers and dispatchers. A purchase order was presented for the firearms purchase that was approved at their previous meeting. Firearms currently being used by Richardson County Law Enforcement will be advertised and offered for sale to Class 3 licensed gun dealers with proceeds from the sale to offset the

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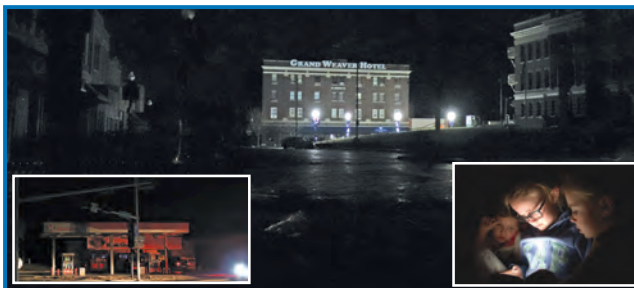
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BLACKOUT: (Above) Stone Street was pitch black except for the lights that lined the north side of the Courthouse; A rare site of Falls City's Kwik Shop in total darkness; and Henry, Lucy, and Olive Christiansen keep entertained while waiting in the Falls City Middle School Gym during basketball games. Falls City residents were without power for several hours on Thursday, December 19, after a squirrel caused damage in the substation at the power plant. The power went out around 5:30 p.m. and returned at 8:50 p.m. Before midnight, the town experienced a temporary outage that was necessary for the safety of city employees to perform repairs. Most of the businesses on Harlan and Stone Street were without power as well as entire neighborhoods all over town. (Photos by Nikki McKim)



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A Different Christmas Poem

The embers glowed softly, and in their dim light,
I gazed round the room and I cherished the sight.
My wife was asleep, her head on my chest,
My daughter beside me, angelic in rest.
Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white,
Transforming the yard to a winter delight.

The sparkling lights in the tree I believe,
Completed the magic that was Christmas Eve.
My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep,
Secure and surrounded by love I would sleep.
In perfect contentment, or so it would seem,
So, I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream.

The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn't too near,
But I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear.
Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know,
Then the sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow.
My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear,
And I crept to the door just to see who was near.

Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night,
A lone figure stood, his face weary and tight.
A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old,
Perhaps a Marine, huddled here in the cold.
Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled,
Standing watch over me, and wife and my child.

"What are you doing?" I asked without fear,
Come in this moment, it's freezing out here!
Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve,
You should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!
For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift,
Away from the cold and snow blown in drifts.

To the window that danced with a warm fire's light
Then he sighed, and he said, "It's really all right,
I'm out here by choice, I'm here every night.
It's my duty to stand at the front of the line,
That separates you from the darkest of time.

No one had to ask or beg or implore me,
I'm proud to stand here like my fathers before me.
My Gramps died at 'Pearl on a day in December,
Then he sighed, "That's a Christmas 'Gram always remembers.
My dad stood his watch in the jungles of 'Nam,
And now it is my turn and so, here I am.

I've not seen my own son in more than a while,
But my wife sends me pictures, he's sure got her smile.
Then he bent, and he carefully pulled from his bag,
The red, white and blue...an American Flag.
I can live through the cold and the being alone,
Away from my family, my house and my home.

I can stand at my post through the rain and the sleet,
I can sleep in a foxhole with little to eat.
I can carry the weight of killing another,
Or lay down my life with my sister and brother.
Who stand at the front against any and all,
To ensure for all time that this flag will not fall."

"So, go back inside," he said, "harbor no fright,
Your family is waiting, and I'll be all right."
"But isn't there something I can do, at the least,
Give you money, 'I asked, "or prepare you a feast?"
It seems all too little for all that you've done,
For being away from your wife and your son."

Then his eye welled a tear that held no regret,
"Just tell us you love us, and never forget.
To fight for our rights back at home while we're gone,
To stand your own watch, no matter how long.
For when we come home, either standing or dead,
To know you remember we fought, and we bled,
Is payment enough, and with that we will trust,
That what mattered to you as you mattered to us."

The above poem was sent out by LCDR Jess Giles, SC, USN, 30th Naval Construction Regiment, Al Taqadum, Iraq. (Originally printed in past issues of the Falls City Journal)



SIMPLE GIFTS FOR THIS CHRISTMAS

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

Christmas 2019. The time for giving and receiving. It's been a complicated year on a lot of fronts. Let's look at making things simple as we approach this holiday.

"'Tis the gift to be simple
'Tis the gift to be free
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be
And when we find ourselves in the place just right
It will be in the valley of love and delight."

I first paid attention to those lyrics when I bought a copy of Judy Collins' 1970 album *Whales & Nightingales* which included the song "Simple Gifts." In case you have forgotten, albums were made out of vinyl and spun at 33 1/3 rpm on a massive device we called a record player. And Judy Collins had those liquid blue eyes... but I digress. I was younger. No wife. No kids. Life was simple.

The song's composer is believed to be Joseph Brackett (1797-1882) of Maine. He was a member of a mostly communal religious group known as the Shakers. The song was largely unknown outside Shaker communities until composer Aaron Copland used its melody for the score of dancer Martha Graham's ballet, *Appalachian Spring*, first performed in 1944.

"When true simplicity is gained
To bow and to bend, we will not be ashamed
To turn, turn, will be our delight
'Til by turning, turning, we come round right."

So, what can we learn from this simplicity? Well, somewhere in the commercial hustle that envelops us every Christmas, we can learn to resist. Of course, by now many of us have probably succumbed to Black Friday and Cyber Monday and Cyber Everything. Maybe some of you even participated in Small Business Saturday and kept your dollars at home.

Who remembers the Christmas catalog? The wish book, the thing of which little boy and little girl dreams were made. Visions of sugarpuffs aside, Red Ryder BB guns and Barbie dolls were the fabric of our youthful desires thanks to those catalogs. But alas, the tree huggers won and the catalogs disappeared.

Life got complicated and the obligations and responsibilities mounted. Somehow the world got difficult and we got lost in a sea of confusion and bitter banter. Disagreements escalated and hatred thrived. The 800-pound gorilla in the middle of the room seemed to grow.

But wait, there's hope. Research has revealed there were even more verses added to that simple song.

"And when we expect of others what we try to live each day,
Then we'll all live together and we'll all learn to say,
'Tis the gift to be simple
'Tis the gift to be free."

"'Tis the gift to have friends and a true friend to be,

'Tis the gift to think of others not to only think of "me",
And when we hear what others really think and really feel,
Then we'll all live together with a love that is real."

Stop. Did you read that? "...when we hear what others really think and really feel, then we'll all live together with a love that is real." Try it. You might be surprised at what a difference that can make.

"'Tis the gift to be loving, tis the best gift of all
Like a quiet rain it blesses where it falls
And with it we will truly believe
'Tis better to give than it is to receive."

"'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be fair

'Tis a gift to wake and breathe the morning air
and each day we walk on the path that we choose
'Tis a gift we pray we never shall lose."

The simple things, "to wake and breathe the morning air." When's the last time you were simply satisfied to wake up and be able to breathe?

Merry Christmas friends.
May the gifts you receive be simple.
May the gifts you give be rewarding.

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

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: YEAR-IN-REVIEW

ACROSS

- Pin location
- BBQ sauce alternative
- Vladimir Zelenky's capital
- 0103 food poison
- Between sea and shining sea, abbr.
- Native of American Great Plains
- Famous fabulist
- Band performance
- Prefix with national and pol
- The Mueller
- European country declared to be no longer free
- Ostrich-like bird
- Fix a horse
- Old Spice: "Smell Like a Man, ____"
- Div's delivery
- Opposite of underdog
- Seed covering
- Share a boundary
- Miller's product
- Leave behind
- Flute playing rapper
- Pot contribution
- Make corrections
- Days in Havana
- Nomad's round house
- Caesar derivative
- "Fifteen Miles on the ____ Canal"
- Mad Hatter's drink
- Hof's/suhus offering
- Bard's before
- He got life plus 30
- Fluoroscopies vs. pro-Europeanists point of debate
- Sweeney Todd's weapon
- Seek damages
- Archie was one before he was born
- Bran, Lord of the Six Kingdoms, e.g.
- "Now or Never"
- What Jeffrey Epstein had in store
- Seaside bird
- Volleyball divider
- Set in motion

DOWN

- Grazing ground
- Maple tree or laptop brand
- Downward dog, e.g.
- Skip the big wedding
- Benign fatty tumor
- Pipe problem
- "Europe voted to ban single-____ plastics"
- Take a tubby
- "Best Actress in Supporting Role Oscar-winner
- Tiny bit
- Pitcher
- Subject to change
- To some extent, two words
- Not urban
- Final, abbr.
- More gossamer
- Actor in Leading Role Oscar-winner
- Waiting pleasantness
- One born to Japanese immigrants
- Footnote acronym
- Performance with acts
- Holey confection
- Grossly unconventional
- "Swedish environmentalist
- Eye contact
- Nicholas II was the last one
- Willow twig
- Go ashore
- Tombstone acronym
- Builds
- Fluorescent red dye
- Make an effort
- Formerly, formerly
- Better than never
- #38 Down, all, sp.
- Some blow their own horn
- "Green Book," winner of ____ Picture
- Hip bones
- Sally drop
- Shoshonean
- Summer sandwich?



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

50 Years Ago - Dec. 25, 1969 to Dec. 31, 1969
Don Coupe of the Park Board issued a warning to parents that while there was ice on Stanton Lake it was not thick enough for ice skating. A snowball case was on the docket in County Court after Robert Ger-gen was arrested for assault and battery for taking a poke at John Lu-ebis who he thought was responsible for tossing a snowball that hit his horse resulting in Gergen being thrown off the steed.

Harry Rottman of Humboldt was appointed to serve on the Veteran's Service Committee.
Ads for New Year's Eve dance bands indicated that Mr. Music and His Men of Note were entertaining at both Falls City Country Club and the Vets Club (was somebody disappointed?).

Movies at the Rivoli included "Those Were the Happy Times" with Julie Andrews, "The Trouble with Girls" with Elvis Presley, and "The Love God" with Don Knotts.

Staff Sgt. Donald G. Blecha, Rt. 3, Humboldt, was a member of a unit that earned the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

Snow fell over much of Nebraska but heavy snow warnings were dropped. A community in Vermont received 48 inches of snow.

Several clergymen including evangelist Dr. Billy Graham were planning to make at a 72 hour Hollywood Rock festival. Rev. Graham was quoted as saying, "I really dig this generation of young people...they are great!"

Falls City High football and wrestling coach Larry Munn suffered wounds to his face, head, and back when his shotgun accidentally discharged when he slipped and fell while hunting near Central City.

TOPBrands Discount store announced it would move into the building in the 1600 block of Stone Street occupied by the Woolworth Co. that was closing its Falls City store Dec. 31.

Table Rock defeated Sacred Heart 57-46 to capture the championship of its own holiday basketball tournament.

The Journal described "Area Development" as the big story of 1969 with the largest project the \$1,207,073 Eastview apartment complex. Heated restrooms were ready for use at Pioneer Park.

In his "Hangin' Out the Warsh" column, Bill Schock bragged on former Falls Cityan Dick Schock, involved in the space miracles coming out of Marshall Space Center at Huntsville, Alabama.

Sixty-nine-cents would buy you a 6 lb. bag of oranges or an 8 lb. bag of grapefruit at Safeway.

Nineteen cents would buy you a loaf of bread and 10 cents a dozen eggs at Hinky Dinky.

25 Years Ago - Dec. 25, 1994 to Dec. 31, 1994
Mounted on a trailer especially constructed to haul it was a 45 foot long oxidizer tank produced at Alanco Environmental Manufacturing (now Airlando) and headed to Massachusetts.

Plant Manager Jerry Oliver was shown in a Journal photo standing in the opening of a smokstack laid on its side that was built at Alanco. The County Board refused to pay claims of Margie Fleskoski of \$4,620 and of Fleda Herold of \$2,310 for loads of rip rap obtained from their properties by the County, both higher amounts than the county had been paying for such materials.

Three members of Falls City's Company B of the 134th Infantry, Merlyn Goolsby, Leroy "Bud" Vanwey, and Jim Heiser were interviewed by the Journal for a story about their experiences during the World War II Battle of the Bulge in which 140 of the 134th were killed.

The Falls City Tiger boys captured their 5th St. Joseph LeBlond tournament championship in a row defeating Rock Port in the title game 72-57. The Tiger girls took 5th place with a 41-31 victory over Maryville. Showing at River Twin Cinema were "The Santa Clause" with Tim Allen and "Drop Zone" with Wesley Snipes.

Work began on a \$2.5 million construction/renovation project at Falls City Community Hospital at its 24th & Barada location.

A single-engine airplane with four aboard made a safe emergency landing on the Vaughn Smithwick farm southeast of Humboldt.

City workers took down the net on the tennis court at Pioneer Park to allow neighborhood kids to play hockey on the court with inline "roller-blade" skates.

Honored as "Richardson County Athlete of the Week" was Sara Glather of Dawson-Verdon who poured in 25 points in a victory over Nebraska City Lourdes.

The Sacred Heart girls captured the championship of the Elmwood-Murdock Holiday tournament winning the championship game 77-39 over Nemaha Valley.

The Irish dropped their opening game to Paxton 71-66 in the Nebraska Holiday Prep Classic in Lincoln, then won the consolation semifinals defeating Hampton 72-55.

Steffan Huszenoeder was the Rotary Club speaker and described his work toward his Ph.D. at Woods Hole Laboratory for Oceanography. Sterling Kottich was the club's new president.

Dawson-Verdon 5th & 6th graders participated in a D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony.

The rural winner in the final Noel Lights competition of the year was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Wickham southwest of Falls City. The city winner was the Carl Windrum residence at 2315 Crook Street.

15 Years Ago - Dec. 25, 2004 to Dec. 31, 2004

The Falls City Public Schools received four "No Child Left Behind" formula grants totalling \$71,397 with funds to be shared with Falls City Sacred Heart.

Following a presentation on the programs, County Commissioners voted to support grant applications for a drug/alcohol evaluation and treatment program and continued funding for the Four County Mentoring Program.

Deb (Mrs. Bob) Morehead celebrated her 50th birthday with a surprise guest, a visit by a pen pal with whom she had exchanged letters for 37 years, Sandy (Feliciano) Pagan.

The Nemaha Natural Resources District was about to begin accepting applications for cost-sharing of conservation work.

Mrs. Fred (Irene) Weber of Troy, KS who had farmed with her husband for many years southwest of Falls City celebrated her 100th birthday.

Bernice Rathman won the Journal "You Pick 'em" contest missing just three out of 16 games.

The Tiger boys' basketball team earned its first victory of the season defeating previously only once-beaten Tarkio, 41-35 at the LeBlond Holiday Tournament.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service proposed a spring light goose hunt during the 2006 Conservation Season on Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge to reduce the mid-continent population of light geese.

Elizabeth "Annie" Frederick was honored as the "Employee of the Year" for 2004 at the Falls City Care Center.

Sgt. Landen Koopman with the Seward national Guard was headed to Afghanistan to train Afghanistan National Army forces following his preparatory training at Fort Hood, TX.

Commissioners review State Auditor report with County Ag Society

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costs of the new firearms. It was also reported that computer hardware updates are also being made.

Andrew Forney of D.A. Davidson presented to the Board documents and information for the lease purchase program offered by the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) to purchase law enforcement equipment, specifically in-car video equipment and body camera equipment. Commissioners voted to adopt Resolution 2019-2020-27 to approve the lease purchase agreement with NACO Leasing Corporation in the amount of \$127,551.02 for the purchase of law enforcement equipment and to approve the supporting documentation as presented.

Mr. Davidson also presented information to the Board regarding the refunding of the 2015 Limited Tax Obligation bonds that were issued for the construction of the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center. Further review of this refunding for financial savings will be done at a meeting to be held in January, 2020.

Laura Osborne, Program Director for the Four County Juvenile Services Grant presented to the Board the 2020 Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid grant application to be submitted to the Nebraska Crime Commission. The Board voted to approve the grant application for funds to be received in the amount of \$72,220.00 and authorized the Chairman to sign the document. Further revisions to the current agreements with Laura Osborne and Maxine Schatz were also reviewed with no action being taken.

Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week. During his report Commissioners voted to accept the cash payment option in connection with the International truck owned by Richardson County.

Chairman Sichel declared that a public hearing be opened at 9:33 a.m. to receive input from the public for the closing of 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 va-



SANTA CAME TO STELLA on December 14 to greet the children. The children are Jack and Gracie Bebb, children of Jeremy and Megan Bebb of Stella.

SOCIETY

Humboldt Chapter 234 Order Of The Eastern Star

By Donna Monnette, Secretary
Humboldt Chapter 234 Order of the Eastern Star members enjoyed a potluck dinner before their December stated meeting. They met at The Meeting Place at 6:30 with 10 members in attendance. The business meeting started at 7:30 p.m. in short form with Worthy Matron Nancy Nemechek presiding in the East. All sang "Joy to the World" before they pledged allegiance to the American flag.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved, and the treasurer gave her report. Correspondence included thank you letters from the Masonic-Eastern Star Homes in Fremont and Plattsmouth for recent holiday donations and Christmas donations to children in the Fremont home. The Masonic Youth Foundation of Nebraska was seeking support for the 7th Triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference to be held September 26-27 at the Younces Conference Center in Kearney. Jobs Daughters International is celebrating their Centennial Supreme Session in Omaha, Nebraska July 26-August 1, 2020. Over 1500 Daughters and adults from the United

States, Canada, Australia, Brazil, and the Philippines will be attending. The OES News was presented to each member.

Elizabeth Ketter, chairman of the Paws dogs project, reported she has tickets to sell for the raffle of a quilt for this activity. The winner of the quilt will be announced on May 14, 2020 at the Nebraska Grand Session.

The secretary read the form for submitting a change in the By-Laws to change the meeting time to 2:00 p.m. Members will vote on it at the January meeting.

Joan Wheeler was nominated and elected to the office of Treasurer for the next year. Committee reports are due at the January meeting. Installation of officers will be held at the same time.

A memorial service was held for Past Worthy Grand Matron Mary Ann Watchorn who served in Nebraska in 1971-1972. She died November 6, 2019 and was a member of Friendship Chapter #122 of Hooper, Nebraska. The Charter was draped in her memory. The initiation ceremony was given with Joan Wheeler as the acting candidate. The sickness list included Ardis King and Don Monnette. There being no further business chapter closed with prayer and singing of "Silent Night." Members enjoyed Christmas cookies during their social time.

ated on September 10, 2019. No one appeared at the hearing and Chairman Sichel declared the hearing closed at 10:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frank to approve and enter into an agreement with Humboldt Shares, Inc., to provide funding from Richardson County in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the period of August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020. The motion was seconded by Caverzagie and approved by a 3-0 vote. Humboldt Shares works to provide economic development in western Richardson County.

Commissioners voted to have the County Attorney sign the sub-award agreement between the NE Department of Health and Human Services for child support enforcement assistance in adminis-

tering the NE IV-D program for the time period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frank to approve a subdivision for the Eugene E. Bucher and Carol M. Bucher Trust located in S26, T1, R13 and to adopt Resolution 2019-2020-25. The motion was seconded by Sichel and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Action was also taken to approve a subdivision for the Estate of Betty L. Gruber located in S23, T1, R15 and to adopt Resolution 2019-2020-26.

The Board voted to adopt Resolution 2019-2020-24 to cancel a check issued in error, and they adjourned the session after voting to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted during the week prior to their meeting.

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The store's general manager, Angie Phroper (left) recently presented a \$1,150 check to Sherry Huddleston (right) for the SENCA Food Pantry.

Sun Mart donates \$1,000 to SENCA

Sun Mart of Falls City recently donated \$1,000 to SENCA as part of its "Direct Your Dollars" campaign. Direct Your Dollars was launched in 2016 as part of Sun Mart's commitment to support the communities they serve. The year-round program replaces Support Our Schools in select locations. SpartanNash also owns and operates more than 135 grocery stores in eight states, including Sun Mart. Today's donation is a direct result of our retail scan to end hunger. This is a testament to the generosity of our store guests. Between October 24 and November 4, we ask customers to donate between \$1-10 as they checked out and all proceeds went to support local food pantries, according to a Sun Mart press release. Families from schools participating in the "Direct Your Dollars" campaign collect Sun Mart cash register receipts and the company makes a \$1,000 donation for every \$150,000 returned. (Photo by Chelsie Alexander)

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No base rate increase, one-year bill credit for NPPD wholesale, retail customers in the new year

There was a piece of good news for Nebraska Public Power District customers during the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors: no increase in base electric rates and a one-year bill credit for 2020.

For NPPD retail customers the approval of no rate increase for 2020 marks the seventh year in a row with no increase, while wholesale customers (public power districts and municipalities) that purchase electricity from NPPD will see a third consecutive year with no base rate increase.

"No increase in our electric rates is good for the economy of Nebraska and the people who live and work here. It's especially good for the agriculture economy of the state which has had some tough times recently," said NPPD President and CEO Pat Pope. "Cost control has been important to NPPD and we have seen increased efficiencies and are operating very well. But at no time have we impacted service, reliability, or jeopardized the safety of our employees and customers."

On the wholesale side, rural public power districts and municipalities will see a production cost adjustment (PCA) credit averaging 6.2% on their monthly bill for the next year. NPPD's Board voted to return \$46.1 million in rate stabilization funds back to its wholesale customers, 46 municipalities and 24 rural public power districts and rural



WILDE TOOL, TEAMMATE OF THE QUARTER: Michael Fritz, 13-year employee at Wilde Tool, recently earned Teammate of the Quarter. He has missed less than a half-day of work the past six months and ran an impressive 96 percent production rate during that time. Michael's knowledge of manufactured items helps move product through the Assembly Department and ensures customers receive quality hand tools. Michael plays an important role of replenishing raw materials and keeps foreman informed. Pictured above, L-R: Michael Fritz, Teammate of the Quarter and Matt Froeschl, President

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cooperatives, through the PCA which will run from February 2020 to January 2021.

NPPD will enter a seventh year without a base rate increase for its retail customers which includes residential, commercial and industrial customers in 79 communities in NPPD's service territory such as Scottsbluff, Kearney, York, Norfolk and Plattsmouth. Those NPPD retail customers who receive a bill directly from NPPD will see a PCA credit on their monthly bill between February 2020 through January 2021, ranging from two percent to four percent depending on the customer class and electrical usage.

"Our wholesale electric rates continue to be very competitive when compared to more than 800 other power suppliers we benchmark against," said Pope. "On the retail side, NPPD has kept its electric rates stable for end-use customers for six years straight and 2020 will make it seven years."

NPPD benchmarks its wholesale rate with the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation's wholesale power cost. Several years ago, NPPD established a goal of being in CFC's lowest quartile (below the 25 percentile mark) and was at the 26.9-percentile mark in the most recent benchmarking conducted in 2018.

Editor's Note: A complete list of retail and wholesale customers by communities, public power districts and co-operatives can be found at <http://www.nppd.com/about-us/who-we-serve>.

On December 14, at 8:12 p.m. 27 year old Devin P. Hall of Falls City, was booked into the Richardson County Jail on a warrant out of Kansas.

On December 13, at 3:27 p.m. 40 year old Joshua M. Darden of Falls City, was booked into the Richardson County Jail for no operators license, no proof of insurance, no valid registration, and no proof of ownership.

On December 13, at 10:52 p.m. 47 year old Robert Hillard was booked into the Richardson County Jail for failure to appear warrants out of Pawnee County, and for possession of a controlled substance.

On December 14, at 1:46 a.m. 20 year old Dillon Stalder of Humboldt, was a booked into the Richardson County Jail for driving under the influence liquor.

On December 17, at 10:45 a.m. Richardson County Deputies arrested 54 year old Kent L. Cooper of Humboldt, NE on a failure to appear warrant for terroristic threats times three. Cooper was booked into the Richardson County Jail.

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Derek Schawang, Sacred Heart sophomore donates blood during the drive.

Sacred Heart hosts Red Cross Blood Drive

Before the Thanksgiving festivities got under way, over 100 dedicated people came out to Prichard auditorium to donate lifesaving blood for American Red Cross. Sacred Heart's Student Council hosted the drive on Tuesday, November 26 from noon to 6 p.m. with 92 units being donated.

The Sacred Heart Student Council, which has adopted the theme #Be the Change, helped in various capacities throughout the drive. The Student Council would like to thank all those who donated or attempted to donate blood and those who helped in anyway especially Robert Stuckemeyer who assisted in the donation of lunch meat from Cargill for the sandwiches at the canteen. The next drive will be

Thursday, January 23, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Falls City High School.

Donors were, Leslie Baker, Mary Barker, Ryan Bauman, June Bowers, Bob Carpenter, Ann Claymiller, Dennis Crawford, Judy Crawford, Mary Darveau, Gracie Deckinger, Nancy Demmel, Tami DiGiacomo, Tami Dunn, Barb Ebel, Dwight Elliott, Eugene Ernst, Cynthia Foster, Hunter Frederick, Linda Frederick, Shirley Frederick, Noala Fritz, Joe Froeschl, Lukas Goff, Matthew Goff, Doug Goltz, Delmer Gruber, Kathie Hall, Thomas Hall, Joseph Heim, Princess Hestermann, Ashley Hodge, Father Kenneth Hoelsing, Pam Holle, Jerry Howard, Jake Hoy, Rachel Jackson, Dr. Chick James, William Jenkins, Kelsey Johansen,

DHHS offers strategies to beat holiday stress

The "most wonderful time of the year" can be extremely stressful. But with a little planning, and positive thinking, it doesn't have to be. The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)'s Division of Behavioral Health offers practical strategies for beating the holiday blues:

Stick to a budget: Financial pressures are one of the most common holiday stress factors. Before you shop, determine what you can afford to spend and stick to it. Enjoy holiday activities that are free, such as looking at a holiday light tour, hosting a movie night in your home, or checking out holiday books from the library.

Manage expectations: Be aware of unrealistic expectations and worrying about how things "should" be. The holidays don't have to be perfect to be joyful. Relationships are complicated. Families change and grow, traditions can change as well.

Say no to excessive commitments: No one can do everything. Saying yes when you want to say no is a recipe for resentment.

Reach out for support and companionship: Connect with friends and family members if you feel lonely or isolated. Reminisce and talk about pleasant memories from past holiday celebrations.

Volunteer: Lonely? Consider volunteering to help a neighbor or friend in need, or working a shift at a local soup kitchen to make meaningful connections. Complete a random act of kindness.

Celebrate responsibly: If you drink alcohol, do so in moderation and do not mix it with medications. Avoid making alcohol the main focus of social events; instead, enjoy food, non-alcoholic beverages, music and pleasant company.

Be kind to yourself: Have the courage to say no to your negative self-talk. You are doing the best you can with the holiday noise and stress.

Build in time for yourself: Do at least one thing you enjoy every day, no matter how hectic your schedule. Get plenty of sleep. Take a walk, listen to music, or read a new book.

Take the season one day at a time: Focus on things you can control and accept help when it's offered.

Eat healthily and drink plenty of water: Sensible meals and keeping hydrated will help stabilize your energy levels. Have a healthy snack before holiday gatherings so that you don't overindulge. Enjoy holiday treats in moderation.

If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed, there is help and there is hope, especially from these organizations:

Rural Response Hotline. The service offers access to attorneys, financial advisers, mediators, clergy, behavioral health professionals and others. The hotline also provides no-cost vouchers for counseling services. Call 800-464-0258.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and Crisis Text Line. The national network of local crisis centers provides free and confidential support to people in crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call 800-273-8255. To reach the Crisis Text Line, text GO to 741741.

Veterans Crisis Line. The service provides access to qualified responders in the Department of Veterans Affairs, many of them veterans themselves. And it's not just for veterans — anyone can call. Call 800-273-8255 or text to 838255.

Nebraska Family Helpline. The service provides access to trained counselors, available all day, every day and night, as well as children's behavioral, family issues and mental health referrals. Visit nebraskafamilyhelpline.ne.gov or call 888-866-8660.

Nebraska LOSS (Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors). LOSS teams include trained professionals acting as volunteers, bringing immediate support to those who have lost a loved one to a completed suicide. Visit NElosssteam-nebraska.edu for a map with phone numbers of LOSS teams across Nebraska.

Boys Town National Hotline. The service provides access to specially-trained counselors all day, every day, for all teens and their parents — not just boys. Call 800-448-3000. A TDD line (1-800-448-1833) also is available for speech-impaired and deaf callers.

Like these tips? Be sure to follow DHHS on Facebook and Twitter.



SIGNING, front, L-R: Jason Bredemeier, Kade Bredemeier, Mandy Bredemeier. Back, L-R: Tom Bartek, HS Baseball, Carson Bredemeier-brother, Kory Huppert, Blue Storm Coach.

Bredemeier signs with Hastings College

Falls City Public High School senior Kade Bredemeier signed his letter of intent on Wednesday, December 11, to play base-

Joyce Jones, Jakob Jordan, Kae Kirkendall, Linda Kirkendall, John Koso, Heather Lendermon, Derrick Leyden, Becky Littrel, Emma Littrel, Scott Magdanz, Betty Malcolm, Mary Martineau, Karen Maze, Dennis Merz, Terri Messner, Mary Miller, Lois Miller, Dave Mullins, Brogan Nachtigal, Father David Oldham, Walter Palmer, Judy Parrish, Lorie Pevehouse, Barbara Pohlman, Pat Rieschick, Rick Santo, Brandon Schawang, Derek Schawang, Luke Schawang, Alicia Schock and David Schuetz.

ball for the Hastings College Broncos. Bredemeier, a three-year starter for the Tigers and the Blue Storm, posted a .357 batting average and a .449 on-base percentage his junior season with the Tigers. Last summer with the American Legion Blue Storm, he hit .293 with a .518 on-base percentage and set the Blue Storm Seniors season record for walks drawn with 24. In addition to being tough at the plate, Kade also utilized his speed on the bases by stealing 12 bags last year for the Tigers and 19 last summer for the Blue Storm. Defensively, Kade has worked to stay above a .950 fielding percentage all three

seasons with the Tigers and all three seasons with the Blue Storm, which has earned him glove gloves in each of those seasons. He was able to accomplish that while playing behind the plate, on the mound, and being able to make adjustments between infield and outfield positions. Kade has earned multiple honors in baseball over the last three years, including both *Lincoln Journal Star* and *Omaha World Herald* Class B All-State Honorable Mention his Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior seasons. Kade is a three-sport standout and has played football, basketball, and baseball every year of high school.



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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).

CITATIONS

Michael A. Hill of Falls City, count one, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead not guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Justin R. Koziol, of Dawson, count one, violate stop or yield sign, plead not guilty; count two, violate stop or yield sign, plead not guilty. Trial is scheduled for December 18, 2019.

Frankie G. Monzon-Zuniga, of Omaha, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Juan D. Correa Saenz, of Kansas City, MO, count one, no operator's license/waiverable, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

John S. Power, of Dawson, count one, speeding 16-20, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs.

Roger F. Warden, of Carter Lake, IA, count one, improper turn, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Mario Regalado Manzo, of Omaha, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Todd W. Chapple, of Rulo, count one, speeding 16-20, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs.

Shalayne R. Beck, of Altoona, KS, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and

fined \$75 and court costs. Robert J. Hamilton, of Falls City, count one, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Craig A. Homeyer, of Cadwell, TX, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Joel A. Halpine, of Lincoln, NE, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Brandon W. Dexter, of Topeka, KS, count one, improper driving on divided hwy/median, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Brian A. Joy, of Humboldt, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Bobby J. Simmonds, of Falls City, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Anthony G. Fee, of White Cloud, KS, count one, speeding 11-15, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Juan M. Funes Guevara, of Omaha, count one, speeding 6-10, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Jackie R. Cherry, of Humboldt, count one, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, no operator's license/waiverable, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Tammy V. Berner, of Falls City, count one, no proof of ownership, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$50 and court costs.

Andrew A. Kimpston, of Au-

burn, count one, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, CMV-load securement 393.100, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100; count three, CMV-Lights inoperable, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count four, CMV-brake general, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$50 and court costs.

Nathaniel L. Babb, of Falls City, count one, no operator's license/waiverable, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

COUNTY COURT

Michael T. Tackett, of Falls City, count one, drive during revocation/impound-1st, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court ordered probation for a term of 12 months starting on December 18, 2019 and jail for a term of ten days, starting June 1, 2020; count two, drive during revocation/impound-first, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$250 and court ordered probation for a term of 12 months starting December 18, 2019.

Robert S. Hillard, of Lewiston, NE, count one, drive during revocation/impound-2nd-3rd, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to jail for a term of 150 days starting on December 18, 2019, credit for five days served and a revoked license for a term of two years starting December 18, 2019.

Adrienne Schulerberg, of Falls City, count one, trespass-second degree/defy order to leave plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to jail for a term of seven days starting on December 18, 2019; count two, fail to appear when on bail-misdemeanor, plead guilty, found guilty and sentenced to jail for a term of two days starting on December 18, 2019, credit for two days served.

Kent L. Cooper, of Humboldt, count one, possess or obtain Legend drugs, plead not guilty. Trial is scheduled for January 22, 2020.

Joshua Darden, of Falls City, count one, offenses, weeds (4th offense), plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs.

Justin R. Koziol, of Dawson, count one, violate stop or yield sign, plea changed to guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; and court costs count two, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

Forrest R. Gaston II, of Morrill, KS, count one, false reporting-misdemeanor, plead not guilty; count two, leave accident-fail to furnish info-1st, plead not guilty; count three, willful reckless driving-1st offense, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for January 6, 2020.

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

Gary W. Hastings, of Humboldt, count one, assault-third degree, plead not guilty; count two, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled.

Paige N. Frederick, of Rulo, count one, theft-shoplifting \$0-\$500, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled.

Joshua D. Arington, of Humboldt, count one, possess controlled substance, amend to attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to 24 months probation, jail for a term of 15 days starting on January 5, 2020, jail for a term of 15 days starting on May 5, 2020; count two, possess controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to drug testing fee of \$125, probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30, regular probation fee of \$240, and court costs.

DISTRICT COURT

Joshua M. Darden, of Falls City, count one, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, plead not guilty; count two, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count three, possess marijuana one ounce or less-first offense, plead not guilty; count four, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty; count five, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty; count six, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty; count seven, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for January 7, 2020.

Mason W. Corliss, of Seneca, KS, count one, forgery-2nd degree/\$5,000 or more, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count two, certificate of title violations, plea changed to guilty, found guilty and fined \$500; count three, certificate of title violations, amended to count dropped/dismissed; count four, make false statement under oath, plea changed to guilty, found guilty and fined \$100; count five, false registration, plea changed to guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Megan Willey, of Hiawatha, count one, issue bad check-\$1,500-\$5,000, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for January 7, 2020.

Emilio D. Marquez, of Humboldt, count one, assault-first degree, plead not guilty; count two, use deadly weapon to commit a felony, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for January 7, 2020.

Bobbi J. Frenzel, of Falls City, count one, use deadly weapon to commit a felony, amended to use firearm to commit felony, plead not guilty; count two, terroristic threats, plead not guilty; count three, assault-third degree, plead not guilty. Jury trial is scheduled from January 14, 2020 through January 17, 2020.

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On December 13, Pawnee County Sheriff's Office with the assistance of the Richardson County Sheriff's Office arrested Robert Hillard, 47, of Lewiston, NE on a Richardson County warrant for Failure to Appear, two Pawnee County warrants for Failure to Appear, and Possession of Controlled Substance. Hillard was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On December 15, Richardson County Sheriff's Office Deputies arrested 39-year-old Matthew Gilbert of Humboldt, NE on a Fugitive from Justice warrant and Possession of Controlled Substance. Gilbert was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On December 17, Richardson County Sheriff's Office Deputies arrested 54 year old Kent Cooper of Humboldt, NE on a Failure to Appear warrant. Cooper was booked into the Richardson County Jail.

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Tyler Witt picks up an easy bucket in the first quarter Friday night vs. HTRS.



Olivia Eickhoff gets two of her nine points in the first quarter vs. the Titans last Friday.

Irish head into Christmas break on five game winning streak

Story and photo by Brian McKim

On Tuesday, December 17, the Sacred Heart Irish girls traveled to Lewiston to take on the Tigers. The Lady Irish doubled up the Tigers 72-36 to improve to 4-1 for the season. The Irish held quarter leads of 17-8, 38-14, 55-29, and the final of 72-36.

The Irish didn't shoot well from the field, making just 28-80 shot attempts, while holding Lewiston to just 12-32 from the floor. SH also converted 11-21 free throws, while the Tigers made only 1-2. SH held a huge rebounding edge 46-19, including 31 offensive boards. SH also forced 28 turnovers by the Tigers while committing just four of their own.

McKenzie Witt had a big offensive night, hitting 4/5 three-pointers, for a team-high 19 points to go along with four assists. Rachel Magdanz added 11 points, four steals, and four assists. Olivia Eickhoff also hit double digits with 10 points and seven rebounds.

Scoring vs. Lewiston: Magdanz, 11; D. Witt, five; Simon, seven; M. Witt, 19; J. Wertenberger, four; E. Wertenberger, two; Ebel, three; Littrel, seven; Vonderschmidt, four; Eickhoff, 10.

On Friday night, the Irish hosted HTRS at Prichard Auditorium. SH led 14-7 and 33-12 at the half, as they cruised to a 58-29 win. The Irish hit 19/44 shots from two-point range and drilled 17 of 21 shots from the foul line in the win.

Magdanz came alive for the Irish, hitting 6/11 shots from the field and 11 of 12 from the charity stripe to finish with a game-high 24 points. Magdanz was a perfect 8/8 from the foul line in the second period. Eickhoff added nine points, seven coming in the first quarter. K. Glathar had 12 points to lead the Titans.

Scoring vs. HTRS, Magdanz, 24; D. Witt, two; Simon, six; M. Witt, three; E. Wertenberger, two; Ebel, two; Littrel, two; Vonderschmidt, six; Eickhoff, nine; Bippes, two.

The Irish improved to 5-1 with the win, while the Titans dropped to 1-5.

Saturday, the Irish traveled to St. Joe to take on Bishop LeBlond. The Irish got out early leading 24-13 at the half, cruising to an easy 56-30 win. The win pushed the Irish to 6-1 for the year while the loss dropped the Eagles to 5-3.

Sacred Heart hit 21-55 shot attempts and made 11/18 free throws. LeBlond connected on just nine shot attempts but sank 10/13 shots from the foul line. SH started slowly, making just 5/19 shots in the first quarter.

Erison Vonderschmidt hit 11/17 shots for a game-high 24 points. Rachel Magdanz was the only other Lady Irish player to hit for double figures, making 4/9 shots for 13 points. S. Lewis led Bishop LeBlond with 12 points, while J. Smith added eight.

Scoring vs. Bishop LeBlond, Magdanz, 13; D. Witt, two; Niemeyer, two; Simon, three; M. Witt, one; J. Wertenberger, two; Ebel, two; Vonderschmidt, 24; Eickhoff, two; Bippes, five.

The Lady Irish will be in action again on Friday, December 27, in the Freeman High School Sportsman's Holiday Basketball Tournament. The Irish will take on Syracuse at 6:30 p.m. in the South Gym. The Rockets enter the tournament at 6-0 for the season.

Witt scores 1000th point, Irish cruise

Story and photo by Brian McKim

The Sacred Heart Irish boys basketball team improved to 4-0 on Tuesday night, controlling the game from the start, downing Lewiston 73-23. The contest was never in doubt as SH ran out to a 23-8 first-quarter lead and made it 46-15 at the half.

The Irish were on fire from the field Tuesday night, making 17/25 shots from two-point range and 9/23 from beyond the arc for 54 percent field goal shooting for the game. Meanwhile, the Irish defense held Lewiston to just 8/31 (26) from the floor for the game. SH out-rebounded the Tigers 27-17 and forced 22 turnovers while committing only four of their own. The Irish also produced 23 assists in the game.

Senior Jake Hoy was on fire Tuesday night, accounting for 11 first-quarter points and finishing with a game-high 20. Hoy sunk five of seven from three-point range and had four steals. Jarrot Simon added ten points and five boards while Tyler Witt had ten points, five

rebounds, two blocks, and five assists. The Irish finished with five players scoring in double figures. H. Christen has 12 points, making three of four from behind the three-point line, for Lewiston.

Scoring vs. Lewiston: Jordan, three; Stice, 10; Froeschl, six; Hoy, 20; Casteel, three; Witt, 10; Simon, 11; Fiegenger, 10.

The Irish JV also won at Lewiston in two quarters, 19-11. Hunter Bauman had seven points, and Sam Dunn added four to lead SH.

On Friday night, the Irish hosted the HTRS Titans at Prichard Auditorium. SH took an early lead, forcing HTRS into multiple turnovers in the opening quarter. The Irish led 17-3 after one quarter and 42-9 heading into the locker rooms for halftime. The Irish continued to pour it on in the second half, outscoring the Titans 12-8 in the third quarter and 12-0 in the fourth period, as they cruised to a 66-17 win.

The Irish shot well from the field on Friday night, sinking 20/32 two-point attempts and

5/15 from three-point range. The Irish also converted 11/16 free throw attempts. Meanwhile, the Titans hit just 7/27 shot attempts and were limited to ¼ from the foul line.

For the second game in a row, senior guard Jake Hoy had a huge game, dropping in 20 points, making 8/11 shot attempts and going 3-4 from the foul line. Tyler Witt entered the game on Friday, needing just eight points to surpass 1000 career points for the Irish. Witt hit his first six free-throw attempts to give him 998 before getting a hoop under the basket for number 1000 towards the end of the first quarter. Witt scored points 1002 to begin the second quarter, getting a steal and throwing down a dunk over the Titan defender.

Scoring vs. HTRS, Jordan, five; Stice, eight; Hoy, 20; Casteel, six; Witt, 13; Keithley, four; Simon, six; Fiegenger, three; Nachtigal, one.

The Irish, 5-0, will play again on Friday, December 27, in the Sportsman's Holiday Basketball Tournament at Freeman High School. The Irish will take on the Syracuse Rockets at 5:00 p.m. in the South gym.

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HOLIDAY HOURS

Dec. 31, NEW YEAR'S EVE – Regular Hours
Jan. 1, NEW YEARS – Closed
Jan. 2 – Regular Hours

Journal holiday print and mail schedule

The week of New Year's the Journal will be delivered by mail on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 with the deadline being Friday, December 27, by noon. The office will close early on Monday, December 30 and will be closed on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, and New Year's Day, Jan. 1. Please plan accordingly.

EM & Bank
Holiday Hours

Christmas
Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th – Close at Noon
Christmas Day, Dec. 25th – CLOSED

New Year's
New Year's Eve, Dec. 31st – Close at 3PM
New Year's Day, Jan. 1st – CLOSED

County Commissioners

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sackel at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. Roll call was answered by Frank, Caverage, and Sackel. The Invocation was given by Chairman Sackel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Frank. Chairman Sackel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

Motion was made by Sackel to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2019 meeting as read. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverage-aye, Sackel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverage to approve the Board of Equalization minutes of the December 3, 2019 meeting as read. Motion seconded by Sackel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverage-aye, Sackel-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Frank to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Caverage. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverage-aye, Sackel-aye. Motion carried.

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Table with financial details including items like Village of Shubert - Community Building, Falls City Auto Supply, Falls City Sanitation, etc.

WILLAGE OF SHUBERT

Meeting minutes for the Village of Shubert, discussing agenda items and community updates.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment notice and next meeting information for the Village of Shubert.

Table with financial details including items like Village of Shubert - Community Building, Falls City Auto Supply, Falls City Sanitation, etc.

B.O.P.W.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Meeting minutes for the Board of Public Works, covering agenda items and council decisions.

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Advertisement for Chase County Medical Center, highlighting their services and hiring needs.

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OBITUARIES

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Milford "Buster" Wisdom

On Sunday, November 17, 2019, at his Robinson home, Milford Leroy "Buster" Wisdom passed peacefully surrounded by his family, at the age of 85.

Buster was born February 23, 1934, in Salem, Nebraska, next to the youngest child born to the late Vessie and Tressie Halbert Wisdom. When he was the age of 8, his father was killed in an accident upon which the family moved to Morrill, where he attended school, graduating high school with the class of 1951. At the age of 23, he enlisted with the U.S. Army, where he served for nearly four years. He served between wars: after Korea, before Vietnam. It is interesting to note that he did serve with the Presidential detail for a time. Milford returned to this area and started working for Wilde Tool Co., for a total of 34 years. After retiring, he worked for White Cloud Grain a few years. All the time, after work, Buster would help Gary Ramey at Robinson on his farm, disking, cultivating, whatever needed to be done.

He attended Robinson United Methodist Church through the years. He was best known for his clean gardens and sharing his extra produce with town folks. He had a passion for painting

and drawing, also loved to fish and hunt with his children and grandchildren. He had a great sense of humor, light-hearted, and was willing to help others when they needed it. To say he was a KU Basketball enthusiast was vastly understated!

Buster married Charlene Miller, November 8, 1968, at Humboldt, NE. They have made their home in Robinson since 1983, where they raised their children. She survives.

Also, surviving are his three children: Brad (friend Lisa Wherry) of Hiawatha, Rick (Anna) of Robinson, and Lisa (Darren) also of Robinson; sister Doly Lebisch of Rockaway Beach, MO, seven grandchildren: Derek (Brook), Zach (Sarah), Jake (Matt), Kori, Colin, Raine, Emma, and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers: Vernon, Bill, Dewie, and Jim.

It was Buster's wish to be cremated with no service at this time. Those wishing to visit the family may stop by the house.

Memorial contributions are suggested Hope Brown County, sent in care of the funeral home, 124 S 7th St., Hiawatha, KS 66434.

A special message or remembrance may be sent to the family at www.chapelofaokfuneral-home.com



Ronald Bissegger

Ronald Gene Bissegger, 83 of Beatrice, NE, passed away Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at Bryan Medical Center East in Lincoln. He was born September 26, 1936 in Falls City, NE to Herman and Elsie (Rieschick) Bissegger. Ron married Sharon Cowperwait on March 16, 1958 in Falls City, NE. He served in the Nebraska National Guard, retiring in 1993 after 37 years. Ron enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and attended many of their activities. He was very active with the Biting-Norman American Legion Club in Beatrice.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon of Beatrice; sons, Lyle Bissegger and wife Kris of Colorado Springs, CO, and Toby Bissegger and Tammie Janzen of Beatrice; daughters, Nancy Bissegger and Larry Rezny of Beatrice, Jayne Hughes and husband Jim of Lincoln, NE and Jody Pitts and Mark Johnson of Beatrice; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Ron was preceded in death by his parents and brother, James Bissegger.

Funeral Services were held 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 22, 2019 at Harman-Wright Mortuary Chapel in Beatrice. Visitation was 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturday, December 22, 2019 at Harman-Wright Mortuary with the family greeting friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday evening. www.harmanwrightmortuary.com Harman-Wright Mortuary of Beatrice.

scented oils to melted beeswax and pour into molds. Hang these creations as ornaments on trees or in other areas of the home.

Craft some "gingerbread" ornaments. A mixture of cinnamon, applesauce and glue can be used to make ornaments or gift tags that resemble gingerbread cookies, and these ornaments have more staying power than actual cookies.

Design a pretty pomander. Stud an orange with cloves. Cut off the top of the orange and hollow out a place for a small tea light. The warmth of the flame will produce more scent.

Rich and inviting aromas can fill a home with the holiday spirit.

Gordon Kuker

Gordon Lee Kuker, one of four children of Louis G. and Nellie J. (Foster) Kuker, was born on December 11, 1942 in Salem, Nebraska. Lee



attended elementary school in Barada and graduated from Shubert High School. Lee, as he was known by most people, served in the Army during Vietnam. During his time in the service Lee worked in the motor pool repairing helicopters and other equipment. Lee went on to work numerous years in the agricultural business and later in life worked several years in the boat marina industry.

Lee was an avid sports enthusiast and enjoyed not only watching his children play, but also giving many years to coaching both his own children and numerous others in the area. Lee was an active parent in his children's school, Southeast Consolidated, through his service on the school board and involvement with PFK. Lee was always known as a person who put others first and would lend a hand to any neighbor in need. Lee was an active member of the Stella Community Church for many years. Lee was also an

active member of the Masonic Lodge in Stella for many years.

Lee passed away on December 12, 2019 at his home in Bonita Springs, FL having reached the age of 77 years and 1 day. Lee was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Nellie Kuker, and his two brothers, Russell Kuker and Doug Kuker.

Those left to honor Lee's memory include Frank Moffitt of Bonita Springs, FL; daughter, Angie (Carson) Antholz of Humboldt; sons Mike (Marcy) Kuker of Fredericksburg, VA, and Tim Kuker of Humboldt; grandchildren Christine Kuker, Aaron Antholz, Brandon Kuker, Amanda Antholz, Trinity Mahoney, Sara Kuker, Levi Kuker, and Ellie Kuker; one-great grandchild Lucas Collazo; sister Patricia (Robert) Joy of Falls City; former wife of 25 years Brenda Kuker of Humboldt; and other relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held on December 28, 2019 at 11:00 am at the Stella Community Church in Stella, NE.

done to the Bauman vehicle. No citations were issued.

ACCIDENTS

On December 18, 2019, according to police reports, Donna Lovenburg, of Falls City stated that she went around a vehicle owned by Brown Trucking Leasing, Corp. of Urbandale, IA, that was parked in the lane of Traffic. Lovenburg stated that she hit the cattleguard on the other vehicle in an attempt to avoid oncoming traffic. An estimated \$4,000 in damage was done to the Lovenburg vehicle; an estimated \$1,200 was done to the truck owned by Brown Truck Leasing Corp. No citations were issued.

On December 18, 2019, according to police reports, April Kramer, of Centralia, KS backed out of a driveway at 17th and Fair St., and hit a parked vehicle owned by Mark Bauman, of Falls City. An estimated \$500 in damage was done to the Kramer vehicle; an estimated \$800 in damage was

STUDENTS

Redlands Community College Releases Fall 2019 Honor Rolls

The Vice President's Honor Roll included: Miranda Rathel, of Falls City.

Redlands Community College in El Reno, OK, recently announced students named to the college's honor rolls for the Fall 2019 semester.

Students listed on the President's Honor Roll have completed 12 or more credit hours and have earned a GPA of not less than 3.8, with no grade less than a B – excluding 0-level courses. The Vice President's Honor Roll is for students who have completed 12 or more hours of coursework and have earned a GPA of 3.5 to 3.79, with no grade less than a C – excluding 0-level courses.

Decorate with a nose toward inviting holiday aromas

Holiday decor is as much about the sights and sounds as it is about the scents of the season. Few things evoke the holiday spirit as much as the aroma of fresh evergreen or spicy cinnamon and cloves. Incorporating inviting aromas into holiday decor can make homes feel even more special.

Filling a home with fragrant decor takes a little ingenuity and planning. Here are some ideas to incorporate the scents of the holiday season into your decor.

Use a real Christmas tree. An easy way to create a pine-like scent indoors is to select a real Christmas tree. Ask the tree farm which varieties are the most fragrant. If a fresh tree is not possible, fill a decorative basket with pine cones and evergreen boughs for that woody appeal.

Create a seasonal scented simmer. Take to the stove to make a homemade air infusion from ingredients in and around the house. Simmer pine branches, citrus peels, vanilla, nutmeg, cinnamon, and whatever else can be placed in a pot or slow cooker with water. The scents will

permeate the house for hours if enough water is added to the mixture.

Make holiday sachets. Some of the same ingredients for the holiday simmer can be dried and sewn into sachets. Add ribbon and hang on real or artificial trees. Or tuck the pouches into various areas around the house.

Experiment with scented candles. Scented candles can be found at various stores during the holiday season. Select among popular holiday aromas like pine, cinnamon, apples, and Christmas cookie varieties.

Utilize essential oils. Natural food stores and other retailers may sell essential oils, which can be diluted and sprayed on surfaces or into the air. Exercise caution around upholstery, or test for staining before use.

Spend more time in the kitchen. Add delicious scents to the home by way of freshly baked goods or holiday meals. Nothing beats the smell of cookies right out of the oven, and the scents can linger for hours.

Make beeswax ornaments. Add

'Twas the night after Christmas, all relaxed in his house. Santa reading a book, a gift from his spouse. The book was the Bible, the story was old. Now Christ, came at Christmas; as the Prophets foretold. "I can hardly believe it," said Jolly St. Nick, as he pondered God's message, it cut to the quick. "I thought I was Christmas!" I made presents each fall. But! God sent the world the best gift of all. He sent his son, "Jesus," to die for my sins. I'm really not Christmas — for Christmas — is — HIM."

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www.stpaulsfalls.org
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Sunday: Bible study, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; worship service, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Second Tuesday of the month, Dorcas Circle.
Wednesday: 9 a.m. Sew 'n Sew; Adult choir, 7:30 p.m.; first Wednesday of the month, LWML.
Wednesday Evening, 5:00 p.m. Midweek Class, 6:20 p.m. Confirmation at Christ Lutheran, September through April.
Dan Grifford, pastor

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) 12 miles Northeast of Falls City (Williamsville)
Sunday: Worship 9:15 a.m., first, third and fifth Sundays with communion on the first Sunday. We worship on the second and fourth Sundays at Barada United Methodist Church in Barada, Nebraska. Fellowship and Sunday school following worship.
WELCA 1:30 first Monday Church Council, 7:30 p.m. on third Tuesdays
Pastor Mike Hader

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church - ELCA
(20th and Towle Streets)
402-245-3828
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School (pre-school thru adult, during school year); 10 a.m. Worship; Communion on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month;
Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. Men's coffee; 6:30 p.m. Confirmation; 7:30 p.m. choir practice.
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Communion Worship before the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month.
Call for youth, Bible studies and women's group schedules.
God's Work, Our Hands.
Andrew Chavanak, pastor

St. Mary's (Arango)
Sunday: Confessions, 10:10 a.m.; Mass, 10:30 a.m.
Fr. David Oldham, pastor

Grace Bible Fellowship
(Highway 62, east of Stella)
Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; church service, 10:15 a.m.
Web page: www.gbfcchurch.com
Office: 883-2110
pastor Dave Lockard

Lighthouse Church of God
(2202 330th, White Cloud, KS)
One quarter mile west of Iowa Tribal Com-plex
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; church service, 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Charles J. Haney, pastor
785-862-1107

Sixth Community Church
Sunday: Church service with children's Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; adults Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.
Pastor John Stiles

First United Methodist Church
(1700 Harlan Street)
fmc@sentco.net
402-245-3281
Sunday: Worship service, 10:30 a.m. Broad-cast live on KTVB AM 1230. Adult Bible Study, 9:15 a.m., Children's Sunday school during this service during the school year.
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.
Rev. Young Je Kim

First Presbyterian Church
(20th and Harlan)
Sunday: Worship, 10:45 a.m., Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. (During the school year) Fellowship and cookies 10:15 a.m. on second or third Sunday of the month.
Second Monday of month: Women's Circle, 7 p.m.
Every Monday of month: Prayer Shawl Group; 4:00 pm at the Church; Community Diaper Closet, 4-6PM in Basement-use east side door.
First Friday of each month: Group breakfast with speaker at 7:00 a.m.
Pastor Richard Kent Martin
402-245-2650
www.fallsfirstpres.org/

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
LCMS
(23rd and Barada)
402-245-3324
www.stpaulsfalls.org
Holy Communion celebrated 2nd and 4th Sundays.
Sunday: Divine service, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.
First Tuesday Care & Outreach - 6:30 PM, L.L.I. - 7:30 PM
Wednesday: Confirmation, 6:30 p.m. (after Ash Wednesday, 6 p.m.) 5 p.m. Midweek.
Third Thursday of every month: Lutheran Women's Missionary League, 7:00 p.m.
Dan Grifford, pastor

First Brethren Church
(1902 Lane Street)
Sunday: Worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, nursery (or pre-school), adult, 10:45 a.m.; Fellowship Hour, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible study, 6:30 p.m.
Victor Haworth, pastor
245-5287
Don Shafer, moderator
245-5209

Good News Assembly of God
(600 Reavis Street)
402-245-3977
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; wor-ship, 10:40 a.m.
Wednesday: Good News Kids, 6:30 p.m.
A variety of small group Bible studies are available for adults throughout the year. Listen to sermons online, www.mysog.org.
Tim Bourgit, Pastor

Corner Stone Baptist Church
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Wednesday: Bible study and prayer time, 7 p.m.
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Pastor Mike Dunleavy
402-245-2049 (home)
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Barada United Methodist Church
717 Rd./652 Blvd.
Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. at 7:00 a.m. in O'Connell Hall, continues each Wednesday through April 1, 2020.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday, 5 p.m., Sunday, 30 minutes before Sunday Masses, week-days, before each Mass daily or by appointment.
Adult Inquiry and Instruction Classes: Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Fr. Lawrence Staley, pastor
402-245-3002 or 402-450-4552.

First Church of Nazarene
(1812 Wilson)
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:00-10:15 a.m.; morning worship, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Sunday evening Bible study, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m.; teens and children's program.
Stephen Floyd, pastor
402-245-3755

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Sunday: Worship, 7:00 p.m. (Winter Hours)
Find us on Facebook @ VerdonChristianChurch
verdonchristianchurch@gmail.com
Rev. Daniel Spencer



Shubert Christian Church
Sunday: Worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Fel-lowship time, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.
Supply Pastor

The Four Mile Church
(South of Humboldt)
Sunday: Church services, 9:00 a.m.
A Reformed church endeavoring to teach and to practice Biblical principles of the Reforma-tion.
Howard Blecha, pastor

Prairie Union Baptist Church
(Rural Shubert)
Sunday: Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Sun-day School 9:30 a.m.
Please join us to worship the Lord. Commu-nion is served the first Sunday of every month.
Dan Farley, pastor

Bethel United Methodist Church
(70654 656 AVE)
(1/2 mile N of Preston Corner)
Sunday: Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday choir, 7:30 p.m.
Mike Hader, pastor
402-245-4584

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
(16th and Harlan)
stthomasepi@sentco.net
www.stthomasfalls.org
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship, Holy Eucharist (coffee, tea and conversation follow worship)
Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. Food and Fellowship 6:00 p.m. Spiritual Discussion
7:00 p.m. Healing Service
We invite you to worship with us at any of our services.
We will pray for you, your friends and loved ones.
Rev. Vernaeda Kelly 402-245-2868

Immaculate Conception
(Rulo)
Sunday Confessions: 8 a.m.; Mass, 8:30 a.m.
Daily Mass schedule: Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.
Fr. David Oldham, pastor

First Baptist Church
2023 Valley Avenue
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
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Strategies for enjoying a safe New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve is one of the most festive nights of the year. Counting down to a new year while simultaneously saying goodbye to the current year provides grounds for celebration for millions of people across the globe.

New Year's celebrations vary depending on where the partying is taking place, but it's common for people to check their inhibitions at the door on December 31. That can make for a fun evening, but also puts celebrants in jeopardy of making bad decisions or confronting the consequences of others' poor decisions. Adhering to three simple safety strategies can increase the chances that this New Year's Eve is memorable for all the right reasons.

Travel in packs: Most people who are out and about on New Year's Eve are focused solely on having fun. However, some criminals see New Year's Eve as an opportunity to prey on unsuspecting men and women who may not be as alert to danger as they are on other nights of the year. For example, a recent report from Australia's Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research found that the number of violent offenses between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. on New Year's Eve is nine times higher than it is on other nights of the year. By hitting the town with friends and staying with those friends throughout the night, New Year's Eve revelers can make themselves less vulnerable to criminals.

Don't overindulge in alcohol: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration notes that people who consume alcohol begin experiencing a loss of judgment when their blood alcohol concentration, or BAC, reaches .02. That means it only takes a relatively small amount of alcohol before people's judgment begins to falter, and judgment only suffers further with each additional drink. The pressure to overindulge in alcohol on New Year's Eve can be considerable, but revelers should avoid situations where they might be tempted to drink too much. Such overindulgence only makes people vulnerable to bad decisions and even criminals looking to prey on inebriated victims.

Don't get behind the wheel: Even people who avoid alcohol on New Year's Eve are vulnerable to potentially unsafe highways. That's because everyone shares the roads, and drivers never know who else will be on the road when New Year's Eve festivities end and everyone goes home. The U.S. Department of Transportation notes that, over the last half-decade, and average of 300 people died each year in drunk driving crashes in the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. To avoid becoming such a statistic, New Year's revelers can celebrate at home and invite others to stay overnight.

New Year's Eve is a fun but potentially dangerous night. However, a few simple safety strategies can make sure New Year's Day conversations are all about the fun from the night before.

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A New Year Around the World

Many people all over the world ring in the New Year on the 31st of December at midnight. Some ring in their new year in a different season. Read my clues to learn about new year celebrations. Fill in the puzzle!

1. In _____ it is a time to pray, think about the old year and forgive (in the fall).
2. People in _____ hang straw rope on their doors to ward off evil spirits; eat tasty rice cakes.
3. In _____, schools are closed. People use New Year's Day to rest from the parties and fireworks they went to the night before!
4. In _____, people decorate with colors: yellow for happiness, red for love, white for health!
5. In _____, the "first footer" - the first person to come through your door in the new year - brings good luck!
6. In _____, during the festival of Songkran, people splash water on each other for fun. Some even use elephants to spray water (April).
7. In _____, parades are held with fireworks and dancing "dragons."
8. In _____, people celebrate for 6 days with parties, fireworks and dancing.
9. In the _____, people wear polka dots and eat round fruits for good luck; streets are lined with bright lanterns.
10. In the _____ people watch a giant crystal ball drop at the stroke of midnight. People promise to better themselves in the new year.
11. In _____, heads of households go door to door to wish neighbors well. Kids get sweets wrapped in colorful paper.
12. In _____, people release a flower-filled boat for the ocean goddess, Lemnaja.

13. In _____, the President addresses the country; people make toasts; exchange gifts.
14. In _____ it is a joyful time, lasting about 12 days. There is a reading of the Koran at home. There are lighted candles. A leaf for each family member shows life and growth (March).

Where in the World?
Fill in the name of the country where some New Year foods include:
1. fresh apples dipped in honey, chalah bread, chicken soup
2. fish (to increase riches), white cabbage (silver money), carrots (gold)
3. boiled eggs, caviar, smoked meats, soup, tea
4. boiled beef, venison, corn soup, doughnuts, cookies, breads
5. wheat noodles, thick vegetable soup, fish, white rice with red beans

Midnight Sights!
Fit the words into our poem:
When clocks strike midnight
oh, what a _____
On New Year's Eve
Father Time will _____
People will sing,
church bells will _____
The party hosts
will all give _____
We think how fast
the year has _____
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Sacred Heart Letters to Santa

(Continued from Page 1)

Dear Santa,
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This Christmas I am hoping for a medium sized Anna doll. I know it is better to give than to receive, so

this month I plan to do the following for someone else; give away my old toys.
Love, Olivia Neville

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my chopping wagon. This Christmas I am hoping for a dirt bike. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else; take care of a hurt friend.
Love, Casen Fritz

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing toys. This Christmas I am hoping for a tractor and a scooter. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else; give away old toys.
Love, Layden Huntsman

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the science kit. This Christmas I am hoping for one million JOJO Bows. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else; give away my old clothes.
Love, Isabelle Chavanak

Dear Santa,
Thank you for opening presents. This Christmas I am hoping for a new water bottle. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else; hug my mom.
Love, Carter Kopf

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me my toys. This Christmas I am hoping for an LOL Teen Doll, and an Osmo. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else; share my new toys.
Love, Lucy Santo

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my bringing toys. This Christmas I am hoping for a new toy pony. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else; play with lonely friends.
Love, Lillian Riley

Dear Santa,
Thank you for baby Jesus. This Christmas I am hoping for a monster truck. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else; if someone falls down help them up.

Love, Justin Drummond

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents. This Christmas I am hoping for a dirt bike. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else; give away my old toys.
Love, Wyatt Keithley

Dear Santa,
Thank you for Santa Claus. This Christmas I am hoping for a new teddy. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else; help people.
Love, Jaycen Barber

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me my Xbox. This Christmas I am hoping for a go kart. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else; share my new toys.
Love, Liam Dishong

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my Ipod. This Christmas I am hoping for a Big Sister LOL Doll. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else; help someone up.
Love, Brynlee Lotter

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Santa Letters

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1970's & 90's

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1970's

Dear Santa, Billy and me have been pretty good. Heres what we would like for Christmas. Bill would like a train and some racing cards. And I want rings and things and another nice thing. Bobby would like a stuffed toy. Daddy needs some shirts. Mommy wants some new sheets. And we would all like a new record player if you have one.

Our friend, Brenda Rahe

Dear Santa Claus, I'm Debbitt Eppens. I am writing for my little sisters, Amy and Elizabeth. They both want dolls. Amy is three. Elizabeth is 2 1/2. So far they have been good. They both love you very much. Goodbye.

Love, Amy and Elizabeth.
P.S. They mind very well.

Dear Santa Claus, How are you. I want a refrigerator, dolly, sink, washer and stove. I've been a good girl and I'll be a better one and I love Santa Claus and everyone in my life. Give me a pencil from Santa Claus. I love Christmas trees. I go to Sunday School and I love Jesus. See you soon,
Love Shannon.

Dear Santa, How are your reindeers? Especially Rudolph the red nosed one. Can you please send me a Daisy BB gun? Because I want to go hunting. I want a pump Daisy BB gun. We have about 30

ducks. We sold some for Thanksgiving. And I want a pair of brown insulated coveralls to go hunting with. How do you make a living up there? We had two calves named Poco and Bandit. Mom and Dad sold them and got some money. Then she bought me a bike while dad was plowing. When I got home mom said help me carry the grocery in. So I went out there and once I seen the bike I was so happy that I started yelling. Dad bought me and my brother two Holsteins. We named them Pecos and Louie. They are about as big as me. We put them with some other steers in the cornfield. And I want some games and a pack of BBs. Sincerely your Lance Martin.

Dear Santa, I want a truck that hauls cars and a new shoes and cab case tractor with dubill wheels and a cowboys shirt, more match boxes last of all paints.

Johnny Wilhelm.

P.S. I don't care what you bring me.

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. I hope I get a Am- phicot. And I hope I get a cowboy hat with guns with it. And I hope I get a play rifle.

From Randy Lock to Santa.

Dear Sana, I have ben a good little girl. I want a kity kat or puppy bog. Will you halv yur elves mak me a babe go bi-bi. I wike you. My momy wil right the address on the evelope.

Bi now. Kim

Dear Santa, I would like for you to bring me a doll big enough to wear real baby clothes. I would like a puppy but we already have two turtles and mommy says that is enough. I am six years old.

Love Kathy Aitken.

1990's

Dear Santa,

Hi, this is Shayla Dunn. I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a giga pet, lava lamp, a Hanson CD or cass., a CD player, earrings, smile face, yin yang, or peace since neckless. Well I better go. Bye.

P.S. Tell Mrs. Claus and the elves that I said hi.

Your friend Shayla

Dear Santa,

Hi, this is Evan Dunn. I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a bb gun and bbs and a target. I two walky talky. I also want some jeans. I want a KC shirt and a cornhusker shirt, a go kart. I want a nike hat, some toy cars. And some 22 shells.

Your friend, Evan

Dear Santa,

My name is Peyton and I live in Shubert. My mom says I've been pretty good all year and I help her a lot around the house too. For Christmas this year, I would like you to bring me Barbie and Ginger, A Barbie van, and other Barbie things. I will go to bed early on Christmas Eve and leave you a treat for when you stop by.

Peyton Kuker, Age 4.
P.S. Could you also bring something for my new puppy, Samantha?

Dear Santa Claus,

I would very much like to have the remote control Tonka dump truck. It is a yellow dump truck. I would also like to have lots of dinosaurs. I love dinosaurs. My favorite movie is Jurassic Park but don't bring that because I already have it.

Thank you, Trae Ramer
P.S. Will you tell the reindeer that I said hellow and I have some special straw mix for them when they arrive at my house.

Dear Santa,

I would like a Nebraska shirt or Nike stuff. I have been a very good girl.

Macie Kuker, Age 6

Dear Santa Clous I would like a Sweet Dreams baby and a potty training Kelly doll and a Barbie doll house and a Barbie CD player and a Barbie talking telephone with an answering machine and that will be fine. Hohoho we're eating hoho's. hohoho. It's just a joke.

Love Brittany Keithley

Dear Santa,

I want a dump truck with a load and 2 more. And a shed thing to put

my little tractors in and cars. And. And that car thing that has cars with it and some new slipper things so my feet aren't cold. I asked my baby sister Rachael what she wanted. She is only 3 mo. Old and says she just wants me to smile and talk to her. She's so funny. That funny

baby.

Love Brandon and Rachel Keithley

Santa,

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Furnished Apt. for rent, utilities included. References & deposit required. 402-245-7029. 50-4f

House for rent, references and deposit required, 402-245-7029. 50-1f

Pack Rat Storage. Units Available. 402-245-7236. 49-1F

FOR SALE

Corfed Angus beef, sold in 1/4's and 1/2's. For information call Mark Pipes at 402-245-3769 or Jack's Processing, 402-245-3506. 51-8

CLEARANCE Christmas lights, Wreaths, Trees & Decor WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

Sherpa Lined Plaid Shirt Jac's \$19.99 M-2X \$22.99 3X-5X

Well stocked with winter boots!

FARM & CITY SUPPLY, ACE HARDWARE.

Misc.

Anniversary, birthday, shower, wedding- Chaney Furniture Gift Certificates are always a great idea. 34-60-1f

Village of Dawson

Village of Dawson Open Meeting Minutes December 10, 2019

The following minutes are unapproved. Any errors will be corrected at the next regular monthly meeting. The agenda was posted at: fire hall, village hall, and post office on December 5, 2019.

Roll was called with Bill Koch, Gail Kephart and Larry Koch in attendance. Unexcused was Lyndsay Maahs and Dennis McClarnen. The meeting was opened at 7:03 PM by Bill Koch, chairperson. Reading the November 2019 minutes was waived and accepted with a motion by Bill Koch and a second bill Gail Kephart. Claims were presented to the board and approved for payment with a motion by Bill Koch and a second by Larry Koch. The board affirmed. Under old business, the board approved payment to Chloe Patel for vehicle damages with a motion by Gail Kephart and a second by Larry Koch. The board affirmed. The board voted to increase the bond for the clerk/treasurer to \$100,000 with a motion by Larry Koch and a second by Gail Kephart. A motion was made by Gail Kephart to bond the individual board members for \$28,500. Bill Koch seconded the motion and the board affirmed. Under new business, the board voted for the Village owned pickup and snowplow blade with a motion by Larry Koch and a second by Gail Kephart. The board voted to transfer funds from the equipment savings account to the general account to pay the tractor repairs in the amount of \$9,781.66 with a motion by Bill Koch and a second by Gail Kephart. The board also voted to add Larry Koch as a signer on the checking account with a motion by Bill Koch and a second by Gail Kephart.

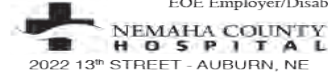
CLAIMS: Dana Cole, \$140; Falls City Journal, \$27; Fax/Internet/Phone, \$50; Jan Richardson, \$494.71; Kacie White, \$75; Larry Koch, \$464.73; Merz Farm Equipment, \$9781.66; NE Health Lab, \$30; NPD, \$803.40; Peoples Service, \$1410; Postmaster, \$165; Seneca Sanitation, \$840; Village of Dawson, \$500; Chloe Patel, \$1307.20; Total Claims, \$16,088.70. Jan Richardson, Clerk

JOB OPENING

The Nemaha County Hospital has the following open position:

~ Full-time Dietary Cook, 5:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, working every 4th weekend (weekends are 12 hours shifts). Competitive salary with benefit plan. Cooking experience preferred. Please apply online at <https://nemahacountyhospital.com/careers/>

Call Susie Shupp at (402) 274-6121 with any questions. Applications will close on January 10. EOE Employer/Disabled



FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Employment Opportunities

Transportation Supervisor
Substitute Teachers & Paraprofessionals
Substitute Route and Activity Bus Drivers
Substitute Kitchen Aides

Interested candidates are encouraged to submit an online application: <https://fcigers.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx>

It is the policy of Falls City Public Schools not to discriminate on the basis of gender, disability, race, color, religion, marital status, age or national origin in its education programs, administration, policies, employment or other district programs. 50-52

JOB OPENING

The Nemaha County Hospital has the following open position:

~ Full-time Home Care Registered Nurse, 40 hours per week. Must be a licensed RN in the state of Nebraska and have a valid driver's license. Full-time benefits available.

Apply online at <https://nemahacountyhospital applicantpool.com/jobs/>

Call Susie Shupp 402-274-6121 with any questions. EOE Employer/Disabled



White Cloud Center LLC is looking to fill the Compliance Officer position.

This position is located in the executive administrative division at the White Cloud Health Center (WCHC) in White Cloud, KS. The Compliance Officer, position establishes and implements an effective compliance program to prevent illegal, unethical or improper conduct. The Compliance Officer acts as staff to the CEO and Governing Board by monitoring and reporting results of the compliance and ethics efforts of the organization and in providing guidance for the Board and senior management team on matters relating to reporting and compliance. Salary negotiable based on experience and education.

- Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00-4:00 • 13 paid holidays
- Health, Vision, and Dental Benefits • 401k
- Retirement Plan • Sick leave and vacation.

Qualifications: Master's degree (preferred) with relevant experience, or a bachelor's degree in the health field certified in Healthcare Compliance (CHC) or Certified in Healthcare Privacy Compliance (CHPC) preferred. At least 4 years relevant experience or 8 years of relevant experience with related certifications. Experience may include a minimum of two (2) years' experience in healthcare compliance with demonstrated leadership, and a minimum of two (2) years' experience in a supervisory role. Familiarity with operational, financial, quality improvement, and human resources procedures and regulations is required. Knowledge of billing and coding practices and procedures is desirable.

Applications must be received at the Iowa Tribal HR Office, 3345 B Thrasher Road, White Cloud, KS, no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 27, 2019.

Please contact Brenda Lunsford at 785-595-3258 for more information. Application can be found at <https://www.iowatribeofkansansandnebraska.com/job-openings>

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White Cloud Center LLC is looking to fill the position of Supervisory Pharmacist.

This position is located in the pharmacy department at the White Cloud Health Center (WCHC) in White Cloud, KS. The purpose of this position is to provide supervision of the WCHC pharmacy to help assure efficacious, safe, and fiscally responsible medication therapy produces positive outcomes for our patients. This position provides supervision of a pharmacy technician, and contract pharmacists. The pharmacist provides leadership and advises in the areas of medication selection, procurement, storage, ordering, preparing, dispensing, billing, delivery, administration, and monitoring. The supervisory pharmacist provides leadership and assurance that effective and safe medication management involves multiple services and disciplines working closely together.

- Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30 • 13 paid holidays
- Health, Vision, and Dental Benefits • 401k
- Retirement Plan • Sick leave and vacation.

Qualifications: Master's degree, Doctorate preferred in pharmacy, 2 years experience in a pharmacy, Knowledge or pharmacy practice within an Indian Health Service or Tribal program preferred. Knowledge of RPMs, EHR, POS, CMOB, and the ability to run output reports involving workload and reimbursement.

Applications must be received at the Iowa Tribal HR Office, 3345 B Thrasher Road, White Cloud, KS, no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 2, 2020.

Please contact Brenda Lunsford at 785-595-3258 for more information. Application can be found at <https://www.iowatribeofkansansandnebraska.com/job-openings>

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Tigers fall for first time this season



Caden Simon gets around the Plattsmouth big man, for a fourth quarter basket.

Story and photo by Brian McKim
Trailing by two points with 3.5 seconds remaining in the game, Falls City put the ball in the hands of senior Mason Crawford, hoping for some magic. Crawford took the inbound pass under his basket, took three dribbles to half court, and threw up a prayer that found the net, giving the Tigers a thrilling 47-46 win over Bishop LeBlond on Tuesday night.

FC, playing at home for the first time in the young season, trailed 14-11 after one quarter and 27-22 at the half. The third quarter saw the Tigers defense get stingy, allowing the home team to take a 36-32 lead with eight minutes to go. LeBlond outscored the Tigers 14-11, but Crawford's heroics kept the Tigers unbeaten at 4-0.

Falls City connected on 20-42 shot attempts, including 4-9 from downtown while holding the Eagles to 18-44 shooting and 8-22 from behind the arc. Neither team shot well from the foul line, with FC making just 3-11 and LeBlond hitting 2-5. FC owned a 28-18 rebounding edge; however, they turned the ball over 11 times to only six by the Eagles.

Crawford not only hit the game-winner, but he also led the team with 25 points, making 11-23 shot attempts. Crawford added four rebounds and three assists. He scored all 11 of Falls City's first-quarter points. Kade Bredemeier added nine points and four rebounds for FC. Chris Guldon led the Eagles with 12 points, and Kanon Sumpter added eight.

Scoring vs. Bishop LeBlond: Crawford, 25; Bredemeier, nine; Caden Simon, six; Arnold, five; Carson Simon, two.

On Friday night, the undefeated Tigers hosted Class B Plattsmouth. The Tigers trailed the Blue Devils 13-10 after the first quarter and 26-22 at the half. With just over a minute to go in the third quarter, FC took the lead and held on for a 41-36 lead heading into the final period. Plattsmouth was too much down the stretch, outscoring FC

17-11 in the fourth quarter to hang on for a 53-52 win.

With 4:20 remaining in the game, Brock Hogue drained a three from the left wing to give FC a 44-40 lead. The Blue Devils scored nine straight points to stake a 49-44 lead with 1:29 to play. Will Vitosh hit a trey from the wing with 1:14 on the clock to make it 49-47. A three-point play by Plattsmouth made it 52-47; however, FC wasn't finished. Kade Bredemeier hit a three to make it 52-50 with :25 to go. After a free throw by Plattsmouth, Caden Simon hit a bucket in the paint to make it 53-52 with :07 to go. FC would get no closer, falling for the first time this season.

FC connected on 8/21 three-

point attempts and finished 10/29 from two-point range. FC also made 8/12 shots from the foul line. Plattsmouth, meanwhile, hit 16/37 shot attempts and made 17/28 free throws.

Caden Simon scored 15 points to lead the Tigers, hitting seven of 13 shot attempts. Crawford added 13 points but was held scoreless in the fourth quarter. Hunter Adkins scored 13 points to lead the Blue Devils.

Scoring vs. Plattsmouth: Hogue, five; Bredemeier, 11; Crawford, 13; Vitosh, seven; Simon, 15; Arnold, one.

With the loss, the Tigers fall to 4-1 for the year. The Tigers will be in action again on December 27, 28, and 30 in the Leblond Tourney in St. Joe.



Brynna Bruxellas drops in three of her game high 32 points.

Lady Tigers breakthrough with win

Story and photo by Brian McKim

Last Tuesday evening, the Lady Tiger's basketball team looked to get into the win column for the first time this season when they traveled to Wymore to taking on Southern Raiders. After the first period, the Tiger's found themselves trailing 16-11 and 18-16 at the half. The Raiders pulled away in the second half, outscoring the Tigers 27-13 to pick up the 45-29 win over FC.

The Tigers made seven of 20 shots from two-point range but connected on just four of 17 from beyond the three-point line. The Tigers also made just 3/9 from the charity stripe. Southern, meanwhile, made 14/24 foul shots, including 14 of 20 in the final eight minutes.

Falls City was led offensively by Brynna Bruxellas, who finished with a team-high 13 points, including draining three of four from downtown. Bruxellas ended the game making 5/6 shot attempts. Eryn Sneten was next for FC, finishing with seven points, including one three.

Scoring vs. Southern: Bruxellas, 13; Leyden, one; Sneten, seven; Jones, one; Clary, four; Nolte, three.

On Friday night, playing at home for the first time this season, the Lady Tigers held off the Plattsmouth Blue Devils 60-55 to pick up their first win of the season. FC trailed 16-15 after one period and 36-31 at the half. Falls City then took the lead in the third quarter 47-46. The Lady Tigers outscored Plattsmouth 13-9 in the final eight minutes to secure the win.

Senior guard Brynna Bruxellas had a monster of a game, scoring 24 of her game-high 32 points in the first half. Bruxellas canned six three-pointers in the contest. Hannah Clary added 16 points, all in the second half. Clary had three from beyond the three-point line in the third quarter. Eryn Sneten also hit double digits, scoring 10 points for the Tigers. Isabella Chappell scored 21 points, all from three-point range, to pace the Blue Devils.

Scoring vs. Plattsmouth: Bruxellas, 32; Black, one; Sneten, 10; Clary, 16; Nolte, one.

With the win, the Lady Tigers improved to 1-4 for the season, while Plattsmouth dropped to 2-3. The Tigers will be in action after Christmas on December 27, 28, and 30 in the Leblond Tourney in St. Joe.



SACRED HEART STUDENT COUNCIL COLLECTED COATS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER as part of this year's theme #BeTheChange. The Student Council was then able to distribute coats to SENCA and Sixpence as well as Catholic Social Services in Auburn to assist those in need in Southeast Nebraska. Thank you to all who donated coats to the cause. Pictured above are Student Council members: Madison Littrel, Mackensie Nelson, Evi Schock, Macy Keller, Kayden Bauman, and Derek Schawang.

JANUARY 2020

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST ~ HAPPY NEW YEARS CELEBRATION!!
Drawings to win up to \$500 every 1/2 hour 1pm-11pm.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH ~ EXTENDED NEW YEARS CELEBRATION!!
Drawings to win up to \$500 every 1/2 hour 1pm-1am.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25TH ~ CELEBRATING THE NEW YEAR!!
Drawings to win up to \$1,000 every 1/2 hour 1pm-12:30am. \$2,020 in CASH at 1am!!

NEW MEMBERS GET \$30 IN PROMO CASH!! (EXCLUDES JAN. 1, 11 & 25)

SUNDAYS, MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & THURSDAYS
SUNDAYS, MONDAYS & THURSDAYS - 3X POINTS 9AM-NOON!
Prime Time Tuesday!! TUESDAYS ONLY - \$2 off lunch and dinner buffets (55 & over). WEDNESDAYS - 2X POINTS 9AM-NOON!
Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$100 in promo cash every 1/2 hour 1pm-11pm. Plus win a prize for February!! (Excludes Wednesday, Jan. 1)

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS
Hot Seat Spin the Wheel Drawings to win up to \$150 for every month in 2020 (once per month - Jan thru Dec 2020) every 1/2 hour 1pm-1am!! (Excludes Saturday, Jan. 11 & 25)

*** BINGO *** *** BUFFET ***

DRAWINGS EVERY NIGHT (EXCLUDES JAN 1)

DRAWINGS ON NEW YEARS DAY* **\$2 off Lunch or Dinner Buffet.**

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THE RICHARDSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE WILL BE CLOSED
Wednesday, January 1st, 2020 in observance of New Year's Day. (Please plan accordingly)