

## OBITUARIES

Following is the list of county residents and former county residents whose obituaries appeared in the *Falls City Journal* in 2019:

### JANUARY

1. Jesse Ezekiel Edwards 'Zeke' Martinosky, 8, Branson, MO.
3. Susie Smith, 64, Falls City; William G. Dougherty, 86, Lincoln.
5. John Byrom, 79, Papillion.
9. Charles Robert Utermohlen, 91, Alexandria, VA.
16. Nellie Liberty, 95, Gower, MO.
25. Edward Santo, 76, Lincoln.
28. Leonard Arnold, 81, Sabetha, KS.
29. Joan Wist, 85, Omaha; Kathleen Jaeckel, 99, Lincoln.
31. Carolyn Meinzer, 83, Falls City.

### FEBRUARY

1. Ronald Hunker, 61, Falls City
  4. Leota Uhri, 95, Table Rock.
  7. Charles Bentley, 73, Falls City.
  9. Laverne Sherrill, 94, Falls City.
  10. Thomas Morehead, 74, Lincoln; Betty Harter, 81, Sabetha, KS.
  11. Dorothy Kratz, 77, Auburn.
  12. Claudia Gebhart, 73, Olathe, KS; Twila Fee, 81, White Cloud, KS.
  13. Kirby Robidoux, Jr., 43, Falls City.
  14. Kenneth Maddox, 95, Grand Island.
  16. Harold Roesch, 85, Hiawatha; Michael McGinnis, 81.
  17. Roy Arnold, 80, Falls City.
  20. Ralph Stutheit, 81, of Humboldt.
  21. Maxine Arnold, 92, Sabetha, KS.
  27. Gary Wilson, 86, Pawnee City.
- March**
5. Orlee Schacht, 90, Falls City.
  6. Rose Ann Sheets, 82, Lincoln.
  8. Robert Heins, MD, 94, Lincoln.
  7. Kenneth Kunce, Sr., 84, Falls City.
  9. Iola Leafy, 87, Hiawatha, KS.
  16. Mark Meyer, 53, Claremore, OK; Arlene McGinnis, 88, Falls City.
  18. Carolyn Joy, 88, Falls City; Marjory Forney, 98, Phoenix; Edna Colglazier, 79, Shubert.
  19. Delma Hollens, 90, Bellevue, NE.
  21. Dale Darling, 76.

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New City Council President, Mitch Merz (Photo submitted by Mitch Merz)

## MERZ ELECTED CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

By Charlie Radatz

Board appointments were approved, and Council officers were elected when Falls City's City Council held its first meeting of 2020 on Mon., Jan. 6. Third Ward Councilman Mitch Merz was elected President of the Council and also chosen as the Council's representative on the Board of Directors of Falls City Economic Development & Growth Enterprise. He succeeds First Ward Councilman Don Ferguson, who was chosen to serve as Acting President of the Council.

Kelly Bletscher of 70820 657 Ave. wrote a letter to the Council asking that changes be made in the way applications are made and approved for Special Designated Liquor Licenses. Ms. Bletscher reported that she had been unable to participate in three events in 2019 because there was not enough time allotted the license request due to the timing of city council meetings. She suggested Falls City adopt a system similar to that used by the cities of Lincoln, Omaha, and Crete that rather than having the city council approve each application submitted that it instead delegate that responsibility to the City Administrator and rather than collecting a \$20 Occupation Permit Fee following license approval that the City alternatively collect a \$20 fee when an application is submitted to the City Administrator. The Council responded by voting 7-1 with Councilman Jim Wisdom dissenting to authorize the City Attorney to draft documents to make the changes Ms. Bletscher had suggested in Falls City's system of handling such applications.

The Council approved a contract for repairs to the Electric Utility's Engine #7 by Cooper Machinery Services of Houston at the cost of \$52,583.91 as recommended by the Board of Public Works.

The city fathers turned down an offer from American Tower for a lump sum payment of \$109,906 for lease of space on the city police department radio equipment tower but instead opted to continue receiving monthly payments of \$1,181 over the life of a ten-year agreement.

The Council voted to capitalize purchases of \$5,000 or more charging off proportionate amounts annually to departments over the life of such equipment.

Also receiving approval was a request for the use of Prichard Auditorium for an April 25th wedding reception for Brianna Gruber and Daniel Kruse with alcohol to be served by Schillingbridge Winery of Pawnee City.

The Council met in executive session from 7:10 to 8:24 p.m. with City Attorney Mike Dunn and City

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Crews work on a utility pole that was hit by a semi during Thursday's power outage.

## FALLS CITY GOES DARK LAST THURSDAY

Story by Nikki McKim; photo by Alexander McKim

The City of Falls City executed a sizable electrical outage on Thursday, January 9.

The outage started at 7:30 p.m. and lasted until early evening for most, but some pockets of town were without power for an additional hour or longer due to a two pole structure behind Chaney's Furniture that was hit by a semi. The Utility Department had to call a second contract crew in to help with that issue causing a delay in the restoration of power for an additional few in town.

The outage was expected to last up to eight hours or longer. This outage had left some Falls City citizens asking why such work was done during the week and more importantly during the day when businesses and school are operating.

On December 19, 2019, nearly two-thirds of the city lost power for a lengthy amount of time during the evening and into the night.

"At the power plant, we have a switchgear, and we have five circuits that run out of that switchgear and run out through various parts of town to feed everyone electrically," said Ray Luhring, Falls City Utility Superintendent.

A squirrel had gotten into the side of the Power Plant and chewed on one of the insulated cables and through the insulation to the electrical conductor, and that's what caused the fault on that cable.

"We have three phases coming out of each one of the switchgear cabinets. This happened to be out of what we call circuit number two. For each of those three phases, we run two cables so that six cables are feeding the three phases. One of those cables is the one that failed," so it had to be removed, said Luhring.

In removing that cable, the amperage, or the strength of an electric current in amperes, that was capable of carrying on that circuit is cut in half. With the

current mild weather conditions, the Utility department was able to hold that, but "we're operating on the edge of emergency operating limits, amperage wise," said Luhring. "If it got really, really cold our amperage would go up, and that cable would probably fail. The amperage on the cable would have just been too high to carry."

Luhring and the Falls City Utility Department were hoping to make these repairs immediately after the December 19 outage looking into it the morning after, but getting materials and a contractor took more time due to the nature of the work, "this is specialty type of work that we don't do," said Luhring. "We really wanted to do it during the holiday break so it wouldn't affect school, but because of the material lead time, we just couldn't get it done."

The last of the materials needed just came in on Monday, January 6, only three days before the scheduled power outage.

A contractor was also needed for this type of work, and the soonest one could be scheduled with a full five-person crew was for last Thursday, January 9, 2020.

"Lucky thing, that it had been so mild, so that's why we've been able to get through it," said Luhring.

Repairs began at 7:30 a.m. Thursday morning, leaving several if not most Falls City businesses closed last Thursday, and there's was a good reason for that, safety.

"The reason that we're doing it during the day is that we have to do some work outside on a platform quite a ways up in the air, so safety was a huge issue as to when we could do it 'timewise' and one of the reasons we couldn't do it at night. We just can't safely put those people on a platform at night," said Luhring.

Inside the Power Plant where the switchgear is located, they can only get two guys in there to work at a time, and with the

close proximity to other cables, they can't afford to keep anything else energized.

"We have to take it all out to allow these individuals to work safely. So that's the reason for the entire switchgear to go down," said Luhring.

The Utility Department worked diligently on advanced prep work, laying out cables that are needed to pull in, so instead of doing 14 terminations last Thursday, they'd only have to do seven, cutting down some of the outage time.

Regarding the decision to get it done as soon as possible, Luhring said, "These cables run in a raceway that has several cables, all five circuits come out of there, each circuit has six cables. In other words, we have thirty cables in those raceways. If that cable is operating at the emergency operating limits had failed, it could end up taking out 10-15 additional cables. If that were the case, then we don't have the materials or labor here to repair that, because it takes special tools and equipment.

Then you're sitting in a situation where we couldn't put anybody back on. You would possibly have three to four circuits out, and anybody fed off of those circuits would be out of power for anywhere from three to six days, to whenever we could get the material and everything in. So that's what's pushing the issue."

According to the Luhring the planned outage went extremely well, "all the repairs were made and the crews worked extremely hard to get it accomplished in eight hours".

"We greatly sympathize with all our customers and our citizens and businesses because we know it's a terrible inconvenience for them. Trust me, if there was any other way we could have gone about it, it's just all about the risk of that failure and doing things safely. That's what prompted us into doing it on Thursday and doing it during

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# BRINGING VETERANS TO NEBRASKA

By Governor Pete Ricketts

This week, the Nebraska Legislature kicks off a new session at the State Capitol. Over the interim, I've been working with my team and Senators to prepare important initiatives such as property tax relief and flood assistance. On Wednesday, January 15th, I will detail my plans for the session in my annual State of the State address, which you can watch online at [www.netnebraska.org](http://www.netnebraska.org) or read once it's posted on my website which is listed below.



Ahead of this address, I want to share one very important priority with you. Early in the session, the Legislature is expected to debate tax relief for veterans. Last year, LB 153 was introduced by Senator Tom Brewer of Gordon and prioritized by

Senator John Lowe of Kearney at my request. This bill proposes to exempt 50 percent of military retirement benefits from income tax. The Revenue Committee voted to advance it to the full Legislature for floor debate.

Military retirement tax relief is important for several reasons.

First, it helps keep us competitive with surrounding states. Currently, Nebraska's tax policy on military retirement puts our state at a competitive disadvantage compared to our neighbors. South Dakota and Wyoming don't have state income taxes. Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, and Missouri exempt military retirement pay from state income taxation. Other Midwestern states are making progress in the area of attracting military retirees by creating better policies for veterans. For example, North Dakota and Indiana both enacted legislation in 2019 to end taxes on military retirement pay.

Second, veterans are a great cultural fit for Nebraska, and we want more of them to make their home in Nebraska. Military families are some of the most dedicated, patriotic citizens in our society. They're responsible, disciplined, and ready to give back to their community. Since many military personnel can retire after twenty years of service, they often finish their military service in their 40s or 50s. At this age, they're still looking for ways to actively invest their wealth of skills and experience in a new job. Given our state's need for talented workers, we cannot afford to have military retirees exit our state for a more favorable tax situation elsewhere.

I know about the value of hiring veterans from firsthand experience. As Governor and in the private sector, several key team members who have worked for me previously served in the military. In my administration, I have hired a former Navy officer as Chief Human Resources Officer and to lead Administrative Services as well as a Captain from the JAG Corps to lead Veterans Affairs.

Finally, tax relief for veterans is a part of our plan to make Nebraska the most veteran-friendly state in the nation and to connect veterans with great opportunities here in the Good Life. My administration has taken a number of steps to make Nebraska a friendlier and more welcoming home for our military families and veterans. We adopted a new rule to enable military spouses to receive a three-year teaching permit in Nebraska with a valid out-of-state license. We expanded the hiring preference in Nebraska to include spouses of service members. We also entered into the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact, which allows nurses to have one multi-state license. This makes it easier for military spouses to begin work in nursing after moving to our state. Through these initiatives and a host of others, the State of Nebraska is thanking our veterans in practical ways. Passing LB 153 is the next logical step in our mission to make Nebraska the best state in the U.S. for military families and veterans.

As the legislative session kicks off, I encourage you to follow [www.Governor.Nebraska.gov](http://www.Governor.Nebraska.gov) for updates on important bills. We will need your help to deliver tax relief and support our veterans. It is an expression of our gratitude for our servicemen and women for the sacrifices they have made. If you want to join us on these important efforts, please consider reaching out to your State Senator right away. You can find their contact information at [www.NebraskaLegislature.gov](http://www.NebraskaLegislature.gov). Let them know you stand with Nebraska's veterans!



## The 106th Legislature: The State of the State

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

Today's the big day. Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts delivers the State of the State address to members of the 106th Legislature, Second Session. It's his budget recommendation and his agenda for the rest of the session.

So, what is the State of the State? Well, thanks to unseasonably warm January weather, at least it's NOT flooding. But wait, it's Nebraska, and all that could change. Not to worry, the Governor is planning targeted increases in the current state budget to help finance repair of some of last year's record flood damage. Good on you Governor!

He's also planning an increase in prison staff salaries in an attempt to secure a workforce that will stay as the state works on ways to solve an overcrowding/understaffing problem. It's important to note that this is the year he has to declare an emergency if prison population numbers don't reach a certain lower threshold. Such an emergency would result in a flood of inmates being released to adjust the population.

Additionally, property tax relief and less government spending are still part of his agenda. Even though the Legislature's Revenue and Education Committees have been meeting to draft a property tax reduction proposal, Ricketts remains adamant that he doesn't want to see tax shifts - he calls them tax increases - in sales and income taxes and has also fought some sales tax exemptions. The committees and the Governor have yet to reach an agreement.

Ricketts said he favors using an unanticipated increase in state revenue - guesstimates range about \$266 million for the biennium - as an opportunity to bolster the property tax credit fund, which is his preferred method for addressing the problem.

I am troubled by the fact that we're talking about unanticipated increases. In more than four decades of watching the ebb and flow of tax dollars and how they are distributed, I know one thing for sure.

What goes around, comes around. If it increases, it can just as easily decrease.

I am also concerned about that 800-pound elephant in the room, the proposed constitutional amendment that would provide a 35 percent state income tax credit for local property taxes paid. It's still in the petition stage, but if it makes it to the November ballot and wins voter approval, the impact on the state budget will be \$1.5 billion dollars. Yes, billion with a "b."

Interestingly, last year's flood-

just hope that the watched pot doesn't begin to boil. Medical marijuana and some finality to voter-approved Medicaid expansion also loom as giant animals needing attention.

On vacation in Thailand several years ago I had the opportunity to bathe a 40-year-old elephant at a recovery center. Elephants are huge and they have thick skin.

Take note Governor and Senators: I wouldn't want to try to put a Band-Aid on one.

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

## STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: MOVIE CHARACTERS

- ACROSS**
- CuraAao neighbor
  - Langful
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  - British unemployment checks
  - Schiller's famous poem, e.g.
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  - Opposite of liability
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  - Tiny bite
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  - "Famous Frankenstein portrayal"
  - Like Michael Collins
  - "One of Miss Hannigan's orphans"
  - "Russell Crowe's Biblical role"
  - \_\_\_\_\_ of the trade
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  - Type of realistic baby doll
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  - Retired, shortened
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## From the Journal Files

By Charlie Radatz  
50-25-15 Years Ago

**50 Years Ago - Jan. 15, 1970 - Jan. 21, 1970**  
Byford Lockard, manager of the Firestone store resigned to go into business for himself.

Michael Strecker and Richard Kirkendall were found guilty of coyote hunting along a public road with a spotlight and were each fined \$10 and assessed costs of \$5.

The Southeast Nebraska Joint Planning Commission recommended that Southeast Nebraska counties reduce the number of overlapping fire, soil, and water management districts.

The Salem Board of Trustees adopted an ordinance to require building permits for any new buildings or structural changes to existing structures. Movies being shown at the Rivoli included "Run Wild, Run Free" and "Mackenna's Gold".

For the first time ever citizens who wanted to participate in a school district election had to be registered voters.

The First Baptist Church hired an architect to design its new church building at 21st and Valley.

Twenty-seven fourth graders were the first South school students to move into the buildings new addition.

Smart Set Beauty Salon welcomed to its staff "Corkie" Whitney Witt, Richardson Wilson, Falls City, was elected chairman of the Richardson County 4-H Council.

Richardson County public schools of all classes received the first half of an anticipated \$270,099.54 in state aid.

Falls City High senior Glen Rider received a University of Nebraska Regents scholarship.

Governor Tiemann held a Town Hall meeting at Prichard Auditorium and heard concerns about area highway projects and a blanket increase of 59% in the valuation of farm property.

Winners of Homemakers of Tomorrow Awards were seniors Janet Zentner of Falls City High and Margaret Bangert of Sacred Heart.

In a pair of games Del Sutherland described as "tight as a new pair of new shoes" Pawnee City defeated Sterling 60-59 to win the Southeast Border Conference basketball tournament and Tecumseh snuck past Humboldt 57-55 to take third.

In other basketball: Dawson-Verdon 66 Nemaha Valley 65, Johnson-Brock 58 Southeast 52, Lewistown 66 Dawson-Verdon 56.

Sgt. First Class John H. Hall, Falls City, a deputy for missile tests and evacuation, was presented an Army Commendation medal.

Tiger wrestlers won their first dual victory of the season 36-13 over Fairbury, won their second at Sabetha 39-13, but lost at Auburn 28-14.

Action began in two basketball leagues sponsored by the Jaycees. Members of Company B of the National Guard receiving promotions included Myron J. (Jim) Davidson, Walter F. Honea, Michael J. Darveau, and Frederick J. Gilbert.

A series of 14 dams and reservoirs proposed for the Winnebago-Bean watershed north and northwest of Rulo was estimated to cost a half million dollars.

A Tri-State Feeders Day was scheduled with authorities on feeds, feeding, and consumer and packer demands.

Installed as worthy matron of Falls City Chapter 225 Order of the Eastern Star was Mrs. Don Harmon.

Charlie Smith was elected president of the Falls City Country Club.

Rodney Knaup of the Falls City Jaycees presented a check for \$576.66 to the Richardson County Association of Retarded Children.

Texas Ruby Red grapefruit were selling for five-cents each at Hinky Dinky and oranges were two pounds for a quarter at Safeway.

**25 Years Ago - Jan. 15, 1995 - Jan. 21, 1995**  
Mayor Bill Farmer and city administrators visited the neighboring communities of Hiawatha and Sabetha, KS to compare Falls City's snow removal policies to theirs.

A Galaxy Conference instrumental music clinic was held at Prichard Auditorium.

Sales of Nebraska Cornhusker 1994 National Championship T-shirts, sweatshirts, and caps were going strong at local retailers.

Wilde Tool Co. Inc. established a \$25,000 scholarship fund with \$5,000 scholarships to be given to one senior each from Hiawatha, Horton, Highland, Falls City, and Falls City Sacred Heart high schools.

In girls' basketball: Dawson-Verdon 50 Nemaha Valley 49, Sacred Heart 55 Southeast 54 (thanks to a 15-foot buzzer beater by Jamie Sopoci), N.C. Lourdes 35 Humboldt 34, Pawnee City 45 Humboldt 36, D-V 64 Omaha Christian 51, D-V 42 Humboldt 35 (D-V Champs of N.C. Lourdes Tournament)

In boys' basketball: Farragut 83 Dawson-Verdon 51 (Championship of Lourdes Tournament) N.C. Lourdes 62 Humboldt 54 (Consolation of Lourdes Tournament), Falls City 56 Omaha Skuit 47, Pawnee City 63 Humboldt 55, Omaha Christian 86 D-V 51, Sacred Heart 65 Southeast 48, Nemaha Valley 59 D-V 44

Ira Humm, Falls City, won the heavyweight championship in the Nebraska finals of the USA-ABF boxing tournament.

Brad Olberding picked up the lone championship for the Falls City Tigers in the Elkhorn Invitational wrestling tournament and finished fifth in the eleven team competition.

Forty employees of banks and local retailers attended a program on how to respond to a robbery in their place of employment put on by FBI Agent Chuck Kempf.

Falls City Public Schools qualified for a \$525,957 Nebraska lottery grant for purchase of computers and computer-related technology.

Two local farmers, Dean Stevens and Bruce Zoeller, formed the Gamagrass Seed Co. and planted 200 acres for seed production of a grass that once covered a large part of southeast Nebraska.

Men's basketball: Hullman's Ford 66 Beek's Blasters 56, Hullman's 149 Table Rock 110 (Doug Goltz 25 points, Bob Aitken 22 points)

The Richardson County Athlete of the Week was Celeste Nolte, Sacred Heart, who scored 41 points and pulled down 18 rebounds in games with Johnson-Brock and Southeast.

Brad Olberding was Tiger Wrestler of the Week after winning two matches by pin and a championship match by a 13-0 victory in the 112 pound division of the Elkhorn Invitational.

**15 Years Ago - Jan. 15, 2004 - Jan. 21, 2004**  
Falls City's Council voted 7-1 to purchase the site for its new Aquatic Park. Police reported \$34,000 was unaccounted for and Diana Buckminster, 56, bookkeeper and head cashier at Sunmart, Falls City, was cited with 24 counts of theft.

The home of Arley and Shirley Minshall, Salem, was destroyed by fire. Mudecas Girls Basketball Tournament Results: Exeter-Milligan 54 Sacred Heart 45

Mudecas Boys Basketball Tournament Results: Bruning-Davenport 43 Sacred Heart 35

Cody Jones improved his season wrestling record to 15-1 and won a gold medal at the Elkhorn Invite but as a team Falls City finished 11th in the 12 team field.

The HTRS/Pawnee City wrestling team scored 61 points and finished sixth at the Weeping Water Invite. Curtis Lualin claimed a championship in the 171 pound weight class.

Bishop LeBlond boys basketball: Maryville 60 Falls City 38, LeBlond 55 Falls City 25

Dave Heineman became the third governor to have Falls City ties after taking the oath of office.

Jerry Crofford retired after 28 years as an agent for American Family Insurance.

## Commissioners set public hearing on County Surveyor Office

By: Charlie Radatz

Richardson County Commissioners have decided to receive public input on a possible change in the way the Richardson County Surveyor is selected. The Commissioners have set a hearing date of Tuesday, January 28, 2020, to receive input from the public regarding the election of the Richardson County Surveyor pursuant to NE §32-525.

Presently the County Surveyor is elected to a four year term with the present surveyor's term expiring in 2022. According to Neb. Statute §32-525 if a county having a population of less than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants has an elected county surveyor in office on January 1, 2020, the county board may, prior to February 1, 2020, following a public hearing, adopt a resolution to continue to elect the county surveyor or consolidate that office with any other county office.

Under that same state law if the County Board should neither continue to make the surveyor position an elective one nor consolidate it with another office the question of electing a county surveyor in the county shall be submitted to the registered voters of the county at the statewide general election in 2020. The form of submission upon the ballot shall be as follows: "For election of county surveyor" or "Against election of county surveyor".

If voters decide against the election of a county surveyor or in counties where no county surveyor has been elected and qualified, the county board of such county shall appoint a competent surveyor either on a full-time or part-time basis from any other county of the State of Nebraska to such office.

During their final meeting of 2019, the Supervisors approved an amendment to the Richardson County Flexible Benefits Plan to add and implement a Limited-Purpose Healthcare Flexible Spending Account beginning January 1, 2020 and to adopt Resolution 2019-2020-30 regarding the adoption of the plan. Approval was by an unanimous 3-0 vote.

Sheriff Hardesty and Chief Deputy Roland Merwin reviewed with the Board the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center during the previous week. They reported that an agreement was being drafted for the housing of inmates from Pawnee County. The agreement is not ready for immediate implementation.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges this past week.

The Supervisors voted 3-0 to approve the release of pledge security receipts #311133129; #311137601 and #311136471 from Frontier Bank.

The Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned following their action to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted during the week prior to their meeting.

**Editors Note: The County Commissioners story titled "Commissioners Discuss Rulo road resurfacing and regional 911 dispatch," that ran in the Falls City Journal on Jan. 8, 2020 was written from information pulled from meeting minutes from Dec. 3 not Dec. 31. We apologize for this error.**

## Merz elected Council President

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Administrator Gary Jorn. No action was taken related to the discussion during that session.

The City received another positive report this year from its auditor, Julie Bauman, CPA, and the document was placed on file.

Mayor Shawna Bindle praised the Friends of the Library Staff on receipt of a gold accreditation. Her appointments of members of various boards and committees were approved without dissent.

They include Gary Nelson to the Board of Adjustment; Deb Harris and Kim Oliver to the Library Board; Jerry Koopman and Ray Joy to the Board of Public Works; Tiffin Bauman to the Cemetery Board; Madeline Wilhelm, Bob Aitken, Rob Gerweck, and Steve Simon to the Citizens' Advisory Review Committee; Lee Kurgeweit and Sara Morris to the Planning Committee; Duane Armbruster; Danielle Cromer, and Julie Phroper to the Animal Control Board; the Mayor, Police Chief, Council President, City Attorney, and Gayle Keller to the Board of Health; Richard King and Gracie Deckinger to the Housing Agency; Brian Poppe, Pam Holle, Ed Harris, and Terry Stradman to the Housing Board; Eleanor Last and Ben Simpson

to the Tree Board; Council members Wisdom, Leyden, Froeschl, and Holle to the Budget Committee; Jorn, Lühring, Ferris, Richey, and Aitken to the City Safety Committee; and reappointment of Kevin Malone and Adam Morris to the Community Redevelopment Authority.

Deleted from the agenda at the outset of the meeting were proposed reappointments of Gary Jorn as City Clerk/Treasurer, Duane Armbruster as Chief of Police, and Attorney Mike Dunn as City Attorney as their appointments presently continue

## Falls City goes dark

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the day," said Lühring. "We appreciate all the businesses being sympathetic and cooperative. It shows what a good community Falls City is."

Lühring went on to praise the electric line crew, power plant personnel and street department for working so well together and for all of their hard work. He also praised the contractor RS Electric out of St. Joe MO on an excellent job.

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## BABIES OF 2019

**ATTENTION PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS AND UNCLAS OF BABIES BORN IN 2019.**

Whether you live near or far, *The Falls City Journal* would like to show off your pride and joy in a special section in the February 12 edition of the *Journal*. The rules are simple:

- 1: The baby must have been born in 2019.
- 2: The baby doesn't have to be a resident or have to been born in Falls City.
- 3: Send or bring in the form below along with a photo of the baby (A digital (computer) file is preferred) to The Babies of 2019 C/O Nikki McKim, 1709 Stone St., Falls City, NE, 68355 or email them to nikki@jiscounet.net.
- 4: The deadline is Friday, February 3, 2020. WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO INCLUDE ANY SENT AFTER THIS DATE.
- 5: If the provided information does not fit the required space, (example twins, extra grandparents, etc.) an additional change will be required.
- 6: **ALL ADS MUST BE PAID FOR BEFORE THE RUN DATE.**

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Weight at Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents Resident \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Paul Bratter**  
January 1 • 8 lbs. 8 oz.  
Parents: Kithy & Wynn Strafford Falls City, NE

**Macaulay Connor**  
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Parents: George & Mary Bailey Grandparents: Stephen & Mary Haines Bert & Mildred Pierce

**Rachael Katharine**  
May 2 • 7 lbs. 9 oz.  
Parents: Scarlett & Rhett Butler Tara, GA  
Grandparents: Nick & Nora Charles Prof. & Mrs. Bertram Potts Great-Grandparents: Rick & Lisa Blaine



## Active shooter – A proactive approach with Patrick Hoy

It Can Happen Here. An active shooter incident can occur in any community regardless of its size or rural character. It doesn't matter.

If you work in a public place – government facility, hospital, school, post office, retail store or similar, this presentation is a must. Sacred Heart School is bringing Patrick Hoy to Falls City for a special presentation so that all can attend. This event is free of charge thanks to

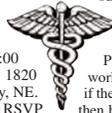
Sacred Heart School.

A retired Air Force A-10 attack pilot and officer, as well as former Emergency Management Specialist for Billings Clinic, Hoy has provided more than 160 training sessions on Active Shooter Defense to health-care, media, government, and other industries. He shares his research findings and personal experiences during his presentation and provides insights on preparedness through under-

standing the active shooter phenomenon and alleviating fear that goes with uncertainty. Hoy also shares a message that he is passionate about: one of hope and empowerment.

This event occurs on Friday, January 17, at 7:00 pm in O'Connor Hall, 1820 Fulton Street, Falls City, NE.

Open to the public, but RSVP by email is recommended to Renee Kopf at renee-kopf@cdolinc.net



vors recover and that was just their little way of trying to help. It was truly a community effort and it was a reflection of the giving hearts of those who cared. "We Serve."

### Parish Circle meets December 16

The United Methodist Parish Circle met Monday evening, December 16, at the Bethel United Methodist Church, rural Falls City, with Sherry Rieger as hostess. Devotions of scripture, hymn singing, and group readings were led by Joyce Jones.

Activities included making a list of donations to be made using the pledge monies from the year's offering, the drawing of names for next year's prayer pals, and prayer requests from the group.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Julie Hader on January 20, 2020. The study of Chapter 9 in Bad Girls of the Bible will be led by Ronda Yoessel.

## SOCIETY

### Humboldt Lions Club

By Ron Rist; President, Humboldt Lions Club

California's catastrophic Camp Fire in November of 2018 burned more than 150,000 acres, killing 86 people and destroying close to 20,000 structures. Thousands of people fled with their lives. It was the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in the state's history.

But one thing remains unable to be destroyed by flames. That is hope, hope that altered lives can closely be healed. Homes can be rebuilt and a devastated community can be restored.

The Lions of California Grass Valley Gold Country wanted to share in their dream. They designed a calendar to what could be again. Those Lion members donated \$11,500.00 to support the displaced families and businesses that were victims of the fire. The Lions members wanted to do their part in helping survi-

Humboldt Family Medicine will be

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until Monday January 20th.

Please call Family Medicine in Falls City at 402-245-4475 for any medical questions, to request a refill, or to schedule an appointment.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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## Congress leaves promising health care cost reforms in limbo

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

By Trudy Liberman

Health care as an issue landed with a thud in late December as members of Congress packed up and went home for the holidays. Two important pieces of legislation for patients didn't make it to the finish line. Passage of either measure next year is a crapsheet since it's an election year.

One of my journalistic colleagues from the online site Axios summed up the Congressional end-of-the-year stalemate this way: "There are lots of goodies for the industry, while patients will get the worst kind of holiday surprise—more medical bills" after Congress failed to enact two promising pieces of legislation.

First, seniors on Medicare and everyone else will continue to see their prescription bills zoom upward. Second, every American unlucky enough to need hospital care, but particularly emergency room care or surgery, will be at risk for financial complications they didn't expect.

In fact, unexpected medical costs are the public's top health concern. Studies indicate families are far more worried about getting socked with surprise bills than they are about getting hit with sky-high deductibles and premiums, or even paying their rent or mortgage. In other words, those unexpected bills are a very big deal. So far, though, Congress has declined to end such practices.

Special interest groups – doctors, particularly anesthesiologists and emergency room physicians, hospitals, air ambulance companies, insurers, and employers – have all lobbied mightily to protect their financial interests. Although those stakeholders agree patients should be protected, there's no agreement on how much doctors should be paid.

Patients who receive a surprise bill, usually from an out-of-network doctor, would pay their deductible, copays, and coinsurance as if the doctor was in the network. Doctors who send these bills would then be paid by insurers based on the average payment for a service in the geographic area or a sum determined by an outside arbiter, depending on what the eventual legislation requires.

A coalition of employers and insurers prefer negotiated rate settlements while physician groups favor arbitration.

When Congress adjourned at the end of December, a possible solution was deferred until next year.

A bill that would begin to tackle the high prices of prescription drugs passed the House, but Senate approval is uncertain. The bill championed by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi calls for the government to begin negotiating prices for between 50 and 250 drugs paid by the Medicare program. Recall that the 2003 law that gave seniors the benefit prohibited such negotiations.

If prices were negotiated, the bill projects that both consumers and the government would save huge amounts of money. Consumer drug spending would drop by 55 percent and government spending by some \$400 billion over the next 10 years. Democrats would like to use that money to expand Medicare coverage to include hearing, vision, and dental benefits.

The bill would also cap out-of-pocket spending on drugs for Medicare beneficiaries at \$2,000 a year. Currently some seniors can pay as much as \$15,000 annually for a single prescription drug.

"Patients scored a major victory in the fight for lower drug prices" when the House passed its bill, says David Mitchell who founded the advocacy group Patients for Affordable Drugs Now. "The House has done its job. Now the Senate must act."

Whether it will be a big question mark. While the House drug bill indeed would be landmark legislation if it passes, it's hard to see drug makers giving up the fight.

It's estimated that the House bill would cause pharmaceutical industry revenues to drop by about one \$1 trillion in the next decade. That explains why the industry has fought long and hard to influence members of Congress to make sure nothing is enacted that derails their gravy train.

Hardly a day went by in recent months without the industry pushing its point of view in sponsored content in Politico, an online publication widely read in Washington. Sponsored content is really advertising, but it's presented in a way that makes readers think they are reading a legitimate news story.

Axios summed up the latest health care efforts in the House this way: "These policies will materially benefit pretty much every sector within an industry that already wields more financial power than ever."

Consumers, on the other hand, will find themselves pretty much in the same boat they've been sailing in for many a year.

How would you profit if the proposed legislation were to pass? Write to Trudy at [trudy.liberman@gmail.com](mailto:trudy.liberman@gmail.com).

## THANK YOU

Community Medical Center's Nursing staff, CNA staff, Respiratory Therapy staff, Cafeteria staff, Housekeeping and everyone else who was involved for the very kind, thoughtful and compassionate care you all gave our Mother in the last weeks of her life. A special Thank You to Dr. Allan Tramp, Grant Anderson, Celeste Jones and all the Falls City Family Practice staff for the medical care given over the past few years. God Bless You All! Marcella Veigel's Family

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# OBITUARIES

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- 20. Jesse Hall, Sr., 97, Ottawa, KS.
- 22. Carrie Bleich, 43, Waverly, NE.
- 24. Hope Zentner, 108, Falls City.
- 25. Barbara Shafter, 81, Falls City.
- 28. John Parrish, 85, Falls City.
- 30. Kenneth 'Kenny' Sells, 66, Marysville, KS.

**APRIL**

- 4. Alma Meyer, 91, Falls City.
- 6. Wendy Walle, 41, Table Rock.
- 9. Christopher Frenzel, 31, Omaha.
- 10. Karen Radatz, 73, Falls City; Maynard Rowley, 85, Auburndale; Larry Solt, 61, Corn- ing, KS.
- 11. Joyce Titus, 74, Falls City.
- 12. Gerald 'Jerry' Rhodd, 66, Falls City.
- 17. Rose Mary Fischer, 64, Tulsa, OK; Steven Howard, 56, York, NE.
- 18. Raymond J. Tackett, 80, Troy, KS.
- 19. Betty Jean Lee, 93, Falls City.
- 20. Kathy Johnson, 66, Falls City.
- 21. Robert Rawley, 89, Omaha; Evelyn Mullins, 82, Battle Creek, IA.
- 24. Robert (Bob) Carlson, 82, Salem.
- 28. Mary Jean Dunn, 88, TX; Ella Romine, 90, Falls City.

**MAY**

- 1. Lynn Fryer, 68, Hiawatha, KS; Robert (Bob) Humm, 89, Tacoma.
- 4. Tonya Kroeze, 46, Verdron; Patricia Kaufman, 76, Hiawatha.
- 5. Edwin Reddington, 88, WI.
- 6. Bryan Wiles, 34, Auburn, NE.
- 10. Stephen Hundley, 31, Lincoln.
- 13. Donald Riley, 87.
- 14. Harley W. Jaide, Jr, 61, Bladen, NE.
- 20. Rick Feighner, 57, Falls City.
- 23. Helen Martinosky, 86, Falls City; William 'Wild Bill' Calbert, 70.
- 27. Gerald 'Jerry' Nolte, 84, Humboldt; William Pupkes, 90,

Jefferson City, MO.

- 28. Robert Mullins, 70, Falls City.

**JUNE**

- 1. Jack 'Boja' Speers, 68, Phoenix, AZ.
- 7. Josephine 'Jo' Jameson, 96, Hiawatha.
- 9. Erma 'Jean' James, 88, Humboldt.
- 10. Nicholas Scott Davis, 27, formerly of Falls City.
- 11. Ruby Brown, 88, Salem; Kenneth Voegel, 81, Lincoln.
- 12. Walter Pohlman, JR, 66, Hiawatha.
- 14. Margaret Weagel, 98, Falls City.
- 16. Elvin Goodman, 84, Sabetha, KS.
- 18. Margaret Shafer, 92, Falls City.
- 19. Sheila Kirkendall, 83, Falls City.
- 20. Bobby Simpson, 64, Rulo.
- 23. Anna Pauline Borg, 99, Falls City.
- 24. Martha Hutfles, 92, Falls City.
- 30. Ruth Balke, 84, Falls City.

**JULY**

- 2. Ruthanna Wheeler, 89, Falls City.
- 3. Jeffrey Mount, 56, Machesney Park, IL.
- 4. Linda Junker, 58, Falls City.
- 6. Eleanore Gansloser, 95, Elgin, IL.
- 10. Cathy Liberty, 61, Falls City.
- 12. Harley Herling, 78, Falls City.
- 17. Doris Wentz, 92, Sabetha, KS.
- 24. Richard Dunkhas, 80, of Holdrege, NE.
- 25. Marjorie 'Darlene' Chase, 85, Sabetha, KS.
- 29. Ralph Huettner, 79, of Falls City.
- 30. Avis Bailey, 80, of Falls City.

**AUGUST**

- 1. Brenda Schulerberg, 53, of Falls City.
- 9. Harry Morrison, 96.
- 13. Tom Beutler, 73.
- 18. Betty Gruber, 95, of Falls City; Dr. Larry Stednitz, 78, of Falls City; Joann Baldwin, 84, of Milford, NE.
- 23. Kari Voegel, 36, of Salem;

Delores Hall, 79, of Taos, N.M.

- 24. Vanari Joy, 89, of Falls City; Genevieve Troncin, 91, of Falls City.
- 28. Donald Hoppe, 55, of Falls City.
- 29. Doris Fiegenger, 91, of Falls City.
- 30. Thomas Morgan, 83, of Falls City; James Hall, 89, of Falls City.
- 31. Lucas Petersen, 18, Springfield, IL.

**SEPTEMBER**

- 1. Janis Larkin, 82, of Falls City.
- 3. Duane Elliott, 76, of Falls City; Brian Schweitzer, 53, of Morrill, KS.
- 6. Alyce Sichel, 81, of Falls City.
- 9. Jennie Schulze, 101, of Falls City.
- 11. Luanna Shields, 57, of Falls City.
- 13. Linda Windle-Michel, 70, of Lincoln.
- 17. Jan Birdsley, 67, of Falls City.
- 18. Clarence Allen, Jr., 92, of Falls City; Dennis Keen, 56, of West Hollywood, CA.
- 21. Gerald Schmid, 92, of Dawson.
- 24. Robert Sopoci, 90, of Falls City; Jerry Dettmann, 81, of Salem.
- 27. Joan Sevcik, 65, of Fort Calhoun.

**OCTOBER**

- 3. Phyllis 'JoAnn' Eisele, 80.
- 4. Jim Dixon, 70, formerly of Falls City.
- 5. Robert Neman, 97.
- 7. Virginia Stice, 93, of Rulo.
- 10. Geraldine Gilkerson, 84, of Liberty, MO.
- 12. Delbert Gibbs, Jr., 83, of Hiawatha.
- 13. Zelma Jamison, 83, of Pawnee City; Mellicent Stalder Adams, 96, Myrtle Beach, SC; Mary Alice Reschke, 81, of Lawrence.
- 15. K. Clair Berkley, 86, of Hiawatha.
- 17. Bobby Roberts, 65, of White Cloud.
- 19. Gary Feldmann, 82, of Humboldt.
- 25. Audrey Kennedy Hoylman, 89, of Roanoke, VA.
- 27. Joyce Coxon, 82, Falls City.
- 28. Dixie Mullins Babb Trusty, 74, of Arizona.
- 30. Eleanore Mayne, 89, of Verdron; Dale Moore, 84, Benedict, NE; Irene Taylor, 92, of Falls City.

**NOVEMBER**

- 6. Mary Potthast, 78, of Raymond, MO.
- 13. Julius Zimmerman, 84, formerly of Falls City.
- 14. Dianne Hinz, 74, of Falls City.
- 17. Milford 'Buster' Wisdom, 85, of Robinson, KS.
- 21. Bonnie Young, 78.
- 23. Jeff Moyer, 55, of Peru; George Darrel Rhodd, 79, of Falls City.
- 24. Janice Berkley Roush, 83, of Morrill, KS.

**DECEMBER**

- 2. Dixie Pethoud, 61, of Falls City; Betty Smith, 66, of Falls City; Robert 'Bob' Bartholomew, 71, of Wetherford, TX.
- 4. Edwin Collins, 74, of Maryville, MO.
- 5. James 'Smitty' Smith, 70, of Falls City.
- 6. John O' Grady, 67, of Falls City.
- 9. Lena Haefel, 100, of Sabetha, KS; Anna 'Nini' Frederick, 92, of Falls City.
- 11. Mary Ellen Thomas, 59, of Dawson; Gordon Kuker, 77, of Salem.
- 17. Ronald Bissegger, 83, of Beatrice.
- 24. Wayne Gatz, 75, of Falls City.
- 26. Marcille Veigel, 96, of Falls City.
- 27. Jim Wickham, 62, of Falls City.
- 28. Gertrude E. Hamilton, 87, of Hamilton; Robert C. Gibbs, 73, of Falls City.

## Nebraska farmers have the opportunity to nominate local public school for \$15,000 grants

The 2020 Grow Rural Education program, which provides Nebraska farmers with the opportunity to nominate local rural public schools for \$15,000 grants designed to enhance STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education, is officially underway. Grow Rural Education, sponsored by Bayer Fund, has awarded more than \$18 million to more than 1,000 schools nationwide since the program began in 2011. Now until April 1st, farmers can nominate their school district by visiting [www.Americasfarmers.com](http://www.Americasfarmers.com).

Previous winners include an Iowa school district that converted an unused locker room into a monarch butterfly incubator. And a Missouri high school used a Grow Rural Education grant to enhance its STEM classes by purchasing an aquaponics system that breeds fish and grows plants in an integrated environment.

## Pheasants Forever to host CRP sign-up informational meetings

Pheasants Forever along with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Farm Service Agency will be hosting several landowner meetings around the state. This general CRP sign-up began December 9th, 2019 and will continue through February 28th, 2020. Two meetings will be held in Richardson and Johnson counties in January 2020.

Information will be presented to landowners to show the many options of CRP and other conservation programs and highlight the updated rental rates. Information on field eligibility and NRCS programs will also be presented. Whether landowners are interested in stopping erosion, increasing habitat for wildlife or learning about financial assistance for conservation efforts, they are encouraged to talk to any local Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist or attend one of these meetings.

If you are unable to attend one of these meetings or you would like more information about the CRP sign-up, please contact the Farm Service Agency (FSA) at your local USDA Service Center.

\* Tuesday, January 21, 2020, a meeting will be held at the Falls City Public Library located at 1400 Stone Street in Falls City,

NE at 11:00 a.m. until 12 p.m. • Thursday, January 23, 2020, a meeting will be held at the Tecumseh Fire Hall located at 1110 Buffalo Drive in Tecumseh, NE at 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

There is no charge for participating, but it is requested that participants pre-register by visiting [www.NebraskaPF.com](http://www.NebraskaPF.com) or calling 402-335-7531 to register.

Pheasants Forever, including its quail conservation division, Quail Forever, is the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to upland habitat conservation. Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever have more than 130,000 members and 740 local chapters across the United States and Canada. Since creation in 1982, Pheasants Forever has spent \$867 million on 540,000 habitat projects benefiting 18 million acres nationwide.

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## Request for early ballots by mail can be submitted in January

Those who wish to get an early jump on the 2020 primary will soon be able to request an early ballot by mail. The first day to submit applications for an early ballot at county offices is January 13, 2020. "Counties receiving early voting requests for early ballots will accumulate those request on a list," said Secretary Evenen. "Those will be among the first ballots mailed starting April 6, 2020."

Evenen noted that some counties also maintain a permanent early voting list, which allows counties to reach out to voters who have indicated an ongoing preference to vote by mail. Each voter on the list will receive a postcard, which the voter can return indicating the he or she would like to receive a ballot by mail.

Only in precincts designated as all-mail will voters automatically receive a ballot by mail for the primary election. To date, there are 145 precincts in 17 counties. By law, all-mail precincts are located in counties that have a population of less than 10,000, for which the county clerk has made a request that has been approved by the Secretary of State.

For question or additional information call the Secretary of State Elections Division at 402-471-4127 or visit the website [www.sos.nebraska.gov](http://www.sos.nebraska.gov)

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**General Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Informational Meetings**  
Tuesday, January 21, 2020  
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General CRP sign-up takes place from December 9th to February 28th 2020 at your local FSA office. These sessions will help landowners and producers learn how to maximize their score and improve their chance for getting enrolled.  
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Or local Farm Bill Biologist: Bruce Sprague 402-335-7531

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

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

**DISTRICT COURT**

Joseph M. Sweigart, of Topeka, count one, theft-rcv stolen prop \$5,000+, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, burglary, count dropped/dropped; count three, burglary, count dropped/dropped; count four, theft-shoplifting \$0-\$500, plead no contest, found guilty; count five, unauth. Use propelled vehicle-1st, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for March 10, 2020.

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 off., plead not guilty; count four, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead no contest; 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. Pretrial is scheduled for January 21, 2020.

Samantha J. Liming, of Falls City, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for February 4, 2020.

Michael A. Costa, of Falls City, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos cntrl subs-sch 1,2,3, plead not guilty; count two, contribute to delinquency of a child, plead not guilty; count three, false reporting-misdemeanor, plead not guilty; count four, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for February 4, 2020.

Rose M. Thomas, of Humboldt, count one, violate protection order/prior P.O. conv, amended to violate protection order, plead guilty, found guilty; count two, criminal mischief \$0-\$500, amended to count dropped/dropped.

Jessica J. Perris, of Falls City, count one, possess controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead guilty, found guilty; count two, no proof of insurance, amended to count dropped/dropped; count three, drive under susp/before reinstated-state, plea is changed to guilty, found guilty; count four, possess marijuana one ounce or less-first off., plea changed to guilty, found

guilty; count five, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; count six, possess or use drug paraphernalia, amended to count dropped/dropped.

Megan Willey, of Hiawatha, KS., count one, issue bad check-\$1,500-\$5,000, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for January 21, 2020.

Bailey T. Witt, of Falls City, count one, operate motor vehicle/avoid arrest-fly, plead not guilty; count two, willful reckless driving-first offense, plead not guilty; count three, drive during revocation/imposed-first, plead not guilty; count four, leave accident-fail to furnish info-first, plead not guilty; count five, fail to use turn signal, plead not guilty; count six, violate stop or yield sign, plead not guilty; count seven, speeding 36+, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for February 4, 2020.

Travis G. Sherman, of Wahoo, NE, count one, sexual assault-first degree, plead not guilty; count two, burglary, plead not guilty; count three, false imprisonment-first degree, plead not guilty; count four, sexual assault-w/o consent-third degree, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for February 4, 2020.

Joshua D. Arington, of Humboldt, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for January 21, 2020.

Tamara A. Purcell, of Stella, count one, resist arrest-second/subsequent offense, plead not guilty; count two, obstruct a peace officer, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for February 4, 2020.

Corinna J. Phropor, of Salem, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for January 21, 2020.

Corinna J. Phropor, of Falls City, count one, theft-shoplifting \$0-\$500/3rd/subs, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for January 21, 2020.

Jeremy J. Butrick, of Falls City, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for January 21, 2020.

Nathan A. Purcell, of Falls City, count one, theft-rcv stolen prop \$5,000+, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for January 21, 2020.

Nathan A. Purcell, of Stella, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, resist arrest-first offense, plead not guilty; count three, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for January 21, 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. Entry of plea is scheduled for January 21, 2020.

**COUNTY COURT**

Rebecca Fouraker, of Salem, count one, issue a no-account check-less than \$500, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$50 and court costs. Show cause hearing is scheduled for February 10, 2020.

Jordan P. Marx, of Dawson, count one, drive under susp/before reinstate-state, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for February 24, 2020.

Cody J. Naber, of Humboldt, count one, drive under susp/before reinstate-state, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Austin R. Alexander, of Shubert, count one, drive under susp/before reinstate-state, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$100 and court costs; count two, operate ATV w/o lights or flag amended to count dropped/dropped.

Jordan P. Marx, of Dawson, count one, drive under susp/before reinstate-state, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for February 24, 2020.

Tonya L. Miller, of Humboldt, count one, drive under susp/before reinstate-state, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100 and court costs.

Jaden P. Cooper, of Humboldt, count one, drive under susp/before reinstate-state, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for February 5, 2020.

Dalton J. Hatfield, of Humboldt, count one, drive under susp/before reinstate-state, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; count two, improper/defective vehicle lighting, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Broderick L. Rieger, of Overland Park, KS, count one, possess marijuana one ounce or less-first offense, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$300; count two, speeding 16-20, plead guilty, found

guilty and fined \$125 and court costs.

Mark J. Stark, of Tekamah, NE, count one, no proof of insurance, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$100; count two, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Lucas M. Morehead, of Falls City, count one, no proof of insurance, plead not guilty; count two, no valid registration car/pickup/stepvan, plead not guilty; count three, possess marijuana one ounce or less-first offense, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for January 27, 2020.

Nathaniel C. Edwards, of Omaha, count one, dom asslt-third degree, plead not guilty, found guilty and fined \$200, a jail sentence of ten days starting on January 18, 2020, credit for two days served; probation for a term of 12 months starting on January 8, 2020, drug testing fee of \$30, probation admin enrollment fee of \$300, jail sentence of 75 days starting on September 2, 2020 and court costs.

Tauna F. Frederick, of Hiawatha, count one, obstruct a peace officer, amended to count dropped/dropped, plead not guilty; count two, no license on person, plea is changed to guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count three, refuse to submit to pretest, amended to count dropped/dropped, plead not guilty; count four, fail to use turn signal, plea is changed to guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count five, possess/consume open alcohol container, plea changed to guilty, found guilty and fined \$50 and court costs.

Samantha Liming, of Falls City, count one, trespass-second degree/defy order to leave, amended to count dropped/dropped, plead not guilty; count two, disturbing the peace, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$50 and court costs.

Julian M. Cooper, of Humboldt, count one, dom asslt-third degree, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for January 22, 2020.

Joshua M. Darden, of Falls City, count one, no operator's license/non-waiverable, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$75; count two, operate vehicle w/o proof of ownership, amended to count dropped/dropped, plead not guilty and ordered to pay court costs.



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McKenzie Witt makes it look easy Thursday night vs. Sidney.

## Lady Irish fight for pair of wins

Story and photo by Brian McKim

The Sacred Heart Irish girls added to their win total for the season with two wins last week. First, the Irish handed Elmwood-Murdock their fifth loss of the year 45-40, then the Irish defeated Sidney 48-34 to improve to 11-1 for the season.

On Tuesday night, the Irish used a big second quarter in which they outscored the Knights 15-5 to take a 20-8 halftime lead. Elmwood narrowed the gap in the third period to 28-22, but SH held on in the final eight minutes to earn the five-point win. The Irish hit ten free throws in the fourth quarter to seal the win.

Sacred Heart struggled from the floor, hitting just 13/41 shots, but they converted 13/18 from the foul line. The Lady Irish defense also forced 19 turnovers while committing only nine of their own.

Rachel Magdanz had a big night for the Lady Irish, pouring in 17 points and adding three steals. Ella Simon also hit double figures with 11 points for SH. Danielle Bippes had six rebounds, and McKenzie Witt had five assists to lead SH. S. Anderson had ten points to lead the Knights.

Scoring vs. Elmwood-Murdock, Magdanz 17, Simon 11, M. Witt six, Vonderschmidt

nine, Bippes two.

The Irish dropped a JV game vs. Elmwood 28-25. Macy Keller had 12 points, and Jessica Wertemberger added five for the Irish.

On Thursday night, the Irish ran out to an 11-0 lead before Sidney finally cracked the scoring column with 2:50 to play in the first. Magdanz got the first hoop of the game for SH, a layup at the 6:40 mark. Erison Vonderschmidt got six of the next nine points, and M. Witt hit a three from the top of the key to give the Irish an 11-0 lead. Magdanz hit the final six points of the quarter for SH to provide them with a 19-5 lead after one.

Sidney held the Irish in check better the second quarter, allowing just eight points. Vonderschmidt had four second-quarter points, and Witt and Olivia Eickhoff each hit a bucket for the Irish. Sidney's only points of the quarter came on a try with :17 remaining in the half.

Sidney outscored the Irish 26-21 in the second half, but the Irish were never really threatened at they came away with the fourteen-point win, 48-34. The game was at it's closest at 40-31 with just under five minutes remaining, but a shot by Witt from the wing, and back to back possessions where Bippes got offensive rebounds and put-backs

made it 46-34.

SH shot just 37 percent from the floor but held Sidney to only 27 percent. SH held a 33-26 rebounding edge and forced 19 turnovers while committing 13.

Vonderschmidt hit 9/16 shots for 19 points and added four steals and four rebounds. Magdanz finished with 14 points, including a pair of threes. Bippes finished with a team-high nine rebounds, and Witt dished out six assists. Maddy Duncan had 17 points to lead Sidney.

Scoring vs. Sidney, Magdanz 14, M. Witt nine, Vonderschmidt 19, Eickhoff two, Bippes four.

The Irish also picked up a win in the JV game, defeating Sidney 27-25. Macy Keller had nine points, and Taylor Frederick added four for SH.

The Lady Irish were scheduled to play Diller-Odell on Friday night, but due to the weather, the game has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 11. The Irish will hit the hardwood next in the MUDECAS tourney in Beatrice. With a win on Monday, the top-seeded Irish will face either Exeter-Milligan or Diller-Odell on Thursday night at 5:00. The championship will take place Friday at 8:15 p.m. SH will then head to Auburn on January 21 for a matchup against the Class C-1 Bulldogs.

## Irish boys survive against Elmwood-Murdock, improve to 11-0

Story and photo by Brian McKim

The Falls City Sacred Heart Irish boys picked up a pair of wins last week, first taking down Class D-1 Elmwood-Murdock on Tuesday, 48-41, then dropping Sidney, Iowa, a Class C-1 school, 73-38 on Thursday evening. The Irish were scheduled to play at Diller-Odell on Friday night, but the game was postponed to Tuesday, February 11, due to the inclement weather.

On Tuesday night at the RAC, the Irish hosted the Knights from Elmwood-Murdock. The Knights entered the night at just 2-6 but have played predominately Class C-1 and C-2 schools. The Irish held a slim 18-17 lead after one period and trailed at halftime for the first time this season 30-26. SH pulled even in the third quarter, tying the game at 35, then outscored Elmwood 13-6 in the final eight minutes to pull away for the seven-point, 48-41 win. The Irish made just 3/9 shot attempts in the second quarter while Elmwood made 6/9, including three from behind the



Del Casteel muscles his way for a rebound last Thursday.

arc.

The Irish defense played much better the second half, allowing just 11 total points as they outscored the Knights 22-11 in the final two quarters.

Sacred Heart didn't shoot bad, hitting 49 percent of their shot attempts; however, the Knights hit 55 percent of their shots, including 6/9 from three-point range. The Irish were out-rebounded 22-13 but forced 20 turnovers to just nine of their own. SH also converted 7/11 free throw opportunities.

Tyler Witt led the Irish offense with 13 points, seven rebounds, and three blocked shots. Jake Hoy added nine points, and Jarrot Simon finished with eight points and three steals. Noah Willey finished with 19 points to lead Elmwood-Murdock.

Scoring vs. Elmwood-Murdock, Jordan seven, Stice seven, Hoy nine, Witt 13, Simon eight, Fiegenger four.

In the second game of the week, the Irish hosted the Sidney Cowboys. The game took place at the RAC due to the power outage across much of the town. This game was never in doubt. The game was tied at two apiece when Jordan hit a three from up top to give SH a 5-2 lead with 6:30 to play in the first, and SH never looked back. Stice hit a pair of threes in the quarter, and Witt hit a shot from the baseline at the buzzer to give SH a 25-7 lead after the first quarter.

Simon had the hot hand in the second period, hitting a three from the right wing with 7:30 to play in the half to make the score 28-9. Simon drained his second

tretry, again from the wing, with about six minutes to play to give SH a 33-11 advantage. Hoy finished the half for the Irish with a hoop and a foul to give SH a 50-19 halftime lead.

Offensive rebounds and steals led to points throughout the first half for SH, and that continued into the third and fourth periods. Sacred Heart outscored the Cowboys 23-12 in the final two quarters to pick up the 73-38 win.

The Irish shot well again, hitting 29/56 shot attempts while holding Sidney to just 12/40 shooting. The Irish held a rebounding advantage of 31-22 and finished with 20 assists in the game.

Witt again led the Irish with 20 points and nine rebounds, and Simon added 17 points and four boards. Stice and Hoy each dished out five assists, and Simon and Fiegenger added three steals apiece. Noah Jorgensen led Sidney with 21 points.

Scoring vs. Sidney, Jordan seven, Stice six, Froeschl three, Hoy three, Casteel two, Witt 20, Keithley four, Bauman three, Simon 17, Fiegenger eight.

The Irish now set their sights on the MUDECAS tourney in Beatrice. The 11-0 Irish, the second seed, will take on the seventh-seeded JCC Thunderbirds (8-3) on Tuesday night in the opening round at 5:00 p.m. With a win, the Irish will take on the winner of Tri-County and BDS at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday. The championship will be at 7:30 on Saturday night. The Irish will then play at Auburn against the undefeated Bulldogs on Tuesday, January 21, with JV action set for 4:30.

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Mason Crawford goes over the Nebraska City player for two of his 40 points.

# Tiger boys fall in overtime

Story and photo by Brian McKim

On Tuesday, January 7, the Falls City Tigers hosted the Class B Nebraska City Pioneers. After a pair of three-pointers and a layup, the Pioneers raced out to an 8-1 lead with 5:42 to play in the first quarter. Then St. guard Mason Crawford scored seven straight hitting a pair of free throws, an acrobatic shot in the lane, and a three from the wing to get F.C. within two at 10-8. Kade Bredemeier kept F.C. within two however, a shot at the buzzer put Nebraska City up 14-10.

F.C. drew even in the second quarter as Crawford accounted for 12 of the teams 16 points in the quarter. A runner in the lane by Crawford gave F.C. the lead at 16-14 with 5:50 to play in the half. One minute later, Crawford drained a deep trey to make it 19-6. A Carson Simon layup with just under four minutes to play gave Falls City its largest lead at 21-16. Nebraska City hit a half-court shot at the buzzer to tie the game at 26, heading into halftime. Crawford had 20 of the teams 26 points at intermission. The shot before the half ener-

gized the Pioneers as they owned the third quarter. A three from the top of the key by Crawford with 2:18 left in the third ended a 16-0 run by Nebraska City that began with just over a minute left in the second quarter. F.C. was outscored 16-3 in the quarter and trailed 42-29 with eight minutes to play. It was Falls City's turn to play defense, as the Tigers held Nebraska City scoreless for the first 4:18 of the fourth quarter. Meanwhile, Crawford hit a pair of threes to begin the quarter to get F.C. within ten points with 3:25 on the clock. A finger-roll by Crawford in the lane, followed by another three from the wing with 1:48 remaining made it 44-40. Trailing 44-41 Brock Hogue got a steal, and F.C. used a timeout to set up a play. With five ticks on the clock, Crawford let it fly from the top of the key, hitting nothing but net to tie the game at 44. A desperation shot at the buzzer by the Pioneers was off the mark, and the game headed to overtime.

N.C. scored first in O.T., hitting a pair of free throws. A bucket by Carson Simon with 2:53 on the clock tied the game at 46.

His points were the only points scored after halftime by someone other than Crawford. Crawford hit the front end of two trips to the foul line to give F.C. a 48-46 lead with 1:09 on the clock. However, a three from the Pioneers gave them the lead for good at 49-48 with :41 left in overtime. F.C. had a chance with just under :10 remaining, but a turnover gave Nebraska City the ball and two more free throws to seal the game at 51-48.

Crawford had the game of his life, sinking 13/27 shots for a game-high 40 points. Mason made 7/15 from behind the three-point line and added seven rebounds and two steals. Carson Simon was next high for F.C. with four points. Caden Simon added 14 rebounds and four assists. As a team, F.C. made 17-53 shot attempts, F.C. held a considerable rebounding edge at 41-17 but committed 15 turnovers to eight by the Pioneers.

Scoring vs. Nebraska City, Crawford 40, Carson Simon four, Arnold two, K. Bredemeier two. The loss drops the Tigers to 5-6 for the season. The Tigers were to host Lourdes Central Catholic on Friday, but the game was postponed to a future date. F.C. will play at Maryville, MO, on Friday, January 17, and then will host Elmwood-Murdock on Saturday, January 18, at 3:30 p.m. F.C. will then participate in the Thunder Classic in Seneca on January 21, 23 and 25.

## Players and coaches are part of the NE Eight-Man Football Coaches Assoc. Hall of Fame

Eleven players and three coaches are part of the Nebraska Eight-Man Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame Class of 2020. Induction ceremonies for the new class will be held at halftime of the 43rd annual Sertoma Eight-Man all-star game to be played at Hastings College on Saturday, June 20. Kickoff for the game will be at 6 p.m. This will be the fourth class inducted into the eight-man football hall of fame, bringing to 63 the total number of inductees. Here is a review of the Class of 2020:

Locally, Chris Darnell, Falls City Sacred Heart was named to the team. All-state both his junior and senior seasons, as a punter and then quarterback, Darnell was a key player on four consecutive unbeaten Sacred Heart state championship teams from 1989 to 1992. He was named offensive MVP of the 1993 eight-man all-star game.

### City Of Falls City

#### GENERAL CLAIMS - NOV 2019

ADMINISTRATIVE	
PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA	9,679.29
CITY OF F.C. DEBIT CARD, EX	41.50
CLUNE & COMPANY LC, EX	97.50
DEARBORN NATIONAL, EX	68.40
F.C. ECONOMIC DEVT & EX	10,000.00
FALLS CITY JOURNAL, EX	204.66
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX	111.13
GENERAL PETTY CASH, EX	37.30
HALBERT, DUNN & HALBERT, SR	7,025.80
MILLER MONROE COMPANY, EX	390.00
NE MUNICIPAL POWER POOL, EX	225.00
ONENECK IT SOLUTIONS LLC, EX	672.30
PEST CONTROL SERVICES OF SE NE SR	55.00
PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP, EX	96.51
PRO SERV, EX	37.66
QUILL CORPORATION, SU	245.06
SNC SENTCON NET LLC, SR	606.94
TASC, EX	125.00
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX	1,032.62
TOTAL	25,732.67

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA	49,228.29
ARMBRUSTER MOTORS, EX	76.52
BRADEN SHILEY, EX	39.24
CITY OF F.C. DEBIT CARD, EX	176.81
CONSOLIDATED MGMT CO, EX	239.79
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FINANCE, EX	448.00
EX/IDENT, INC, EX	34.34
FALLS CITY JOURNAL, EX	57.75
FLEET SERVICES, EX	1,020.19
HALBERT, DUNN & HALBERT, SR	1,630.90
HAUG COMMUNICATIONS INC, EX	577.50
MECHANIC SHOP, EX	6.70
NE LAW ENFOR TRAINING CN, EX	150.00
POLICE DEPT. PETTY CASH, EX	98.50
PRO SERV, EX	144.54
SNC SENTCON NET LLC, SR	523.62
WINDSTREAM, EX	716.24
TOTAL	51,959.83

#### FIRE

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA	3,929.95
MATT BEIER, EX	124.72
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA, EX	634.86
DANCO EMERGENCY RESPONSE CO, EX	490.06
DEARBORN NATIONAL, EX	154.35
EMERGENCY APARTS MAINT, EX	155.60
FALLS CITY VOL FIRE DEPT, EX	1,050.00
FLEET SERVICES, EX	30.00
GENERAL PETTY CASH, EX	82.50
MECHANIC SHOP, EX	3,917.55
MIDWEST FIRE PROTECT INC, EX	1,255.00
NE MUNICIPAL POWER POOL, EX	165.98
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX	3,953.18
TOTAL	14,813.75

#### STREET DEPARTMENT

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA	25,502.20
FLEET SERVICES, EX	1,854.63
HARMONS OK TIRE STORE, EX	294.00
MECHANIC SHOP, EX	553.43
MR AUTOMOTIVE, EX	19.50
OLSSON ASSOCIATES, EX	968.16
SNC SENTCON NET LLC, SR	53.42
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX	9,950.39
TOTAL	40,248.23

#### PARKS

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA	9,760.86
BLETSCHER TRUCKING, EX	349.50
CLUNE & COMPANY LC, EX	299.00
EL CAMINO ELECTRIC, LLC, EX	84.25
FALLS CITY MERCANTILE, EX	574.50
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX	117.71
FLEET SERVICES, EX	95.04
GRANINGER, EX	38.22
GRIMM'S GARDENS, EX	100.00
JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC, EX	325.00
MECHANIC SHOP, EX	28.55
NE MUNICIPAL POWER POOL, EX	291.25
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX	807.37
TOTAL	14,934.25

#### AUDITORIUM

BRANDON KETHLEY, EX	293.69
CITY OF F.C. DEBIT CARD, EX	13.25
ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING CO, EX	480.00
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX	31.96
FALLS CITY JOURNAL, EX	24,666.10
JONES AIR CONDITIONING, EX	715.00
MECHANIC SHOP, EX	16.23
PEST CONTROL SERVICES OF SE NE SR	55.00
RAY MARTIN COMPANY, EX	2,379.00
REEDS HEART SERVICE, EX	249.87
SNC SENTCON NET LLC, SR	143.46
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX	2,877.77
TOTAL	31,921.33

#### ANIMAL CONTROL

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA	3,669.54
OPPD, EX	55.81
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX	31,992.24
TOTAL	36,717.59

#### 911 EMERGENCY SERVIC

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA	21,546.93
FALLS CITY JOURNAL, EX	115.52
SNC SENTCON NET LLC, SR	59.35
UTILITY CONSULTANTS INC, EX	195.00
WINDSTREAM, EX	716.23
TOTAL	22,633.03

#### LIBRARY

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ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING CO, EX	961.00
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX	133.87
GRIMM'S GARDENS, EX	100.00
HALBERT, DUNN & HALBERT, SR	945.00
HUSKER ELECTRIC, EX	408.00
INGRAM, EX	1,085.62
JONES AIR CONDITIONING, EX	287.00
KAWRES, EX	622.25
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MOUND CITY NEWS, EX	40.29
OCLC, INC, EX	155.17
RICHARD GILKERSON, EX	180.00
SNC SENTCON NET LLC, SR	179.75
TRUE VALUE HARDWARE, EX	35.97
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX	1,977.96
WORLD BOOK, EX	364.00
TOTAL	23,100.16

#### LIBRARY GRANT

LIBRARY - PETTY CASH, EX	14.35
TOTAL	14.35

#### CEMETERY

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA	4,981.40
JONES & JONES, EX	400.00
SNC SENTCON NET LLC, SR	47.73
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX	85.03
TOTAL	5,514.16

#### AIRPORT

SUE BUCKMINSTER, EX	200.00
DAWN BENNETT, EX	100.00
FALLS CITY MERCANTILE, EX	39.77
KEITHLEY CONSTRUCTION, EX	325.00
NE DEPT OF AERONAUTICS, EX	2,800.00
PHILIP CHAFFET, EX	2,320.00
SNC SENTCON NET LLC, SR	140.38
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX	310.21
VALGRIN SMITHWICK, EX	132.00
TOTAL	6,367.39

#### HOUSING PL REUSE T

EZ CONSTRUCTION CO, EX	17,426.04
HALBERT, DUNN & HALBERT, SR	224.50
ME CONTRACTING, EX	16,494.00
NE CONTACTING, EX	1,925.00
SE NE DEVELOP DISTRICT, EX	2,176.20
C.D.B.G.-GRANTS	38,245.74
EZ CONSTRUCTION CO, EX	4,436.96
SE NE DEVELOP DISTRICT, EX	4,132.39
TOTAL	85,659.35

#### CAPITAL IMPROV. SINK

FALLS CITY JOURNAL, EX	87.00
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#### UTILITY CLAIMS - NOV 2019

##### ELECTRIC

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA	\$74,182.47
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT, SU	\$37.33
BORDER STATES, EX	\$1,381.66
BRAD GRIFFIN CONSULT, EX	\$1,251.00
CLUNE & COMPANY LC, EX	\$48.00
CORE & MAIN LP, EX	\$53.50
CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO, EX	\$314.70
DEBIT CARD ACCOUNT, EX	\$410.42
DUTTON-LAINSON CO, EX	\$25,380.25
FALLS CITY JOURNAL, EX	\$29.00
FALLS CITY MERCANTILE, EX	\$433.32
FALLS CITY POST OFFICE, EX	\$399.00
FC SANITATION SERVICE, SR	\$242.00
FARABIE MECHANICAL, EX	\$1,085.61
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX	\$517.83
FLEET FUELING, EX	\$750.75
GENERAL FUND, EX	\$34,079.47
HALBERT, DUNN & HALBERT, LLC, SR	\$255.50
HEALY LAW OFFICES, LLC, EX	\$1,000.00
HUSKER ELECTRIC SUPPLY, EX	\$767.99
JONES AIR CONDITIONING, EX	\$413.21
MECHANIC SHOP, EX	\$903.67
MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY OF NEB, EX	\$61,678.89
NE MUNICIPAL POWER POOL, EX	\$5,335.00
NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC, EX	\$1,782.16
NORTHERN SAFETY CO INC, EX	\$133.19
NORTHERN TOOL & EQUIP, EX	\$177.60
OPPD, EX	\$82,169.06
PERVAL CULLIGAN WATER, EX	\$18.00
QUILL CORPORATION, SU	\$91.24
ROBERT MCHENRY, EX	\$16,623.25
TASC, EX	\$28.55
TRUE VALUE HARDWARE, EX	\$40.64
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX	\$10,780.81
UTILITY DEPT/PETTY CASH, EX	\$348.00
WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC, EX	\$1,560.06
WOLFES PRINTING, SU	\$87.00
TOTAL	\$305,753.28

##### WATER DEPARTMENT

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA	\$29,688.09
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT, SU	\$0.18
AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOC	\$318.00
ATCO INTERNATIONAL, EX	\$1,958.81
BRAD GRIFFIN CONSULTING, EX	\$89.39
CENTRAL POWER SYSTEMS & SERVICES EX	\$1,633.53
CLUNE & COMPANY LC, EX	\$9.50
CORE & MAIN LP, EX	\$1,529.06
DEBIT CARD ACCOUNT, EX	\$160.50
EDWARDS CHEMICALS, EX	\$880.00
FALLS CITY JOURNAL, EX	\$5.31
FALLS CITY MERCANTILE, EX	\$48.57
FALLS CITY POST OFFICE, EX	\$104.31
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX	\$104.31
FLEET FUELING, EX	\$68.59
GILMORE BELL PC, EX	\$6,318.00
HACH CHEMICAL CO, EX	\$508.32
HUSKER ELECTRIC SUPPLY, EX	\$359.90
SEN HILL'S, EX	\$890.72
MARYS APPLIANCE & ELECTRONICS, EX	\$14.98
NEB-CENTURY LABS, EX	\$314.98
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC, EX	\$285.47
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT, EX	\$127,195.25
NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL POWER POOL, EX	\$67.00
NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH, EX	\$108.00
PATRICK OLBERDING, EX	\$131.04
POLLARD WATER CO, INC, EX	\$147.23
PRO-SERV, EX	\$3.67
QUILL CORPORATION, SU	\$31.24
SAMP BROS. PETROLEUM INC, EX	\$4663.00
SNC, SR	\$160.55
TASC, EX	\$121.00
UTILITIES SECTIONS, EX	\$45.00
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX	\$5,150.63
UTILITY DEPT/PETTY CASH, EX	\$176.20
UTILITY SERVICE CO INC, EX	\$61.43
WOLFES PRINTING, SU	\$83.22
TOTAL	\$183,099.46

##### MECHANIC SHOP

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA	\$5,244.06
AGCO PLUS, EX	\$251.28
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX	\$251.28
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX	\$6.99
FARMERS REPAIR & MACHINE SHOP, EX	\$847.49
HULLMAN FORD-LINCOLN-MERCURY, EX	\$427.22
INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO, EX	\$33,517.25
INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CENTER, EX	\$55.25
MECHANIC SHOP, EX	\$62.19
MR. AUTOMOTIVE, EX	\$1,138.96
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, EX	\$5.99
QUILL CORPORATION, SU	\$5.99
ROSE EQUIPMENT CO, EX	\$2,922.38
TRIEAN MACHINERY, EX	\$694.94
TRI-STATE TRUCK & TRACTOR REPAIR, EX	\$400.30
TOTAL	\$36,245.51

##### GAS DEPARTMENT

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA	\$47,008.64
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT, SU	\$67.93
BORGHEUSE INC, EX	\$121.68
BRAD GRIFFIN CONSULTING, EX	\$476.62
CLAYTON SERVICE CORP, EX	\$3,676.01
CLUNE & COMPANY LC, EX	\$40.00
CONSOLIDATED PIPE & SUPPLY CO INC, EX	\$165.51
DEBIT CARD ACCOUNT, EX	\$49.18
FALLS CITY JOURNAL, EX	\$25.00
FALLS CITY POST OFFICE, EX	\$320.00
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX	\$66.08
FLEET FUELING, EX	\$88.57
GENERAL FUND, EX	\$8,837.52
GRANT CO TREASURER, EX	\$264.00
GROEVEER & ASSOC, INC, EX	\$1,761.89
HALBERT, DUNN & HALBERT, LLC, SR	\$70.00
INDUSTRIAL SALES CO, INC, EX	\$458.96
KOONS GAS MEASUREMENT, EX	\$2,470.19
MCMASTER - CARR, EX	\$87.72
MECHANIC SHOP, EX	\$338.72
MEYER HOME CENTER, EX	\$21.29
NE MUNICIPAL POWER POOL EX	\$2,689.00
NORTHERN SAFETY CO INC, EX	\$65.32
ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC, EX	\$34.17
PRO-SERV, EX	\$16.00
QUILL CORPORATION, SU	\$19.99
SNC, SR	\$233.70
TASC, EX	\$51.00
US BANK, EX	\$29,539.28
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX	\$677.93
UTILITY DEPT/PETTY CASH, EX	\$198.00
UTILITY SAFETY SERVICES INC, EX	\$17,630.31
WOLFES PRINTING, SU	\$249.82
TOTAL	\$168,776.97
GRAND TOTAL	\$674,004.22

##### SEWER CLAIMS - NOV 2019

PAYROLL ACCOUNT, SA	\$23,506.59
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT, SU	\$32.28
BROWN CO TRANS STATION, EX	\$115.60
DEBIT CARD ACCOUNT, EX	\$20.00
DOUGLAS WHEELER, EX	\$290.76
FAIRFIELD BY MARRIOTT, EX	\$276.76
FALLS CITY SANITATION, SR	\$1,591.00
FARM AND CITY SUPPLY, EX	\$227.05
FARMERS COOPERATIVE, EX	\$1,291.71
FLEET FUELING, EX	\$233.78
MIDWEST LABS, INC, EX	\$41.35
NDEE - FISCAL SERVICES, EX	\$150.00
PERVAL CULLIGAN WATER, EX	\$9.00
INNACLE, EX	\$21.29
Q.A.BALANCE SERVICE, EX	\$125.00
QUILL, SU	\$168.28
SNC, SR	\$346.24
SE NE DEVELOP DISTRICT, EX	\$137.39
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, EX	\$9,690.72
WOLFES PRINTING, SU	\$58.07
TOTAL	\$37,244.95

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# OBITUARIES

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## Shirley Dolman

Shirley Dolman, 76, of Verdon, NE, passed away January 5, 2020 at Auburn, NE. She was born June 6, 1943 to Bill and Louise Meyers.

She married Dave Dolman on April 12, 1974 at Las Vegas, NV.

Shirley graduated Cleveland High School at Reseda, CA in 1962. Following graduation she worked at an electronics manufacturing company then worked for Master Card. She moved to Lincoln, CA and worked in the banking industry as a manager. In September of 1994 the couple moved to Verdon and she worked for the telemarketing firm until they closed. She attended Prairie Union Baptist

Church at Shubert.

Shirley is survived by her husband, Dave of Verdon, daughter, Kimberly Bolivar and her husband Don of Savannah, GA, sons, Mark Meyers of South Carolina, Mathew Dolman and his wife Nicole of Paso Robles, CA, Andrew Dolman and his wife Tonia of Van Nuys, CA, sister, Penny Murphy of Ventura, CA, seven grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter, Tammy Meyers, brother, Don Meyers, sister, Beverly.

No services are planned at this time.

## Byron Gerlt

Byron Eugene Gerlt, husband of Linda Gerlt, father to Julia Gellerman, father-in-law to Tony, and grandfather to three amazing grandsons, Gage (20), Gibson (16) and Gannon (seven), entered heaven after a stroke in his home in Peyton, Colorado at the age of 76 on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

Byron was born in Falls City, Nebraska on October 22, 1943 to Raymond E. and Margaret J. Gerlt. He is survived by one brother, Gail Gerlt (sister-in-law Marlene) of Roseburg, OR, and two sisters; Karen Dorste of Omaha, NE, and Pamela Creasman of Inman, SC. He is also survived by one brother-in-law, Larry Buckminster, and many nieces and nephews. He grew up in the Falls City area and graduated from Falls City High School in 1961. He married his high school sweetheart Linda Ruth Buckminster in 1964. Byron graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1971.

Byron worked for Burroughs Corporation before starting his own business in 1980. He and Linda owned and operated Performance, Inc. (a business forms and advertising products company) in Olathe, KS, for 34 years before retiring in 2014. After retiring, Byron and Linda moved to Peyton, CO to be close to their daughter and her family.

Byron was a member of First Baptist Church Black Forest, and was a deacon and involved in men's Bible studies. He loved the Lord, Nebraska football, cars, attending his grandson's sports activities and spending time with friends. He was a kind man who will be remembered for his sense of humor, corny jokes, and missed by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Byron's memory may be made to the Nebraska Children's Home Society, 4939 South 118th Street, Omaha, NE 68137 or First Baptist Church Black Forest Global Missions Fund.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on January 18th, 2020 at First Baptist Church Black Forest, 10915 Black Forest Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80908.

Meanwhile, the Tigers held Nebraska City to 12/40 from the floor.

Falls City was led by Clary, who finished with a game-high 19 points on 6/14 shooting. Jones also hit double figures, scoring 12 points on 5/9 shooting. Abby Balfour had 12 points, and Alex Hoover added 11 to lead the Pioneers.

Scoring vs. Nebraska City, Bruxellas four, Snethen six, Jones 12, Clary 19, Nolte two, Beer two.

The win gave Falls City its third win of the season against eight losses.

The Lady Tigers also traveled to Murray on Saturday to take on the 1-8 Conestoga Cougars. Falls City picked up their fourth win of the season 57-43 to improve to 4-8 for the season. Falls City will travel to Maryville, Mo, on Friday, January 17, and then will host Elmwood-Murdock on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Next, FC will go to St. Joe LeBlond on Tuesday, January 21, with the JV game tipping off at 5:30.

## LaReine Vice

LaReine Vice, 87, of Shubert, NE, passed away January 7, 2020 in Falls City, NE. She was born August 14, 1932 in Omaha, NE to Bud and Virginia (Wilson) Gilmore, they later divorced and Lyle Page was her step-father.

LaReine worked at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha and met Leland and were married January 16, 1959 at Omaha. They had three children and moved to Verdon, NE in 1969.

LaReine loved to play board games and cards with her children and later with her grandchildren. Not sure if she let them win or they just whooped up on her.

She also loved to go camping, only LaReine was never around to help with the cooking because she loved to fish as much as the guys did. Everyone knew this and never complained about it. Leland did more than anyone.

LaReine liked winter, only for one reason, as that was the only time she really worked on puzzles, until she got older when she couldn't sit there for hours at a time. Sewing was another hobby during the winter. Embroidering dish towels was her favorite.

The couple opened their craft shop in 1983 by Indian Cave Park. She enjoyed visiting with all the thousands of people that passed through and

the hundreds of consignors that they had. Her grandsons, Gary and Josh, even learned to count money at the shop. She would let them help wait on people and count their change back to them.

Her favorite flower was lilacs. Leland would cut some every day that they were in bloom and make the house smell so sweet. She was a member of Good News Assembly of God Church.

LaReine is survived by her husband, Leland of Shubert, daughters, LeAnne Richey and her husband Gary of Falls City, Anna Barnett and her husband Harvey of Wingo, KY, grandson, Gary Richey, Jr. and his wife Veleria and Josh Richey and his wife Molley of Falls City and LaCoda Tuthill of Wingo, KY, great-grandchildren, Lathan, Delana, Kimber and Beau. She was preceded in death by her parents, step-father, and a son, John Vice.

Her funeral was held on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 10:30 AM at Good News Assembly of God Church with Pastor Tim Boatright officiating. Interment will be in Harris Cemetery.

The family received friends on Sunday from 3-4:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

To send flowers to LaReine's family, please visit our floral section.



Brynna Bruxellas beats the Pioneer defender for two points.

## Lady Tigers get much-needed wins

Story and photo by Brian McKim

On Tuesday evening, the Falls City Tiger girls basketball team was looking for its first win since a December 30 drubbing of East High School in the Bishop LeBlond Tourney. Falls City, hosting the Nebraska City Pioneers, held a slim 11-10 lead after the first quarter, with Hannah Clary leading the way in the opening eight minutes with six points. The Tiger defense played well the second quarter, not allowing a point by Nebraska City until the midway point of the quarter. The Pioneers then went on an 8-0 run to take an 18-15 lead. A basket by Clary finally ended the run, and a coast to coast layup by Brynna Bruxellas got the Tigers to within one point at the half, 20-19.

Again, the Tigers came out strong to begin the second half. Clary hit a layup to give FC the lead back at 21-20 just ten sec-

onds into the half. Then, with six and a half minutes remaining, freshman Madison Jones drained a three to tie the game at 24. A bucket by Eryn Snethen with 5:52 to play gave the Tigers the lead for good at 26-24. The Tigers led 32-27 heading into the final period.

The lead stood at five points, 39-34, with 2:46 remaining. That's when the Lady Tigers stepped up and secured the win at the foul line. First, Chase Nolte went 2-2 to make it 41-34, then with 1:25 on the clock, Clary hit 2-2 to push the lead to 43-34. Then with just :37 remaining, Snethen drained a pair of free throws to give the Tigers the ten-point, 45-35 win.

Overall the Tigers hit 10/17 shots from the foul line, with Clary leading the way sinking 6/8. FC finished the game making 13/30 two-point shots and just 3/13 from beyond the arc.

## Tom Bentley

Tom Bentley MCPO, U. S. Navy, Ret., 86, of Falls City, NE, passed away January 11, 2020 in Falls City. He was born August 26, 1933 in Rulo, NE to Ernest and Lena (Palmer) Bentley.

He married Donna Schulenberg on November 27, 1957 at Falls City.

He enlisted in the U. S. Navy in May of 1953 and was honorably discharged in 1957. He reenlisted in August of 1967 and retired in 1993. He served in the Philippines, Adak, AK, Japan, San Diego, CA, Gulf Port, MS and Little Creek, VA in addition to serving two tours in Vietnam. He earned two bronze stars, three Navy Achievement medals, and a Navy Commendation Medal.

Tom was raised at Rulo and moved to Barada at the age of 8 and attended country school. Following his schooling he farmed until enlisting in the U. S. Navy Seabees. Following his discharge in 1957 he returned to Falls City and worked at Frontier Trailer Factory, Conoco and also managed the VFW and American Legion Clubs. He then reenlisted and after serv-

ing 30 years he retired to Gulf Port, MS until 1996 when they returned to Falls City. He was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (20th and Towle St.).

Tom is survived by his wife, Donna of Falls City, son, Mike and his wife Beverly of Gulf Port, MS, daughters, Lisa Bentley and her partner Jeremy Goldsberry of Falls City, Debbie Bassett and her husband Jim of Falls City, sister, Dora Nussbaum and her husband Rolland of Falls City, nine grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Ernest, Wayne and Charlie, sister, Margaret Ingles, daughter, Sharon Mitchell and a great-granddaughter, Charleigh Bassett.

His memorial service will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 10:30 AM at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (20th and Towle St.) with Reverend Andrew Chavanak officiating. Inurnment will be in Steele Cemetery. Military graveside honors by Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard.

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

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**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
LCMS  
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402-245-4643  
[www.stpaulsfalls.org](http://www.stpaulsfalls.org)  
Holy Communion celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sundays.  
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](http://www.gbfcchurch.com)  
Office: 883-2110  
pastor Dave Lockard

**Lighthouse Church of God**  
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Rev. Charles J. Haney, pastor  
785-862-1107

**Stella 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  
Every Monday: 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  
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[www.fallsfirstpres.org/](http://www.fallsfirstpres.org/)

**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
LCMS  
(23rd and Barada)  
402-245-3324  
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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**  
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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**  
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402-245-3977  
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; wor-ship, 10:40 a.m.  
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Tim Bourgit, Pastor

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Pastor Mike Dunleavy  
402-245-2049 (home)  
402-245-4245 (church)  
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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 p.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

**Christ Church of Falls City**  
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Youth Mentoring Available, Thursday: Ladies Bible study, 7:00-9:00 PM.  
Jim Berry, pastor  
402-245-7026

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verdonchristianchurch@gmail.com  
Rev. Daniel Spencer  
Call or text: 402-801-0374



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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)  
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Howard Blecha, pastor

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Adult Inquiry and Instruction Classes: Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Fr. Lawrence Staley, pastor  
402-245-3002 or 402-450-4552.

**Bethel United Methodist Church**  
(70654 656 AVE)  
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stthomasepi@sentco.net  
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Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship, Holy Eucharist (coffee, tea and conversation follow worship)  
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Fr. David Oldham, pastor

**First Baptist Church**  
2023 Valley Avenue  
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
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**Big Lake Baptist Church**  
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Monday: Prayer and Share Monday, 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday: Children's, Youth and Adult Bible study, 7 p.m.  
We welcome you to all of our services.  
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**Trinity United Methodist Church (Rulo)**  
fmc@sentco.net  
402-245-3281  
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Wednesday: Bible study for all ages, 6 p.m.  
"Preach the Word... for the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine." 2 Timothy 4:2-4.  
Josh Maxwell  
preacher, 402-245-7148  
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Weekend Mass Times: Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, 7 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
Daily Mass: Monday through Friday, 6:45 a.m.  
Adult Inquiry and Instruction Classes: beginning September 18 at 7:00 p.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.

**St. Mary's (Dawson)**  
855-3595 or 245-4151  
Weekend Mass: Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; first, third and fifth Sunday, 8:30 a.m.; second and fourth Sunday, 10:30 a.m.  
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Dr. Beth Herrington-Hill  
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Notice is hereby given that the City of Falls City, Nebraska proposes to hold a public hearing on February 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Local Time at the City Council Chambers located in the City Building at 2307 Barada Street to consider the adoption of a long range plan for a one-year and six-year street improvement program for the City of Falls City, Nebraska. Any interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing and to present pertinent information, data or views or to request additional information or background regarding said street improvements plans. The purpose of the hearing is to afford full and complete public knowledge and discussion of said street improvements plans prior to adoption according to law and as provided in Legislative Bill No. 1302 passed by the 1969 Nebraska State Legislature and approved by the Governor.

B.O.P.W.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS November 21, 2019

2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street in said City on the 21st day of November, 2019, at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: Albu, Bartek, Koopman, Veigel, Absent: Murphy, Ray Lathing recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairman and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairman and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairman publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

MINUTES A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Bartek to approve the minutes for the November 7, 2019 regular meeting. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

AGENDA A motion was made by Bartek and seconded by Koopman to approve the November 21, 2019 agenda as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

RULED W/P - CONTRA FLOW A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Koopman to have the Utility Superintendent request a proposal from Olson to further evaluate and design a new contraflow building and include project management in the proposal. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

ELECTRIC DEMAND RATE A motion was made by Bartek and seconded by Murphy to approve the process for a customer to get off of the electric demand rate as presented by the Utility Superintendent. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Koopman, Murphy, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL RATE - APARTMENTS A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Koopman to keep apartments in the residential rate when vacant rather than changing to commercial rate during their vacancy. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Koopman, Murphy, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

ELECTRIC METER SOCKET PROCESS A motion was made by Albu and seconded by Bartek to approve changing the process and sending the electrician instead of the customer for the electrical meter socket effective January 1, 2020. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Koopman, Murphy, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:09P.M. I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairman and Board on November 21, 2019 that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held. Gary Jan, City Clerk Tom Bartek, Secretary Merle Veigel, Chairman

Blue Rivers Area on Aging

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging will meet in regular session at 1:00 p.m. on January 27, 2020, at Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, 103 Eastside Blvd., Beatrice, NE. The meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for such meeting is kept continuously current and is available for public inspection at the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, 103 Eastside Blvd. The agenda may be modified to include items of an emergency nature only. Tracie Fossler Administrative Assistant

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2020 The Year of the Rat Chinese New Year Celebration!

Chinese New Year Celebration! (Best Wishes and Congratulations!) ...watch the parade and to eat. Kids color stuff in! We are going to Chinatown! ... In 2020 the Chinese New Year starts on January 25th. During the two weeks of the holiday, families eat together, visit and honor their ancestors. People give wishes for good luck, good health, peace, joy and wealth. This celebration is also known as "Spring Festival." The Chinese calendar has 12 animals, each standing for one year. This year, 2020, is the Year of the Rat. Read about people born in the year of the rat below. Fill in the puzzle. People born in the year of the rat: 1. are very \_\_\_\_\_ and want to make something of themselves. 2. handle \_\_\_\_\_ well; they can make it grow! 3. are good at getting what they want by \_\_\_\_\_ people. 4. can hold \_\_\_\_\_ and will want to "get back" at someone who has treated them unfairly. 5. look for the next big chance or \_\_\_\_\_ to grab. 6. pay a lot of attention to detail and need things to be \_\_\_\_\_. 7. are quick-\_\_\_\_\_ so they may suddenly become angry. 8. are great \_\_\_\_\_; people look to them for direction and advice. 9. will not let anyone or anything get in the way of their \_\_\_\_\_. 10. are very \_\_\_\_\_ and likeable; they have the ability to make many friends. In what year were you born? If you were born in 2008 then you were born in the year of the rat. Due to its many good qualities, being born in this year is a good thing, not a bad thing! Rat (2008, 2020) Tiger (2010, 2022) Rabbit (2011, 2023) Dragon (2012, 2024) Snake (2013, 2025) Horse (2014, 2026) Goat (2015, 2027) Monkey (2016, 2028) Rooster (2017, 2029) Dog (2018, 2030) Pig (2019, 2031) The Jade Emperor, ruler of heaven, wanted all the animals on earth to come visit him. The rat was the first animal to show up when the Jade Emperor called them together, so he is the first animal in the Chinese zodiac. Look for me in my year, 2021. 11. can be very \_\_\_\_\_ of other people, and can sometimes be taken advantage of. 12. are usually very \_\_\_\_\_ and stay true to their word. The Jade Emperor, ruler of heaven, wanted all the animals on earth to come visit him. The rat was the first animal to show up when the Jade Emperor called them together, so he is the first animal in the Chinese zodiac. Look for me in my year, 2021. 11. can be very \_\_\_\_\_ of other people, and can sometimes be taken advantage of. 12. are usually very \_\_\_\_\_ and stay true to their word.

The Lantern Festival Find and circle the 12 words below in the other lantern:

The Lantern Festival In 2020, the Lantern Festival takes place on February 8th, the last day of the Chinese New Year celebration. Tales about the beginning of this holiday tell about gods who had the power to give good or bad luck and good fortune. The villagers wished to please the gods and they had festivities to entertain and honor them. One story is about the Jade Emperor, the most powerful god in heaven, who saw his favorite goose killed by people in a town. He was so angered that he decided to destroy the village. The other gods warned the villagers. The villagers hung red lanterns and set off fireworks to make the village seem like it was already burning. The clever people saved themselves and their village. Today, people have fun making red lanterns, then they hang them or carry them into the street where they join in parades or watch "dragons" dancing. Some of the largest Chinese New Year celebrations in the United States are in: 1. San Francisco, Calif. 2. New York, New York 3. Houston, Texas. fireworks, family, gold, parades, lanterns, dragons, fish, banquet, rice balls, Jade Emperor, lion dance. One vowel is missing. Which one?

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by David B Wilson and Barbara L Wilson, dated December 20, 2011, and recorded on January 19, 2012, in Book No. 246, at Page 367 in the index of the Recorder of Deeds, Richardson County, Nebraska, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on February 24, 2020, at 11:00 AM, at the main floor of the Richardson County Courthouse, Falls City, Nebraska, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

Lots 8 and 9, Block 128, Original Town of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, commonly known as 1307 Fulton Street, Falls City, NE, 68355

subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and cost.

Edward E. Brink, Successor Trustee First Publication, January 15, 2020

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose (No. 222429). For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com.

15-22-29-12

PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Nemaha Natural Resources District will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 10, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the District office (62161 Hwy 136, Tecumseh NE 68450) to receive written and oral testimony concerning the changes and additions to the District's Groundwater Management Area (GWMA) Rules and Regulations for Groundwater Quantity Management Areas. An informal information session beginning at 5:00 p.m. will precede the hearing.

The changes and additions to the GWMA Rules and Regulations for Groundwater Quantity Management Areas will apply geographically to include all lands and water bodies within the boundaries of the Nemaha NRD. Also, the proposed changes will be constructed within 1/4 mile (one half) mile of any registered public water supply well and vice versa.

- 1) Definitions - Additions
2) Well Spacing - No high capacity well (pumping greater than 50 fifty) gallons per minute shall be permitted to be constructed within 1/4 (one half) mile of any registered public water supply well and vice versa.
3) Well Permit Applications - require the following: landowner or power of attorney signature, detailed irrigation plan with the number of acres indicated, minimum aquifer transmissivity, active well permits consistent in the density calculation of the well permit ranking methodology, and 90-day replication waiting period after an approved well permit is expiring.

- 4) Transfers - agricultural irrigation water transfers - maximum number of acres allowed and minimum well permit score requirement.
5) Aquifer Regions - Five principle aquifer regions have been identified.

These actions are a general description of the changes and additions to the Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP) and the Rules and Regulations. A complete copy of the current and updated GWMP and Rules and Regulations may be obtained at the District office: 62161 Hwy 136, Tecumseh Nebraska, 68023-3255, M-F 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., or on the NRD website at www.nemahand.org.

Anyone unable to appear at the public hearing or persons with lengthy testimony may wish to submit their testimony in writing. For information to be considered by the NRD Board of Directors for the purpose of this hearing, such written testimony must be received by 4:30 pm, on Wednesday, February 12th, 2020, at the Nemaha NRD office at the above address. The NRD Board of Directors will consider all testimony provided and consider action whether to adopt or rescind the changes and additions to the GWMP and Rules and Regulations at the regularly scheduled board meeting on Thursday, February 13th, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Nebraska Revised State Statute 32-525 the Richardson County Board of Commissioners shall hold an open and public hearing to receive comments from the public regarding the continuation on the election of the county surveyor position in Richardson County. Said public hearing shall be on the 28th day of January, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 202 of the Courthouse in Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska.

Dated this 31st day of December, 2019. David D. Siekel, Chairman Richardson County Board of Commissioners 15-21

PUBLIC AUCTION
1923 Towle Street
Falls City, Nebraska

February 1, 2020 at
11:00 o'clock a.m.

Terms of Sale: 100% cash on date of sale. Conveyance will be by Quitclaim Deed. Buyer will be responsible for 2020 and prior years real estate taxes that are unpaid. Property is being sold "as is" in its current condition.

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402-245-3015

The sale is subject to any announcements at the time of the sale.

NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 53-135.01, a liquor license may be automatically renewed for one year from May 1, 2020, for the following retail liquor license, to wit:

CLASSIC CLUB 8 LLC DBA FALLS CITY GOLF COURSE
64870 708 Trail
FALLS CITY, NE 68355
Pl. NE 1/4 Sec. 7-1-16

Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the Richardson County on or before February 10, 2020, in the office of the Richardson County Clerk; that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of said license should be allowed.

Mary L. Eichhoff
Richardson County Clerk 15

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QUAD COUNTY GOLF ASSOC. INC
71550 631ST AVENUE
HUMBOLDT, NE 68376
Pl. S 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec 29-3-13

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Seal's LLC DBA Seal's
71851 651 Avenue
Falls City, NE 68355
22-2-16 1.2A PT NE 1/4 NW 1/4 LESS HWY

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids, clearly marked "Sealed Aquatic Park Bid" will be received by the City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, at the City Building, 2307 Barada Street, until 4 P.M. on February 27, 2020 at which time and place all bids will be opened and read in the presence of the bidders for the refurbishing or replacing Aquatic Park Pool Boiler.

Project bid documents and specifications are available at the office of the city clerk at 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, NE 68355 or call (402) 245-2707 to request a copy.

The City reserves the right to accept any bid which it deems most advantageous to the city and to reject any or all bids submitted and to hold as many bids as it desires for consideration a period of thirty (30) days after bids are opened.

All companies submitting proposals agree that the rejection of such proposal shall be without liability on the part of the City, nor shall the companies submitting proposals seek recourse of any kind against the City because of such rejections. The filing of any proposal in response to this invitation shall constitute an agreement of the company submitting a proposal to these conditions.

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA.

Gary Jorn, City Clerk 15-21

NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 53-135.01, a liquor license may be automatically renewed for one year from May 1, 2020, for the following retail liquor license, to wit:

CASEY'S GENERAL STORE - 1221 HARLAN STREET, FALLS CITY, NE

Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the City on or before February 3, 2020, in the office of the City Clerk; that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of said license should be allowed.

GARY JORN, CITY CLERK 15

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RICHARD A. LEMEROND - 2724 HARLAN STREET, FALLS CITY, NE

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GARY JORN, CITY CLERK 15

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GARY POSTER - 1123 HARLAN STREET, FALLS CITY, NE

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GARY JORN, CITY CLERK 15

NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 53-135.01, a liquor license may be automatically renewed for one year from May 1, 2020, for the following retail liquor license, to wit:

TRAMMIKA, INC. - 2602 HARLAN STREET, FALLS CITY, NE

Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the City on or before February 3, 2020, in the office of the City Clerk; that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of said license should be allowed.

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ELKS LODGE #963 - 147 STONE STREET, FALLS CITY, NE

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AMERICAN LEGION POST #102 - 721 HARLAN STREET, FALLS CITY, NE

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ROLAND LANES LLC - 1111 EAST 14TH STREET, FALLS CITY, NE

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ABUNDEN Y ONATE LLC (dba FIESTA BRAVA - 1124 HARLAN STREET, FALLS CITY, NE

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COSTAS HARALABIDIS - 1618 STONE STREET, FALLS CITY, NE

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KWIK SHOP #648 - 1403 HARLAN STREET, FALLS CITY, NE

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids, clearly marked "Sealed Asphalt Bid" will be received by the City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, at the City Building, 2307 Barada Street, until 11:00 A.M. on February 27, 2020 at which time and place all bids will be opened and read in the presence of the bidders for the milling and asphalt overlay of Chase Street from 14th Street to 21st Street to include 14th Street intersection and on-street parking stalls. Chase Street from 25th to 26 Street to include on-street parking stalls.

Project bid documents and specifications are available at the office of the city clerk at 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, NE 68355 or call (402) 245-2707 to request a copy.

The City reserves the right to accept any bid which it deems most advantageous to the City, and to reject any or all bids submitted and to hold as many bids as it desires for consideration for a period of thirty (30) days after bids are opened.

All companies submitting proposals agree that the rejection of such proposal shall be without liability on the part of the City, nor shall the companies submitting proposals seek recourse of any kind against the City because of such rejections. The filing of any proposal in response to this invitation shall constitute an agreement of the company submitting a proposal to these conditions.

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA.

Gary Jorn
City Clerk
15-22

NOTICE

In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska.

In the Matter of the Estate of James Donald Wickham, Deceased.

Case No. PR20-1

Notice is hereby given that on January 6, 2020, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said decedent and that D. J. Wickham, whose address is 64926 704 Road, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, was informally appointed by the Registrar as personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this court on or before March 16, 2020 to be forever barred.

Curtis L. Maschman
County Judge

WEAVER & MERZ
Douglas E. Merz, No. 12807
Samantha K. Schuch, No. 26389
1719 Stone Street, P.O. Box 569
Falls City, NE 68355
(402) 245-3015 15-22-29

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska in an action wherein Midwest Management is the Plaintiff and Michael S. Lippold, Rhonda L. Lippold, John Doe, and Mary Doe, and all other persons/entities unknown are Defendants, Case #CT 19-156, I will sell at 10:00 A.M. on the 14th day of February, 2020 at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Courthouse on the 1st floor corridor in Falls City, NE in said county and state the following real property, to wit: 1620 Crook Street, Falls City, NE 68355. Legal description as follows: Parcel # 740072021 Lots 23 and 24, Huchings and Maust's Addition to the City of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska.

Dated this 10th day of January 2020. Sheriff Rick Hardesty Jr.
Richardson County, Nebraska
15-22-29-25

B.O.P.W.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

December 19, 2019
2307 Barada Street
Falls City, Nebraska

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street in said City on the 19th day of December, 2019, at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: Bartek, Koopman, Veigel, Abbu, Murphy. Ray Lühring recused the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairman and all members of the Board and a copy of

their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairman and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairman publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Bartek to approve the minutes for the December 5, 2019 regular meetings. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Bartek, Koopman, Veigel, "NAY" None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bartek and seconded by Koopman to approve the December 19, 2019 agenda as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Bartek, Koopman, Veigel, "NAY" None. Motion carried.

ICE PIGGING AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Bartek and seconded by Abbu to authorize Utility Superintendent to contact Suez Utility Service with a counter offer of \$45,000.00. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Abbu, Bartek, Koopman, Veigel, "NAY" None. Motion carried.

UNIT #7 TURBOCHARGER - REPAIR

A motion was made by Bartek and seconded by Bartek to recommend to the City Council to approve repair of Unit #7 turbocharger with Cooper Machinery Services in the amount of \$52,585.91 plus tax and shipping. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Abbu, Bartek, Koopman, Veigel, "NAY" None. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJORNED AT 5:00PM.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairman and Board on December 19, 2019 that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Gary Jorn, City Clerk
Tom Bartek, Secretary
Merle Veigel, Chairman

City Council

Falls City
City Council Agenda
City Council Chambers, 2307 Barada Street
Falls City, NE 68355
Phone (402) 245-2707
January 20, 2020
6:00 P.M.

The City Council may vote to go into Closed Session on any agenda item as allowed by State Law.

- 1. Announcements of Open Meetings Act
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Department Reports
5. Mayor's Report.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Minutes Approval for January 6, 2020.
2. Agenda Approval.
3. Police Report Approval.
4. Treasurer Report Approval.
5. Consent Agenda.

Any item listed on the Consent Agenda may, by the request of any single Council Member, be considered as a separate item under the Regular Agenda Session of the Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Discussion and Action - President Day and Labor Day council meeting date and times.
2. Discussion and Action - Request to use Stanton Lake and free swimming at the Aquatic Park on August 4, 2020 for National Night Out Against Crime - Officer Zach Rafflitzke.

ADJOURNMENT
Gary Jorn, City Clerk

Richardson County Treasurer's Office
Semi-Annual Treasurer's Statement
07-01-2019 Through 12-31-2019

Table with columns: YEAR, MONTH, REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, BALANCE. Rows include 2019 and 2020 data for various months.

2019 JAN 1,000.00 REVENUE 1,000.00 EXPENDITURE 1,000.00 BALANCE 0.00
2019 FEB 1,000.00 REVENUE 1,000.00 EXPENDITURE 1,000.00 BALANCE 0.00
2019 MAR 1,000.00 REVENUE 1,000.00 EXPENDITURE 1,000.00 BALANCE 0.00
2019 APR 1,000.00 REVENUE 1,000.00 EXPENDITURE 1,000.00 BALANCE 0.00
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# HELP WANTED

## The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska located in White Cloud, Kansas is currently accepting resumes for a Full-Time Resource Director/Tribal Chairman Secretary

Individual must be familiar with employment and labor laws, must have effective verbal and written communication skills, demonstrate the ability to work well with others, able to work with little or no supervision and able to insure strict confidentiality. Travel will be required for training.

Benefits include paid health, dental, life, vision insurance, 401K with up to 3% company match, annual, sick and holiday pay. Native American Preference is given.

Resumes will be accepted until Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. Resumes can be emailed to [blunsonf@iowas.org](mailto:blunsonf@iowas.org) or mailed/dropped off at the Iowa Tribal Office 3345 B Thrasher Road White Cloud, KS 66094. ATTN: Brenda Lunsford.

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## 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.com/appl-pool.com/jobs/>

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



NEMAHA COUNTY HOSPITAL

2022 13<sup>th</sup> STREET - AUBURN, NE 512

## JOB OPENING The Nemaha County Hospital has the following open position:

~ Staff RN - Nemaha County Hospital has an opening for a full-time Registered Nurse, 12-hour shifts, 7pm-7am, working every third weekend. Must have a Nebraska license. Competitive benefit package included. Please apply online at <https://nemahacountyhospital.com/careers/>.

Contact Susie Shupp, CHRO at 402-274-6121 with questions. EEO Employer/Disabled



NEMAHA COUNTY HOSPITAL

2022 13<sup>th</sup> STREET - AUBURN, NE

## JOB OPENING

Applications will be received at the office of the City Clerk, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska, until 4:00 P.M. January 15, 2020, for the position of Lineman for the Falls City Utility Department, Falls City, Nebraska. Pre-employment drug testing is mandatory. The job description and qualifications for the position at the office of the City Clerk. The City of Falls City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

GARY JORN, CITY CLERK

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## District Court is accepting applications for the Bailiff position, to work with the District Judge in the First Judicial District; with primary work in Nemaha, Richardson, and Otoe Counties.

This candidate will represent the court system in a professional manner. He/she should possess excellent communication skills and be proficient in Microsoft Word. Experience with Microsoft Outlook and JUSTICE is preferred but not required. The duties of the position are composing a variety of forms and correspondence, scheduling and keeping the Judge's calendar, working directly with the District Court staff and attorneys, managing the courtroom during regular court days and managing jurors during jury trials. Candidates must travel to all counties in the First Judicial District for court with a principle office location in Tecumseh. Starting pay will be \$20.00 an hour, plus health benefits, retirement plan, paid vacation time and holiday pay.

To apply, contact the District Clerk's office in your county for an application. Return application and resume to the District Clerk's office by January 27, 2020. The address of the District Clerk's office is 1700 Stone Street #301, Falls City, NE 68355. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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## FULL TIME DIETARY COOK/AIDE WANTED AT JOHNSON COUNTY HOSPITAL

Hours will vary to include day and evening shifts depending on staffing needs and will include every other weekend. Experience cooking in a large facility preferred. Apply in person or send application to Johnson County Hospital, 202 High Street, Tecumseh, NE 68450. 402-335-3361 Atten: Susan H., HR Director. Email: [shesheimer@jchosp.com](mailto:shesheimer@jchosp.com). Applications may also be obtained on our website at [www.jchosp.com](http://www.jchosp.com). Closing date is January 31st. EEO Employer/Vet/Disabled

## FULLTIME REGISTERED NURSE WANTED AT JOHNSON COUNTY HOSPITAL

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The Sac and Fox Nation has an immediate full time opening for the Water Quality Coordinator position. The Coordinator is responsible for conducting surface water sampling, data assessment, research, developing and writing monitoring strategies, quality assurance project plans and grants. The applicant must have computer experience and be willing to work in weather extremes. A bachelor's degree in Environmental Science or related field and direct experience is required. Must possess a valid driver's license. Pay range is \$14 to \$16.50 per hour depending on qualifications. If selected, applicant will be subject to a drug screen prior to start of employment. To apply submit a cover letter, resume and application to Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri Human Resources Department at 305 North Main St. Reserve, KS 66434 Phone 785-742-7471 Ext 2500 or email to [julie.simmons@sacandfoxs.com](mailto:julie.simmons@sacandfoxs.com) no later than 2 PM 1/23/2020. Application form and full job description can be accessed by emailing [julie.simmons@sacandfoxs.com](mailto:julie.simmons@sacandfoxs.com) or applications downloaded at [www.sacandfoxs.com](http://www.sacandfoxs.com). 1-2

**Career Position**  
**CHRD/DP/Transit Coordinator**  
The Sac and Fox Nation has an immediate opening for a full time Director/Coordinator position (working five 8 hour days Monday - Friday) with attractive benefits package offered. This position, located in Reserve, KS will be responsible for directing the three separate but inter-related programs: Community Health Representative (CHR), Special Diabets Program for Indians (SDPI), & the General Transit Program. This supervisory position will direct a team of 3 others to provide high quality service to the members of the Sac and Fox Nation while meeting specific agency program requirements. Knowledge, supervisory skills, and abilities required include: Knowledge of principles and practices of project/program administration and financial management; ability to create, read, and amend budgets; ability to establish and maintain effective relationships with the general public, staff and officials, and outside agency personnel; proficient in computer use to include word processing and collecting/managing data using spreadsheets and databases. Salary range \$30,000 to \$45,000 depending upon qualifications. This position requires a high school diploma or GED certificate and one (1) or more years of prior medical background experience and you must be able to attend required CHR training when necessary to fulfill the grant requirements. Must have a valid driver's license. Native preference does apply. Application form and a more complete job description can be picked up at the Sac and Fox Tribal Administrative Office, 305 North Main Street, Reserve, KS or requested via phone at (785)742-7471 Ext 2500 or via email. Submit application form, cover letter, and resume to Julie Simmons at [julie.simmons@sacandfoxs.com](mailto:julie.simmons@sacandfoxs.com) or fax to (785) 742-3785 no later than 2 PM Thursday 1-30-2020. 2-3

## WANTED

**AMERICAN WALNUT.** Buying standing walnut timber, 25 or more. Call 816-232-6781 in St. Joseph for details. 47-ff

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## Misc.

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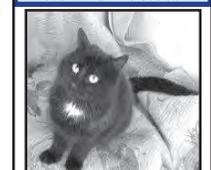
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# 2019 EDGE ANNUAL REPORT



*"Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision is just passing time. Vision with action can change the world."*  
-Joel Barker



EDGE volunteers are a vital part of the organization and give generously of their time for many events throughout the year.

Students receive hands on experience as robotic operators while learning about industrial careers.

Falls City public school students are engaged in the agriculture industry at Merz Farm Equipment.

## INVESTOR AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- Falls City EDGE hosted the 3rd annual National Manufacturing Day as part of continued efforts to inspire our next generation of manufacturers. Falls City and Sacred Heart 7th and 8th grade students toured FAST Global Solutions, Merz Farm Equipment, Kearney Welding, Vantec and Consolidated Grain and Barge. EDGE also coordinated a tour of Cooper Nuclear Station in 2019.
- The Investor and Community Relations team put on many events throughout the year. In 2019 they coordinated the EDGE Annual Banquet, hosted a public open house for Senator Julie Slama, participated in the SNC Empty Bowls Soup Supper in support of the Backpack program and welcomed a representative of Congressman Adrian Smith's office for a public meet and greet.
- Beckie Cromer participated in Falls City High School Career day where nearly 100 high school students learned about the careers available in Falls City. Students were also given the opportunity to learn more about manufacturing, healthcare, government and agricultural careers directly from local employers in the community.

*Why does Mitch Merz @ Merz Farm Equipment, Inc. participate in National Manufacturing Day? "I'm recruiting." He sees the value in planting a seed of interest in his future workforce and works hard to retain our area youth. Thanks Mitch!*

- The EDGE Investor of the Year was B.P.O. Elks Club #963 and the Business Wall of Fame recipients were Ron and Madeline Keller and Edward and Sandra Hartman
- EDGE welcomed 9 new EDGE Investors in 2019 totaling \$10,500 in new investment dollars bringing our total private investment to \$78,000 annually.
- Falls City EDGE provided 2019 Falls City and Sacred Heart graduates with Fallstichyoud sunglasses and a note inviting them to choose Falls City to start their future careers and to raise their families.



The Keller and Hartman families were honored for their dedication and philanthropy to Falls City.

*"This nationwide spotlight on modern manufacturing is unlike any other time in the year. Thousands of children will see their future come into focus. Teachers will have a renewed insight about opportunities in the industry. And more parents will see that our careers offer chances for their children to create and to thrive."*  
-Carolyn Lee, The Manufacturing Institute

## PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY

- Champions Crossing LLC was formed and work is under way to construct infrastructure for Falls City's newest residential subdivision. This public-private partnership, leveraging nearly \$750,000, will create 6 residential lots available for development in 2020.
- The Ames Companies and Airlando, Inc. were awarded Falls City EDGE scholarships for incumbent worker training courses offered by Southeast Community College. A total of \$1,250.00 dollars was awarded for 2 courses and 3 employees.
- Falls City EDGE has pledged \$30,000 to Falls City Middle School for investment in a STEM Lab that introduces students to manufacturing processes. These funds will provide equipment such as 3D printers, vinyl cutters, a laser engraver, a CNC machine, welding lab or an embroidery machine. EDGE will work with school officials on this project as we decide what the best approach is for the school.
- Falls City EDGE was awarded a \$13,000 matching grant from the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority for an updated Housing Study. The study will be used to stimulate ideas for comprehensive development plans encompassing housing, community, and economic development opportunities in Nebraska.



Southeast Community College Learning Center at Falls City held its Grand Opening in October 2019. The state of the art building includes a large shop area with nine welding booths and room to move equipment into and out of for the training of individuals seeking skills required in modern manufacturing, one large classroom, three smaller classrooms, and two rooms equipped with clinical medical equipment for healthcare related programs. Falls City EDGE worked with community college officials on real estate negotiations and the building and site location selection process. Dr. Paul Illich, President of Southeast Community College, spoke about rural vitality in his grand opening remarks, "We don't want them (rural communities) to struggle. We want them to strengthen."

- Falls City EDGE optioned property for a Union Pacific Railroad served, 1,000-acre megasite. The property went through a series of phases with the railroad including an initial Service Feasibility Questionnaire followed by two site visits by railroad representatives as well as comprehensive reviews from both the UPRR service and operations units. The site was approved by the UPRR in January of 2019 after the 10% engineered rail design concept was finalized and a targeted marketing campaign focused on site selectors is underway.



## MARKETING AND SALES

- Kevin Malone, Steve Kattich, Gary Jan and Beckie Cromer completed a corporate business retention and expansion visit with senior executives at Herzog in April. We discussed business conditions, how the economy impacts their services and the strength Herzog has in its diversified product offerings. Herzog stated they have a contract with a major rail company for a 75-car train every quarter which stabilizes their workload. This gives them a more routine business model in Falls City. They noted their workforce is very steady and they have good employee retention. They will be investing in additional track at the Falls City site for Burlington Northern Railroad railcar storage.
- In 2019, Falls City EDGE awarded nearly \$35,000 to 3 Falls City industries for equipment modernization. Falls City Foods, Vantec Inc. and FAST Global Solutions invested nearly \$13 million dollars in modernized manufacturing equipment. These projects also contributed to employment growth with Vantec adding 8-12 jobs and a new weekend shift; Falls City Foods adding 2 new employees and FAST Global Solutions adding 5 workers to their payroll as a result of these investments.

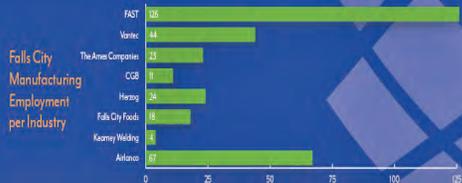


Local leaders accept the Nebraska Certified Community honor from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

- Falls City was awarded Economic Development Certified Community status from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. This program showcases the communities in Nebraska that have well-positioned themselves for economic development opportunities.
- Dana Rathje, Gary Jan and Beckie Cromer completed a corporate business retention and expansion visit with senior executives at FAST Global Solutions. We discussed business conditions, how the economy impacts their services and the stability the company has realized since making management changes. FAST was proud to note they are actively hiring and planning a multi-million dollar investment for the Falls City facility.
- A widespread marketing campaign was completed in the 4th quarter aimed at driving new employees to each of our 8 local industries in an effort to fill open positions. A 30-day radio blast campaign targeted the region as we highlighted industrial careers available in Falls City.
- 2019 Prospect Report EDGE submitted 5 RFP's to companies looking for new locations; locally we worked with 8 different companies looking to expand/invest in their local operations.



Falls City EDGE visits FAST Global Solutions headquarters in Glenwood, MN as a part of their Business Retention and Expansion program.



Falls City Foods invested in new equipment and added employees. Vantec Inc. invested nearly \$1M in new machines, added 12 employees and a new weekend shift. CGB welcomed students from Falls City and Sacred Heart on tours during National Manufacturing Day.