



L-R: Dustin Vavak from Harvest AV Solutions, Gary Jorn, Robin Ankrom, Kevin Malone and Steve Kottich.

PRICHARD AUDITORIUM GETS A NEW SPEAKER SYSTEM

By Robin Ankrom

One thing everyone in Falls City can agree on is that we are fortunate to have such a large and historic building like Prichard Auditorium in our town. It's host to many activities that bring people from miles away, including basketball games, graduations, recitals, programs, wedding receptions, and banquets. Another thing that everyone in Falls City can agree on is that for such a wonderful building, the sound system at Prichard is lacking. Well, not anymore. That changed in November 2019 when the sound system at

Prichard received a much-needed upgrade.

In June 2017, I went to the Falls City City Council to ask permission to apply for a USDA grant for Prichard on their behalf. My daughter had previous experience working with USDA grants and believed there were more grants available to help the City pay for a new sound system at Prichard. After some research, I found there was, indeed, a grant to help us. I solicited two bids; one from a company in Kansas City and the other from a company in Saint Joseph.

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Towle Family: Cindy Witt, Tom Witt, Dorothy Towle, Denise Mertens and Tara Witt.



SCC Representatives: Keith Hammons, Paul Illich, Kathy Boellstorff and Holly Carr.

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 unan-

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FALLS CITY EDGE HONORS INVESTORS OF THE YEAR AND WALL OF FAME RECIPIENTS

Falls City EDGE held its Annual Banquet last Thursday, January 9, 2020, with special guest speaker, Gregg Connell, Executive Vice President of Chamber and Industry, Shenandoah, IA. Beckie Cromer welcomed everyone, and Paul Weinert offered the prayer. The Falls City Elks Club served dinner.

Marc Moorehead presented the 10th Annual Investor of the Year Award, saying, "The recipient of this year's award has made a great investment in the community." The presenter statements follow.

Each year, the Investor and Community Relations committee chooses to honor their most valuable asset, their Investors, by presenting the prestigious EDGE Investor of the Year award. Our dedicated Investors are the main reason EDGE has been so successful, and we thank you for truly believing in the mission of the EDGE organization. You have invested in our community, and because of that, we have been able to accomplish many things in Falls City and Richardson County.

Southeast Community College is the EDGE 2019 Investor of the Year. Southeast Community College

held a well-attended groundbreaking on September 26, 2019, in celebration of their brand new, high-tech regional learning center. The process in locating SCC in Falls City began in August of 2015 as EDGE worked closely with the SCC team of Bob and Kelly Morgan in identifying, touring, and negotiating different sites and buildings over a nearly two-year search. In 2017 a site was finalized, an architect was chosen to design the building, and approval was granted for the new facility by the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. The planning phase was a success, and Dr. Illich and the Southeast Community College Board of governors gave the green light for the construction of a nearly 10,000 square foot facility. The building took nearly a year to construct and now adorns the northern entrance of Falls City and is a beacon of hope to those seeking to upgrade their skills and earnings potential.

Southeast Community College held public forums as a way to garner input from local citizens and employers when deciding what areas to focus on at the Falls City location. Healthcare

and Manufacturing continually ranked at the top, and SCC took action as a result of the community needs assessment. The building currently has state of the art healthcare classrooms equipped with the most advanced technology available, and the manufacturing area is a work in progress. The facility is also home to a host of other classes, both on-site and distance learning as a means to meet local demands.

Robert Aitken gave the Falls City EDGE Business Wall of Fame Presentation and honored the Towle family and Mildred Appleoff. The presenter statements follow.

These awards, now in their fifth year, were created to honor those who have been instrumental in making Falls City/Richardson County the place we enjoy today. Individuals who dedicate themselves to excellence helped make Falls City/Richardson County, a vibrant place to do business, work and live. Each individual being recognized are/were gifted with unique talents, perspectives, and beliefs, and they graciously shared these gifts with the community.

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FINDING 2020 VISION FOR NEBRASKA

By Governor Pete Ricketts

As the 2020 session begins, it's important to remain clear-sighted about the most pressing priorities of Nebraskans. As special interests clamor for attention during this short legislative session, Senators must keep laser-focused on the priorities that will grow our state as we enter a new decade. These priorities are property tax relief, flood aid, veterans' tax relief, and workforce and business expansion.

First and foremost, Nebraskans need property tax relief. Everywhere I go around the state, farmers, ranchers, and homeowners tell me story after story about how property taxes are over-burdening their businesses and families. They're fed up with heavy taxation and fired up to make sure Senators deliver relief this year.

In 2019, Senators and I delivered significant tax relief by increasing the property tax credit relief fund by over 20 percent. That fund has now nearly doubled during my time as Governor, from \$140 to \$275 million. That's a step in the right direction, but Nebraskans urgently need additional relief.

With revenues having recently exceeded forecasts, Legislators have a golden opportunity to deliver more tax relief in 2020. The only sustainable way to achieve long-term tax relief is by controlling spending. During my administration, we have controlled state government spending increases, on average, to about 2.4 percent annually. To achieve meaningful property tax relief, the local political subdivisions that levy property taxes—like public schools, community colleges, and cities—must also do their part in showing fiscal restraint. I'll share more about my plans for property tax relief this year in my State of the State address this week.

Second, we need to deliver flood aid for Nebraskans as we continue to rebuild following the 2019 floods. The combined recovery efforts of volunteers, local governments, and state agencies have been extraordinary. Homes have been rebuilt, businesses have reopened, and bridges have been reconstructed faster than expected. We're on track to rebound even stronger than before the floods. Federal disaster assistance, federal highway funds, and insurance are covering a large percentage of the costs of recovery. The State, however, also has to do its share to fully repair our infrastructure.

Third, Nebraska needs to do more to retain our retired veterans. We are the only state in our region with a declining veterans population. This week, Senators unanimously advanced LB 153, a proposal introduced at my request last year. This bill would exempt 50 percent of military retirement benefit income from state income taxation. LB 153 is a step to keep us competitive with other Midwestern states, most of which do not tax military retirement benefits at all. By helping to retain and recruit military retirees, LB 153 also strengthens our workforce. Since many military personnel can retire after twenty years of service, they often finish their military career in their 40s or 50s. At this age, they are 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.

Fourth and finally, Nebraska needs to do more to expand job opportunities by attracting talented professionals and thriving businesses. The Legislature can help address our state's workforce shortages by moving forward with two initiatives that are already on the table.

From Main Street businesses to Fortune 500 firms, we need to do more to prepare the next generation to take the great jobs we have here in our state, so they can make Nebraska their home. Last year, I proposed Nebraska Talent Scholarships as a way to encourage young Nebraskans to pursue careers in high-demand, great-paying professions. These annual scholarships would go to students at community colleges, state colleges, and the University of Nebraska studying to enter fields that currently have a workforce shortage. The scholarships are a common-sense way to connect the rising generation of Nebraskans with rewarding jobs that our state's employers are looking to fill.

And finally, business incentives, which are set to expire at the end of 2020, must also be addressed. Unlike other state incentive programs, Nebraska's tax incentives are performance-based. Tax benefits aren't given in the hopes of future investment. They're only earned by businesses that have already made a significant and verifiable investment in our state. This feature ensures that incentives reward actual job creation in Nebraska. All 50 states have incentive programs, even states with no income tax like Florida and Texas. Senators should take action to refine and extend incentives, so Nebraska can remain competitive nationally.

Property tax relief, flood recovery, veterans tax relief, and economic competitiveness are key priorities that deserve to be first in line as Senators begin work this session. On January 15th, I will outline these priorities and more during my annual State of the State Address. I invite you to view the speech and stay updated on legislative developments, by visiting www.governor.nebraska.gov. If you have questions about these issues, I hope you will write me at pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov or call 402-471-2244.



School discipline may not be the issue to debate right now

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

Back when I was a kid, if you caused a problem at school you wound up in the principal's office. We all feared that and it kept most of us in line in that Panhandle community we called home. Further, we knew what to expect when we got home and received the "real" punishment.

Fast forward six decades or so and we've got a Nebraska Legislature looking at ways to give teachers and administrators more "tools" to handle violent students. The measure proposed by Senator Mike Groene of North Platte would give teachers legal protection for defending themselves and others against violent students.

Groene first offered the measure (LB147) last session and filed a motion to place it on general file, even though the Education Committee, which he chairs, had not voted to advance it. Senators adopted the motion but the bill was never scheduled for first-round debate.

As introduced, the bill would authorize teachers and administrators to "use the necessary physical contact or physical restraint" to control a student who becomes physically violent and to protect school property from destructive students. It would allow a teacher to have a disruptive student removed from the classroom under certain circumstances.

The senator says a 20-year-old Nebraska Supreme Court case determined teachers and administrators might physically intervene to preserve order in the classroom. He says teachers want to be able to protect themselves and their students. But he called the current classroom situation a "free-for-all."

I don't have school-age children anymore. My granddaughter is not in kindergarten yet. I have teachers in my family and among my retired friends. I haven't heard of this so-called free-for-all from any of them. Maybe I'm just lucky.

Groene says he has an amendment to replace the bill to authorize teachers and other school personnel to use "reasonable physical intervention" to protect the student, another student, a teacher, other school personnel or another person from physical injury. Such action could also be used to secure property in a student's possession if it poses a threat.

The amendment, thankfully, would require each school district to have a policy describing a process for removing a student from a class and then returning him or her to a class. It would be his hope that such a policy would be open to public scrutiny by teachers and parents alike. Otherwise, there are just too many questions.

Groene says it would also shield teachers, school personnel and school districts from criminal and civil liability if a physical intervention or removal was reasonable and in accordance with said policy. Yep, gotta have something for the lawyers.

Omaha Senator Machaela Cavanaugh opposes the measure. She says state law already authorizes teachers and administrators to defend themselves. She says it also fails to address the root cause of problems such as large class sizes, adverse childhood experiences and a lack of behavioral and mental

health services. Her Omaha colleague, Senator Justin Wayne, has filed a motion to kill the bill. He says minority students in Nebraska are five times more likely than other students to become involved in the student discipline process and therefore would be disproportionately affected by physical interventions.

Wayne says the measure will destroy relationships between students and teachers, parents and schools and the community and school district. There's also a shared concern among Wayne and other senators that teachers and other school personnel need to be trained in intervention and de-escalation techniques.

One of the bill's supporters says he'll introduce a companion measure to require such training and provide funding for five years of

such. Read that: more school aid, something that is debatable all by itself. Imagine the debate that could ensue about what that training should look like, to say nothing of the fact that it's maybe not a good idea for the state to dictate same.

I'm sorry that it has come to this. I agree with the opponents that perhaps the real problem is a whole lot of outside circumstances that have nothing to do with public education and a whole lot to do with parental discipline.

That's debatable and certainly not something that can be legislated. At least not in a short session of the Unicameral in an election year.

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

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- Greek portico
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- Omit
- *Miami
- *They won their first two Super Bowl appearances
- Time division
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- "Swan Lake" steps
- It often follows tooth or back
- What oars do
- Part of a jousting outfit
- Dickens!
- Donkey in Mexico
- Glazier's unit
- *Like Bud at a party
- Farm measure of alcohol
- Fraternal letter
- Also bean
- Make wet
- Unmoved
- Agitate
- Tasseled hat
- Equil approval
- Opposite of paleo
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- *Hard Rock _____
- In the buff
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- It's common?
- What time does
- Lawyers' league
- Load carrier
- Extend credit
- Nonclerical
- Roommate annoyance

DOWN

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- Type of cotton fiber
- Sound of pride
- Do like a good citizen
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- Contributes
- *54
- Lemur from Madagascar
- The only one
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- *Gambling _____
- Pirate's "yes"
- Echo
- *Popular stadium snack
- Nile reptile
- Clergy house
- *Halftime show sponsor
- "Encore!"
- *What halftime performer does
- *43 Across residents
- "That hurts!"
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- Jagged, as a leaf's edge
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- Highway hauler
- Boxer's last blow
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50 Years Ago - Jan. 22, 1970 to Jan. 28, 1970
 The Falls City Tigers were the 11th straight victim of the Pawnee City Indians after they claimed a 57-45 basketball victory at Prichard Auditorium. The City awarded a contract for \$24,475 in repairs to a 2,500 kilowatt generator of the city electrical utility.

Four hundred-fifty people attended the annual meeting and party of Falls City Federal Savings & Loan Association at Prichard Auditorium. Falls City Federal was paying dividends of 4.50% per year on savings. First National Bank, the Bank of Salem, Home State Bank, and The Dawson Bank were all paying 5 1/2% on one year and 5 3/4% on two year CD's. Richardson County Bank was paying 5% compounded quarterly on Golden Passbook accounts and 5 3/4% on 24 Month CD's.

Joseph E. Heim, Dawson, earned an associate applied arts degree in building construction from the Nebraska Vocational Technical School in Milford (now a campus of Southeast Community College).

Donna Cummins, Dawson-Verdon, received a one year Regents scholarship to UNL. About 100 attended a program on the illegal use of narcotics held at the Falls City High School.

Milton Bletscher, Falls City, was elected vice president of the Nebraska division of the American Dairy Association.

In high school basketball: Nemaha Valley 42 Sacred Heart 40, Humboldt 61 N.C. Lourdes 49, Southeast 88 Dawson-Verdon 79, Southeast 53 N.C. Lourdes 48, Pawnee City (12-0) 33 Sacred Heart 20, Humboldt 77 Lewiston 47.

Steve Hull and Norm Olson won first place medals in the Twin Rivers Conference Wrestling Tournament as the Tigers finished 4th with 56 points. The Humboldt area launched a drive to raise funds for a new medical clinic. Both Falls City and Humboldt won Distinguished Achievement awards in a 1969 National Clean-up contest.

Pamida Inc. announced that the name of its Falls City store would be changed from Old Brands Discount Center to Gibson Discount Center.

Dwayne Antholz, Salem, was the outstanding graduate of the Nebraska Vocational school at Milford in home building construction.

Using a metal detector on the courthouse lawn John Lichty and Harold Clark found 20 coins and a token good for admission to the Opera House Saloon.

Three Nebraska players were drafted by NFL teams, tight end Jim McFarland by the Cardinals, Middle Guard Ken Geddes by the Lions, and defensive back Dana Stephenson by the Bears.

Steve Hall, Stella, received a one year Regents scholarship to attend UNL. Rita Seid, Auburn, was named the Outstanding Junior Pork Producer by the S.E. Quad County Pork Producers.

The Nebraska Game Commission was ordered to study the impact of warm water released from Nebraska's two nuclear power plants on plant and animal life in the Missouri River.

Sacred Heart senior Pat Hoffman was awarded a \$500 Regents Scholarship to attend UNL.

Falls City high wrestlers won their third dual meet defeating Crete 35-11.

25 Years Ago - Jan. 22, 1995 to Jan. 28, 1995
 During a two day sale 3,323 cattle went through the ring in what was described as the "biggest sale of the year" at Falls City Auction Co. The cattle came from as far away as 85 miles and the majority of the cattle went to feed lot buyers.

Pre-trial costs of the John Lotter/Marvin Nissen murder trials had reached \$166,000 and the financial impact was described by County Board Chairman Jim Sefried as "scary".

RSVP volunteers donated a quilt they had made to be raffled off at Latchkey's annual fundraising soup supper to help raise money to support the program.

Regina Cummings was installed as the new president of the BPO Does Drove No. 56.

Subway opened for business in Sapp Bros. 66.

In boys' basketball: Falls City High's starting five and their top sub all fouled out in a game at Wymore Southern that the Raiders won in overtime 65-61. Sacred Heart lost a nail-biter to Tecumseh 46-45 after a day earlier defeating Pawnee City 47-43. Humboldt 69 Brownell-Talbot 30, Johnson-Brock 79 Southeast 70, Auburn 63 Falls City 49, Johnson-Brock 86 D-V 51.

In girls' basketball: Falls City 37 Maryville 30, Sacred Heart 56 Pawnee City 45, Humboldt 57 Brownell-Talbot 23, Dawson-Verdon 47 Lewiston 42, Sacred Heart 58 D-V 46, Johnson-Brock 64 Southeast 51, Southeast 56 Humboldt 50, Johnson-Brock 54 D-B 40, Holton 48 Falls City 46 (in Hiawatha Invitational).

Humboldt Cardinal wrestlers managed a pair of seconds but finished 8th at the 11 team Wilber Invitational. The Cards scored 100 points and finished 5th at the Adams Invitational.

Tiger wrestlers captured six medals in the Plattsmouth Invitational to finish 6th in an 8 team field. Winning gold medals were Tom Wissman and Brad Olberding. Tiger wrestlers won a dual at Syracuse defeating the Rockets 51-18.

Movies at River Twin Cinema were "Dumb and Dumber" and "Little Women."

Bill Schock did a feature on vintage car collector Clyde McKinney that included a photo of McKinney sitting in a Lincoln man's 1909 Maxwell that had a timing problem that was fixed by Clyde and a friend of his from Sabatha.

The USDA announced that farmers would have to take out crop insurance before they could sign up for price supports, loans and other farm programs. Ryan Sevcik a 7th grader at Sacred Heart and Ben Anderson a 5th grader South School won local competitions in the National Geography Bee.

15 Years Ago - Jan. 22, 2005 to Jan. 28, 2005
 Tedd Behemeyer was the new president of the Falls City Area Jaycees. Southeast Nebraska Telephone Long Distance matched donations received at the Falls City Rural Fire Department's Super Bowl Sunday Pancake & Sausage Feed.

In girls' basketball: Sacred Heart (D1 #2 ranked) 67 Pawnee City 37. In boys' basketball: Sacred Heart (D1 #2 ranked) 34 Pawnee City 32, Falls City 67 Troy 59 (OT Consolation Bracket Trophy Winner at Raider Classic), Nemaha Valley 78 Falls City 68 (Raider Classic 1st Round).

Mitchell Harding was selected to the All-Nebraska Association Track and Field Team for his performance during the 2004 season. Journal "Athletes of the Week" were Falls City sophomore Hayley Milam and HTRS junior 171 pound wrestler Curtis Luallin. Marcia Harmon won a 10th Degree Jaycee award, the highest honor of the Nebraska Jaycees.

The District 56 School Board awarded the contract for its Jug Brown Stadium renovation project to Landscapes Unlimited, Inc., Lincoln. The National Weather Service honored Edward Murphy of rural Rulo with an award for his 35 years of service as a weather reporter.

In boys' basketball: Three Auburn seniors accounted for 61 of its points in a 74-57 victory over the Falls City Tigers. Savannah 54 Sacred Heart (D1 #2) 51. Nemaha Valley 64 HTRS 55, HTRS 55 Southeast 43.

In girls' basketball: HTRS 67 Nemaha Valley 28, HTRS 57 Southeast 32. Hiawatha Invite games: Rock Creek 57 Falls City 48, Hiawatha 47 Falls City 37.

Journal "Athletes of the Week" Sacred Heart senior Megan O'Grady and Falls City High sophomore Jake Bartek.

Falls City EDGE honors Investors of the Year and Wall of Fame recipients

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have made significant contributions in Falls City/Richardson County in the areas of volunteerism, leadership, and philanthropic activity. The deserving individuals have been role models for citizens and were instrumental in making Falls City the Passionate, Proven, and Prosperous community we enjoy today.

The Towle family's four generations of pioneering business savvy and entrepreneurial spirit provided the strong foundation which anchored Falls City into the community we know today. To fully understand their contributions, one has to travel back to 1862, a mere four years after Falls City was incorporated, to explore where it all began. Edward S. Towle settled in Falls City, where he was a pioneer lawyer and where he served as the town's first mayor, as a member of the first state constitutional convention and as Speaker of the House in the Nebraska Legislative session of 1875. His successful public service was complimented by his calculated private endeavors, which included amassing productive farm ground and creating the Towle Realty Company in 1913.

The next generation of the Towle family continued to invest in Falls City with the purchase of the Falls City Telephone Company, which became Southeast Nebraska Telephone Company, and the First National Bank. These two companies were purchased from the Miles family. Edwin H., also known as Ned, ultimately assumed ownership of both companies and continued to grow the Towle Realty Company. Under the leadership of Edwin H., the Towle Realty Company acquired many additional acres of farm ground and included the purchase of several downtown buildings. He had many other business interests, including the Towle Lumber Yard and Apple Orchards. Mr. Towle was a dominant figure in the economic life of Falls City due to his real estate, banking, and telephone interests, but he was also very civic-minded. He served as mayor, as did his father before him, served as city engineer at the time the bricks were laid on Stone St., was manager of the Falls City Mink baseball league, and played an active part in bringing Missouri Pacific offices and shops to Falls City.

Edwin S. Towle II led the third generation of the Towle family, and he continued in a leadership role of all three companies while managing extensive agricultural interests and city real estate. He continued to add holdings by purchasing farm ground and buildings for the Towle Realty Company, including the First National Bank Drive-In erected in 1960. Mr. Towle also owned the Independent Pipeline Company, the General Loan Company, and the Missouri Valley Poster Advertising Company. He served on the Falls City school board, the Chamber of Commerce Board, and was a director at the Falls City County Club.

Today, Falls City is blessed with the fourth generation of the Towle family at the helm of many business interests under the leadership of the late Edwin S. Towle III, and his wife, Dorothy Towle. Mr. Towle added to the business interests of the Towle family with the launching of two additional companies, Computer Business Services, and Southeast Nebraska Sales and Service. Of all the business interests held by the Towle family, the most prominent would be, what is known today, as Southeast Nebraska Communications. It has withstood the test of time and has always been revered as the most high-tech telecommunications company the state of Nebraska has known. Under the leadership of Edwin H., the news media reported in 1952 that "Southeast Nebraska has the most up to date telephone

plant in Nebraska." In 2010, under the leadership of Dorothy, the Lincoln Journal Star echoed the same sentiment, "Falls City is not building a baseball park on the edge of a cornfield to attract people to the southeast corner of Nebraska. It's working on something more futuristic: a fiber-optic network that will connect to 2,366 homes and businesses - basically the entire town." In 2015, SNC completed a fiber optic project that placed fiber to every home and business in its rural areas. At this time SNC was one of a very small handful of companies in the state to be 100 percent fiber to the home across its entire service area. Under the direction of Dorothy, SNC continues to be on the leading edge of communications, offers the best service possible, and continues the Towle family's dedication to the people of Falls City and the surrounding areas.

The Towle family's business and civic-mindedness was a fundamental part of Falls City's history and is still going strong today. They are a premier employer with 13 valued employees. They are philanthropic and often a leading donor to many community betterment projects, including recent endeavors like Southeast Nebraska Communications ball field, the Roh Activity Center, and Community Medical Center. Their contributions span over a century in time. There are far too many to list, but, as a community, the community is grateful the Towle family chose to settle in Falls City.

Also honored was Mildred Appleoff. Appleoff came to Falls City 70+ years ago and opened a private piano, organ, and voice studio. This small business, which was located in her home, taught hundreds of talented students, and touched many lives. In addition to this successful venture, she and her husband Bob started Mutt & Jeff Drive-In and operated Appleoff Appliance for more than 50 years. Mutt and Jeff still open every summer, and it serves as an iconic stop for many loyal patrons each year. Its reputation for scrumptious cheese bars and beef burgers spans generations and keeps locals and tourists coming back year after year!

Mrs. Appleoff also had a very successful, 25-year teaching career where she spent time at both Falls City and Sacred Heart. She earned recognition throughout her time in the education system, including Outstanding Educator of the Year, Golden Apple Award,

a Key to the City, Woman of the Year, and she was chosen as the Cobblestone Grand Marshal in 2017. She is also responsible for starting the Falls City High School Show Choir program in 1973, and the show choir is still going strong today. She was selected, via audition tapes, for two World Fairs. One in Knoxville, TN and the other in Vancouver, Canada. She also directed 20+ musicals and started the Madrigal Feast, which Falls City High School continues to perform. This drama-filled, theatrical performance continues to be a favorite of the public.

Mrs. Appleoff has left her mark on this community in so many ways. She has touched the lives of so many students in many artistic ways through music, performance, competition, and creativity. She also left her mark as a successful business owner and entrepreneur. In some ways, she has touched every Falls City resident, and we are thankful for her contributions.

Mrs. Appleoff was unable to attend the Banquet, but she sent her gratitude for the recognition and award. Her daughter Sandy and son-in-law Tim received the award on her behalf.

Those selected for these prestigious awards will be recognized by having their personalized plaque line the walls at the Falls City EDGE office. This permanent display will serve to remind area citizens that the success we all share is thanks to those individuals who give back so generously to their community. Their vision and leadership have been vital to the sustainability of our local area!

The Banquet closed with an annual business meeting.

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New Arrivals

HOLSCHER- Trent and Lindsay Holscher of Ogallala, Nebraska, welcomed their son, Wyatt Loy Holscher, on December 29, 2019. Wyatt was born in Great Plains Health Hospital, North Platte, at 6:30 a.m. weighing eight pounds and measuring 19 inches long. He was welcomed home by his big sister, Dylan. Proud grandparents are Kristy Fischer, of Stella; Mike Holscher, of Ogallala; Ed Fischer of Verdon; and Mike and Sherric Knott, of Ogallala. Great-grandparents are Marge Dettman, of Falls City and Gene and Lore Holscher, of Ogallala.

Catholic Schools Week – “Catholic Schools – Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed”

January 26 - February 1, marks the celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Sacred Heart School will be celebrating its 129th year of Catholic education in Richardson County. The week begins on Sunday with Parish Appreciation Day/Public Relations Day at weekend Masses. Students thank parishioners for their spiritual and monetary support of Sacred Heart School with a bulletin insert and the National Honor Society serving refreshments after 10:00 a.m. Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul.

Monday will be Volunteer Appreciation Day thanking all the many Sacred Heart volunteers, past and present.

Tuesday will be Parent Appreciation Day with thank you cards sent home from students to their parents.

Wednesday is Honors Day. Diocesan Superintendent, Dr. Matthew Hecker will join the Sacred Heart family and will be honoring new members of the National

Honor Society with a luncheon for inductees and parents. At 1:30 PM in Sts. Peter and Paul Church the new National Honor Society members will be inducted. At 2:00 p.m. there is an all-school Mass to celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

Thursday will be Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day with a special lunch being shared by the faculty and staff.

Friday will be Grandfriends Day, 8:15 a.m. Mass for Pre-K through 6th Grades with Grandfriends (this person is a special guest and can be anyone, does not have to be a grandparent). 9:15-10:45 a.m. students and guest enjoy refreshments and games. Friday will also be Student Appreciation Day at 1:23 p.m. No classes for 7th-12th students, activities planned.

Marlene McKim, Supreme Deputy President installed the officers for 2020. President, Karen Ramsey; First Counselor, Mary Wiltse; Senior Counselor, Linda Frost; Junior Counselor, Dianne Davis; Secretary, Marlene McKim; Treasurer, Nancy McKim; Chaplain, Phyllis Kreutzer; Color Bearer, Joyce Buck; Attendant, Molly Kirkendall. Refreshments were served by hostesses, Joyce Buck, Mary Wiltse, and Dianne Davis. Door prizes were won by Marlene McKim, Linda Frost, Karen Ramsey and Nancy McKim. Next meeting will be Feb. 10 with hostess, Mary Ann Wenz, chairman and Julie Bauman and Darlene Tisdell.

The 2020 dues can be sent to Secretary, Marlene McKim

SOCIETY

Humboldt Chapter 234 Order of the Eastern Star
By Donna Monnette, Secretary

Ten members of the Humboldt Chapter #234 Order of the Eastern Star met on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at The Meeting Place at 7:30 p.m. Worthy Matron Nancy Nemechek opened the meeting in short form. Members sang the Opening Ode, “He Leadeth Me,” and pledged allegiance to the American flag. The regular order of business followed. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. The treasurer gave her report. Communications included reading the Nebraska OES News. Bills were presented and approved.

Annual reports were given by Donna Monnette, Secretary; Treasurer, JoAnn Koso and Carolyn Bredemeier, Chairman of the Auditing Committee. The application for submitting a By-Laws Change was read by the Secretary. Members voted on it and it will be submitted to the Grand Chapters office.

Sarah Nims named her Installing Officers as: Installing Past Matron, Carolyn Bredemeier; Installing Marshal, Elizabeth Ketner; Installing Chaplain, Joan Wheeler; and Installing Warder, Trudy Fankhauser. A recess was called to prepare for the installation of the following officers for 2020. Worthy Matron, Sarah Nims; Associate Matron, Phyllis Kreutzer; Secretary, Donna Monnette; Treasurer, Joan Wheeler; Conductress, Elizabeth Ketner; Associate Conductress, Nancy Nemechek; Chaplain, Joan Wheeler; Adah, Carolyn Bredemeier; and Warder, Trudy Fankhauser. The remaining officers will be installed at a later date as the Installing Marshal proclaimed.

Worthy Matron Nims thanked her installing officers and those accepting offices this year. She reported Ardis King is back from the hospital and the nursing home. There being no further business chapter closed in form with prayer and singing of the Closing Ode, “God Be With You Till We Meet Again.” Refreshments were served by Elizabeth Ketner.

Richardson County farm service agency announces county committee election results

Richardson County U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced that Andrew Johansen was elected to represent his local administrative areas (LAA) three during the recent county committee election.

Gabriel Ramsey of Falls City will serve as the first alternate. “County Committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA,” said CED Brenda Fields, county executive director. “They help deliver programs at the county level and work to serve the needs of local producers. All recently elected county committee members will take office in January 2020 and will be joining the existing committee.”

Every FSA office is served by a county committee made up of local farmers, ranchers and foresters who are elected by local producers. Nearly 7,800 FSA county committee members serve FSA offices nationwide. Each committee has three to 11 elected members who serve three-year terms of office.

County committee members impact the administration of FSA within a community by applying their knowledge and judgment to help FSA make important decisions on its commodity support programs, conservation programs, indemnity and disaster programs, emergency programs and eligibility.

County committee members impact producers through their decision making and help shape the culture of a local FSA office. They also ensure the fair and equitable administration of FSA farm programs in their counties and are accountable to the Secretary of Agriculture. Members conduct hearings and reviews as requested by the state committee, ensure underserved farmers, ranchers and foresters are fairly represented, make recommendations to the state committee on existing programs, monitor changes in farm programs and inform farmers of the purpose and provisions of FSA programs. They also assist with outreach and inform underserved producers such as beginning farmers, ranchers and foresters, about FSA opportunities. For more information, visit the FSA website at fsa.usda.gov/elections or contact the Richardson County FSA office at 402-245-2401.

RC SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SHARED MEDIA REPORT

On January 7, 2020 there were two arrests made by Richardson County Sheriff's Office. Both of these arrests were on active warrants out of Richardson County and both are being held at our facility. The first arrest was of Everett Bice, 41, of Saint Joseph, MO, on Failure to Pay fines and Cost warrant. The second arrest was Joshua Arington, 39, of Humboldt, on a Failure to Appear for a Court Commitment.

On January 6, 2020, Erica D. Beethe, 27, of Elk Creek, NE was booked into the Richardson County Jail for disturbing the peace.

On January 9, 2020 Joshua M. Darden, 41, of Falls City, NE was booked into the Richardson County Jail on a warrant out of Gage County for Fraud-Insufficient Funds Check.

On January 15, 2020, Tara M. Tackett, 39, of Falls City, NE was booked into the Richardson County Jail for disturbing the peace, and

trespassing.
On January 15, 2020, Dawn L. Hasley, 39, of Falls City, NE was booked into the Richardson County Jail on a warrant for theft-shoplifting.

SOCIETY

Area Bridge
Carol Heineman, Leona Knobbe and Denise Dixon won the prizes when Falls City Area Bridge Club met January 14, 2020, when three tables of bridge were played.

Carol Heineman and Shirley Weber were the hostesses. Denise Dixon and Violet Heim will host the next session on January 28, 2020.

SACRED HEART KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP
Friday, February 7, 2020
8:30-11:30 a.m.
(1 hour time slots)
Located in the Kindergarten Class Room (Must be 5 years of age by July 31st, 2020)
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Valentine's Day Celebration ~ Happy Valentine's Day ~ Friday, February 14th
Drawings to win up to \$300 every 1/2 hour 1pm-5:30pm.
Drawings to win up to \$500 or Jewelry every 1/2 hour 6pm-1am.

Mardi Gras Celebration ~ Tuesday, February 25th
Drawings to win up to \$1,000 every 1/2 hour 12pm-11pm.

Extended Mardi Gras & Leap Year Celebration ~ Saturday, February 29th
Drawings to win up to \$500 every 1/2 hour 1pm-5:30pm.
Drawings to win up to \$1,000 every 1/2 hour 6pm-1am.

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Nebraska Teachers ask for safer environments for students and themselves

Nebraska teachers value and appreciate the enduring, strong support that Nebraskans have demonstrated for students, educators and our great public schools.

There are an increasing number of incidents where students lash out at other students or school staff, threatening and committing assaults. There is a lack of support for teachers who are desperate to keep their students and themselves safe. These stories aren't often disclosed due to student confidentiality, but they are very real and they're happening every day—and teachers need solutions.

The Nebraska State Education Association received more than 160 responses to a December survey in which educators across the state reported their experience with student behaviors threatening the safety of teachers and students. There are heartbreaking stories of teachers who have been assaulted by students, often with severe injuries. Students have been exposed daily to disruptive behavior from other students, significantly impacting their learning opportunity.

The Nebraska State Education Association, working with state senators, the Nebraska Council of School Administrators, the Nebraska Association of School Boards, and other advocacy groups, worked to develop amendment 1803 to LB147, a legislative solution to address this growing problem. The two primary goals of LB147 are to:

- 1) allow a teacher to request that a violent or disruptive student be held out of the class-

room, with the goal of returning the student to the class as soon as possible after appropriate instructional or behavioral interventions or supports are implemented; and

2) outline in state statute that school staff may need to use reasonable physical intervention to safely manage the behavior of a student to protect such student, another student or school personnel from physical injury.

As it stands, there are no consistent policies or procedures in Nebraska schools that address the management of disruptive behavior in the school environment. LB147 will set forth consistent, clear directives to provide a safe learning environment for students and staff alike.

NSEA is also pursuing adequate funding to provide additional mental and behavioral health resources for our students and additional training support for school staff to reduce the incidence of assaults and injuries.

Teachers want safe learning environments for all children, every day. I encourage you to read Amendment 1803 to LB147 and to support teachers by encouraging your state senator to stand with teachers and give us the tools we need to keep our children—all children—safe while they learn and grow. We love our students and our profession, and we want the best for all our children. Co-signed by 55 education association presidents including, Kandi Rohrs, Auburn Education Association; and Breanna Lape, Falls City Education Association.

Northwest announces fall 2019 honor roll

The Office of the Registrar at Northwest Missouri State University has announced the students named to the Academic or President's honor rolls at the end of the 2019 fall semester.

Local students named to the honor roll are Erik M. Eickhoff, Academic; Rachael L. Keithley, President; and Cade K. Schawang, Academic, all of Falls City.

To be included on the Academic Honor Roll, a student must carry a minimum of 12 credit hours and attain a grade-point average of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale. Students named to the President's Honor Roll have attained a perfect 4.0 GPA.

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STUDENTS

Falls City High School has announced the following Honor Roll, and Orange and Black Honor Roll for the first semester of the 2019-20 school year:

Orange and Black Honor Roll 2019-20 - Semester 1

Seniors: Kade Bredeemeier, Brynna Bruxellas, Kailyn Frederick, Maggie McNeely, Braden Oliver, and Alexis Sutton.

Juniors: Thayer Armbruster, Jacob Craine, Laney Feek, Dalton Fouraker, Brock Hogue, Riley Kobza, Alexander Martin, Jennifer Ramirez, and William Vitosh.

Sophomores: Abigail Boatright, Carson Bredermeier, Justin Brewer, Pressler Bruxelles, Nia Crawford, Kyle Eickhoff, Emmy Lu Feek, Thomas Fields, Abby Fritz, Emma Killingsworth, Makayla Mason, Lindsey McNeely, Jocelyn O'Grady, Josie Riggs, Madilyn Scholl, Jolee Schulenberg, Carson Simon, and Piper Sutton.

Freshmen: Kacy Brewer, Jonathan Craig, Cayleigh Eickhoff, Stiephan Jones, Christina Gilkerson, Madison Jones, Delainey Kaster, Andrew Martin, Kellen McAfee, Reece McNeely, Alexis Miller, Gaby Niedfeldt, Elyse Poppe, Jodie Uhri, and Joseph Vrtiska.

Regular Honor Roll 2019-20 - Semester 1

Seniors: Hunter Arnold, Seth Brewer, Lexie Buckminster, Keldon Campbell, Hannah Clary, Mason Crawford, Dillon Ebel, Jackson Findlay, Emily Gilkerson, Ali Ivey, Christianon Ivey, Mazey McCullough, Alyssa Mez, Francesca Morra di Cella, Brianna, Frida Rosenberg, Tyler Schutte, Caden Simon, Helen Walker, Samantha Wissmann, and Faith Zimmerman.

Juniors: Stephen Acton, Lukas Aldana, Elijah Bottom, Emma Clark, Zoe Ebel, Hannah Hamilton, Abby Harms, Jared Hawley, Jayden Kreifels, Brenna Leyden, Shaylee Mackey, Courtney Rumbaugh, Jordan Schuetz, Eryn Sneathen, Kaylee Tackett, Tyler Uhri, Leighton Vice, Michael Wickham, and Alexis Wittwer.

Sophomores: Abigail Dougherty, Raymond Feek, Spencer Forsyth, Dalton Helmick, Eliza Kuker, Genevieve Loveless, Chase Nolte, Jaden Nolte, Nova Smith, and Wade Wason.

Freshmen: Silas Amanullah, Bryson Butrick, Hannah Collier, Logan Coupe, Jaxyn Strauss, Miracle Swanson, Emily Thrash, and Mataya Wilcox.

FALLS CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

has announced the following Quarter Two High Honor Roll, and Honor Roll students.

High Honor Roll: GPA 3.75 or higher and no D's or F's

Talon Anderson, Ava Armbruster, Isabelle Armbruster, Ethan Boatright, Alexis Brewer, Peyton Brown, Elianna Bruxelles, Mylie Crawford, Carlea Dunkhas, Cayden Dunkhas, Makayla Eberle, Havyn Evans-Ruiz, Hayden Findlay, Ella Glathar, Mikaela Hawley, Eric Heinzelman, Derek Helmick, You-Ha Kim, Ashleigh Kirkendall, Josephine Kirkendall, Kaitlyn Kirkendall, Ella Kobza, Danyelle Kuker, Malori Kuker, Gunner Lippold, Ciara Martin, Ethan Morris, Grace Morris, Brock Niedfeldt, Wyatt Olberding, Trinity Pierce, Addyson Sayer, Makinley Scholl, Emilou Schulenberg, Chase Simpson, Katelynn Titus, Estela Torralba-Lopez, Alana Tunget, Sierra Vermeer, Elizabeth Vice, Emily Vitosh, Nevada West, Jordan Wilcox, Tate Wilcox, and Paige Young.

Regular Honor Roll: 3.5-3.75 GPA and no D's or F's

Gavin Bauer, Jackson Bauman, Joshua Brown, Brock Caudle, Cade Caudle, Jaxton Davis,

Brooklyn Denton, Breean Eickhoff, Kemper Foster, Isaac Frederick, Kyleigh Furnas, Robert Gilkerson, Braxton Hamon, Ryker Jones, Taylor Kreifels, Caylan Lee, Vaden Leyden, Ashton Martin, Daly Martin, Maddox McCullough, Sophia Nelson, Evie Rue, Elizabeth Saul, Blakely Sells, Elsie Thompson, Beatriz Torralba-Lopez, Rome West, and Malesa Wickham.

Pope receives Doctorate of Physical Therapy

Claire Poppe of Falls City, was one of more than 1,800 University of Iowa students to celebrate earning their degree from the UI during commencement ceremonies staged in December after the completion of the UI's fall 2019 semester.

Poppe received a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree with a major in Physical Therapy.

Poppe and the UI's newest graduates came from both near and far, some from the other side of the planet, drawn by the UI's nationally ranked academics, beautiful campus, competitive athletics, and welcoming community. They connected with teachers and peers who share their passions and curiosities, and discovered new things about the world and about themselves.

MidAmerica Nazarene University Announces Fall 2019 Honor Roll

MidAmerica Nazarene University recently announced its President's, Dean's List and Honor Roll for the fall 2019 semester. A total of 381 students qualified for one of the honors.

The following local MNU student named to the President's List is Keegan Hunzeker, of Rulo.

All students in traditional undergraduate programs carrying 12 semester hours or more with a term GPA from 3.2 to 4.0 may qualify for one of these academic honors. Neutral credit hours are excluded from the calculation and reduce the course load used to figure the honor. The President's List is a 4.0 grade point average for the semester.

SOCIETY

Reavis-Ashley D.A.R.

Reavis-Ashley Chapter D.A.R. January 11, 2020 meeting was cancelled due to weather conditions. Next meeting will be Saturday, February 15, 2020 at the home of Lola Droge with Joan Freeborn and Catherine Knapp as hostesses.

JOURNAL DEADLINE FRIDAY BY NOON

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MANY OTHER ITEMS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION. LUNCH PROVIDED.

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 have 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 2018 C/O Nikki McKim, 1709 Stone St., Falls City, NE, 68335 or email them to mikkifc@snetco.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 charge will be required.
 6: ALL ADS MUST BE PAID FOR BEFORE THE RUN DATE.

Paul Bratter
 January 1 • 8 lbs. 8 oz.
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 Kitty & Wynn Strafford
 Falls City, NE

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 September 14 • 6 lbs. 5 oz.
 Parents:
 George & Mary Bailey
 Grandparents:
 Stephen & Mary Haines
 Bert & Mildred Pierce

1x3 - \$30
 Information only includes parents names and residence

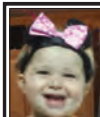
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 Grandparents:
 Nick & Nora Charles
 Prof. & Mrs. Bertram Potts
 Great-Grandparents: Rick & Isa Blaine



(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 with prejudice bars the government from prosecuting the accused later on the same charge).

DISTRICT COURT

Lucy E. Ezell, of Auburn, count one, criminal impersonation(1) (c)-1st, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, criminal impersonation(1)(c)-1st, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count three, criminal impersonation(1)(c)-1st, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count four, false reporting-misdemeanor, plead no contest, found guilty; count five, false reporting-misdemeanor, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count six, false reporting-misdemeanor, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count seven, obstruct government operations, plead no contest, found guilty; count eight, obstruct government operations, plead no contest, found guilty; count nine, obstruct government operations, amended to count dropped/dissmised; count ten, drive under susp/before reinstated-state, amended to count

dropped/dissmised; count eleven, drive under susp/before reinstated-state, amended to count dropped/dissmised. Sentencing is scheduled for March 10, 2020.

Matthew W. Hanesworth, of Falls City, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for March 3, 2020.

Julie M. Sprouse, of Stella, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, resist arrest-1st offense, plead not guilty; count three obstruct government operations, plead not guilty. Jury trial is scheduled for March 5, 2020; entry of plea is scheduled for February 4, 2020.

Julia M. Sprouse, of Stella, count one, possess firearm while commit felony, plead not guilty; count two, possess firearm while commit felony, plead not guilty; count three, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, plead not guilty; count four, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, plead not guilty; count five, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, plead not guilty; count six, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, plead not guilty; count seven, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count eight, possess or use drug para-

phernalia, plead not guilty. Jury trial is scheduled for April 9, 2020; entry of plea is scheduled for February 4, 2020.

John C. Pohlman, of Falls City, count one, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, plead not guilty; count two, possess marijuana one ounce or less-1st, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for February, 11, 2020.

Terrie K. Beckner, of Rulo, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for February 4, 2020.

John D. Cooper, of Humboldt, count one, use firearm to commit a felony count two, terroristic threats, plead not guilty; count three, carry concealed weapon-1st offense, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for February 4, 2020.

Leann Willits, of Morrill, KS, count one, possess controlled substance, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for March 24, 2020.

Paige M. Martinez-Lamb, of Table Rock, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, no proof of insurance, plead not guilty; count three, operate vehicle w/o proof of ownership; count four, drive under susp/before reinstated-state, plead not guilty; count five, possess marijuana one ounce or less-1st off, plead not guilty; count six, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for January 28, 2020.

Paige M. Martinez-Lamb, of Table Rock, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz, plead not guilty; count two, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for January 28, 2020.

COUNTY COURT

Toni M. Noonan, of Falls City, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated-state, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100 and court costs.

Keith A. Ferris, 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, operate vehicle w/o proof of ownership, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for January 27, 2020.

Keith A. Ferris, of Falls City, count one, no proof of insurance, plead not guilty; count two, operate vehicle w/o proof of owner-

ship, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for January 27, 2020.

Keith A. Ferris, of Falls City, count one, no proof of insurance, plead not guilty; count two, operate vehicle w/o proof of ownership, plead not guilty; count three, criminal trespass-second degree, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for January 27, 2020.

Lucy E. Ezell, of Auburn, count one, resist arrest-1st offense, plead not guilty; count two, trespass-2nd degree/defy order to leave, plead not guilty; count three, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for February 5, 2020.

Ceera N. Evans, of Humboldt, count one, leave accident-fail to furnish info-1st, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for January 27, 2020.

Forrest R. Gaston II, of Morrill, KS, count one, false reporting-misdemeanor, plead not guilty; count two, leave accident-fail to furnish info-1st, plead not guilty; count three, willful reckless driving-1st offense, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for January 29, 2020.

Jefferson D. Pfohl, of Falls City, count one, theft-rcv stolen prop \$0-\$500, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for February 26, 2020.

Jefferson D. Pfohl, of Falls City, count one, dom asstl-third degree, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for February 26, 2020.

Jefferson D. Pfohl, of Falls City, count one, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for February 26, 2020.

Kent L. Cooper, of Humboldt, count one, criminal trespass-1st offense, plead not guilty; count two, assault-3rd degree, plead not guilty; count three, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty; count four, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty; count five, criminal mischief-\$501-1,499, plead not guilty. Trial is scheduled for February 19, 2020.

Leo C. Moore, of Falls City, count one, no operator's license, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$75.00 and court costs.

Ryan M. Arnold, of Falls City, count one, assault-third degree, amended to attempt of a class one misdemeanor, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$150 and court costs; count two, will-

ful reckless driving-1st offense, amended to count dropped/dissmised, plead not guilty.

Joshua Maxwell, of Falls City, count one, maintaining a nuisance, plead guilty; found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs.

Kyle D. Scates, of Falls City, count one, theft-shoplifting \$0-\$500, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for February 5, 2020.

Cole R. Daniels, of Marathon, FL, count one, fail to show sm gm/fur/pdfish/deer permit, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$150; count two, no habit/aqua hab. Stamp/unlawful act, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$500; count three, violate deer regulations, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$100; count four, closed season-deer/antelope/swan/turkey, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$500 and court costs.

Nathaniel E. Smithson, of Falls City, count one, violate deer regulations, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for February 5, 2020.

Nathaniel E. Smithson, of Falls City, count one, violate deer regulations, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for February 5, 2020.

Taegen R. Kratz, of Pawnee City, count one, unauth use fin tran devise/under \$500, plead guilty, found guilty; count two, possess marijuana one ounce or less-1st, plead guilty, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for February 19, 2020.

Kyle D. Scates, of Falls City, count one, theft-shoplifting \$0-\$500, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for February 5, 2020.

Tyler Wintz, of Falls City, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated-state, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs.

Shawn C. Brabec, of Omaha, count one, obstruct a peace officer, plead not guilty; count two, disturbing the peace, plead not guilty; count three, trespass-second degree/defy order to leave, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for February 5, 2020.

Matthew A. Koenek, of Palmer, NE, count one, dom asstl-third degree, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$250, jail for a term of seven days starting on January 14, 2020, credit served for six days.



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Jack Fiegenger goes up over the Tri-County defender for a hoop on Thursday.

Irish boys crowned MUDECAS champs

Story and photo by Brian McKim

The Falls City Sacred Heart Irish boys basketball team won the 91st annual MUDECAS basketball tournament held in Beatrice on Saturday night with a 48-37 win over Palmyra. The Irish made the finals last season vs. Tri County; however, the finals were postponed, then canceled due to the weather. SH last won the MUDECAS tourney in 2018.

On Saturday night, the #2 seeded Irish took on the #5 seeded (10-2) Palmyra Panthers for the championship, who upset top seed Parkview Christian on Thursday night. The game was tight throughout, with SH leading 12-11 after one and 24-20 at the half. The Panthers crept closer in the third period to make it 31-29 with just eight minutes to play. The Irish made 8/14 free throws down the stretch to seal the game 48-37.

The Irish hit 16/37 field goals for 43% while holding the Panthers to 15/39 for 39%. SH hit 12/19 free throws and held a 25-18 rebounding edge. Tyler Witt had a big game for the Irish against a much taller Palmyra team that boasted 6-7, 6-6 and 6-3. Witt finished with a game-high 21 points, eight rebounds, three blocks, and three steals. Jake Hoy added nine points, seven boards, and dished out four assists. Trent Hammond had 11 points, and Andrew Waltke added nine for Palmyra. With the win, the Irish improved to 14-0 for the season.

Scoring vs. Palmyra, Jordan three, Stice seven, Hoy nine, Witt 21, Simon eight.

On Thursday night, the Irish took on the #3 seed Trojans from Tri County. The Trojans kept it close all night, trailing 10-8 after one quarter and leading 21-20 at the half. SH moved back ahead 37-36 with eight minutes to play. That's when the Irish offense exploded for

20 points to pull away and head to the finals with a 57-44 win.

The Irish got off to a good start Thursday night as Jake Hoy picked the pocket of a Tri County player and went in for a layup to begin the game. Jakob Jordan did the same thing thirty seconds later, and SH led 4-0. It stayed close throughout the half, but SH saw its slim lead disappear as Tri County finished the half on a 5-0 run to take a 21-20 halftime lead.

In the third period, the Irish used an 8-0 run themselves to take the lead back midway through the third. The Trojans made three triples in the quarter to keep it close, but Jordan drilled a trey from the top of the circle with :13 left in the quarter to give the Irish a one-point lead heading into the fourth.

SH scored the first six points of the fourth quarter with Hoy and Jarrot Simon, each getting hoops in the paint and Witt getting an offensive board and put back to give SH a 43-36 lead with 6:10 to play. Simon followed that up with two more layups to extend the lead to 47-38 with just over 4:00 to go. Tri County got no closer than seven points the rest of the way as SH held on for the 57-44 win.

Hoy had the big night for SH, hit 8/12 shots for 18 points. Simon finished the contest with 13 points and five rebounds. Witt was held to just nine points but finished with 12 rebounds, three blocks, and five assists.

SH hit 24/47 shots but went just 1/8 from behind the three-point line. The Irish also only 8/15 from the foul line. Meanwhile, Tri County was 16/46 from the field and 8/9 from the foul line.

Scoring vs. Tri County, Jordan nine, Stice four, Hoy 18, Witt nine, Simon 13, Fiegenger four.

The Irish opened the tourney with a win against 8-3 Johnson County

Central. This game was never in question as Falls City raced out to a 20-7 advantage after one and 37-21 halftime lead. The Irish added to their lead in the second half, winning the opening round game, 65-39.

Jakob Jordan had a big first quarter, hitting 4/6 shots for eight points, as SH hit 10/16 shots in the opening quarter. For the game, SH hit 29/60 shot attempts while JCC made 15/33. The Irish outrebounded the Thunderbirds 33-17 and forced 24 turnovers.

Witt led the Irish with 22 points, six rebounds, and four assists. Jack Fiegenger added 14 points and five boards, and Jordan finished with 12 points and three assists. Uriel Cabrales led JCC with 12 points.

Scoring vs. JCC, Jordan 12, Hoy eight, Witt 22, Keithley one, Simon eight, Fiegenger 14.

The Irish will host Pawnee City on Friday with JV action set for 4:00 p.m. SH will then travel to Wymore to take on Southern on Tuesday, January 28.

Tiger girls slow out of the gate, drop pair of games

By Brian McKim

Thursday night, the Falls City Tiger girls basketball team traveled to Maryville, Mo. for a game scheduled against the Spoofhounds. The contest was initially set to take place on Friday but was moved ahead a day due to the incoming weather.

The Lady Tigers were down from the tipoff, trailing 27-10 after the initial eight minutes of action. Things didn't get much better in the second period as the Lady Tigers hit the locker room at halftime trailing 45-20. The Spoofhounds continued to dominate in the second half, leading 61-28 after three and cruising to the 66-35 win.

Junior Eryn Sneathen led Falls City with 11 points, including the teams only three-point basket. Freshman Madison Jones added seven for FC. The Tigers made 12/18 free throw attempts in the contest. R. Vriether led Maryville with 23 points, and S. Sundell added 20. The loss dropped Falls City to 4-9 for the season, while the Spoofhounds improved to 6-2.

Scoring vs. Maryville, Bruxellas five, Leyden two, Sneathen 11, Jones seven, Clary six, R. McNeely two, Nolte two.

On Saturday afternoon, the Tigers hosted the 6-6 Elmwood-Murdock Knights. Another slow start by Falls City put them behind early, and they couldn't climb out of the hole. The Tigers trailed 16-4 after the first quarter and 23-11 at intermission. The Knights continued to pull away in the second half, outscoring the Tigers 30-17 in the final two periods to pull away for the 53-28 win.

The Tigers struggled out of the gate again, hitting just 2/11 shots from the floor in the opening quarter and finishing the first half with only four made shots. For the game, FC hit 10/40 shots from the floor, going 3/15 from beyond the three-point line. The Tigers also converted 5/9 shots from the foul line. Only three Tiger players put points on the board Saturday. Elmwood-Murdock connected on 19/45 shot attempts and made 11/15 from the charity stripe.

Bryna Bruxellas bounced back from Thursday's game with a team-high 14 points, making 3/7 from beyond the arc. Eryn Sneathen again hit double figures, scoring ten points on 4/10 shooting.

The loss dropped the Tigers record to 4-10 for the season, while the win gave the Knights a 7-6 record. Scoring vs. Elmwood-Murdock, Bruxellas 14, Sneathen ten, Clary four.

The Tigers hosted Nebraska City Lourdes on Monday, a game scheduled from January 10, before hitting the road for a game against Bishop LeBlond on Tuesday.



Erison Vonderschmidt splits the Diller-Odell defense for the lay-up.

Lady Irish finish second at MUDECAS

Story and photo by Brian McKim

The Sacred Heart Irish girls saw their 12-game winning streak come to an end with a 47-46 loss to BDS in the finals of the 91st annual MUDECAS basketball tournament in Beatrice on Saturday night. The 10-3 Lady Eagles handed the Irish their first defeat since a 40-34 setback on December 10 to Lourdes Central.

The game was tight from the tip, as the Irish trailed 11-10 after one quarter, but fought back for a 23-18 halftime lead. BDS closed the gap in the third period to make it 34-31 with one quarter to go. The Lady Irish were just 4/9 from the floor in the fourth period as they saw their lead evaporate, and the Eagles went on for the one-point win.

The Irish shot just 31% (15/49) from the field, while the Eagles hit 39% (18/46). SH also converted only 13/22 foul shots. The Irish were also outrebounded 38-26 but did force the Eagles into 15 turnovers while committing just seven of their own.

Erison Vonderschmidt was the only Irish player to reach double figures as she finished with a game-high 22 points and eight rebounds. Rachel Magdanz finished with five points, and seven boards and McKenzie Witt added eight assists. Reagan Alfs led BDS with 12 points and Taylor Sliva with nine.

The Lady Irish are now 13-2 for the season.

Scoring vs. BDS, Magdanz five, D. Witt five, Simon three, M. Witt two, J. Werthenberger two, Vonderschmidt 22, Eickhoff four, Bippes three.

On Thursday night, the Irish handed the Diller-Odell Griffins just their third loss of the season, 54-25. SH left the Griffins in their dust, leading 20-1 after one quarter. Diller-Odell was 0-3 from the floor and 1-4 from the foul line in the first eight minutes. Meanwhile, the Irish were 7/17 from the floor and 4-4 from the line in the opening quarter.

The Griffins got their first hoop of the game with 7:25 to play in the half. The Irish responded with five straight points from Rachel Magdanz to push the lead to 25-3. The Irish closed out the scoring in the half with a bucket from Vonderschmidt in the lane to give SH a 31-11 halftime lead.

The Irish extended their lead to 30 points by the end of the third period, leading 46-16. The fourth period was somewhat even as the Irish easily sealed the win 54-25. Nine Irish ballplayers got into the scoring column, with Vonder-

schmidt leading the way with 14 points and six rebounds. Magdanz added ten points, four boards, and two steals. M. Witt dished out seven assists, and Danielle Bippes added eight rebounds. Addison Heideman led Diller-Odell with eight points.

Scoring vs. Diller-Odell, Magdanz ten, D. Witt six, Simon five, M. Witt three, J. Werthenberger six, E. Werthenberger four, Littrel four, Vonderschmidt 14, Bippes two.

In the opening round on Monday, the Irish were a little slow getting out of the blocks against Freeman. The Irish held a slim 10-8 advantage after one and a 19-17 lead at the half. SH used a big third quarter to put a little distance between them and the Falcons and then extended it even further in the fourth quarter as they held on for the 45-30 win.

The Irish were just 3/11 from the field in the first period but converted 4-4 shots from the foul line. The Irish struggled from the floor for most of the night, making just 14/37 shot attempts, but held the Falcons to 9/36. The Irish also sunk 15/20 foul shots and held a 30-21 rebounding edge.

Vonderschmidt again led the scoring attack for SH with 20 points and pulled down nine rebounds under the hoop. Bippes added nine rebounds of her own to go along with four assists. Addison Dorn led the Falcons. With 16 points and Brylie Hartwig added ten.

Scoring vs. Freeman, Magdanz four, D. Witt three, Simon three, M. Witt eight, Vonderschmidt 20, Eickhoff one, Bippes six.

The 13-2 Irish will host Pawnee City on Friday and then will head to Wymore to take on Southern on Tuesday, January 28.

Tiger boys break three-game streak

By Brian McKim

The Falls City Tigers got back into the win column on Saturday afternoon when they hosted and defeated the Elmwood-Murdock Knights 58-42. The win ended a three-game skid for Falls City and gave the Tigers a 6-7 record heading into the final third of the season. Two days earlier, the Tigers fell on the road to the Maryville Spoofhounds 70-52. The game against Maryville was initially scheduled for Friday evening, but it was moved to Thursday night due

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Bonnie Flesner

Bonnie Flesner, 96, of Falls City, NE, passed away January 13, 2020 in Falls City, NE. She was born June 19, 1923 at Eldorado, MO to Ora and Ruth (Callahan) Bell. She married Harold Weddle and they were later divorced. She then married Jack Flesner and he passed away February 24, 2003. Bonnie was a statement clerk at Gateway Bank in Lincoln, NE for 12 years, moving back to Falls City in 2015. Bonnie is survived by her daughter, Connie Novak and

her husband Frank of Falls City, six grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and many great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son, Don Weddle, brothers, Bill Vickers, Gene and Eldo Bell, granddaughters, Maria and Annie, great-grandson, Kyle, and great-great-granddaughter, Charlie. The body of Mrs. Flesner has been cremated and services will be held at a later date with inurnment in Clay Center Cemetery at Clay Center, NE.

Doris Simpson

Doris Simpson, 86, of Falls City, NE, passed away January 13, 2020. She was born on September 4, 1933 to Albert and Emma Suedmeier on her grandmother's farm. Doris was baptized at St. Peters Evangelical Lutheran Church. She accepted Christ into her heart at six years of age. She was confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Falls City. When starting school, she attended district 24 where she walked 1 1/2 miles to school for three years. After that the family moved several times and she moved with them into Falls City when she was in the 5th grade. She graduated from Falls City High School in 1951. Doris worked at the Stephenson Hotel while attending high school and for a year after graduating, before moving to Chicago to help care for an ailing Aunt. Upon returning, she moved to Omaha and attended college for 2 years and worked for Brandies as a buyer. She then moved to Beatrice NE and that is where she met her 1st husband. They married on May 23, 1958. He passed away on July 5, 1958. To this union they had one daughter Debra, who was born in April 1959. After the death of her 1st husband Doris returned to Falls City in 1959 to raise her daughter. Debra became ill with Leukemia and passed away in 1964. Doris went back to work at the Stephenson Hotel in the Coffee

Shop and managed Sportsman Bar. Doris later married William Bryan and to this union two children were born, Rene' and Terry. They were later divorced. Doris married Arthur Simpson. In 1972 the family moved to Texas. While there Doris was active in the PTA, Campfire Girls and the Hospital Auxiliary. They returned to Falls City in 1982. Art passed away in 1983. Doris also worked for JC Penney's and Dillard's as a buyer. Later she went on the road working for the House of Lloyd and Artes Paints. She retired from this in 1993. She came out of retirement and worked doing in home health and retired again in 2013 because of health issues. Doris is survived by one brother, Harold Suedmeier, one son, one daughter, five grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and daughter. Her funeral was held on Friday, January 17, 2020 at 10:30 AM at First Christian Church with Reverend Fay Ann Blaylock officiating. Interment was in Steele Cemetery. Open visitation and viewing began on Wednesday afternoon at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers Doris requested that memorials be sent to St. Jude Hospital for Children in honor of Debra Hoggatt.

Erma Menze

Erma Menze, 91, passed away December 30, 2019 in St. Joseph Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. She was born November 23, 1928 to Winifred and Claude Messinger. Erma and her late husband, Henry, enjoyed hunting and spent many week ends in Falls City. They had purchased a small residence and always referred to it as the "Quack Shack". She is preceded in death by her husband, Henry Menze, father and mother, sisters, Ila West, Cleo Masat, Iona Mez, all of Falls City, brothers, Robert Messinger of El Dorado, KS, William Messinger of Salem, NE. She is survived by a son, Stephen Peterson and wife Yvette, granddaughter, Bethany Dyche and husband Brian, sister, Julia Slavin and husband Roy all from Kansas City, MO. Her Memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 11:00 AM, at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home. Inurnment will be in Steele Cemetery.

Thomas 'Toby' Rowland

Thomas "Toby" Rowland, 60, of Salem, passed away January 19, 2020 in Omaha, NE. He was born March 17, 1959 at Falls City, NE to Charles and Doris (Gill) Rowland. He married Connie Gilbert on July 19, 1986 in Salem. Toby was raised in Salem and graduated Dawson Verdon High School in 1977. Following graduation he moved to Golden City, MO and worked as a diesel mechanic. In 1991 he began schooling in the area of diesel technology. In 1992 they moved back to Salem and he worked for Firestone and then became an owner/operator over the road truck driver. He became ill in July of 2017 and had to retire. Toby is survived by his wife, Connie of Salem, daughters,

Nikki Rowland of Topeka, Natasha Rowland and her partner Ty Larson of Falls City, brothers, Richard of Salem, Kevin of Craig, MO, sisters, Patty Miller of Ohioawa, NE, Judy Rowland of Fairmont, NE, Brenda Rowland of Falls City, five grandchildren, Megan Rowland, Jedda and Jase Smith, Alexis Wittwer and Haylee Carter. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Michael and a sister, Roxanne Burns. His funeral will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 10:30 AM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home. Interment will be in Maple Cemetery at Salem. The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 7-8:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

William 'Bill' Frank Taylor

William "Bill" Frank Taylor, 65, of Humboldt, NE was born on July 7, 1954, in Omaha, to Harvey H. and Phyllis Jean (Albin) Taylor. He was raised in Omaha where he received all of his schooling. After graduating high school, Bill enlisted the U.S. Navy and was stationed in San Diego, California. He served his country during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged on December 8, 1975. He then moved back to Omaha where he lived with his family in Omaha and attended classes at an art school. Bill reenlisted in the Navy on June 11, 1979 and was stationed on the U.S.S. Belleau Wood in New Orleans, Louisiana. He worked as a seamanship specialist and on an infantry gun crew until being honorably discharged on March 18, 1980. Bill moved to Humboldt, Nebraska with his mother where they both lived in the Parkview apartments. When his mother Phyllis became a resident of the nursing home, he would walk faithfully from the park to the nursing home to see his mother. Bill was a quiet and soft-spoken man who enjoyed his family. He liked watching television, especially Jeopardy and old westerns and followed the Nebraska Cornhuskers. Bill passed

away on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at his residence in Humboldt, having reached the earthly age of sixty-five years, six months and eight days. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Harvey Michael Taylor and a sister Harriet Merkuris. Bill is survived by his brothers: Joe and Charlotte "Josie" Taylor of Dawson, Melvin Taylor of Omaha, sister-in-law Betty Taylor of San Antonio, TX; brother-in-law Paul Merkuris of Omaha, 2 nieces, 5 nephews and other relatives and friends. Funeral Services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at The Wherry Mortuary in Humboldt, Nebraska with Pastor Howard Blecha officiating. Visitation was held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, January 20, 2020, at The Wherry Mortuary in Humboldt, Nebraska. Interment was held at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at Forest Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Omaha with full military honors conducted by the Nebraska Naval Honor Guard and the Benson VFW Post #2503. Memorials contributions may be given to the family with a later designation. Services entrusted to Wherry Mortuary, 207 Nemaha ST., Humboldt, NE.

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On January 9, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested Matthew Gilbert, 39, of Humboldt, for Driving Under Suspension. Gilbert was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On January 1, 2020, Richardson County Sheriff's Office Deputies arrested Chance Huppert, 23, of Rulo, on a Failure to Appear for a Court Commitment Warrant for Possession of Controlled Substance. Huppert was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



On January 10, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested Blake Westcott, 24, of Falls City, NE on a Court Commitment. Westcott was booked into the Richardson County Jail.

On January 10, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested Richard Wheeler, 49, of Humboldt, for Driving Under Revocation. Wheeler was booked into the Richardson County Jail.

Tiger boys break three-game streak

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to the incoming weather threat. On Thursday night in Maryville, the Tigers fell behind 17-11 after the first quarter but cut into the Spoofhound lead, making it 35-32 at intermission. Unfortunately for Falls City, that's as close as they would get. The Spoofhounds outscored the Tigers 35-21 in the second half to pull away for the 18-point win. Falls City hit 19-45 shot attempts (42%), but Maryville was on fire, hitting 24-39 (61%). Maryville also held a sizable advantage at the charity stripe, making 19-27, while the Tigers made good on 7-15 attempts. Individually for Falls City, Kade Bredemeier had the hot hand, hitting 7-14 shots for 20 points. Bredemeier also added three rebounds and two steals. Mason Crawford also hit double figures, scoring 13 points and added three rebounds. Scoring vs. Maryville, K. Bredemeier 20, Crawford 13, Vitosh seven, Caden Simon six, Carson Simon three, Arnold two, McAfee two. On Saturday afternoon, the Tigers hosted the Elmwood-Murdoch Knights. FC led this one from the opening quarter to pick up their sixth win of the season. The Tigers led 20-14 after one and 30-20 at the break. FC was letting up in the second half, extending their lead to 46-33 heading into the final period, before securing the 56-42 win. Falls City shot much better from the field, hitting 22-39 (56%), including 9-17 from behind the arc. The Tiger defense held the Knights to 16-38 (42%) for the game. The Tiger defense also forced 14 turnovers to just nine of their own. Crawford sparked the offense on Saturday, hitting 11-19 shot attempts, including 5-8 from downtown, for 27 points. Kade Bredemeier added 15 points and three rebounds. Caden Simon led the team with five rebounds, three assists, three blocks, and three steals. Scoring vs. Elmwood-Murdoch, Crawford 27, K. Bredemeier 15, Vitosh seven, Caden Simon four, Carson Simon three, Arnold two. Falls City plays in the 2020 Thunder Classic at Nemaha Valley High School in Seneca, KS this week. On Tuesday, the fifth-seeded Tigers take on the fourth-seeded team from St. Marys Academy. With a win on Tuesday, the Tigers would play the winner of Marysville vs. Horton on Thursday at 5:30. With a loss on Tuesday, the Tigers would play the loser of the first game at 4:00 on Thursday.

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VERDON MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING - January 8, 2020 - 7:00 PM - VILLAGE HALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Denise Koso at 7:03 p.m.
Chairperson Koso called attention to the updated Open Meetings Act posted on the wall.
ROLL CALL: Present were: James Cockerham, Denise Koso, Brenda Street, and Shannon Weimann.

Absent: Wade Lowe.
GUESTS: Tammie Bents, Dawn Bennett, Sheriff Rick Hardey, and Brent Shubert.
MINUTES: Motion by Koso, second by Weimann to approve, all the Trustees present voted YEA.

AGENDA: Motion by Weimann, second by Koso to approve, all Trustees present voted YEA.
TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Street, second by Weimann to approve, with all the Trustees present voting YEA.

JANUARY 2020 CLAIMS: Motion by Koso, second by Street to approve paying the claims with all the Trustees present voting YEA.
The claims were verified and checked over by Chairperson Pro tempore Shannon Weimann.

COMMUNICATIONS:
1. The January 2020 shut off notices were reviewed by the Board. Two have not been paid as of the meeting date, but confirmation has been made on both getting paid by January 10, 2020.
2. Time sheets for December, 2019 were reviewed by the Trustees and initiated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Committee Reports: None available.
- 2. Updates/Utility Report: Copies of the written reports for the Village from Maintenance Supervisor, Tammie Bents were passed out to each Board member and reviewed. She did report that work had been received concerning the installation of the pax mixer system for the water tower and it is 30-45 days out.
- 3. Unsafe Structures: The Board of Health Committee has not reviewed the unsafe structures yet. Koso commented that she felt we needed a professional to inspect any unsafe structures. Street will contact the Fire Marshal to see if we could get his help.
- 4. Community Center Cleaning: A discussion was held on having the hired cleaning person, Sharon Triska, give the Community Center a thorough cleaning, since it has been rented out and several activities have been held there the past few months. After the Christmas tree and decorations are removed, Sharon will be contacted about getting it cleaned.
- 5. Assistant Clerk added to Checking Account: A motion was made by Koso and second by Cockerham to add Dawn Bennett, the Assistant Village Clerk, to the checking account. Voting YEA: Koso, Cockerham, Street. ABSTAIN: Weimann. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Hazard Mitigation Planning Meeting: Cockerham will attend this meeting in Auburn on January 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. If he is unable to attend, Street will attend.
- 2. NRD Urban Special Project Application: No action was taken on submitting the Incentive-Applied informal application.
- 3. Set Date for One & Six Year Street Improvement Program Meeting: A motion was made by Koso and second by Weimann to set the date for the One & Six Year Street Improvement Program Meeting on February 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. All the Trustees present voted YEA.
- 4. Temporary Liquor License Application: The Verdon Library Board is planning a fundraiser in March and would like to apply for a temporary liquor license for the event. Koso will find out the procedure that needs to be taken to do this.

ORDINANCES:

- 1. Second Reading of ORDINANCE 2020-100 "NEBRASKA BASIC CODE ORDINANCES" was introduced and read by Weimann. Motion by Koso, second by Street to pass the second reading. All Trustees present voted YEA. Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-100 passed and approved.

Motion by Koso and second by Cockerham to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. and all the Trustees present voted YEA.

Meeting adjourned.

The next regular Verdon Board meeting will be held on February 5, 2020 following the One and Six Year Street and Highway Meeting being held at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

VILLAGE OF VERDON DECEMBER, 2019 CLAIMS

EFTPS, EX	587.08
PETTY CASH, SU	99.43
VERDON LIBRARY, EX	25.00
R.C.R.W.D.#2, SU	224.18
SENECA SAN. SERV. SE	1,209.00
S.N.C., SE	91.82
BRENT MILLER, RE	100.00
USA BLUEBOOK, SU	940.12
DAVIN PLGHTG ELECTR., SE	349.40
COMMUNITY WORKERS, EX	100.00
MIDWEST LABS, SE	151.00
THE NURSERY SCHOOL, EX	35.00
ABR. FIRE & SAFETY, SE	50.00
TRUE VALUE, SU	220.02
CARROT TOP IND., SU	102.66
LUKAS FRITZ, SE	258.90
N.P.P.D., SE	1,213.78
N.P.P.D. Christmas Lights, SE	34.24
O.P.P.D., SE	126.48
FALLS CITY JOURNAL, EX	75.94
NE PUBLIC HEALTH LAB, SE	15.00
TAMMIE BENTS, EX	100.00
BRENDA DANIELS, EX	50.00
DAWN BENNETT, EX	50.00
BRENDA DANIELS, SA	562.50
TAMMIE BENTS, SA	1,856.26
TAMMIE BENTS, MI	151.38
BRENDA DANIELS, RE	150.00
TAMMIE BENTS, RE	278.76
DAWN BENNETT, SA	381.94
DAWN BENNETT, RE	150.00

EX-EXPENSE, FE-FEE, MI-MILEAGE, RE-REIMBURSEMENT, SA-SALARY, SE-SERVICE, SU-SUPPLIES

VERDON SUBSTITUTE CLERK

Dawn Bennett, Verdon Assistant Clerk

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Board of Equalization

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
DECEMBER 31, 2019
CALL TO ORDER

The Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, December 31, 2019. Roll call was answered by Commissioners Frank, Caverzagie and Sichel, County Assessor, Pam Vee and Clerk Eickhoff.

Chairman Sichel announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

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

The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS

Motion was made by Sichel to approve the following applications for motor vehicle tax exemption. Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc.; Boy Scout Troop #387; Christ Church of Falls City, Inc.; First Christian Church, Falls City; TLC Ministries, Inc.; Falls City; First Baptist Church d/b/a Valley Avenue Baptist Church, Falls City; Falls City Volunteer Ambulance; Good News Assembly of God Church, Falls City; Corner Stone Baptist Church, Falls City; Sacred Heart School; and Community Medical Center. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sichel-aye. Motion carried.

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

Newspaper Fun! ...fruit smoothies and spicy chicken... Kids color stuff in!

Football Facts & Fun

Read these clues about the history of football. Fill in the puzzle!

I might be a groundhog, but I'm also the world's biggest football fan. I'm supposed to hibernate from October through the winter months - but that's prime football season! So, I sneak out of my burrow to watch my favorite teams play. Even when I predict six more weeks of wintry weather I watch the Super Bowl!

1. American _____ grew out of a rough game played in England called rugby. _____ television _____
2. In the early days of football games, the rules were loose, and there were no special pieces of clothing to _____ the head or body.
3. A man named Walter Camp, who played and coached football at Yale University, helped to set and write down the _____ for football! _____ leather _____ order _____
4. In 1920, some professional teams (meaning players got paid to play) started a league (APFA) to better _____ football. _____
5. In 1922, the APFA league became the _____ Football League or NFL. _____
6. A new league was formed in 1959 called the _____ Football League or the AFL. _____
7. During the 1960's the NFL _____ played against those of the AFL. _____
8. In 1969 the NFL and the AFL joined into one _____ that we know as today's NFL. _____
9. The football was nicknamed "pigskin" because the ball was covered in a pig's bladder. _____
Today the football is made with a rubber bladder covered with _____
10. Shoulder pads, helmets, facemasks, gloves and shoes with cleats are some of the protective clothes and _____ that have been designed for today's players. _____
11. There are _____ players on the field for each team. _____
12. The object of the game is for each team to move the football forward into the other team's end zone to score the most _____
13. The referees on the field keep _____ during the game. _____ They make sure the rules are obeyed. _____
14. The Super Bowl is the yearly game for the _____
15. Thanks to _____ it is one of the most watched sporting events in the world. _____

Teams of the NFL

Read the team names to fill in the blanks. Once you have spelled them, search for the second half of the team name in the puzzle and circle it. The first one is done for you.

AFC-North
Baltimore Ravens
Cincinnati Bengals
Cleveland Browns
Pittsburgh Steelers

NFC-North
Chicago Bears
Detroit Lions
Green Bay Packers
Minnesota Vikings

AFC-South
Houston Texans
Indianapolis Colts
Jacksonville Jaguars
Tennessee Titans

NFC-South
Atlanta Falcons
Carolina Panthers
New Orleans Saints
Tampa Bay Buccaneers

There are 32 teams in the NFL. The teams are split into 2 groups called the AFC (American Football Conference) and the NFC (National Football Conference). These 2 are then split into 4 divisions: North, South, East and West. Each division is made up of 4 teams.

AFC-East
Buffalo Bills
Miami Dolphins
New England Patriots
New York Jets

NFC-East
Dallas Cowboys
New York Giants
Philadelphia Eagles
Washington Redskins

AFC-West
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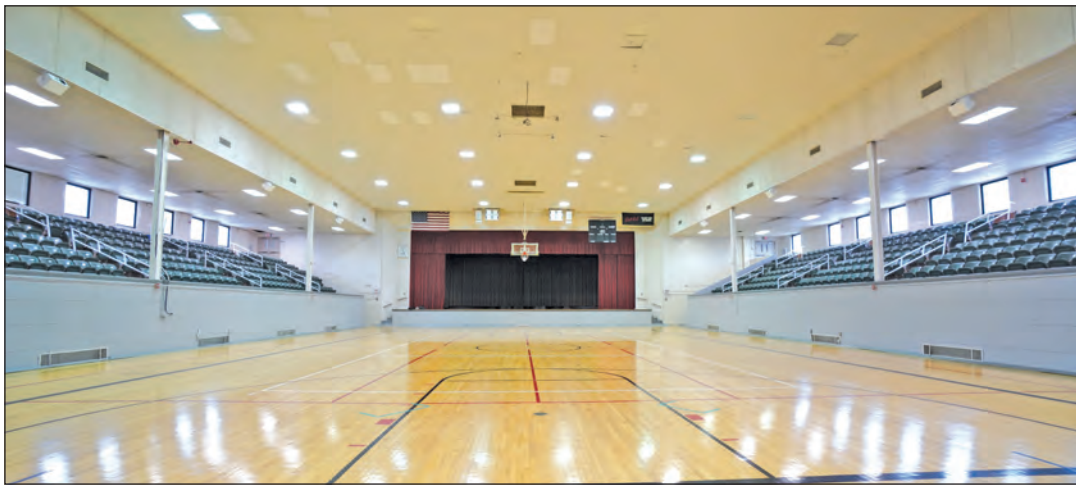
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CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Mary Thomas would like to thank everyone who sent cards, phone calls and memorials. The Class of '78 for the beautiful plant. Hospice and the Care Center during her illness and passing. God Bless you all. Ray Thomas and Family

A big thank you to all those who either sent a card or wished us a happy anniversary in person. Also thanks to our children. You all made our 45th very special. John and Rita Seeba

We would like to thank this opportunity to thank everyone for all the cards, phone calls, food, flowers, plants, and memorials, and any other act of kindness you have shown during this difficult time. Thank you to all the staff at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home for your professionalism. A special thank you to Pastor Faye Ann for being there for us, your thoughtfulness, and for the beautiful eulogy. A big thank you to the ladies of the First Christian Church for the wonderful meal that was prepared. We hold you all dear to our hearts. God Bless each of you. The Family of Wayne Gatz



Prichard Auditorium with the new speaker system.

PRICHARD AUDITORIUM GETS A NEW SPEAKER SYSTEM

(Continued from Page 1)
Once bids were received, the paperwork was completed in October of 2017 and submitted to the USDA for their approval. The final amount requested was \$48,000, \$36,000 to be supplied by the USDA grant, and the additional \$12,000 to be raised by the City. Knowing the generosity of the community, we felt certain that we would have no problem raising the additional \$12,000.

After several months, in April 2018, we received a response from USDA awarding the grant to us. However, as is common with USDA grants, we had to wait for the funds to be released, which would not happen until October 2018. It was in Octo-

ber 2018 that we received the paperwork to finalize the grant. Upon closer inspection of the paperwork, however, it was discovered that there had been a clerical error, and the amount to be awarded to us was only half of the amount requested. After much back and forth with USDA, it was determined that we would have to resubmit the grant and wait for more funds to become available.

In the summer of 2019, we were informed that the grant had been awarded to us and that funds were available right

away. However, we had to raise #12,000 before USDA would release the funds to us. I contacted the Richardson Foundation, and they generously agreed to donate \$6,000. With half of the money donated by the Richardson Foundation, the City agreed to pay the remaining \$6,000.

With donations in hand, we contacted the winning bidder, Harvest AV Solutions out of Kansas City, and made arrangements for them to install the sound system. Harvest AV Solutions is the national company that has designed and in-

stalled sound systems across the United States, including Kansas City Live! and the Kansas City Ballet.

Harvest AV Solutions commissioned, designed, and installed the new sound system at Prichard. The installation took one week and included 17 speakers in a variety of sizes distributed throughout the auditorium. The system upgrade also included a new wireless microphone, a digital mixing console, digital signal processing, and new amplifiers. Upon completion,

a member of Harvest AV Solutions trained city staff on how to use the new system. The sound is crystal clear, and there is not a bad seat in the house.

The system was up and running on November 21, and only two days later, Prichard hosted national touring comedian, Dusty Slay-the first to use the new state of the art sound system. The new system has already been enjoyed by many and will help make Prichard a valuable community asset for years to come.

COMMISSIONERS SET PUBLIC HEARING ON COUNTY SURVEYOR OFFICE

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-imous 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.

BUILDING PERMITS

James Crenshaw, 612 Pacific Street; mobile home, \$16,500.

James Crenshaw, 612 Pacific Street; mobile home, \$0.

Derrick Leyden, 710 East 14th Street; remodel bathroom, \$4,000.

James Crenshaw, 610 Pacific Street; mobile home, \$22,000.

James Crenshaw, 610 Pacific Street; mobile home, \$0.

Otto and Joan Stice, 2104 Crook Street; demo of resi-

dence, \$0.

Steve Stoller, 1313 Harlan Street; retaining wall and concrete parking lot patch, \$9,000.

Larry and Michelle Strecker, 1603 Fair Avenue; new furnace and A/C, \$6,500.

Charles Clary, 902 Morton Street; addition to house, \$30,000.

Julie Bauman, 2020 Harlan Street; addition to building, \$23,000.

Falls City Monument, 1823 Harlan Street; entrance ramp and replace glass window with wall, \$5,500.



Mr. Hesitant is reflecting, I work hard for a living. I am now all beat up from a grisly day at the office. Couldn't life have spared me this and just let me stagger home in peace? His home is blocks away, and not even one of the entrenched troops is thinking of him as a beloved daddy. Moreover, if that ammunition was molded out of freezing slush, it is now hard, something like cannon balls. So Mr. H's tactical problem is whether to cross the street in a flanking movement, or charge the foe like a man and take what is coming to him, which is plenty. What would artist John Falter himself do? He says, "This scene (except for that ornamental ball, which I contributed) is a pleasant, typical Midwestern town I recently visited, named Bad Axe, Michigan." He says, "I would charge the foe. I think."

johnphilipfaltermuseum.com

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Top Three. L-R: Talon Anderson placed third; Hayden Findlay placed first; and Alexander McKim placed second.

FC Middle School 10th annual National Geography Bee

Each year thousands of schools in the United States participate in the National Geographic Bee using materials prepared by the National Geographic Society. The contest is designed to encourage teachers to include geography in their classrooms, spark student interest in the subject, and increase public awareness about geography. Schools with students in grades four through eight are eligible for this entertaining and challenging test of geographic knowledge.

This is the tenth annual National Geography Bee Competition for Falls City Middle School students. Jack Munford and Karen Boatright gave the preliminary written qualifying test to all Middle School students to narrow the field to the top 31 students. These students would participate in the semi-final school bee to determine a school champion. The FCMS Bee was held on January 15, 2020 with thirty-one sixth, seventh and eighth grade students in the final school competition round. Those competing in the school-level Bee were: Hayden Findlay, Emily Vitosh, Marcus Pommier, Talon Anderson, Ella Kobza, Sophia Nelson, Grace Morris, Wyatt Karpinski, Cooper Nelson, Wyatt

Olberding, Cayden Dunkhas, Ashleigh Kirkendall, Danyelle Kuker, Jordan Wilcox, Ethan Boatright, Alexander McKim, Elizabeth Saul, Ruby Nguyen, Ava Armbruster, Brock Niedfeldt, Carlea Dunkhas, Matthew Eaton, Malesa Wickham, Chase Simpson, Gavin Bauer, Paige Young, Ella Glathar, Makayla Eberle, Gabriel Heitshusen, Emmett Daake, and Kemper Foster

The top three winners were: Hayden Findlay placed first, Alexander McKim placed second, and Talon Anderson placed third.

Jack Munford will administer the written qualifying state test to Hayden Findlay our school champion. In early March he will be notified by mail if he qualifies to represent FCMS at the state level. The top 100 students (selected based on qualifying test scores) qualify to represent their schools and compete at the state level.

State qualifiers compete in an oral competition at the state level, which is usually held in late March or early April. State winners are invited to National Geographic headquarters in late May to compete in the national finals for scholarships in the amount of U.S. \$25,000, \$15,000 and \$10,000.

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